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Martha E. McMillan Journal
1908

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[folded note found in inside cover:

28th of Oct. 1886. Feast Day - & High-day - Joe - & [illegible] brought I [illegible] - I may hold the reigns of authority with a steady hand - The salvation of our family. Thanksgiving for being[?] were fully preserved through the feast.

on back of note:

And that the stream that flows from our heart may be full of love and peace and gentleness - that this love & harmony may flow into our hearts & flow into our home like a river.]

[written on inside cover of the journal:

M. E. MacMillan's.
Journal
For the year
1908.
On the Columbus Pike
Near Cedarville Ohio]

January 1908

New Year's day 1908.

Helpless we stand at this, the dawning of the New Year. Let us look away to where the light shineth—and receive the help and guidance from that One who is able and willing to save and pilot us.

"Jesus Savior pilot me, Over Life's tempestuous sea."

We had a pleasant New Year's day—Jason is home from Princeton Seminary spending his vacation—and Clayton just returned Xmas Eve from a trip to Albuquerque N.M. He took Paul there and Paul is still there - the above ones along with father and Clara and me - over here to diner along with Uncle Joe Caldwell and Mr. Potter who were guests for the day. This evening Clara and Jason took Uncle Joe home and made a business call at Aunt Mary's - the see the College Club - Late this P.M., Mr. Mc. and Clayton called at Stephenson's after supper Clayton went out to Uncle Hugh's to spend the night - This evening Patter and Jason around the camp with their books.

On this beginning of the New Year will note where all the children are located at:

1st Mr. McKenzie and Fannie are holding forth at Flushing N.Y.

2nd Fred has left the Wabash and is gen manager of the Des Moines and Lava? Falls and Northern R.R. - Head quarters at Des Moines.

Harlan & Isabel & daughter Jeanette holding forth at St. Louis -

Home and Mary & Richard & Ruth holding forth at Atlanta GA. Homer is still field sec of the Southern church as is on the road most of the time.

Clara has been here taking care of me and our interest since the last of June. I believe this with what has been written includes all of the home and absent ones.

January 1908

2'' January Thursday. Quite a mild day. Clayton returned from Uncle Hugh's at noon - He and Jason at Xenia this afternoon - Charlie hauling manure - Mr. Mc. At town late this P.M. - Clara sewing. Everything quiet on Massies Creek tonight.

Friday 3'' January. Another pleasant day. Jason writing Clayton Around. Mr. Mc. Over in the vicinity of Kyle's. He met John. This afternoon Mr. Mc. At C- Later Clayton and Jason there - Jason called at Aunt Jeanette's and Aunt Mary's - and remained in C- while Clayton drove out to Charlie Turnbull's to make a call- they were home in time for supper. Potter landed on the scene. Here for supper and with us to night-

We are of word from Atlanta that Homer is very sick - He took a chill on train from Chattanooga when returning from Uncle David McMillan's funeral of the [intentional blank space, leaving room for a day number] of December and has been in bed ever since - We are feeling very uneasy about him.

4'' January. Sat - A disagreeable day. Sprinkling rain - This. A.M. - Jason and Charlie took Potter to the 10:30 train for London and they went to Uncle Hugh's to dinner. Hugh sat up awhile today. Mr. Mc. At C- this A.M.- at the office hoping to get a letter from Atlanta from Mary - He came home to dinner - and went back to C- to the 4 o'clock train but no letter. It is an old saying that no news is good news - we trust it is so in this case.

Clayton looking after things in Charlie's absence.

Clara and I have put in a busy day. Clayton and Charlie helping out this evening. Jennie Rob's son called up to tell me that she and her friend would be here Monday. Jason stopped at Dr. Dixon's and had some little work done - Potter came down on the evening train and came out with them.

5 January Sabbath - A lovely winter day. Bright sunshine. Mr. Mc. and Clara and Clayton and Charlie at church - Dr. Joseph Kyle preached. Potter and Jason in the study all day. Dinner ready when the folks returned - We had a pleasant afternoon -

This evening Clayton and Charlie at the U.P. Church. Sanderson preached -

Monday 6'' January. Drearie [*sic*] winter day. Mr. Mc. took Jason and Potter to the 8:15 train. Jason went to Xenia to see Kingsberry. Potter to his work.

Clayton and Charlie around home. Mr. Mc. and Jason home in time for dinner - Mr. Mc. drove out to Uncle Hugh's while he was waiting

for Jason on the return train for Xenia. Every one busy getting everything in shape for Jason as this was the day for his return to Princeton Seminary. He told us good by [sic] and Clayton left with him for Charleston - This is last year at the Seminary. This A.M. Stuart Arthur at Xenia - he took a bed to the Jeffery house for us, to be polished along with his furniture - One last week Mr. Mason Jeffery, member of the house died - he was buried in Massies Creek Cemetery. Mr. Stuart, I - and Charlie at C. this evening. A letter from Mary - Homer not any better. Dr. Hunt started there yesterday. Will reach there today at noon.

7'' January Tuesday. Another nice day. Mr. and Charlie went this morning to meet Howard and Uncle Hugh's mom with the sheep. Clayton went at the same time and took the 10:30 train for London - Mr. Mc. and Charlie home at noon - They were around home this afternoon - Clara and Cedarville and called at Jennie Robison's and met the minister's wife - She spoke of her Mother coming to work for us. Clara at Aunt Mary & Jeanette's, Uncle John's & Aunt Bell's. Today a poor woman from off the pike took lunch with us. Clayton came down from London at five o'clock and came out with Clara - Clayton met Potter in London - and they called to see Mr. Kemp - he is very much better.

8'' January. Wednesday. Very rough and disagreeable - he folks busy this A.M. This afternoon Mr. Mc. and Clayton and Charlie at Cedarville at the farmer's institute - After the meeting Clayton went out to Uncle Hugh's -

Charlie did not go back to the night session. Clara at the work and at her sewing. Dr. Hugh called us up to night - he just got back from Homer's at noon - He says his lungs are in a bad shape - one of his old breakdowns - it started with the grip - is not grip now - he says they have him in a bed on the porch - he thinks while it is a bad case he will pull through with care.

9'' Jan Thurs. Moderately bright sunshine. Clayton and Clara at C- this A.M. - Clayton went to the institute this A.M. - and Clara went to Aunt Bell's. She and Clayton both there to dinner. Clara and Mary and Fern there on the afternoon at the institute - They had them back to supper - had Smith and Blanch invited in - They attended the prayer meeting at the church - and as they came home stopped a few minutes at the skating rink. This was their first meeting - Charlie at the meeting all day. He went down with Stuart Arthur. Mr. Mc. around home all day. I have been here too - but have not accomplished much.

10'' January Friday. A cold winter day. Charlie around all day at the work - Clayton around this afternoon - He and father at town - Clayton at the [illegible] this afternoon. Mr. John Harbison called this P.M. - stayed and chatted awhile.

This evening Clayton and Clara and Charlie at the opera house at an entertainment - Clayton went out to Uncle Hugh's to be ready to help there in the morning -

11'' January Saturday. Rather pleasant this forenoon. Disagreeable this afternoon - late in the P.M. - rain. Rev. Turner & Jennie brought the remains of their Son Robert Morton here for burial in the family lot in the old Massies Creek Cemetery - they left Marissa, Ill. yesterday and came in on the 10:30 train and went direct to the cemetery.

Mr. Mc. at C- this afternoon - Clayton helping Mr. Frank Townsly Away with Uncle Hugh's hogs - he payed \$14.25 for them - Clayton back there for dinner and came home through the rain this evening. Clara has had a busy day baking &c. Mrs. Sadie McMillan at Uncle Hugh's for dinner.

12'' January Sabbath. Not cold but damp and gloomy - very gloomy. Mr. Mc. and Clara, Clayton, and Charlie at church. Dr. Jessie Johnson from Xenia Seminary preached - After church father and Clara called to see Aunt Jeanette - she is a little better - I had dinner ready when they returned. This afternoon spent around the fire with our books. All at home this evening, too disagreeable to go to church -

13'' January - Monday. A cold winter day - snowed a little last night - Charlie and Clayton out until noon - and then until evening. Mr. Mc. around home all day. This afternoon, Clara took Eva Arthur to town with her - they made several calls. Uncle John and Aunt Jeanette still on the sick list. A postal from Atlanta from Mrs. Hunt. Homer a little more comfortable when she wrote. Clara & Eva called to see Uncle John's.

14'' January. Tuesday. A bright winter day - a light covering of snow on the ground - Uncle John Murdock passed away very suddenly this morning. He seemed to rest well last night - At six o'clock when he turned over in the bed Aunt Mary noticed there was something wrong. She went to the nearest neighbor and called them to come, Mr. Daniel Dean - but when she got back he was about gone, and passed quietly away almost immediately to awaken up in heaven, to change his rags of earth for the beautiful robe of heaven - How glorious - It is the ones who are left that are the lonely ones. When Clara was preparing to go down - North's men from Xenia drove in to complete some work to be done on the furnace - she stayed to prepare the dinner. Mr. Mc. and Clayton there and returned in time for dinner. This afternoon, coffee from the Exchange here and put in Bell up stairs for the telephone. The North men finished their work about four o'clock and went back to X- Clara and Clayton at Uncle John's this evening awhile. They came home to supper - and Charlie took Clayton back - he and Walter staying at Uncle John's tonight.

15'' January Wed. A pleasant winter day.

Near noon Mr. Mc. went to town and met Clayton and they went to Xenia - Charlie took Clara down to Uncle John's this afternoon - Mr. Mc. and Clayton home to supper - Lizzie and Annabel came this evening from Memphis - Clara was there to meet them - and Clayton too came back from X- in time to go to their train.

Charlie went down after Clara and brought her home.

This is our 41st marriage anniversary. It seems like we have traveled many a mile - forty one years is a long stretch whether we look backward or forward - our backward gaze is very imperfect for it is all a dead past - and the future is sealed book - only the passing moments are ours. Let us improve them - Let us be in earnest. While we are here.

16'' January Thurs. A nice winter day. Charlie took Clayton to the early train for Xenia - Potter would meet him there and go to Dayton with him. Charlie brought Mrs. Ansley out, she ironed and done a full day's work.

I went with Mr. Mc. To town and we called at Uncle John's - several were there. We came back at noon - Mr. Mc. at Mrs. J.D. Williamson's funeral this afternoon - Clara took Mrs. Ansley home and spent the evening at Uncle John's. Bob came at 4:30 from the South - Clara expected Clayton on that train but he did not come. Charlie and Stuart Arthur called at Uncle John's - Clara came back with Charlie. This is a bright moonlight night.

17'' January. Friday. A beautiful winter day. Mr. Mc. and Clara and Charlie and I at Uncle John's. Sam came in on the 10:30 train and Clayton and Potter came from X- at the same time and came to Uncle John's. Mr. Mc. met them at the train. Several there for dinner - All of the above ones along with Judge Kyle & wife and Dale's Kyle. Uncle Erwin? & Aunt Belle and Mary Erwin & Aunt Marry & Lizzie Annabel and Robert - Mrs. Kale Jackson and our Aunt Mary.

Uncle John's funeral at 1:30 - Rev. Joseph Kyle led in prayer before leaving the home - The burial conducted at the church by Rev. Dr. Joseph Kyle and Prof. McChesney assisted by Rev. Middleton and Rev. Sanderson. Prof. text[:]These are they that have come out of great tribulation and have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb - Dr. Kyle's remarks founded on the text by: A man die shall he live again Everything passed off well. Quite a unfeelable[?] audience - quite a number went to the cemetery. He might ask if this is the end of his career? No it is but the beginning of endless years.

I did not go to the cemetery but stayed at Aunt Jeanette's. Potter there too - but went back to Xenia on the five o'clock train. Mr. Mc. and Charlie and I came home. Clara and Clayton stayed with Aunt Mary there. After supper Charlie went down for Clara and Clayton and brought them out. It is cold tonight.

18'' January Saturday. Charlie at C- and brought Mr. Ansley out. She put in a full day putting the house in order-up stairs and down-

This afternoon Mr. Mc. and I at Courtsville to see Mrs. Caroline Dolson. She is to come Monday - This afternoon Clayton took Annabel to the train in X- She goes back to her office work in Memphis.

Clara took sister Ansley home. Clayton came in from Xenia near that time and took supper at Uncle John's after which he and Clara went out to uncle Hugh's - he is still in bed and under the Dr.'s care

– Robert Murdock is sick with quipp – Lizzie and Sam still there. This has been a lovely winter day and an ideal evening.

19'' January. Sabbath. Another nice day. Mr. Mc. and Clayton and Charlie at church – and Clara – Rev. Blackwood preached. I had dinner ready when they returned – We have had a long afternoon and evening with our books & Clara and Clayton and Charlie B- with us around the lamp this evening.

20'' January. Monday. A nice winter day. Mrs. Carrie Dalton came this morning. Her sister brought her down & she began work for us. Long may she move – but no matter how competent she is she can never excel Clara – for she is past the ordinary – when she came I was "pleased but yet I was sad" for I knew what it means – for a stranger to take Clara's place. Clayton and Charlie busy all A.M. – This afternoon Clara went with Clayton to town & he went to Uncle Hugh's with Uncle Silas and co. – he came back to town and stayed with Clara at Aunt Mary, John's for supper – Rob is feeling a little better. Lizzie and Sam and Mrs. Jackson still there with Aunt Mary.

21''st January Thurs – Cold & blowing part of the time – dark and storming to night. Mr. Mc. at town & called at the girls & Aunt Jeanette still feeling better –

This afternoon Mr. Mc. out at uncle Hugh's salting his sheep &c. as Hugh is still on the sick list. Clayton and Charlie put in a full day about the work. Clara around. Carrie D- at her work –

22'' January Wed. Bright sunshine and a beautiful winter day. Mr. Mc. took me to town this morning & I called at Robison's to see the Baptist minister's wife regarding her mother –

I made a brief call with Jesse then Mr. Mc. took me around to Aunt Mary, John's. I was there alone with Sam and Lizzie and their mother. There to dinner with him –

We were alone for awhile when the callers began coming in – Several to call. Mr. Mc. came in for me late this afternoon – I made a brief call at Aunt Jeanette's. She is still in bed – but better – This A.M. – Clayton and Clara left for Dayton – Carrie D- in in charge by our self – Charlie away – Mr. Mc. around home most of the day. I certainly had a fine time with the folks to day. Robert started home this morning at 8:30. Lizzie will go in the morning and Sam next week, then their mother will realize more fully her loneliness.

Clayton and Clara returned home after seven – she and Clayton had an automobile ride – they had Bessie Crain, I do not know her name now, with them. They called to see Leon Slack B- Lizzie M-R- did not go this A.M. – but will go in the morning or Friday A.M.

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24'' January. Friday. Bright sunshine all day but cold–near noon Clayton left for Uncle Hugh's. Charlie at C- and brought 2 tons of coal out – he was busy this afternoon – men hustling. Clara sewing.

Carrie D- in the kitchen. Lizzie M.R.- left for her home in Memphis this morning. Clayton staying at Uncle Hugh's tonight.

25'' January Saturday. Quite a nice day - Clayton came early from Uncle Hugh's - Mr. Mc. at town and brought Sam Murdock and his mother and Aunt Mary out - they were here to dinner and we had a pleasant time with. Mr. Mc. took them down in the evening. Sam goes Monday morning to his work in Salida[?], Cal.

Charlie and Stuart A- at C- on this evening. Potter came up on the evening train from X- and came out with Mr. Mc.

Clara kept at her past getting the dinner - but this evening succumbed to the grief - she is having poor Paul's experience - He was suffering from it when we heard from him, at Albuquerque yesterday. Clayton making us happy by being with us around the camp to night.

26'' January. Sabbath. Dark and gloomy - sprinkling rain part of the time - not one ray of sunshine this live long day. Clara keeping to her bed - Carrie to the kitchen - Mr. Mc., Clayton and Charlie and Potter at church. Rev. Sharp preached - dinner ready when they returned. We are having time this afternoon and evening for our books.

I do not forget that this is my birth-day - I do not believe that their [*sic*] are very many that do forget their birthdays - but as the year rolls around - the truth dawns that this is my birthday - but what surprises me the most is the number of them - when we count them one by one they number 64.

27'' January. Monday. A light coating of snow on the ground. Another cold day - Potter left on the 8:15 train for X- this morning. Clara has been up nearly all day. Clayton and Charlie busy till noon. This afternoon he and Mr. Mc. and Mr. Alex Turnbull's - two of his barns - full of stock and corn were burned down last night. They came home through town. Charlie busy all P.M. - and evening. Clayton at Stevenson's this evening - Carrie D- in the kitchen - She is gaining in our farm -

28'' January. Tuesday. Another cold day. Clayton and Charlie hauling manure. Clara still on the sick list - we fixed a "Day Cot" for her by the grate. This afternoon Clayton and Stuart Arthur at Uncle Hugh's - he is still on the sick list. I sent by express the pillows to Fannie's and Harlan's.

Mr. Mc. at C. this afternoon - Carrie D. in the kitchen. Dark and cold to night. All at home around the camp -

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30'' January Thursday. Another cold day. Clayton and Charlie busy. Clara still on the sick list. A card from Rev. Neil Ferguson. Said Paul was still kept in - said they persuaded him to have the Dr. he said he said [*sic* - it is repeated] we are giving him our best attention. This A.M. James Duun here and done a little errand for us - This afternoon Mr. Mc. at C- Carrie taking care of the kitchen - I have been busy today.

31'' January. Friday...Clara still in the room but is much better...

February 1908

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1'' Feb. Saturday. Heavy rain last night and stormy to day - wind blowing - a hurricane - and very cold all day - and dark and stormy evening - Clayton and Charlie busy looking after things all day - This evening Clayton went to the evening train for Potter - he is with us to night - Mr. Mc. around home all day - Clara convalescent - she is around the fire. Carrie busy in the kitchen. I have been busy here and there all day. This has been a cold stormy day and a terrible rough weather to night.

2nd Feb - Sabbath. Another cold day - below zero this morning. We had quite an experience last night - the furnace froze and has gone to wreck this morning. It was such a severe day - that none of us went to church - Carrie with us - This afternoon we all gathered around the grate - Mr. Mc., Clara, Clayton and Charlie and Potter and Carrie Dalton. I and Potter read one of Talmage's[?] sermon - "Do good as ye have opportunity." - an excellent sermon. This evening - not withstanding the bitter cold - Clayton went out to help wait on Uncle Hugh - a terrible trip.

3 Feb - Monday - Moderated a little today - A dull start off her this morning - Furnace gone - and everything else seemed going. Potter left at an early hour for the train. Later Mr. Mc. at C-. Clayton came home near noon from Uncle Hugh's. Carrie busy at the work -s he helped Clara with her sewing this afternoon. Edith Rodermer called this evening. Clayton and Charlie at Arthur's for corn. Clara sewing assisted by Carrie D-

4 Feb - Tuesday. Another bitter cold day but moderated slightly. Mr. Harry North and his furnace man here today taking in the situation since the freeze & they were here to dinner - will have to send to Boston for the necessary fixtures or repairs. Charlie sick with quipp - gave up this afternoon. Clayton at the work - Stuart A. called this afternoon to see Clayton. Hagsett and family starting to Oaklahoma [*sic*] this evening on six o'clock train - Carrie helping Clara with the sewing this P.M. - and evening. We heard from our Cincinnati woman this afternoon - She will come tomorrow evening to C- and will come out here Thursday. A letter from Homer - he has been in bed seven weeks and on back veranda four weeks - He has tried to carry out the doctor's orders to the letter. A letter from Paul. He seems much better - This is another cold evening.

5'' Feb. Wednesday... Charlie still on the sick list... Every one who can is keeping close to the fire.

6'' Feb. Thursday. Another cold day. The ground covered with ice. Clayton at the work. The quipp is still holding Charlie.

Near noon Mr. Mc. at town and got Sharp Shoes on. Ben Carrie busy as busy could be until three o'clock - when Mr. Mc. took her to her home in Courtsville - Clara going it alone - Our Cincinnati woman is in town and has not come out yet - if she is not any account we will have her soon enough if she is good. She is worth wanting for. This evening all of us around the grate. All but Clayton he is at Arthur's.

8'' Feb. Sat...I did not forget that this is Fannie's birth day.

9'' Feb - Sabbath. Another cold day. All of us at home again today - some of us not very well.

We put in a full day at our books - What a grand day the Sabbath is - How grand and up building when we keep it as God would have us keep it. It brings joy and peace and blessing - & nothing else will. It is a day for us to assemble ourselves together to worship. It is a day to honor and seek his blessing for ourselves - and family and friends - In all the coming years "Let others do as they will," but as for myself and family let us even "Remember the Sabbath day to keep it holy."

10'' Feb. Monday. Mr. Mc. took Potter to the 10.30 train this morning - Clayton and Charlie busy all day. Clara very busy too - the burden back on her since Carrie left Thursday. This P.M. - Mr. Mc. and I made a flying visit to town - I called at the colored minister's to see their mother

She came from Cincinnati last week and is to come here in the morning to begin work -

Eve made a brief call at Aunt Jeanette's and Aunt Mary. Clayton and Charlie out at Uncle Hugh's this evening.

11'' Feb - Tuesday. Quite a change in the weather - Moderated so much that it seems like another world - a more comfortable world. Mr. Mc. at C- and brought our New Woman [intentional blank space] out - This is her beginning - Mr. North's furnace man and his son here today with their repairs for furnace and bath - They finished at four o'clock this evening - both the furnace and bath in fine shape - once more - and what a blessing they are. This. P.M. Mr. Mc. took the washing to Mrs. P-. Uncle Hugh wanted Clayton to come and meet Mr. Hart & Sons - they complete their trade - they were all their [sic] to dinner. Our Xenia men here to dinner. Clara busy selling the pace for our New Woman - and is very tired to night - Charlie cleaning the hen house & busy as usual - Clayton home to supper - he and Charlie and Stuart Arthur at the Opera house at a lecture.

12'' Feb. Wed. A general than the bitter cold is past. Clara and Charlie at Springfield - they took up 42 doz. of eggs - price back to 28 cts. a doz. Clayton around home all day - This evening he and Stuart Arthur at town. Mr. Mc. around home. Our new woman Auntie Lay at the work - I have been sewing to day. Clara and co. returned after six. Moon light -

14'' Feb. Friday. Clara putting the house in order. Auntie Lay busy in the kitchen. I have been on the sick list yesterday and today, especially. Clayton helping Charlie until noon this afternoon he went out to Uncle Hugh's.

We do not forget that this evening two years ago that Harlan and Isabel were married - While we remember it there are others that do not forget it.

15'' Feb - Sat... Mrs. Stella Barber Moore died very suddenly last Wednesday morning at 8 o'clock.

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18'' Feb - Tues. Another cold day. Clara and Fern Erwin at Springfield - It turned cold towards evening, wind and snow - it was so bad that Clara remained all night at Aunt Bell's. This was the day of the late Robert Tindal's Sale - cold and all folks were there from far and near. Clayton & Stuart & co. went up after dinner. I have not been feeling well this afternoon or evening. Auntie Lay in the kitchen.

19th Feb - Wed - A calm cold day. Clayton went to Uncle Hugh's this morning. Clara came home near noon. Auntie Lay at the work. I did not get up till noon. Charlie at the work. I have not been well - Clayton at Uncle Hugh's tonight.

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21'' Feb - Friday. A winter day - Auntie Lay in the kitchen - Clara around Clayton and Charlie at the work. Mr. Mc. around the fire - Clayton and Charlie at town to night. A quiet day and a quieter evening.

22nd Feb. Saturday. Clara went with Eva Arthur to Springfield - they took dinner at the Nelson home -

Mr. Mc. and I at town. We took dinner with Aunt Jeanette and Matt's. In the afternoon we went out to Uncle Hugh's. It has been a good while since I have seen him. I noticed quite a change - but not very favorable, my judgement - several callers there. Clara and Eve did not reach home till dark - Charlie at C- this afternoon. He and Clayton there this evening. Happy Bird in town - but his happiness has gone.

23rd Feb Sabbath. Uncle Hugh's sent for Clayton, he went out there this A.M. Clara and Mr. Mc. at the M.E. Church - Prof McChesney preached. Charlie and I at home. I could not risk the cold. Auntie Lay in the kitchen - she has been here all day & evening. This has been a cold winter day.

24'' Feb - Monday - Moderated a little. Charlie feeding. After an early dinner Clara took her father to C- Clayton came in from Uncle Hugh's - and met him there went with him to Xenia - Clara came home and went up and visited with Eva Arthur - Mr. Mc. and Clayton home in time for supper. This evening all of us around the lamp. Auntie Lay at the work today.

25 Feb - Tuesday. A disagreeable day - snow rain and frost - Clayton & Charlie at the work most of the day. This afternoon Clayton took Auntie Lay to the five o'clock train. She got uneasy about her family in Cincinnati, especially her sick son - and she could not content herself - but had to see him. Clayton went on out to Uncle Hugh's on an errand. Dr. McClellan from Xenia and Dr. Sparrah there this evening.

26'' Feb. Wednesday. A rough winter day - This A.M. Mr. Mc. took me down to Aunt Mary's and went back home reaching there at noon - Mary and I had our little dinner by ourselves - and a pleasant hour we had - This is the first time I have been there since Uncle John's funeral. This is her last week at this old home - She moves next week to rooms at sister Mary's. This afternoon several callers there. Mr. Mc. came for me and we reached home before dark. Clara in charge of things. She prepared the basket I took to Aunt Mary's for our dinner - and left her a little donation. Charlie and Clayton around until after dinner when they went to a sale at the late Carson home. They were home in time for supper -

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28 Feb Friday. Another cold day - but the sun has been shining - Stuart from Xenia here to dinner and to look at stock - Charlie and Clayton around all afternoon and evening. Mr. Mc. at Selma this P.M. Mr. Calvert absent.

29'' Feb - Saturday. Cold - Mr. Mc. took Clayton to the 8:20 train, he met Potter in X- and they spent the day in Dayton - Clara took Aunt Mary M- with her to uncle Hugh's this P.M. Clayton and Potter came up on the five o'clock train and came out with Clara. Charlie busy. Aunty Lay - busy. Mr. Mc. around home all day. Mr. Sprange called this afternoon - Mr. McCoy's son Grant, one of our old Sabbath School Scholars, died this week in X- he was 21 years old.

March 1908

March.

1st March. Sabbath. We had a quiet Sabbath day at home. Aunty Lay here all days. Mr. Mc, Clara, Clayton and Charlie B- and Potter and I here. Clayton read to us this evening in one of Hillis' [?] books. I hope by next Sabbath we can all be at church - Let us keep in memory the exhortation - forsake not the assembling of yourselves together - we can not afford to allow ourselves to forget.

This evening all around the lamp.

2'' March - Monday. Moderated considerable - a few rays of sunshine this afternoon. Clayton and Charlie busy. Mr. Mc. called at Taylor [illegible] at Kyle's this A.M. After an early dinner, Clara told us good by [*sic*] - and Clayton took her and trunk to Springfield - she will leave in the morning for Chicago. Clara has got us so spoiled that we will certainly miss her these days - she will stay with Margaret and Sara S- tonight. Clayton reached home after eight. Charlie and Stuart A- in C- Auntie Lay busy. Uncle Hugh lent sheep here.

3'' March. Tuesday - Since the heavy rain Sabbath night the mud has increased greatly. This morning Stuart A- and Clayton went to the London Sale. Charlie feeding this afternoon, he went to town for corn. Mr. Mc. at town this afternoon - Aunt Mary K- moving into Aunt Mary's. Auntie Lay busy in the kitchen - This evening Charlie at town. Bright sunshine all day.

4 March. Wed. Mud. Mud. Mr. Mc. at C- this A.M. - and brought Walter out. After dinner he and Clayton in the vicinity of Salon[?]. Mr. Mc. and I out at Uncle Hugh Murdock. He is still in bed. This is his twelfth week - Charlie busy. Dear good woman Auntie Lay busy all day. Clayton and Walter here to supper - On last Saturday morning M. Daniel Marshal died - He was 80 years old.

5'' March. Heavy rain last night - the mud increasing. Clayton and Charlie around all A.M. - Mr. Mc. over to see Mrs. Taylor. Walter with me. This afternoon Clayton called at Uncle Hugh's. Walter went as far as town with him. Mr. Mc. at C- and at sister Piggs. Sister Lay in the kitchen. Gloomy this P.M. Walter came back with Clayton and is here to night.

6'' March - Friday. Walter here. Clayton & Charlie repairing fence the wind blew down last night. This P.M. Walter went with Mr. Mc. to town and from there home. I sent basket to Wilmington. This evening Charlie and Clayton and Stuart A- at town -

7'' March - Sat. Rather pleasant overhead. Clayton at Andrew's for lumber this A.M. home at noon - This afternoon Potter came - and is with us to night. Mr. Mc. at C- Charlie and Clayton building fence - This evening they are at the Opera House. Sister Lay getting along nicely. A letter from Fred - he is in New York City this week. Paul still at Albuquerque, New Mexico. Home in Florida -

8'' March. Sabbath. Sprinkling rain - and damp and gloomy all day. Mr. Mc. and Clayton, Charlie and Potter at church - Sermon by Dr. Johnson. Aunty Lay and I at home. This P.M. - Clayton read to us. This evening Clayton and Charlie at church. Dr. Johnson preached. This morning about eight o'clock Montrose Townsly passed away. He has been sick for two or three weeks with pneumonia - they had Drs. and nurses but he had to go.

9'' March. Monday. Snow fell last night - and snowed the mud under. Charlie and Clayton at the work - This afternoon Mr. George Shrodes here and fixed the water tank in cellar. Mr. Mc. at our church at Mr. Archie McElroy's funeral. After he came back he and Clayton were over at Bob Townsly's, the funeral tomorrow afternoon. Auntie Lay and I both busy. A letter from Fred - He was at New York was out at Fannie's Friday night.

10'' March. Tuesday. A beautiful day overhead. Mr. Mc. at town this A.M. Clayton and Charlie hauling straw. This after Mr. Mc. and Clayton at Montrose Townsly's funeral - a very great crowd attended it. Clayton and Charlie out at Uncle Hugh's to call this evening.

11'' March. Wednesday. I was off duty until noon - Clayton and Charlie busy all A.M. - This afternoon Clayton at Robt. Townsly's and took Lella Small H- and Gertrude Wilson to the train - he mad. Some calls around C- and stopped at Jess Townsly's as he came home - Aunty Lay busy in the kitchen - Walter Murdock here to dinner. Mr. Mc. went with him to Selma this P.M. - Walter getting ready to locate there. It has been a mild day.

[written vertically on the margin by the March 11th entry:

Mr. Mc. across the R.R. this A.M. at Dave Mc.'s]

12'' March. Thursday. Quite a nice day. Mr. Mc. and I out at Uncle Hugh's - were there to dinner - We reached home about four o'clock. Clayton and Charlie building a bridge.

Auntie Lay in charge of things to day while we were away. Everything quiet on Massies Creek tonight.

13'' March - Friday. Pleasant this A.M. - but rain this or drizzling this afternoon. Collin McMillan and Son Hugh dropped in on their friends from Washington this week - they called here this afternoon. He was anxious to see Clayton could not remember of ever having seen him. Charlie and Clayton building fence today. Mr. Mc. at town this morning.

14'' March Sat. Sunshine this A.M. - but this afternoon - clouds and gloom. Charlie flowing for Edd West today. Clayton here until four this afternoon when he drove out. Mr. Mc. at town too - on a little business - Poultry man from Xenia here - we sold him fifty two head of chickens - hens - 10 cts. per lb. - the average 5 lbs. a piece - Sister Lay busy in the kitchen. I am not feeling very well this afternoon.

15'' March. Sabbath. Quite a spring day. Had quite a thundershower and very heavy rain for a short time last night - This morning Mr. Mc. took Sister Lay down to her daughter's. He and Clayton and Potter and I at church. This is the first time I have been there this year. The last time I was there was the 14'' of last Nov. Rev. Mills Taylor preached on that day. His text I know upon whom I have believed.

How strange that Rev. Mills Taylor should be the minister to preach for us today - His text the 1st Psalm. I hope I will keep well and can be at church more personally from this on. Charlie at home. This evening he and Clayton and Potter at the Union Service at the U.P. Church. Rev. Milligan preached. Sister Lay came back with them this evening.

16th March. Monday. Charlie trying to plow. Clayton at work all day. This afternoon Mr. Mc. at Selma - home and went to Cedarville - Sister L- busy today as usual. This evening Clayton and Charlie at town. Very cloudy all A.M. Rain this evening.

17th March. Tuesday. Sunshine this forenoon - clouds this afternoon - Clayton met Dr. Martain, Osteopath, at the 10:30 train and took him out to Uncle Hugh's - they were there to dinner. He gave him a treatment - Clayton at Uncle Silas's this evening - he and Charlie and Co- at Hill Stevenson's to a little party -

18th March Wed. Rain last night - and damp this morning - We had several showers today off and on. Near noon Clayton and Stuart A- at Mr. Baker's sale near Jamestown. This P.M. - Charlie at Uncle Hugh's for a sheep - Mr. Mc. around home. Sister Lay busy - I have been sewing most of the day. Clayton home to supper & all of us at home this evening.

[A little bookmark with a white ribbon between pages 56 and 57. It says this on it in typeface:

Blessed are they that do his commandments, that they may have right to the tree of life, and may enter in through the gates into the city.-
Rev. xxii. 14.]

19th March. Thursday - Rain last night, cloudy and cold today. Charlie at C- and brought Uncle Hugh's man out - he was here blowing out stumps. Clayton took him home this P.M. took supper out there and came into the lecture at the Opera house. Charlie at the lecture also.

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22nd March - Sabbath - much colder - cloudy & damp - Mr. Mc. and Clayton and Charlie at church - Rev. Foster, Presbyterian, preached today - Two of his sons in college here - Bro Potter at church and came home with them - This evening Clayton at church - and brought Sister Lay home -

23rd March. Monday. Sunshine part of the time - almost cold. Mr. Mc. at C- this A.M. Bro Potter here putting his papers away. This afternoon he went with Mr. Mc. to Charleston & they reached home in good time later on. Clayton and Potter at C- on an errand. Charlie hauling hay for Mrs. Grant to Cedarville from Dave McStorm - Clayton at C- with

Stuart Arthur this evening and there this P.M. Sister Lay busy. Sara Duun called this P.M.

24'' May. [she accidently writes May] Tuesday. Charlie began plowing in meadow next the R.R. Clayton around and Mr. Mc. all A.M. After dinner I went out to Uncle Hugh's. I took Aunt Mary with me. He is still in bed. Uncle Silas met Dr. Martain at the train and took him out there this morning. Clayton at town this afternoon late Mr. Mc. went down with him and was there when I came back to town. Sister Lay had supper awaiting us when we came home. The sun shining most of the time today. Clayton out [illegible] this P.M. -

25'' March. Wednesday. Still almost cold but it looks like spring. Charlie plowing R.R. field. Clayton around home all day. This afternoon Mr. Mc. at town. I saw Mr. Roadarmer when she passed - I gave her on probation a go cart for her baby. Nellie R- is home again. She is to be married Tuesday. Sister Lay ironed. This evening all at home.

26'' March. Thursday. The wind blew a gale all day. Charlie plowing. Clayton feeding & hauling corn - Mr. Mc. around all A.M. This afternoon at C- Sister Lay busy. A card from Clara. She left Chicago this morning at 10:30 - would reach St. Louis, Harlan's, this evening at 6:20. I began looking after the chickens and eggs this morning.

27'' March. Friday. The wind still blowing but quieted a good deal since yesterday - Mr. Mc. at town & this morning Charlie and Clayton trying a plot in Alfalfa field. After an early dinner Mr. Mc. and Clayton left for Xenia to attend a horse sale. Charlie plowing. Sister Lay busy. They got back from X- near dark - Clayton and Charlie at town for a change.

28'' March. Saturday. Clayton and Charlie trying to plow in the Alfalfa field - Mr. Mc. around back and forth all day. Sister Lay busy. I have been busy too. Late this P.M. when Colm, Charlie and co. tried sowing clover seed. All of us at home today and this evening.

29'' March. Sabbath. Cool but pleasant. Sister Lay went with us to C- and stopped off at her daughter's - Mr. Mc. and I at church. Aunt Jeanette rode up with us. Rev. Foster, Presbyterian preached. Text "And the Lord said unto Noah, Come thou and all thy house into the ark;" Clayton met Dr. Martain at the nine o'clock train and took him out to Uncle Hugh's - Charlie here on charge of the home. Clayton took the Dr. to the Y. Springs and came back and spent the Sabbath with Uncle Hugh. When he returned this evening he brought Sister Lay with him.

30'' March. Monday. Charlie and James Duun plowing, at last in the Alfalfa field. Jim D- here to dinner - Clayton around today. Mac Stuart called to see him this afternoon. Mr. Mc. at town - this P.M.- Late this evening it began raining. Sister Lay busy and I have not been idle.

31'' March. Tuesday. Cloudy but rather mild. Damp after the rain - Clayton and Charlie sowed clover for a while - too damp to plow. Mr. Mc. and I at cousin H.H. McMillan's to dinner & spent the day - we had quite a pleasant day. Sister Lay in charge while we were away. Caroline and her sister from Courtsville called this evening - were glad indeed to see them. Clayton and Charlie and Stuart A- at C-

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2'' April Thursday. Rain last night - but much colder and still getting more so this evening. I have been busy writing today. I wrote some extra letters - one to Aunt Jennie's, Robt. Murdock and Nellie - and Mr. Cookston?. A letter from Paul, he is still at Albuquerque N.M.

Charlie plowing by R.R. Clayton and Mr. Mc. around all day. Sister Lay busy in the kitchen. Mr. Stuart A. around this morning.

3'' April. Friday. Still cold. Stuart Arthur with us to dinner - he and Charlie plowing. Sister Lay busy.

This afternoon Mr. Mc. and Clayton and at [sic] church. Sermon by Rev. Thomas Turner, text "What shall it profit a man if he should gain the whole world and lose his own soul" &c. After church Mr. Mc. and Clayton went out to see Uncle Hugh. I remained at Aunt Mary's and Aunt Jeanette's till their return. This evening Stuart Arthur and Clayton and Charlie at C- at the High School Entertainment.

4'' April Saturday. Rather a nice day. Lewes Dean here plowing and here to dinner. This afternoon Mr. Mc. and Clayton and Charlie and I at church. Rev. Turner preached "sanctify yourselves therefore and be ye holy." We had a good sermon. Clayton went out to Uncle Hugh's and Charlie came home with us. Sister Lay busy all day. She made hoar hound and Mullen Syrup for my cough - I began taking it this evening and will hope for a cure.

5'' April Sabbath. Quite a disagreeable colder - blowing a little and drifting rain all day. Mr. Mc. and Clayton and Charlie and I at church. Sermon by Rev. Thomas Turner - text "where is the great chamber - where I shall eat the Passover with my disciples."

After the preaching we had we had [sic] our communion service. Prof. McChesney made a few remarks on "Let this same mind be in your which was in Christ Jesus" - three thoughts: Let us imitate Christ in our forgiveness - Love - and in seeking peace - Let us have peace. We were happy to have Mr. S.P.[?] Baker commit himself with our church.

Clayton went ? to the Y. Springs for Dr. Martain and took him out to uncle Hugh's - and back to C- to the 5 o'clock train. Charlie came home with us - when we came we found Walter here. Sister Lay had dinner awaiting us - She has been right here today. Rain - a slow rain all afternoon. Clayton and Walter at church this evening.

6'' April. Monday. A nice day. Quite a change since yesterday. Charlie plowing Stuart Arthur with Clayton around the barn most of the A.M. Mr. Mc. over at Benton Barber's this A.M. we invited two families to the Sabbath School on Sabbath as that is the day of our spring opening. We have been adjourned since Xmas day. This afternoon Stuart Arthur assisted Clayton taking sheep to pasture at Uncle Hugh's this afternoon. Mr. Mc. around home all day. Clayton and Stuart, to please Uncle Hugh took supper there tonight.

7'' April Tuesday. Ralph Murdock here last night he and Clayton left for the London Sale this morning. Mr. Mc. met Dr. Martain at train and took him out to Uncle Hugh's. Where there is swelled lint? bursted [sic]- they had quite a scene sent for Dr. Sparrah to assist - Mr. Mc. brought Dr. Martain back to town in due time - and reached here for a late dinner. When the boys returned from London Ralph went on home. Sister Lay began cleaning house this morning - I attended to the dinner.

8'' April Wednesday. Rain last night and a shower this P.M. - the plowing suspended - Charlie at C- for coal this A.M. This afternoon Clayton and Stuart Arthur at Hardie's Sale near X- and Mr. Mc. and Aunt Mary at Uncle Hugh's - Sister Lay going ahead with her cleaning - it is getting much colder this evening. We had a letter from Clara. She was at St. Louis at Harlan's - she leaves this evening for Greenville, Texas.

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10'' April. Friday - Rain last night, damp today. Not much doing this A.M. This afternoon Charlie trying to plow. Clayton and Uncle Joe at Xenia. Mr. Mc. at Cedarville - he called at the bank and got a draft for the Sabbath School collection for Mrs. Mary Ramsey of \$17.22 - to help with their mission in Los Angeles. Sister Lay in the kitchen - the rest of us busy.

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12'' April - Cool but bright sunshine. Mr. Mc. and Charlie and I at church. Sister Lay went down with us to her daughter - Clayton at home, he went to the Y. Springs and met Dr. Martain at one twenty and took him out to Uncle Hugh's .

Rev. Ritchery[?] preached for us, text: "Give unto the Lord the glory due unto his name. Bring an offering and come into his courts." Potter at church and came out home with us. He brought us strawberries - figs and rhubarb - quite a rich donation - and presented us with a purse. This afternoon at 2:30 we opened our Sabbath school, it was been suspended since Xmas Sabbath. Mr. Roy Henelson[?] in charge of the Bible class followed by remarks from Potter. We had 16 present and 23 cts. collection.

Potter and Clayton and Charlie & Stuart A- at church. Sister Lay came home with them. This is a clear beautiful night.

13'' April. Monday. Much like spring - bright sunshine. Charlie at Uncle Hugh's for corn - Clayton around home all day. Near noon Mr. Mc. left for Xenia - we have been busy here today. Mr. Mc. got back to C- at five in time to meet Homer. He came to Columbus on Thursday to see Drs. H[?] & Mitchel - and came down this evening. It is nice to see him back. Stuart Arthur around this evening and came into supper - he and Clayton drove out afterwards. A telephone from Jamestown, Quincy Adams died Saturday in Chattanooga his remains brought here - his funeral at their sister Hallie's in Jamestown tomorrow. P.M. Laura is here.

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15'' April Wed. Rain last night, damp today. On yesterday afternoon Tom Power[?] stopped to mend tin and granite ware - he finally concluded to stop off a few days and help in garden and yard - He cleaned the garden up yesterday and worked in the yard between showers today - Clayton and Charlie hauling straw and hay. Sister Lay busy. Homer around all day. Father took him to the five o'clock train this evening. He goes back to Atlanta - He had been sick and off duty since the first of the year - He spent most of the winter in or rather the last few weeks in Southern Florida.

Paul was to leave Albuquerque Monday night expecting to reach St. Louis tonight.

We certainly enjoyed Homer's visit and was sorry to have him leave us so soon.

16'' April Thurs. Almost cold and the wind blowing - Charlie plowing in the lower field. Our good man Tom Power working in yard and flower bed. This afternoon Mr. Mc. and Clayton at Clifton to see Mr. White come home past Cedarville -

Sister Lay busy ironing - Clayton fell off the embankment at the new barn - had quite a fall and might have been fatal - we should never forget the great deliverance. This evening he and Stuart Arthur at C-.

17'' April Friday. Much pleasanter today. Charlie plowing in the lower field - Clayton around the barn. Jim Dean helping him for an hour. This morning Mr. Mc. and Clayton at Charleston on business. I took Aunt Mary John with me to see Uncle Hugh. Mr. Calvin Stormant called while we were there. Sister Lay cleaned the front sitting room upstairs this P.M. This morning Mr. Mc. and Tom Power at town & they got screening for the doors - he has been working in the yard today.

18'' April. Sat. Sprinkling rain off and on all day. This A.M. Mr. Mc. and I drove to Benton Barber's farm to see Slater Johnston's folks to get their girl - but she was sick. We called at Mitchel's and engaged Ethel. This afternoon Clayton at Uncle Hugh's - they prevailed on him to stay all night. We have been busy here today. Tom Powers filled up the screen doors. This evening Charlie took sister Lay to town & he is to stay all night at her daughter's - and be ready for the Easter Services at their church tomorrow. Stuart A- went down with them.

19'' April. Easter Sunday. Clayton returned from Uncle Hugh's this morning. Rather a pleasant day. Potter came last night - and went to church with Mr. Mc. Clayton and Charlie. Tom Power's went to see his friend in C- I was here alone. Ina Murdock came home with the quilts - and attended the Sabbath School at Selma along with Potter, Clayton and Charlie and me. We had fifteen scholars all there - Mr. Hawthorne there and heard the Bible class - I took charge of the little folks today. After we came home - We had some [illegible] reading by Ina, and Clayton and Potter. Tom P- came home early. This evening Clayton and Ina and Potter at church - and to bring Sister Lay home -

20'' April. Monday. Rather pleasant. Charlie plowing in the lower field. Clayton at C- and brought Sister Lay out - she did not get out last night. Potter went to the early train this morning. Clayton busy around the barn all day. Tom P- makeing [sic] boxes for the little chickens. We have 31 little ones. Mr. Mc. at town this afternoon. It is much cooler this evening.

21'' April Tuesday. Bright - but cool. Charlie plowing in the lower field. Clayton around the barn-Mr. Mc. at town to meet Dr. Martain and took him out to Uncle Hugh's - he was home in time for dinner. Tom P- at boxes today again. This afternoon Sister Lay was ready & starting out to the train when she concluded to remain to help me out this week - and what a blessed thing for me that she did - This A.M. I called to see Eva Arthur. This evening the boys writing.

22nd April Wed. Quite a nice day. This morning I went to town to put a letter in office & came directly back home. The garden plowed & harrowed[?] and ready to begin planting this P.M. Mr. Mc. assisted by Tom Powers - planted the Early potatoes. Sister Lay cleaned the boys' room and has been quite busy. Charlie plowing Clayton

23'' April. Thursday. A nice day. Clayton and Stuart A- at Bryson's [?] sale. Charlie plowing in lower field - Tom P- put in a full day in the garden. Two sheep shearers here from Solon [?]- Sister Lay in full command - Mr. Mac at town this A.M. A letter from Paul, he left Albuquerque last Monday night and came to St. Louis Wednesday night. He and Harlan went to the depot to see Fred - He had been to El Paso and was on his way to Boston. Paul will leave this week for Atlanta.

24'' April Friday. Quite a nice day - The sheep shearers with us last night and here until late this P.M. Mr. Mc. at train and took Dr. Martain out to Uncle Hugh's - Clayton at the train and brought out Mrs. M. P. Heek [?] of Dayton - She seems to be quite a bright little woman - she lent a helping hand to Sister Lay. I have accomplished by little today. This evening Clayton and Charlie at town. Our man busy in the garden. John Campbell from the tenant house repairing fence along the pike these days.

25'' April Saturday. Sister Lay in the kitchen - Mary G.H- cleaned my room from top to bottom. Charlie plowing. Tom P- in garden until noon - This afternoon he and Clayton at Uncle Hugh's for sheep -

Mr. Mc. and I at C- I called at Aunt Bell's - and Mary's - & Jeanette's - This evening Clayton took Sister Lay down to C- to her daughter's. It is more than likely she will not be back - as she wants to go to her home in Cincinnati to see alone her children -

26'' April. Sabbath. Mary G. H- down in the kitchen in full command this morning and today. Mr. Mc. Clayton and Charlie at church - Rev. Ross H [?] preached to a crowded house. Text - "Thus saith the Lord God, I will yet for this be enquired of by the house of Israel and shall do it for them." God makes promises but he asks his children to come to him for the fulfillment of these promises - Ask and ye shall possibly not exactly receive what you ask but often greater blessings shall be given for beyond your asking. Pray on [intelligible] man of God - for prayer is a real thing God has put into his own plan for he controls the heart of all men. Potter and Ina came home with us - Mary G.H- had dinner nearly ready. This afternoon Potter and Ina and Clayton and Charlie and I at the school to Sabbath School. Mr. Henderson had Mr. Brigham there from the college to head the Bible lesson. I gave the little folks a short lesson. Potter went away this evening - Clayton took Ina down to church - Charlie went with Stuart Arthur, Tom B- around to day. We had altogether at Sabbath School 17 schoolers. It came up a shower before the folks got back from church.

27'' April. Monday. The wind blowing the clouds hanging low - not a ray of sunshine - and nearly cold enough for Xmas. Our good angel went with Mr. Mc. to town and brought out screening for the out of doors sleeping room to occupy a place on the porch - he has been working on it also painting today. Our good woman Mary G-H- busy all day. The Solon sheep shearers with us all day and here again tonight - Charlie plowing. Clayton hauling parts. This afternoon he & co. fixing the flood gate near Arthur's.

28'' April. Tuesday. Still cold. Clayton at C- on an errand this A.M. - Mr. Mc. took Dr. Martain out to Uncle Hugh's this A.M. - home again at noon. Our sheep shearers here last night and with us until after supper this evening. Charlie plowing. Tom P- finished the wind [?] room - and painted the seals &c today.

This afternoon Mr. Mc. and Clayton at the late J.H. McMillan's sale - a letter from Paul - he left St. Louis on last Friday morning for Atlanta, Georgia.

This evening all at home - Our good woman Mary G-H- busy all day and I have been too.

29'' April. Wed. Still cold & damp - it was raining off an [sic] on all day. Jim Dean here plowing and her to dinner. Mr. Mc. at town this A.M. Charlie plowing. Clayton at home to day and this evening. Mary G.H. busy all day.

30'' April. Thursday. Quite a snow on the ground this morning. It has snowed off an [sic] on all day but melted as it fell. Work suspended today. Mr. Mc. around home. Clayton out at Uncle Hugh's, home in time for supper. Our man doing odd jobs (Tom Powers I mean) Mary G.H. busy.

Mrs. Morton got the word that her brother Frank Blair of Sparten [?] is dead - Roy Henderson called to see me this afternoon.

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1st May Friday. Quite a disagreeable day - cold - rain & cloudy. Mr. Mc. at C- this morning and took Dr. Martain out to Uncle Hugh's - home again at noon - The Westbey[?] here plowing - here to dinner. This afternoon Clayton at Springfield to meet McStuart - he took Ina with him. Mr. Mc. at C- this afternoon again. Tom B- making himself useful.

2'' May Saturday. Still cold. The ground damp - Charlie plowing today. Clayton around all A.M. - This afternoon he and Stuart Arthur at Springfield. Mr. Mc. at C- this afternoon - Tom B- fixed the cupboard shelves - and took up the mattings in the boys' room - and sister Williams' old room - and put the poarch [sic] in order - and planted the Nasturtiums - the last thing he did for me this evening. He is getting ready to go away in the morning.

3'' May Sabbath. Chilly and cloudy. Mr. Mc. and Clayton and Charlie and I at church - sermon by Rev. Lee Knife. Text "Behold the Lamb of God &c". Potter came home with us - set in a strawberries and celery for dinner. Ina came out with Clayton and co. - they stopped at the creek where the dar[bies?] were baptizing - This P.M. Potter and Ina and Clayton and Charlie and I at the school house at the Sabbath School - Mr. Frank Creswell and Mr. Brigham there. Mr. Brigham taught the Bible class - and I taught the children. We had 22 scholars - This evening Clayton took Ina to church - It is raining a little. Tom Powers left us this morning. Good & faithful he has been.

4'' May Monday. Very dark and cloudy. This A.M. Mr. Shellabarber called with Peafowl. He was here to dinner. This afternoon Mr. Mc. out at Uncle Hugh's. A man here from Selma to look at sheep. Clayton & Charlie busy. Charlie took Potter to the train this morning. Emma Heck - who came to us the 24 of April - [illegible] as Mrs. M.Q. Heck has been busy today. We contended to call her Emma as that belongs to her name. This evening it is pouring right down.

5'' May. Tuesday. Very damp. Rain off and on all day. Clayton and Stuart Arthur at London at the sale today. Mr. Mc. at ton this afternoon. He made a brief stay. The weather so unfavorable. Everything and everybody at a standstill. Charlie around at something. Emma Heck in the kitchen.

6'' May Wed. The sun shining a little now and then today. O what a change. Charlie at C- this A.M. This afternoon he and Clayton at Uncle Silas's. They are beginning to lay the foundation of the new barn -

Mr. Mc. at Selma this A.M. Emma Q.H. busy in the kitchen. This evening quite a good deal of lightning and heavy rain.

7'' May. Thursday. Heavy rain last night. All the streams seeming over this morning. This A.M. Mr. Mc. and I at Courtsville to see Caroline Martain. Emma Q.H- had dinner about ready when we returned. It is damp gloomy and cold - very much like snow. This afternoon Stuart Arthur went with Clayton to town and remained there while Clayton went to Uncle Hugh's and back.

8'' May Friday. Rain last night - and damp to day. Mr. Mc. at C- this morning at the office. Uncle Silas's took the Dr. to Uncle Hugh's. Clayton went there this afternoon and came home past Karl Pauls'. Stuart Arthur here with Charlie this evening. We have been busy here today. Emma Q.H. ironed. Mr. Mc. got his ankle hurt this morning with one of the horses -

9'' May Saturday. The sun came out this morning and has been shining most of the day. Mr. Mc. feeling better. Clayton and Charlie around all A.M. After an early dinner Stuart went with Clayton to Springfield - Mr. Mc. at C- Charlie busy. Emma and I both busy. It is a little warmer - the moon shining tonight.

10'' May. Sabbath. A pleasant day: Potter came home with and co. last night from Springfield - he and Mr. Mc. and Clayton and I to church. Rev. Mills Taylor preached. Text: "And whatsoever ye do, do it heartily unto the Lord and not unto men, knowing that of the Lord ye shall received the reward of the inheritance: for ye serve the Lord Christ." Ina came home with us. She and Potter and Clayton and Charlie B- and I at the school house at the Sabbath School this afternoon - There were in all 18 present - This afternoon Mr. Wever[?] & co. called this [illegible - ink is blurred]. This evening Potter went to town with Clayton and Ina when they went to church -

11'' May Monday. The sun shining for a change. Charlie harrowing. This A.M. Clayton and Carl Paul at Uncle Hugh's - they were there to dinner. Mr. Mc. around home all day. Emma Q.H- busy sewing. I attended to the kitchen - she made me a shaker bonnet - this evening at five o'clock Clayton went to the train to meet Miss Cookston - she is with us tonight - she was so happy to see us that we certainly showed we very happy to see her - and that is just what we are - This evening Charlie at Courtsville and brought Caroline Martain down. I am feeling far from well. Old John began takeing [sic] down the house below the garden - This is a beautiful evening.

12'' May. Tuesday. A very beautiful day. Last evening a going[?] German stopped for lunch - He certainly is Dutch. He began working in the yard-His name is John - we will call him John Dutch. Mr. Mc. and Clayton left for Xenia to attend the trial of Karl Paul & co- Caroline began work - Sister Heck making another shaker bonnet- This afternoon Miss Cookston and I at C- we called to see the two Aunt Mary's and at Aunt Jeanette. When we came home I called at Mrs. Arthur's - and took

her a little present. Mr. Mc. and Clayton home to supper – This is a beautiful evening.

13'' May Wed. Charlie at the harrowing. Clayton around this A.M – This afternoon he went to Uncle Hugh's. Mr. Mc. at C- and took Mrs. Mary Emma Heck's trunk to C- later – Miss Cookston and I took her to the five o'clock train. We called to see Mrs. Pollock – we made but a short stay in town. A letter from Paul. He is at Atlanta will be home the last of the week –

14'' May Thursday. A beautiful day – John Dutch working in the yard yesterday and today. He began white washing. Mr. Mc. at C- this A.M. – on yesterday P.M. Caroline cleaned the boys' room. This afternoon she is cleaning her own room. This P.M. – late – Clayton and Miss Cookston at Aunt Marry on an errand for me. Back home in time for dinner. Charlie at [intentional blank space for the rest of the line]. This is a lovely evening & clear of day.

15'' May Friday. Miss Cookston and I met Dr. Martain at train and took him out to Uncle Hugh's – we came back to C- and took dinner at Aunt Mary's – her boarders all off at a picnic. Aunt Mary K- there for dinner too.

We came home early – both of us very tired. Ben Irvin helping in field yesterday P.M. and today. John Dutch at, in continuance, the whitewashing. Caroline finishing the house cleaning. Naomie Couley [illegible] buried this afternoon. I got the old folks' Bible at the express office. This evening all at home.

16'' May Sat. Bright sunshine all da. Mr. Mc. took Miss Cookston to the early train to Columbus – we had a pleasant week with her. Ben Irvin busy all day at this & that. John Dutch at the whitewashing – Charlie planting. Clayton busy at something – this evening all at home.

17'' May Sabbath – A beautiful day – but warm. Caroline walked up to Courtsville this morning. That kept me from church. Ben Irvin and John Dutch around – Mr. Mc. and Clayton and Charlie at church – Rev. Gray preached. Potter came home with them and brought us strawberries &c. for dinner. This afternoon Potter and Charlie and Clayton and I at the Sabbath school. There were fourteen. Mr. Hawthorn heard the class – Miss E.A. the juniors. This evening Potter went to town with Clayton when he went to church.

18'' May. Monday – A nice day. John Dutch at the whitewashing. Irvin around. Lewes [Dean?] here to dinner as he is helping with the planting – a letter from Paul, he is at St. Louis – he said I was going to the car Saturday morning who should I meet but Clara – on her return from Texas. Paul is planning to come home.

Caroline returned last evening. Mr. Mc. at town this P.M. Ben Irvin went away this P.M. Clayton and Charlie at town. A telegram from Paul – he will be at the Springs tomorrow evening.

19'' May. Tuesday - Not so pleasant - rain all afternoon. I went on an errand for the family to town this morning. I met Uncle Hugh. They were bringing him into the Drs. - John Dutch going on with his whitewashing. Charlie with the plowing. Caroline busy. I have been on the sick list today. I went to town to shake it off - but it did not shake - This evening Clayton at the Y. Spring to meet Paul - He left St. Louis at 8 this morning and reached Springfield about 8 this evening & came across on the traction[?].

20'' May. Wed - Damp today but Charlie going on with the good work - Jess Townsly and co- fixing a flood gate this A.M. Our good man John Dutch left us at noon - he was good faithful while here and he goes with our best wishes. This evening W.H. Blair and wife from off the pike stopping in the barn on the hay. We gave them a good bunch.

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22'' May. Friday. Quite a nice day. Clayton at work in field with Charlie. Paul around with with [intentional repetition] Mr. Mc. this A.M. This afternoon ~~he was~~ he was with Charlie and Clayton in field. Caroline sweeping upstairs. W.H. Blair and wife were with us yesterday and had their meals. This morning when their breakfast was announced we formed our guests were missing. This evening Clayton and Paul rode down with Stuart A. to the High School Commencement.

23'' May. Saturday. Warm - Clayton and Charlie hard at it. Uncle Hugh & Howard here to dinner and spent the day. Paul at C- this morning on and [sic] errand - corn planting finished this evening. Caroline busy. This diploma night - exercises in the R.P. church - Rev. Wallace [illegible, 2 words] the [illegible] of the evening - Charlie and Paul in attendance -

24'' May. Sabbath. Bright sunshine all day. Mr. Mc. and Clayton and Paul and I at church - Dr. McKinney preached. Text: "Lord what would thou have me to do."

Potter at church and came home with us. Charlie took Caroline up home - she left dinner on the table for us.

Potter and Paul went back to town for something he had forgotten. I was sorry to see them go -

This afternoon Clayton and Paul and Potter and Charlie and I at Sabbath School. One of the college students Mr. Wade came out with Mr. Henderson and heard the Bible Class. Thirteen were present.

25'' May. Monday. A very lovely day. Mr. Mc. and I at Xenia. We went to Potter's headquarters to dinner - while there I wrote a letter to Fred. After dinner I called to see Mrs. Patterson - her son at house. I also met Mr. W-. We reached C- at three o'clock - I stopped off at Aunt Mary's was there to supper and went with her and Aunt Mary K. to the Opera house. This was class night - Mr. Mc. and Clayton and Paul came down to the meeting and came home with them. Caroline in charge of the home today. Mr. [Lon?] Henderson put in a full day with Mr.

Townslly's teams assisting with the corn planting. Charlie and Clayton both busy.

26'' May Tues. Mr. Mc. began the exercises of the day by taking the washing to Sister Piggs. On yesterday Mollie Robison died in Columbus. Mr. Carrie and Stuart Arthur this morning. Mr. John Moorman called with P.M. Charlie and Clayton finished planting corn today. Ben busy in the garden yesterday - he was busy today again. This evening Paul and I at the Opera House at the debate between Muskingum College & Cedarville - by the way Cedarville won -

Mr. Mc. or Clayton or Charlie not there -

27'' May Wednesday. Quite a nice day. Paul and I attended the College Commencement this A.M. - Dr. Lyons of Rich [the rest of the name illegible] delivered the address. Had a very nice meeting. Paul and I took dinner at Aunt Bell's - A dispatch came from Homer that he would be here Thursday morning with their infant son - for us to make the arrangements for the funeral. Paul and Uncle Joe went to the cemetery and made arrangements for the grave to be dug.

We reached home at four o'clock. Clayton and Stuart Arthur at Springfield today. Caroline putting the house in order. On this evening Paul went to Xenia to meet Carl Ost[rest of the name illegible] and [intentional blank space] but they failed to arrive. There has been some about getting away. It was quite a trip for Paul it was late when he returned.

28'' May Thurs. Another message from Homer to meet him at Xenia at ten 15 - this morning Clayton was the one to go - Mr. Mc. and I and Jason and Charlie at the cemetery - Aunt Belle and Aunt Mary went with us in our carriage - Rev. Milligan went along and we had prayer at the grave - This infant baby boy was layed beside the dust of Florence and her sister. What is life - this tiny babe was a life - "A bud on earth to bloom in heaven." Homer came home with and stayed until the five o'clock train when Mr. Mc. took him to the train - to go to Columbus to spend the evening at Dr. Hunt's - He expected to start back to Atlanta in the morning. Ben Irvin in the garden this A.M. and planting pumpkin seed this afternoon. Caroline busy today.

29'' May. Friday. Homer passed on the train and waved - Clayton and Charlie at the potato planting & Ben replanting corn. Mr. Mc. at C- this afternoon at the mill. Caroline at her work - I awakened up sick with my head and stomach this morning. I have been in bed most of the day and evening. We were made happy by a real down pour this evening - this first real hard shower for a good while.

30'' May Saturday - This was decoration but our family failed to be there all of us too busy. Ben at the replanting. Charlie and Clayton busy finishing at another department - Mr. Mc. around home. Clayton and Paul at C- tonight. Potter came out at five this evening. I am beginning to feel better - Caroline busy today - Ben went home.; I donated him a pillow.

31st May Sabbath. Rather cool today. Mr. Mc. Clayton Paul and Charlie and Potter and I at church. Rev. Clarence Young preached – text: "But we all with open face beholding as in a glass the glory are changed into the same image from glory to glory, even as by the Spirit of the Lord." Aunt Mary came home with us. Caroline had dinner ready. After dinner Clayton took her home. Charlie at Uncle Silas's. This afternoon Potter and Aunt Mary and Paul and I at Sabbath School. Roy Henderson [illegible] let the school followed by remarks from Aunt Mary and Potter. We only had 7 scholars. This evening Clayton and Paul and Aunt Mary at church—Potter went at the same time to C. It is cold this evening.

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1'' June Monday. Bordering on frost this morning. It is cloudy and cool today. Clayton at Courtsville for Caroline Carly this morning. Charlie in the field. Ben Irvin returned this morning. Paul gathering his things to start to Des Moines this evening. He went to C- this P.M. I was busy all A.M. with the chickens. I counted them one by one – and had pencil and paper – there are a few over 300 little ones. Mr. Mc. busy around home all day. This does not seem much like a June day. Mr. Mc. at sister Piggs this evening with the clothes.

Paul told us good by [*sic*] and Clayton took him to the Y. Springs. He will leave on the big four for Des Moines stopping at St. Louis – He expects to take a place in Fred's office –

2'' June Tuesday. It is warming up again. Mr. Mc. and Clayton at London Sale. Mr. Mc. called at Kemp's this afternoon. [illegible] reached home in time for supper – Clayton and Stuart at Cedarville this evening. I have been busy with chickens – Ben finished the garden yesterday and went to white washing this morning. Caroline busy. Charlie plowing at the R.R.

3rd June Wed. Clayton at Uncle Hugh's this morning. A telephone from Karl – he and Tom [Hinley?] arrived in C- 8.15 from Des Moines – Clayton stopped at Aunt Mary's for them after he returned from Uncle Hugh's – Clayton went back to C- and took Uncle Hugh to Uncle Silas' and remained there for dinner. Done with Uncle Hugh's [folly?] and the two Aunt Mary's – I was in bed most of the day, something struck me, I hardly know what – I gave up my work for the rest of the day. Charlie plowing by the R.R.—Mr. Frank Arthur and old time friend stopping with us this P.M. and tonight – He is occupying Ben's dept. – in wool house.

4'' June. Thursday. This was Flower Mission day. I had planned for a long time to be with the workers today – but at the last gave it up. Uncle Hugh and Mabel here to dinner and spent the day. Mr. Mc. at Clifton this A.M. – for plants – back at noon. This afternoon Carl at mill &c. When Uncle Hugh went home Clayton and Tom (our little guest) went down to meet him at Ken's A. Hasting. Ralph Murdock here for

supper, he and Clayton at Spragues this evening. Little Tom around on the ponys [sic] the most of the day. Carl busy.

5'' June. Friday. Quite a bright day - The cold past - They have to do replanting. Jack Critis here hiveing [sic] bees - This morning I went with Clayton past Hugh Turmbull's to town - I made a fun calls - I met the Rev. Wallace [illegible] and Luella[?] Smiley - and reached home at noon. Tom at C- and at the pony shod. Mr. Mc. around home all day. This evening Clayton went with Ina and Jennie and Morton to a show in Xenia. I called at Arthur's.

[written in the margin vertically along the June 5th entry: Clayton & Tom at [illegible] this P.M.]

6'' June. Sat. Charlie and co. replanting corn - Carl at work - Tom riding the pony. Irvin replanting [illegible...yes?] - today but white washing today. This P.M. Mr. Mc. and Tom at C-. This evening after the train came in Clayton and Tom went down and brought Potter out. Charlie and Carl at Xenia at the show tonight. Caroline busy - we have been having some losses among the little chickens - very serious losses.

7'' June. Sabbath - Quite a bright June day. Potter took Carl and Tom to Sabbath School this morning. Clayton and I went later. Father and Charlie at home - Rev. Clarence Young preached - Caroline had dinner ready when we came back. This P.M- Charlie took her to Courtsville. Potter and Clayton and Tom and I at Sabbath school. Henderson heard the class. I had the little ones. This evening Potter and Clayton and Tom at the R.P. church-Potter with us tonight.

8'' June Monday. Ben Irvin returned early. Clayton and Tom went at an early hour for Caroline. Charlie and co busy replanting corn - we do miss Paul these days - This morning Lewes Dofhn[?] stopped here and was so discouraged that he will stop for a few days and rest up. He has been working in the yard - repairing[?] the mower. After breakfast Clayton and Potter went with Stuart Arthur to the Springs - and returned at noon. This afternoon Mr. Mc. at town. Charlie & co. finished replanting and we getting out hay for market-Carl & Tom on the program.

9'' June. Tuesday. Carl left at an early hour with Stuart Arthur for New Carlisle. Got back this P.M. - Tom went with Charlie on a load of hay for Mr. Harvey Owens. Mr. Roadasmen[?] and Clayton taking the wool to Ken and Hastaing[?]. He went out to Uncle Silas's there for dinner - Mr. Mc. around home all day - Caroline went at noon to Courtsville to Mr. Nickson's[?] funeral - back this evening. This P.M. - they cut the Alfalfa in lot by the tenant house - on last week John Campbel moved out of the tenant house - he went to Oaklahoma[sic] - This evening Clayton at Selma. Ben Irvin white washing along the pike today. Lewes D- cutting the grass in the yard &c.

[between pages 108 and 109 there is a little newspaper clipping that reads:

Clover Tea for the Blood.

To the Editor: I would tell the sister who asks for prayers for cure of cancer on the face that while we are praying for her I would recommend the use of extract of red clover. Get the solid extract. It is best because the liquid contains so much alcohol. I have great confidence in this, as I have been helped by it myself many times. I have a bad humor in my blood, which troubles at times badly; but after drinking hot clover tea a few days I feel like a different person. The directions will be found with each jar. Also I have used carbolated vaseline as a dressing. I would

and then it cuts off]

10'' June. This seems a long day - Everyone busy. Ben white washing, Lewes D- in yard and helping Mr. Mc. and Clayton with sheep - Charlie plowing Carl at the R.R. - this A.M. gathering strawberries - he got two qts. Caroline at the work. Everything going nicely.

11'' June. [illegible ink blur] Clayton & Lewes D- and c. working on sheep this A.M. Carl in the field with Charlie. Mr. Mc. at the mill this A.M. - This afternoon Clayton at C- took supper at Aunt Jeanette's and went out to Uncle Hugh's. Potter came this evening - here for an eight o'clock lunch. Mr. Mc. over at Mitchel's for tomato plants, he and Charlie and Lewes set them out. This evening I made a brief call to Arthur's and Dean Tom drove for me -

12'' June Friday. I awakened up sick this morning - I stayed in bed until noon this afternoon. Father and Tom went with Uncle Silas's to see Jennie & co. The Carpenters there at the barn. Aunt Mollie and Ina and Uncle Silas around the baby. Quite a bright baby. Clayton and Carl at Xenia at the horse show. Ben white washing. Lewes in the yard - We got fixed ready to occupy our wise bedroom tonight.

13'' June Saturday. We have had a busy day. I have come back to life again. Clayton at Uncle Hugh's and brought him here to see the lambs - Mr. Mc. at town this A.M. Tom went with Clayton this morning to Uncle Hugh's. Charlie plowing at the R.R. Carl and Tom at Mrs. P-'s for the clothes. We had quite a little wind stormed this evening but scarcely any rain. After supper Clayton took Uncle Hugh home.

14 June Sabbath. Caroline left for home at a very early hour this morning. Mr. Mc. and Clayton and Charlie and Karl & Tom Harley at church - Dr. Jas[illegible] Kyle preached - Lewes Duun around home - I had dinner ready when they came this P.M- Clayton & Charlie and Karl and Tom H- & Lewes D- and Aunt Mary and I at the Sabbath School. Henderson led the class assisted by Aunt Mary. There was 15 present. It is quite cool this evening. Aunt Mary with us - it has been a long time since she was here.

15'' June Monday. Quite chilly this morning - Clayton and Carl and Stuart Arthur left early for Uncle Silas's barn raising. At a later hour I took Aunt Mary home and Tom went with us - They had plenty of help both in the house and out - they had part of the barn up - we left Tom and I left Aunt Mary at C- and came back home - dinner was ready here - Carl had brought Caroline down at an early hour - Irvin white washing the barn - Louis D- replanted corn at the tenant grounds. Mr. Mc. around home all day.

16'' June. Tuesday. Mr. Mc. took the clothes to Mrs. P- at an early hour. Clayton at Uncle Silas's last night and reached home at noon. Caroline sick - will have to stop work. Mr. Mc. and I drove over to the late Slater Johnston. Her girl is to come next & work. When we come back Mr. Mc. took Caroline to her home in Courtsville. I have taken up her burden - I counted the chickens last night since they have stopped dying - since I greased the little ones the 1st of June 132 died ~~There are one hundred~~ There were 171 left of the original 300 & counting all the little chickens we have on hands to day makes 245.

Ben whitewashing the old barn. Louis finished replanting. Carl picked two gal- of cherries this A.M. This P.M. - Mr. Mac at C- This afternoon Clayton and Karl in the field - Tom went with Mr. Mc. to C- This evening Clayton and Ralph at C- then Jamestown.

17'' June. Wednesday. Clayton and Charlie plowing. Lewes I[?]. D. replanting corn - Carl & Tom around - This P.M. Mr. Mc at C- Mr. Alkie Wildenon[?] called - also Mr. Frank Townsly. This evening all at home.

18'' June Thursday. We have all been busy. Clayton plowed until noon - This afternoon he and Carl at Wilberforce Commencement - home in good time. Mr. Mc. around home all day - Tom around as usual. Irvin white washed until noon when he took Clayton's place at the plow - Lewes put in a full day with soap and brush around the kitchen. Mr. Stammord[?] here early for stock.

19'' June. Friday. Charlie and Clayton and Carl and Tom up at an early hour - and went across the county for a hay bailer. Mr. Mc. went early for Mr. Johnston, she has helped me through today and here tonight - Lewes and Ben at the whitewashing. Clayton and Charlie plowing this P.M. This evening they along with Carl at C- Mr. Mc. around home all day. We had quite a little wind storm and a heavy shower late this P.M.

20'' June - Saturday. We had quite a thundershower last night - the wind blew and the rain fell in bucket fulls - they boys up early and Carl and Tom and Clayton a [illegible, 2 words] to Frank Townsly. Charlie plowing - he helped Edd this P.M. Mr. Mc. at town this afternoon. Louis walked down and came out with him. After an early supper Mrs. Mattie Johnson drove old Ben home to be ready to come back-Clayton and Carl went to the Y. Springs to the [blank space].

21'' June Sabbath. Mattie Johnson drove Ben back and took up the work for the day. Mr. Mc. and Clayton and Tom Hurley at church - Charlie

and Lewes D- at home - Dr. Moorhead preached - Text: "all are yours &c." One thing he mentioned that was ours as well as heaven of this world - with all of God's people that are on it and the countless number sleeping in it - Aunt Mary came home with us. Mrs. Johnston had to go back to her children after dinner & Clayton took her home. This evening or P.M- Aunt Mary and Carl and Charlie and I at Sabbath School Mr. Roy Henderson and Aunt Mary heard the class, I taught the children - Clayton and Charlie and Carl attended preaching at the Y. Springs - Mr. Mc took Aunt Mary home.

2nd June. Monday. We had quite a thunder shower last night - the rain fell in torrence[?]. Carl cleaned up the rooms for me upstairs and down. Charlie and Clayton working with sheep. Ben Irvin & Lewes D- white washing. Mr. Mac- over at Johnston's and brought Kity over - she wants to take up the work for the summer if she can hold out.

This afternoon - I began to divide out the tenth of my chickens. I concluded give part of my tenth first - the balance later - Mr. Mc. took a hen with nineteen chickens to Mrs. Johnston - the widow and orphan are objects of God's special care - Mr. Mc. took the washing to Sister P-. This evening Clayton at the Y. Springs - along with Harry Waddle and Ralph M-

23rd June Tuesday. Scorching hot - Irvin at the white-washing until noon - hoeing this P.M. Louis the same but at Duun's working in the hay this P.M- A letter from Clara - then a dispatch to meet here in S- this evening - Clayton took Aunt Mary to the Y. Springs to the Chautauqua this afternoon - Clayton telephoned to Reid to have Clara take the first car for the Y. Springs. The train was behind time they did not get home until late.

24th June. Wednesday - Very warm but a good breeze - Irvin working in the garden. Lewes whitewashed until noon. He is at Duun's helping with the hay this P.M. This afternoon Mr. Mac and I at the Y. Springs at the Chautauqua - Jane Adams, of the Hull House Chicago, the world's greatest settlement worker told us of her work - Also a recital by Bartley Lathbridge a noted pianist - quite a crowd there - we reached home in time for supper. Kitty Johnston at the work. Clara resting and writing letters. Clayton Charlie Carl and Tom at the work - Charlie and Carl at C- to day or I mean this evening.

25th June. Thursday. A fine day. Lewes D- and Charlie & Tom Hurley at Duun's harvesting - This A.M. Clara and Clayton at Springfield for Clara's trunk &c. Mr. Mc. at town this P.M. - Kity busy. They got back in good time for supper. This evening Clayton and Carl at the Y. Springs for the Chautauqua.

26th June Friday. Almost an ideal day. Charlie & Tom and Lewes D. at Duuns helping to harvest - Clayton & Carl busy. Mr. Mc. and after an early dinner left for the Y. Spring to the Chautauqua - Ohiyasha, the Indian Orator - one the Indians - and Miller spoke on ugliness.

We went early and had a good seat - Aunt Mary & Belle and Mrs. Lon[illegible] sat in our seat - I met Mrs. Linson today. Clayton drove out this evening. Kitty busy - Clara around. Ben Irvin at work.

27'' June Saturday. Charlie and Tom & Lewes D- at Duun's harvesting. Clayton plowing. Carl around. Ben Irvin at Xenia. This afternoon Mr. Mc. and Aunt Matt at Jamestown to see Aunt Jennie Mc- we had a dispatch from Des Moines. Mrs. Hurley, Tom's Mother will be here Monday morning. This evening Clara and Clayton took Kitty home then passed on to Cedarville for the groceries.

28'' June Sabbath. A beautiful day. No preaching at our church - This afternoon Charlie Clayton and Carl went to the Y. Springs to the Chautauqua to hear W. J. Dawson to head the great London, Eng- preacher. Clara expected to have gone and gave it up at the last - This P.M. Tom and I at the school house at the Sabbath School - Mr. Henderson there - we had 14 scholar s -Louis D- around to day - His last day here.

29'' June Monday. All up in good time - Mr. Mc. went after Kitty for this morning. Clara and Tom H- went to the 8.15 train this morning for Mr. Hurley from Des Moines - she spent the day with us - Aunt Mollie and Ina & Jennie & baby called this P.M- we had quite a shower - Clayton and Tom took this mother to the 5.15 train for Chicago - Clayton and Charlie and Carl in the hay field today. Mr. Mc. at C- this afternoon.

30'' June. Tuesday. Carl took the washing to sister Pigg before breakfast - he and Clayton and Charlie and Tom in the hay field - Mr. Mc. at C- this P.M- Clara at Jamestown and brought Aunt Jennie over - they reached here in time for supper. I spend most of my time putting the closet at head of back stairs in order - Kitty helped me out at the last - This has been a fine day.

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1'' July Wednesday. A lovely day but warm. Clayton, Charlie, Carol and Tom and Edd West & Jas Duun hauling in hay to the barn - They have three wagons seeming[?] - Aunt Jennie with us - This evening Mr. Mc. and Clara took her to Aunt Jeanette's and remained with Aunt Jeanette for supper - This Evening Charlie and Tom at town.

Thursday 2nd July. Another nice day. All the hands of yesterday in the harvest field but Edd West - Mr. Mc. at C- this A.M. Clara around. Kitty in the kitchen. This evening a shower came up after supper. Clara went with Clayton and Carl to town, spent the evening with Aunt Jennie at Aunt Jeanette's.

3rd July Friday. Mr. Mc. on the sick list, has been in bed most of the day. We had quite a rain last night. Clayton and Tom at C- this A.M. - home to dinner - This afternoon Clayton, Charlie, Edd W- Jim D. and

Carl & Tom & Ben Irvin and Stuart Arthur in the hay field but a heavy shower came about four o'clock. This afternoon Kitty and I went over to see her mother - she will be ready to come when needed. Stuart A- here to supper - I called to see sister Duun this afternoon - also Eva R. Clara busy with her needle. This evening Clayton and Clara at Aunt Mary's - no. 1 & no. 2 - a reception in home of Jennie & Walter Morton. It is still raining. A dispatch from Fred - he will be here on the 8.20 train - Aunt Jennie is expecting to come home with Clara & co. Mr. Mc. on the sick list.

4'' July. Clayton, Carl and Tom went down to the train for Fred. Aunt Jennie with us. Mr. Mc. Feeling much better, he has been around all day. This afternoon Clayton and Carl went to the 4 in Cedarville to [illegible]. At three o'clock, Fred, Clara and Tom and Aunt Jennie went past Benton Barber's to C- Kitty went home at the same time. We had fireworks here this evening - Tom helping to see things. The rain has kept off all day - it sprinkled a little this evening.

5'' of July Sabbath. Quite a nice day. Charlie brought Kitty [illegible] to take up her work. Clayton Clara Aunt Jennie Carl and Tom and Fred at church - Mr. Mc. not there. Rev. Mills Taylor began his pastorate with us today. He had his wife with him. This text: "These all died in faith not having received the promises but having seen them afar off-" [illegible symbols in a tiny area] Aunt Mary came home with us from church. Kitty had dinner for us when we arrived.

This afternoon Clayton and Charlie and Carl and Tom & Aunt Mary and I at Sabbath School. Mr. Henderson assisted by Aunt Mary heard the class - I took charge of the little folks. After lunch Clayton took Aunt Mary to church and home - Kitty drove Ben over home to return in the morning.

6'' July Monday - all up at an early hour to help Fred and Clayton to the train. They went to Xenia to meet an early train and left their [carway on?] at the Livery barn - Aunt Jennie and Clara went down to the eight o'clock train and done a little shopping and returned in their conveyance, at stable, reaching here at meal time.

The men working in the hay. Two extra men for dinner & supper. I have been on the sick list - In spite of that I went with Aunt Jennie Mr. Mc. and Clara to Aunt Bell's, they were having a little company there - in honor of Walter and Jennie Morton. Aunt Jennie went home with Aunt Jeanette and Aunt Matt. The two Aunt Mary's & Uncle Silas also there. Clayton was expecting to meet Jason and proceed to Greely Col. - Fred was going back to his work at Des Moines - we all engaged his visit.

7'' July Tuesday. A little cooler - A rain seemed near. The men in the hay field, two extra men for dinner - They are hauling into the barn. Clara washing and ironing. Kitty busy every day. I have not fully recovered from my bad feeling yesterday. Mr. Mc. and Tom at town. They brought Aunt Jennie Mc. Out - she was with us to supper and with us tonight.

8'' July Wed. The loveliest day of the year. Clara and Aunt Jennie spending the day at the Y. Springs with Mrs. Laura Adams & friends at Mrs. Mary Adam's - They served a lovely dinner in the afternoon. Clara and Aunt Jennie took an hour off and went up to Springfield - Aunt Jennie remained in the Springs to spend a few days. Clara came home alone - Irvin & Charlie and Carl & Tom in the hay field most of the day. Charlie expensed[?] himself and went to the plowing - The others kept at the hay. Mr. Mc. in Clifton this P.M. Kitty busy today.

9'' July Thurs. Another lovely day. A man from off the pike from Glassco [sic] Scotlands [sic] had breakfast here. This has been another beautiful day. Charlie plowing. Ben and Carl in the hay. Mr. Mc. around all day. This A.M. I remember that Irvin plowed the potatoes. This afternoon Mrs. Welda[?] Bull was buried, her two boys Raymond and Arthur are left without father or mother. This afternoon Tom and I at C- made a brief stay. Clara on the [propran?] today at her work.

10'' July Friday. Another beautiful day. The men trying to finish up the hay. These was Jim D- & Lewes T. Dohn at the hay - This P.M. - Charlie planting beans - All of the men of the A.M. in the hay field excepting Carl - He and Clara at town - they took supper at Aunt Mary's. They took supper along with Aunt Mary K & Kale Jackson. I went to town along with father this P.M.

11 July Saturday. I had to remain in bed late this morning but up the rest of the day.

Mr. Mc. at Uncle Hugh's for dinner and the most of the day. They expecting to call to see Mr. Stuart but found it was not necessary. Charlie & Carl plowing. Tom around. This Carl and Tom took Katy home. Later Carl at C-. Clara and I around as usual.

12'' July. Sabbath. Very warm. Mr. Mc. Charlie, Carl and Tom Hurly at church sermon & Rev Mills Taylor preached. Potter came home with the folks. Clara had dinner ready. This afternoon Potter and Charlie Carl and Tom H- and I at the school house at Sabbath School - 16 present this evening. Potter went away Charlie & Carl at the U.P. church.

13'' July. Monday. I have suffered with the heat to day. A letter from Paul - He said it was very hot in Des Moines - up in the winselys[?]. Mr. Mc. went early for Kitty - but she was not there. Clara and I took charge of the work - She came at ten.

Mr. Mc. went in the cook to Xenia but returned in the heat at noon - Charlie plowing. Carl and Tom at C- this morning. This evening they were there again and Clara went with them -

[newspaper clipping between pages 132 and 133:]

Walking With God

We have just crossed the boundary line between the old year and the new. We would be more or less than human did not solemn thoughts

fill our minds to-day. Longfellow, in his "Evangeline," speaks of the strange fears of coming ill which at times we all feel, and adds:

As, at the tramp of a horse's hoof on the turf of the
the prairies,
Far in advance are closed the leaves of the
shrinking mimosa,
So, at the hoof beats of fate, with sad forebode-
ings of evil,
Shrinks and closes the heart, ere the stroke of
doom has attained it.

Perhaps our hearts tremble as we begin the New Year, and listen for the hoof-beats of God's possible providences before the year shall close. What messengers shall come? Shall some dark shadow fall over home or heart? Who can tell? Thank God, no one can tell. We go out into the opening year trusting in His divine care and almighty love.

Let us, like Enoch, walk with God through the months and days of this New Year. To walk with God we must go in the same direction; two cannot walk together except they be agreed. Enoch walked and walked with God till they reached the limits of time and earth; and still kept on walking with Him, walked into eternity, into Heaven; walks with Him still. Some who begin the year with us will end it with God. God alone knows what of trial this year has in store for each of us. But above all the sounds of life's trials shall be our note of triumph in God, who will bring us off more than conquerors, and in eternity the sweetest strain of our immortal song shall be, "He hath done all things well." If trial shall come, may God help us to say:

If from Thy ordeal's heated bars
Our feet are seamed with crimson scars
They will be done!

-Robert Stuart MacArthur, in the Examiner.]

14'' July Tuesday. Another warm day - Charlie plowing. Carl off duty - not feeling well. Tom around. We had a heavy shower this P.M. This evening Mr. Mc. and Tom Hurley and I at the church at the reception for Rev Mills James Taylor and his wife - It was quite a nice affair. We had speeches and refreshment - and did not adjourn until a late hour - It is a pleasant evening after the rain. Clara and Kitty on the program today.

15'' July. Wed. Quite a pleasant day after the rain. I have been resting all A.M. Uncle Hugh and Howard here to dinner. Carl & Tom around - Charlie plowing. Ben hoeing. Clara busy. Kitty at work. This afternoon Clara and I at Xenia to locate Potter's cook - we stopped at Aunt Mary's for supper - Kitty out on a ride - Charlie and Carl at C-Mr. Mc. and Tom here when we came.

16'' July Thurs. A nice day. I awakened sick - have been in bed all day. Charlie & co. busy. Mr. Mc. at town this A.M. - and there again this P.M. - on errands for the family. Charlie & co. are making

arrangements to place the hay when they thrash. Katy busy. Clara on duty.

17'' July Friday. I was up and around this morning. Charlie & Carl & Tom finishing the tran shed[?] Mr. Mc. At C- this morning. Katy busy she finished the ironing this afternoon. Clara at her work - This P.M. - a heavy shower.

18'' July Saturday. A nice day after the rain - Charlie and Tom Hurley at C- at Carl Barber's for corn. Home at noon. Ben Irvin absent today. Carl around. This P.M. - Tom Hurley rode Prince to C- After an early supper Charlie and Carl went to Xenia.

Clara and Tom at C- at the post office and brought Potter out - he came in on the evening train. Kitty busy today and here tonight. A letter from the boys - They are camping along with their friends in the heart of the Rocky Mounts. - A beautiful situation with the cooling breeze I feel quite sure - I hope the boys - Charlie & Carl or who else concerned will choose another time than Saturday evening to attend to business - they are not home yet and it will be bordering on the Sabbath when they do return. We can break the Sabbath before it comes - by forgetting it and by taking our own way.

19'' July. Sabbath. A lovely day. Mr. Mc. and Clara and Potter and Tom and Carl and I at church. Sermon by our Pastor Rev Taylor. Text: "Now we are all present before God to hear all the things thou has commanded." Charlie around home. Kitty had dinner awaiting us.

This afternoon Potter and Charlie and Carl and Tom Hurley and I at the school house at Sabbath School - only six present - but we had a nice meeting all the same. This evening Mr. Mc. and Charlie and Carl. Charlie and Potter and Tom Hurley at a temperance Union Service at the Opera House - There have been two detectives on the scene last week and raided and emptied some of the saloon drug stores.

20'' July. Monday. Ben Irvin here - Mr. Mc. brought Kitty this morning - Charlie and Tom busy - Carl around this P.M. - Mr. Mc. called at Mr. James Henderson's. This afternoon Charlie and Carl and Tom at Arthur's at the machine. Clara and I called to see Mr. & Mrs. Mills Taylor's - we made a few calls among the Aunt's - finally took supper with the two Aunt Mary's.

21'' July. Tuesday. This A.M. Mr. Mc. took the washing to Sister Piggs. Mr. Mc. and Clara left this A.M. - for Springfield. Isabel and Jeanette is there. Clara called her up asking her to meet them at the arcade for dinner. They had not long started until it began raining - it kept it up most of the day. Work stopped here. Charlie & Carl out among the neighbors this P.M. - Tom around. Kitty busy. Ben working between showers. Clara and her father returned in good time.

22'' July. Wednesday. Pleasant after the rain. Tom rode the pony to C- on an errand - Charlie and Carl cleaned the rugs - Clara and Kitty cleaned the rooms upstairs and down. I got the dinner. This P.M. the boys fixing fence - Que[?] McCollen[?] of Nashville called. Uncle Joe

and Mr.[?] Voice at the school house seeing the School Bell – they called here – Later this P.M. I called to see Mrs. Eva Currie (Road [illegible]) She came from Denver last week – This evening Clara and Tom at C-. Charlie and Carl and Stuart Arthur at town.

23 July. Thursday. A nice day. Clara and I left at an early hour for the Springfield – We met Isabel at the Clarence Sale at the Wren Store – We also took dinner together at the Arcade – I got a nice dress & jacket and bonnet – We met Potter in town, Springfield – He treated the crowd to light refreshments. Clara and I went out home on the car with Isabel to see Jeanette – she has certainly grown since I saw her. We reached home at dark. Kitty out this evening Charlie and Carl and Tom out at Arthur's and home today.

24'' July. Friday. They are thrashing at Hammonds – Charlie & Carl there this P.M. – Tom did not go – he layed [sic] off to see our callers – Rev Taylor and wife and Mr. Nathan Ramsey here – they also called at Arthur's and Bumgardener's[?] boys here to supper – Ben hoeing in the garden – This evening Charlie & Carl at town. Kitty & Clara busy today.

25'' July. Saturday. Pleasant after the rain. Ben absent. Charlie and Tom at C- at the mill this P.M. – Mr. Mac around home all day. This evening Tom and I took Kitty home and went on to C- to look after a few things – Clara and Carl at Springfield – They are putting in a full day & as they expected to go out to the Chautauqua this afternoon – A telegram from Mrs. Hurley, she expected to reach here this evening but her train was behind. She will not get here until the morning.

26'' July Sabbath. A bright summer day but warm – Maggie Jones here to help with the dinner – This morning Carl and Tom met their Mother at the train and she went with their to the church – Charlie and Clara at home. Mr. Taylor's text in connection with last Sabbath's sermon: "To hear all the things he has commanded." Dinner was ready when we came Mr. Potter came home with us from church. This afternoon he and Carl & Tom and Charlie and I at Sabbath School. We had 9 scholars. After lunch Charlie and Carl went down to church. Maggie Jones went down at the same time. Tom very happy to have his Mother with him Potter went away after lunch.

27'' July. Monday. A nice day – but warm – a letter from Fannie and Homer containing good news they are coming – Fannie's leave home today. & Mary & the children this week or the first of next. Mr. Mc. at Cedarville at the mill. Carl brought Kitty back this morning. He and Charlie in the sheep pen today. Uncle Hugh and Clinton here this morning awhile. Sister Hurley and Tom around today. Clara busy. [illegible]. Mr. Mc. around all afternoon. This evening Carl and Charlie at C- on an errand for the family.

28'' July Tuesday. A bright day. Mrs. Hurley and Clara and Charlie and Tom took hold of the tenant house and converted it into a comfortable sleeping dept. – They went so far when they got cots amid beds enough

to accommodate 11 light persons. That they let the name of tenant house drop out and called it the "club house." Kitty has been going right along with the work - Mr. Mc. at town this A.M. This evening at half past six Mr. McKenzie and Fannie and two sons Donald and Malcolm arrived - Clara & Mrs. Hurley & Tom and Carl at the train and brought them out dinner was ready when they came - It has been a busy day.

29'' July Wednesday. A nice day. All up in time for a seven o'clock breakfast - This morning Donald and I at town to meet the "cook." I to attend to some business - Kitty still here. After an early dinner Mr. MacKenzie and Fannie and Mrs. Hurley and Tom & Clara went to Springfield by way of Yellow Springs. Reached home after nine. This P.M. Mr. Mc. took Kitty home - and went the back way to Selma. Mr. Frank Davis here to see Clayton this afternoon in the absence. Our cook busy P.M. - Mr. Fussby from Delaware College who is working in the interest of the Prohibition Party - here for supper he is certainly a fine fellow. This evening Mr. Mc. and I at C- cooking after business again - Charlie out this evening.

30'' July. Thurs. Mr. Fussby with us last night - he slept with the boys at the Club House. He came up with them to breakfast this morning. Mr. Mc. around home all day. Mr. MacKenzie and Fannie and Mrs. Hurley in the shade and I should have added Clara for a change is there too. This afternoon Tom helping Charlie repair fence. Carl Donald and Malcolm at C- this afternoon - After supper Mr. McKenzie and Fannie, Clara and Sister Hurly went to town.

31'' July Friday. A nice day. Mr. MacKenzie and Clara and Sister Hurly and Fannie and father all on the program. The boys playing tennis. This A.M. Charlie and Tom at C- for coal. This afternoon George, our cook, and Clara put up 30 qts of plumbs - This evening Jason came in our the 6 o'clock train - He has been in Colo.- & Des Moines for the last few weeks since leaving the East. He is looking well. He has gone to the club house to sleep tonight. I was not well this morning & feeling better this morning.

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1'' Aug Sat. Quite a beautiful day. Clayton came in from Chicago at 8.15 this morning. Mr. MacKenzie and Jason and Mrs. Hurley & Tom and Frank in town and he came out with them. Clara left at an early hour for Jamestown and brought Aunt Jennie - they were here before ten. George busy at his work. Dinner served in good time. All the boarders home and on hands. This P.M. Mr. Mc. and Tom and Malcolm at C-. Mrs. Hurley and Clara at X- this P.M. at the Jeffer's furniture rooms. They took supper at the France's Inn. Jason and Donald and Carl at C- this evening.

2 Aug. Sabbath. A beautiful day. All of the boys from the Club House and the folk here up in good time - Mr. Mc. and Mr. MacKenzie and Donald and Carl and Jason and Aunt Jennie and Mrs. Hurley and Tom and

Clara at church – sermon by Rev. Alvin Orr – our pastor Rev. Taylor and wife attending the young folks meeting at Buffalo the last week – Orr's text: "Christ saves to the uttermost" – Mr. Potter came home with us. Charley Malcolm and his mother at home – George seeming the kitchen.

This afternoon Potter and Mrs. Hurley and Jason and Clayton, Carl and Donald & Malcolm and Tom H and I at the Sabbath School at the school house. We had thirteen scholars. Potter with the crowd sleeping at the Club House tonight.

3rd Aug Monday. A warm day. Potter left on the early train. Clayton and Tom Hurley & Charlie R- out at Uncle Hugh's at the machine there to dinner – Donald and Carl at C- this A.M. George faithful at his post. Mr. MacKenzie and Aunt Jennie and Fannie and Jason around all day. Mr. Mac around too. This afternoon Clara and Mr. Hurley at Xenia in express wagon. Clayton and Charlie at C-.

4th Aug. Tuesday. After waiting for rain it came this evening. We have had a busy day. Charlie not well – but still on the move. Clayton and Tom & Malcolm took the carriage to Woolfords for repairs. Mr. McKenzie and Aunt Jennie and Sister Hurley & Fannie all around. George at the front in the kitchen. Donald and Carl went through the rain to meet Homer and & co. at the 6.20 train. We were all delighted to see these "home comers" – Mary and Richard and Ruth looking fine – they had supper after they reached here.

It is still raining this evening – It began to rain about four. It [illegible] cooled the air – and it seems so refreshing.

5th Aug. Wed. A pleasant day after the rain. Carl and Tom went to the 8 o'clock train and brought Fred out – all of the crowd of yesterday here today. Just as we were through with dinner, Isabel and Jeanette and Sara Jane came driving in from Springfield – they were here to dinner and with us tonight. This evening Fred and Clara and Isabel and Jeanette and Sara Jane and Mrs. Hurley went to town for a ride – Mr. Mc. around home today. George, the cook, holding the fort – & does not want any help which is a very fine point I think.

6th Aug. Thursday. Quite a lovely day. Quite a rush from this camp to the Xenia fair. Fred and Clara and Aunt Jennie and sister Hurley drove out – then Donald and Carl – then Charlie and Malcolm & Tom H- and Clayton. Jason went with Stuart Arthur – Ones that remained at home were Mr. McKenzie and Fannie – Homer and Mary and the children and Isabel and Jeanette and Sara Jane and Mr. Mc. and I – This P.M. McKenzie and Homer at C-. This forenoon Mr. Mc. and Richard and Sara Jane there. George ever faithful. This evening Mr. Mc. and I at C- on an errand. It has been nice and cool today.

7th Aug. Friday. Quite a nice day. Clayton did not get back last night, he stayed.

Jason went back with Stuart Arthur to the fair today. Fred & Homer and McKenzie's around today - so also is Aunt Jennie, Isabel & Mary and children & Fannie and Mr. Hurley, Donald & Malcolm & Carl and Paul and Sara Jane & Richard and Ruth & Jeanette all having a good time. By the way Carl and Donald went to Dayton on yesterday to the Ballgame and met Paul there as he returned from Des Moines. It was late when they reached home. They all stopped at the Club house and all here to breakfast [sic] as usual. I did not record on yesterday's doings - that Mr. Baker of Springfield brought Mr. and Mrs. Isaac Thorn and daughter Anna and Mr. Dr. H[illegible]t here to call. We had a pleasant hour with them. Mr. Baker was showing off his fine automobile. Today Mr. Mc. at town and brought Aunt Jeanette and Matt out to spend the day. After lunch they went down when Mr. Mc. took Homer to the six o'clock train. He is to be at Middlebury, Ky. Sabbath. George has had a busy day. Fred & Mrs. H- at C- this eve -

8'' Aug Sat. Quite a nice day. Clayton appeared on the scene with the occupants from the Club house to breakfast - having come home with Stuart Arthur last night. Jason stayed with O.N. Potter in X- and came up on the train this morning. Clayton and Mr. McKenzie and Malcolm in C- and Jason came home with them. Isabel and her sister Sara Jane and Jeanette went home this morning. Late this P.M. Mr. Mac and Fannie took Mary and the children up to Thorn's. They are invited to Calvert to dinner this evening. This P.M. Fred and Clara left from Springfield and Sister Hurley, Aunt Jennie and I had the afternoon alone - George making things all in the kitchen dept.

This evening Clayton and Jason and Charlie at C-

9'' Aug. Sabbath - Most a beautiful day. We had Uncle [illegible]'s carriage - and all of our own conveyance to get the crowd to church which was as follow - Mr. Mc., Aunt Jennie, Mr. McKenzie and Fred and Clara and Charlie & Carl & Paul and Donald and Mrs. Hurley and Tom & Jason. Sermon by Rev. Mills Taylor. Text: as holy [illegible] The man that failed to have on the wedding garment. Fannie and Clayton and Malcolm at home - Potter and Aunt Mary came home with us. George had a nice dinner awaiting us. This afternoon Tom ran the bell - and Potter, Fred and Aunt Mary & Donald & Malcolm, Paul & Carl & Charlie & Mrs. Hurley and Tom and I at Sabbath School - we had sixteen scholars - Aunt Mary heard the class followed by Potter & Mr. Henderson's remarks -

This evening at five o'clock the people assembled beside Brid's Store to the first of the open air meetings - Mr. MacKenzie the speaker of the evening. Text: "Beloved, The lilies of the field, how the grow &c." We had a good audience - and a lovely sermon - He was heard without difficulty - The singing fine. We went from here as follows: Mr. Mc. & Aunt Jennie and Fred and Clara and Mr. Hurley &

Tom, Clayton & Aunt Jennie and Carl and I and Jason & Aunt Mary and Potter. Aunt Mary went home after sermon. We had lunch after we came back. This is a beautiful evening & a never to be forgotten evening by us all.

10 Aug Monday - Mrs. Hurley and Carl and Potter went town [sic]. Potter went to the train. I awakened up sick, was in bed until noon. All of our crowd around. We miss Homer. Fred & Sister Jennie and Mr. MacKenzie & Fannie all here. Mr. Mc. around home. Charlie began hauling gravel this morning. This afternoon Mrs. Hurley and I were to meet Eva Arthur at the school house. I forgot to take the key - but when it began to sprinkle rain Eva came down home with us and spent a little while here - This evening Mr. McKenzie and Fannie went to C- to the train to meet Homer and Mary and the children. They went in a shower and returned the same. The boys retired at the club house early this evening - having quite a heavy shower -

[two notes between pages 156 and 157:

First note, front side:

#1624 Wallace St.
Philadelphia,
Pa-

back side:

After lines written by Nathaniel Humpram[?] to his wife a few days before his death - I will only copy a sentence.
"In my name I request you to exhort my two eldest sons in particular by no means to frequent evil company, or to follow in trading in horses which I conceive is attended with many temptations ruinous to soul and body's of youth.

second note is a newspaper clipping:

May: - The following is an excellent recipe for doughnuts and makes ten dozen: Three cups sweet milk, three eggs, three teaspoons baking powder (or three teaspoons cream of tartar and one and one-half soda), one nutmeg grated, three cups of sugar, eight tablespoons melted lard and flour sufficient to make a soft yet firm dough. Roll out one-half inch thick, cut in rings or in shapes. Set the lard on to melt and when nearly melted put into it a dessert spoonful of cider vinegar. This prevents the cakes from taking up the lard.

11'' Aug Tuesday. Charlie hauling gravel - Clayton and Jason and Tom Hurley out at Uncle Hugh's to dinner - came home late this afternoon - Dr. Martain of X- made a little call today. This afternoon Homer and Mary called at Orr's to see Irvin[?] & family.

After supper Mr. McKenzie and Clara and Mrs. Hurley and Tom took Fred to the train - Clayton took our cook George down to the 6.20 train - he will be back in the morning. Aunt Jennie and Mary done up the dishes &c in his absence. This is quite a beautiful evening. This morning Donald & Carl took Malcolm and his mother to the 8 o'clock train - they went over to Springfield one a little trip - will not be back until tomorrow.

12 Aug Wed. Carl and Paul and Tom and I took Mrs. Hurley to the 8 o'clock train - she is gone on a little visit to Troy and will be back Saturday. George came back this morning and we hurried back. Mr. Mc. at C- this A.M. and brought Uncle Joe out. He was here to dinner & supper. This P.M. Mr. MacKenzie went over to the Springs to meet Malcolm and his Mother. Charlie hauling gravel. Clayton and Jason at Selma and brought Walter down - He was here to supper and with us tonight.

13'' Aug Thursday. Quite a nice day after the rain. Homer and Mary and children at Mrs. Carpenter's for dinner - had a fine day. Mr. McKenzie and Aunt Jennie & Fannie and boys around. Charlie hauling gravel. George right at the front meals on time. This afternoon Mr. Mc. and Tom and I at town. I called to at Will Blairs and Aunt Mary's and Jeanette's - This evening Clayton & Jason up the road. We came home past Roadermen's, I called.

14'' Aug. Friday. A warm day. Clayton, Mr. Mc., McKenzie and Fannie and Homer and Mary to the 8.20 train. They went over to Dayton - They had quite a fine day - They met Byron King and took dinner at the Phillip's house - They came back on the 6.20 train to C- this evening. Donald meeting them there - Homer did not come but went on to his work-to be ready for Sabbath.

- Aunt Jennie and Mr. Mc. and the boys helping take care by Richard and Ruth-Richard and his grandfather at Selma this morning - They met Richard's Aunt Mrs. Hennet - She had a birthday present for him - This is Richard's fifth Birthday - By the way it is Aunt Jeanette's, she is 80 years old today - I can hardly imagine it. This evening Clara and Clayton at Houston Cherries at their wooden wedding - They had quite a company and quite a nice time. This evening George's wife & children drove up and made a call - This is a lovely evening.

15'' Aug. Saturday. Quite warm - Carl took Charlie and Clayton to the 8 o'clock train - they spent the day in Dayton. Mr. Mc. around home all day. Mr. McKenzie & Fannie and Mary and Aunt Jennie around - The boys busy. This morning Mr. Mc. took a man from off the pike out to Uncle Hugh's. This afternoon Clayton and Tom at Jackson's driving park.

This P.M. Mr. MacKenzie and Fannie and Malcolm and Aunt Jennie at C- making calls. This evening Paul and Carl [intentional empty space].

16'' Aug. Sabbath. A very warm day. For want of an extra conveyance only part of the family at church as follows - Mr. Mc., Mr. MacKenzie and Fannie and Malcolm and Aunt Jennie and Tom Hurly and Clayton and I. Mr. Taylor's text: "Lord, what would thou have me to do"; - Donald & Charlie and Carl and Paul and Mary & Richard and Ruth at home and Clara. George had a nice dinner awaiting us. By the way Potter came home with us and to make room for him Clayton went home with Uncle Silas. Stuart Arthur took Jason over the to Springs - he was to preach for Graham -

This P.M. - Potter, Carl, Donald and Malcolm & Tom H- and Charlie and Richard and Ruth and I at Sabbath School - we had 12 scholars - Mr. Henderson there. This evening Donald & Malcolm, Potter and Carl and Paul down at the open air meeting. Rev. Alvin Orr preached. Potter went down with them.

Jason and Stuart Arthur went to Graham's after preaching and dined there - came home past C- and stopped at the open air meeting.

17'' Aug. Monday. A very warm day. Mr. McKenzie and Aunt Jennie and Fannie & Mary & the children and boys around - Clayton and Charlie looking after sheep. This evening Clayton, Jason and all of the boys at C- on errands - & some kind of a political meeting -

18'' Aug Tuesday. Quite a lovely day. Mr. Mc. & Malcolm took Aunt Jennie and Clara to the 8.20 train, they went over to Dayton. A dispatch from Sister Hurly - she reached the Springs at 11.30 - Jason and little Tom met here there - they had dinner before coming out. Fannie and Mary and Ruth drove up to [illegible] this P.M. Mr. Mc. and Richard and Malcolm and Tom took in the Marshal watermelon patch. Mr. McKenzie spent the day with his book under the shade - we had a dispatch from Fred, he will be here at 6.40 this evening. The same train with Aunt Jennie and Clara & Carl went down to meet them.

19'' Aug. Wed. Another nice day. Geo Shrodes came & made repairs on Club house pump - Jason and Mrs. Hurly at C- this A.M. - This afternoon Clayton and Fred and Mr. H- and Clara at X- Mary not very well these days - George at his post - This evening Charlie & Carl at C-

20'' Aug. Thurs. An ideal day & the most beautiful day of the summer. I went to the Club House this morning and for a change made the beds for the boys. Clayton and Jason and Stuart Arthur and Donald and Malcolm and Carl went to the Springfield fair to day. This A.M. Fred and I took a hasty drive to town. Our family seemed small this afternoon - Mr. MacKenzie and Fannie invited to Dr. Orrie[?] Stuart's this evening. Clara took them down - they are to stay to night at Aunt Mary's - Eva Arthur here and spent an hour - Aunt Jennie and Fred & Mrs. Hurley here all day. Mr. Mc. around all day. George busy. It is much cooler this evening - the boys found it uncomfortably so - returning from the fair. Jason stayed all night with Stuart Arthur and his friends in S- and will take in the fair tomorrow.

21'' Aug Friday. Another beautiful day. Aunt Jennie and Fred and Mary & children and Sister Hurly and Tom around. We mist Mr. MacKenzie and Fannie. This afternoon the Brown's and Snyder's from Pickway came down in their automobile and took Mrs. Hurly and son Tom back to Pickway. We did feel sorry to have dear little Tom leave us for he has certainly been a good boy. He went to town this morning to tell Rev. Mills Taylor and wife good by [sic] - he took his little sermon with him for them to read.

Carl and Paul took their trunks down. Charlie and co. invited to a party at Lackey's this evening. Paul rode down with Charlie to town. Fred and Clara drove down to town for Mr. McKenzie and Fannie. They have been with Aunt Mary since yesterday - Mr. Andren White of Clifton and Mr. Henry White of Chester, S.C. called here this A.M. - He is quite a promising young man -

22'' Aug. Saturday. I awakened up sick this morning. I have been in bed most of the day. Paul at C- this morning and go Erwin's carriage and brought out Aunt Matt and Nannie Little & Dorthy [sic]. Aunt Jeanette did not come.

Mary & children & Fred & Mr. McK- and Fannie here - This afternoon Aunt Jennie and Fred and Mr. McKenzie and Fannie at Jamestown at Aunt Jennie's sister Haties[?] - Laura there - They were there for supper - and reached home after seven. Mr. Mc. and Malcolm and Ruth took Aunt Malt[?] and Nannie L- and Dorthy [sic] down home and came back past Marshall's watermellon [sic] patch - This even Clayton and Jason and Stuart Arthur and Paul and Charlie at C-. Carl & Donald and Malcolm retried early.

23rd Aug Sabbath. Most a beautiful day. Mr. Mc. and Mr. McKenzie and Aunt Jennie & Clayton, Jason, Clara & Mary and Carl and I at church - Paul and Donald and Malcolm & Charlie at home - Fannie stayed to take care of Richard and Ruth - Mr. MacKenzie preached text: "And I, if I be lifted up from the earth, will draw all men unto me." This sermon led us to see the beautiful Christ.

Aunt Mary and Potter came home with us. George had a good dinner awaiting us.

This afternoon Aunt Mary, Fred & Potter and Clayton & Carl and Charlie and Richard and Ruth and Donald and Malcolm and I at Sabbath School. Aunt Mary heard the class assisted by Henderson and Potter. We had 16 present. At the close of Sabbath School I went with Mr. Henderson to call to see Mr. Roadermen - She has a nurse and is under the Dr.'s care - We were certainly glad that we went. Jason at the Springs and brought Harlan and Isabel and Jeanette out. It was quite a surprise and a general rejoicing. We were so sorry Homer was missing. If he had been here all would have been here - and our happiness would be complete. Mr. Mc. and Aunt Mary & Potter and Clayton and Carl & Paul & Donald at C- at the open air meeting to hear Dr. Jessie Johnson - when they returned lunch was served for all - Aunt Mary did no come back -

24'' Aug. Monday. Quite a nice day. Carl told us good by this morning to go back to his home in Des Moines. He and little Tom Hurly came to

us the 3rd of June – and good manly boys they have been – Tom went away on Friday. We will miss them both. Fred went away this morning too expecting to be back the last of the week – Donald and Paul took Carl and Potter to the 8 o'clock train – Later on Fred went down with Mr. Mc. to Xenia, called to see Stuart Frazier and Nesbit at the Bank and had a pleasant hour with them. They took dinner at the France's Inn – Fred would go on the afternoon train and meet Carl in Cincinnati.

This afternoon late Harlan and Isabel and Clara took Aunt Jennie down to visit at Aunt Jeanette's and they stopped at Aunt Mary's for supper –

Later Paul and Charlie at C- on an errand – Donald and Malcolm have a camp fire in the yard and served wattermellon [sic].

25'' Aug. Tuesday. Quite a nice day and also a nice evening. Mary & children and MacKenzie at C- at the 8 o'clock train to meet Homer and bring him out. This A.M. Mr. Mc. and Richard & Ruth & I drove over to see Sister Johnson – Probably she will come Saturday.

All home to dinner. This afternoon Mr. Mc. and grandchildren at the watermellon [sic] patch. Clayton and Charlie called to see Dave Williamson's. This P.M. Donald at town and brought out Rev. Taylor and wife to supper and to spend the evening. Jennie Murdock Morton and husband and son Paul there to supper. Uncle John's Mary at Henry Kyle's, Harlan brought her over and she was here to supper – at seven o'clock Malcolm started his camp fire – quite a crowd assembled around it – among those were Uncle Silas & uncle Ervin's (one and all) and Uncle Hugh's – Aunt Matt & Jennie and Stuart and Eve A- and Uncle Joe. Counting one by one between 40 and fifty here – we had a specically [sic] delightful evening. Our Aunt Mary declined – she was not feeling well. Aunt M- will be with us tonight. When we come to separate Rev. Mills Taylor led us in prayer.

26'' Aug. Wed. Another nice day – but very dusty. Mr. Mc. & Harlan & Jeanette and Jason & Homer and Paul at town this morning – they drove around by Henry Kyle's and took Aunt Mary home – Mr. A.S. Frazier & wife and son Clarence came up in their automobile and were here to dinner – Mr. McKenzie and Fannie & boys and Homer & Mary & children and Harlan & Isabel & Jeanette, Clayton, Jason, Clara & Paul and Clara all here – We had a pleasant time. This evening MacKenzie went to C- with Homer & Mary and remained there when they went to the cemetery to see the little grave. Charlie and Paul at C-

27'' Aug. Thursday. Another nice day but very dusty and dry. This morning Homer and Jason took Mary & Richard and Ruth to the train to go up to Columbus on a little visit. Homer will go this evening. When they returned they brought Aunt Mary with them. Charlie took the trunk down – and Clayton went along to met Stuart A- and co. and go with them to Washington [illegible] to the fair. Homer around. I regret he has been so short a time with us and goes not to be back again for the present – After supper Harlan and Isabel and Malcolm took Homer to the train and Aunt Mary home. Donald took his Mother to call on cousin Bob & Effie Townsly. Harlan & Isabel spent the evening at Aunt Jeanette's

with Aunt Jennie & Matt. On Monday morning John Carother's[?] stopped from off the pike and will be with us for a few days.

28'' Aug. Friday. A nice day. Jason and Malcolm at C- and brought Mr. Graham out with them to spend the day. This afternoon Harlan and Isabel and Jeanette went with Jason and Clara to Springfield. They were invited to little picnic at the Park - This evening after supper the Rev. Mr. Graham went back to town with Clayton when he went to the Matt party. We got Mr. Roadamer's conveyance for Mr. MacKenzie and Fannie and Malcolm to go to town. George has had a busy day. This is his last day - and we are all sorry for he has been a good and faithful servant.

29'' Aug. Sat. Quite a beautiful day. Mr. Mc. took George Cruisman to the eight o'clock train and Jason and Malcom and I went to the Barber farm and brought Mr. Slater Johnson and baby with her little girl for a nurse - she will remain a few days - and take charge of the work. This A.M. Mr. MacKenzie and Fannie and Donald and Malcolm went to the Neff grounds at the Springs for a little outing - They did not get back until dark. This evening Clayton and Jason at C- they brought Harlan and Isabel and bay Jeanette from the train. Potter and Aunt Jennie from Aunt Jeanette's - all of the above [illegible] here to supper expecting Aunt Jennie. We have had a busy day here. Sister Johnston and children with us tonight.

30'' Aug. Sabbath. Another beautiful day. Mr. Mc. & Mr. MacKenzie and Fannie and Aunt Jennie and Harlan and Isabel and Donald at church. Clayton, Charlie and Clara and Malcolm at home - Sister Johnson moveing [sic] out in the kitchen - dinner ready went the folks returned.

This P.M. - Clayton and Jason, Potter, Paul and Donald and Malcolm and I at Sabbath School at School House. Mr. Henderson [illegible] followed by Potter. Sixteen present. This evening Clayton, Jason and Donald and Charlie at open air meeting in C- Graham preached. Rev. Taylor preached for us today.

31'' Aug. Monday. Another bright day - but very dusty. This morning Mr. Mc. and I took Harlan and Isabel and Jeanette over to the early car to the Springs - Harlan goes to Mason city - Isabel will go later. We felt sorry for Harlan to go back so soon. This vacation seems so short - much too short I feel quite sure - now we must set about having this wrong righted by another year - if we are all left here.

Clara took Aunt Jennie to Jamestown and took dinner with her at her sister's. Mr. MacKenzie and Fannie and Donald and Malcolm takeing [sic] dinner at Aunt Bell's and spent the day there with Frank and his wife - bride.

Sister Johnson stayed here until this afternoon when she went to Benton Barber's - she will come back in the morning without Ida and Eugene. Jason out at Uncle Hugh's for dinner. Clayton and Charley working with the sheep. Mr. Mc. and Paul around home - Johnson man around at work.

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1st Sept. Tuesday. Another clear day. Mr. Mc. brought sister Johnston over here in time to get the breakfast. This A.M. - Charlie took Clayton and Jason to the train to go to Xenia to the Homecoming - This afternoon Paul took Charlie to Xenia-he starts from there to his home in S.C. this evening on a little visit.

Late this P.M. - Mr. Mc. and Mr. MacKenzie and Malcolm went to the Marshal watermelon [*sic*] patch.

Then Mr. Mc. and Donald went to Cedarville - we have had a busy bustling day.

This evening Mr. McKenzie and Fannie and Clara went to Mr. Will Roadarmers across the field to call on Mrs. Eva Roadamer Currie late of Denver Colo.- & formerly of Selma, Oh. - Clayton and Jason came home with Fred -

2nd Sept. All up in good time. Mr. McKenzie told us good by [*sic*] and Donald and Malcolm took him and trunk to the 8.20 train. It gives a feeling of loneliness for him to leave us - for we certainly enjoyed his stay -

At a later hour Jason and Malcolm took Mr. Mc. and Clara and me to the Eleven o'clock train for Xenia. We were invited to the Hon. A.S. Frazier's to dinner. We met Mr. and Mrs. Carthwright from Waynesville there - In the P.M., Mr. Frazier and Mr. Mc. and Clara up at the tent - Mrs. Frazier and I took a little rest when she took me through the city with her in her conveyance - I've also stopped at the tent and listened to the speeches & the town crowded to overflowing with visitors, a great many from a distance there. Mr. and Mrs. Frazier devoted themselves to their company and had us remain with Mr. and Mrs. Carthwright and Mr. Bigger from Pittsburgh for supper - We had to pull ourselves away in time to reach the 6.40 train for Cedarville - By the way Clayton and Jason came to the city and Clara remained and came back with them at a later hour. Our train was crowded to the uttermost - Donald was there to meet us. Jason and Malcolm brought Aunt Mary out this morning and she spent the day with Fannie and is with us to night. Sister Johnston here taking care of the work - Donald and Paul took her home after we returned - I do feel lonely tonight -

3rd Sept. Thursday. Another nice day - just a little cool in the evening these days -

Jason and Malcolm took Clayton to the train - he is at the State Fair today. When Jason returned he finished packing and Mr. Mc. took him to the Springs - He is due in N. York this week - He is to preach somewhere around there for a few Sabbaths. Aunt Mary with us. She fell while at a meeting in Xenia and got her wrist sprained, on Tuesday, Fannie has been doctoring it last night and this morning. This P.M. Donald took her home - This afternoon Aunt Belle and Blanch & Mary and Frank's wife, Edith, were here to call. This is the first time I have met our new niece. Uncle Ervin and Frank and Oscar at Columbus at the fair today. This morning Malcolm and I called at Taylor's - but failed to get help - Clara and Fannie at the work today in sister Johnson's

absence. After supper Fannie and Clara & Malcolm at town to see the folks - Fannie and boys leave for home by way of Syracuse in the morning. Our hand John C- busy at the chorus today. This evening Fannie and Malcolm to town to tell the folks goodby [sic]. Clara at town with them. Clayton came down on the nine o'clock train and came out with Stuart Arthur. Paul and Donald alone at the club house tonight - and this is the last night there.

4'' Sept. Friday. Another nice day. We were up at an early hour to help Fannie and Donald and Malcolm to the train - they left by way of Dayton & at 8.20 Father took them as has been his custom to the train. It certainly does feel like breaking up camp today and this evening, there is not any disguising the fact that we are indeed lonely, but parting belongs to earth - may we all without the loss of one awaken in the morning and be all together in the "Sweet by and by."

We were hoping to see Fred on tomorrow but there has been a wreck on the Short Line Road that prevents his coming. This afternoon Clayton at Grape Grove with Walter Murdell[?].

Sarah H- called - Cleaning the school house is the order of the day. Clayton and John C- on a flying trip to C- this morning. Clara and I here alone today.

5'' Sept. Saturday. A nice day. Mr. Mc. went for sister Johnson at ten o'clock - she could not come until twelve - we concluded to let her stay and home. This afternoon Clara and Clayton at Springfield - Mr. Mc. at C- later on Paul drove down - I made 13 glasses of jelly this P.M - A card from Fannie & co. - When they reached Detroit - they expected reach Syracuse this morning and remain to make a little visit there.

6'' Sept. Sabbath - Bright and fair but very dry and dusty.

Mr. Mc. and Clara and Clayton and Paul and I at our church - sermon by Rev. Taylor: "Ye are my friends" was his text.

John C- kept the house - we soon had dinner after we came home - Clara went out with Uncle Silas's - and came into open air meeting and heard Rev. Black of Y. Springs preach and came home with Clayton. This afternoon Clayton and Paul and I at Sabbath School. Mr. Henderson there. We only had 8 present - but a good lesson & a profitable hour.

7'' Sept. Monday. Quite an Autumn day in feeling a little cool. Paul brought Sister Johnson this morning - she put in a full day ironing - We canned peaches and pears and have been generally busy. This afternoon Clayton met Roadermen and Edwards - Mr. Mc. at C- to meet Mary and the children - but a letter came saying they would be here on Wednesday. Sister Robison called this P.M. This evening Clayton and Paul at C- on an errand - Sister Johnson here to night.

8 Sept. Tuesday. Still bright & fair and dry & dusty. Clara went alone to Springfield to remain with Isabel until tomorrow. Sister Johnson put in a full day putting the house in order - All busy. This P.M. Clayton at Uncle Hugh's -

Paul at town on an errand this morning. Mr. Mc. around home all day. Paul took Sister Johnson home – and went to C- this evening. It certainly seems deserted around here this evening.

Clayton out with Ralph this evening.

9 Sept. Wednesday. Another bright day. Paul at an early hour brought Mrs. Johnston over – This afternoon Clayton and Paul took the things from the club house to the folks in C-. Mr. Mc. around home all day. Mr. Mc. met Mary and Richard and Ruth at the 6.40 train this evening – Paul rode to C- with father – & met the folks at train & he and Frank C- has an engagement on hands – Clara returned with Isabel and Jeanette about this same time the folks came from the train – we had supper after these guests arrived. Sister Johnson and I put in a full day at the work.

10 Sept. Thursday. Another dry and dusty day. Word came this morning that John Bronegan[?] died this morning at four o'clock after a dreadful week. Father and I there this afternoon. Prof Jurket[?] and Alice are left lonely. I called also to see Aunt Mary and at Matt's and Aunt Bell's. Paul at C- for Mary's trunk this morning. This evening Paul took Clayton to town to stay with Prof Jurket and Alice – they went the back road and sister Johnson went home. Richard and Ruth and Jeanette having a time. Mary and Isabel with us. Clara around.

11'' Sept. Friday.

Another dry and dusty day. All up at the usual hour. Clara and Mary and Isabel takeing [sic] charge of the kitchen. I was ruled out – Richard & Ruth and Jeanette having fine times. Richard around with grandfather in the buggy all A.M.

This afternoon Mr. Mc. and I at John Bronegan's funeral. Services conducted by Rev. Turner and Prof McChesney. Clayton was with us at the funeral too. After supper Clayton and Isabel and Clara left for a party at Springfield at Mr. and Mrs. A.G. Schneider's. We kept Jeanette here – at the last Paul came to the rescue and stayed with her until their return as he was the only one that was able to comfort her –

12'' Sept Sat. Dust and drouth[?]. Mr. Mc. and Paul at Cedarville and brought out Ervin's Water wagon full of water for our cistern – the Folks did not get home until quite late last night – Paul faithful to Jeanette all night through. At an early hour he went for sister Johnson, she is with us today. Mary packing her trunk to be ready to start home to Atlanta on Monday. We certainly feel sorry to see them go, the children are so much company. Paul took sister Johnson on home and went the back way to Cedarville and brought Potter out from train.

13'' Sept. Sabbath. Another dry & dusty day. Not so warm and oppressive as yesterday and the day before – Mr. Mc. and Clayton and Potter and I at church – Sermon by Rev. Taylor. Text: "Withhold not good from them to whom it is due, when it is in the power of thy hand to do it." Clara and Isabel and Mary and the children and Paul at house. We did not mean for so many to be home but it happened so.

This afternoon Clayton and Paul and Potter and I at Sabbath School. We had nine scholars. Mr. Henderson with us.

This evening Mr. Mc. and Clayton and Potter and Paul at the Open air meeting sermon by Rev. McKnight (old side) suffered the foolish virgins.

14'' Sept. Monday. The weather continues the same - This morning Mr. Mc. and I took Mary and Richard and Ruth to the 8.20 train. They expect to meet Homer in Atlanta and their home tomorrow. Paul took the trunk - Potter rode down to the train with him. I stopped in to speak to Aunt Mary. She is still on the sick list. This afternoon Clara and Isabel at the Y. Springs to look after a house for us. They came back very much delighted - found a furnished house. The Lord is and has been good to us - How much we have to give thanks for - His mercies a continual stream. Mr. Mc. around home all day. On Saturday P.M. John Caronthe[?] who come to us the 27'' of Aug- took his leave, he goes to the Soldier's Home - Clayton took Paul to C- to go out with Frank C-.

Paul brought Sallie Smith out this morning. She has been with us to day and has been excellent help.

15'' Sept. Tuesday. Another day of drouth - very [?] & - This morning Mr. Doma Martha Romspert came up from Xenia 8.20. As Mr. Mc. and Paul and I went down to the college opening we drove to the depot and took her to old Joe's furniture house and left her there until we came back from the college when we brought her home with us. Paul remained in C- and took dinner at the Chipp's with some of the young folks. Matt rode up with us to the College - the address given by Rev. Frank. Herzett Baptist minister of Cincinnati. [illegible] The Power of habit.

This afternoon Clayton took Sallie with home & [illegible] his conveyance for Paul and he remained - Clara took Isabel and baby Jeanette up to home to Springfield and will remain until tomorrow. Our new woman came into her work this P.M. "Long may she wave."

16'' Sept. Wednesday. Rain has not reached us yet - This P.M. a man stopped and put some of Clayton harnesses in order - Mr. Mc. at C- this A.M. - Clayton and Paul gutting out corn & Four of the Hammond men here cutting in field by the R.R. Our good woman Donna Martha busy this evening. All at home around the lamp. Clara returned from Springfield this evening.

17'' Sept. Thursday. Another day past & gone. Paul at Cedarville this morning - Our man here at the harness polishing to day again. Another repairer stopped off the pike and worked on sharpening razors &c. Clara and I began putting cupboards and presses in order. This P.M. Clayton took me to Cedarville to a meeting of the W.C.T.U. at the M.E. Church - He called around for Aunt Mary and Aunt Matt and took them up to the meeting. I called to see sister Robison and sister Buckley. I then concluded to call to see Aunt Mary - I finally took supper at uncle Erwin's - and waited until the train came in - which brought Charlie Basekin and Frede the farmer on his return from N.C. - the later on his return from Boston. Paul met us with the carriage and

brought us out home – they both had supper after they arrive here – Clayton did not come then – but later.

[written on the left margin: Mr. Wm. stopping here with cattle.]

18'' Sept. Friday. Dry warm and dusty. Fred around home all day. Paul at C- this A.M. Charlie around with Clayton at the work – Our man Henry at the harness cleaning to day again – Donna Martha faithful all day [illegible]. After supper Clara, Charlie and Paul took Fred to the 6.40 train – he goes back to Des Moines – Harlan left for there yesterday – he has closed his business in St. Louis. We have had an unusual pleasant day with Fred –

19'' Sept. Warm dry and dusty. Mr. Wm. Hopping called this morning. He brought his cattle here.

This afternoon Clara and Clayton left for Springfield. The rest of us around home all day. Harry Loyd busy with the harness – Mattie (instead of Donna Martha) has been at the work all day. Charlie and Paul busy. This evening they were at Cedarville –

20'' Sept. Sabbath. Warm dry and dusty. Mr. Mc. and Clara, Clayton and Paul and Charlie at church. Rev. Ross Hume preached. Rev. Taylor accompanying his pulpit today – Mattie had dinner ready when they returned. Harry Joy at here today. I have not been feeling so very well today. Clara went home with Aunt Mary K. Potter at church and came home with the folks –

This afternoon he and Clayton, Paul and Charlie and I at Sabbath School. We had thirteen scholars –

This evening Mr. Mc. and Clayton and Charlie and Paul at the open air meeting. Rev. Hume conducted the exercises.

21'' Sept. Monday. Another warm dry and dusty day – Father took Clayton and Potter to the 8.20 train, they went to Dayton.

Charlie and Paul began hauling out manure – Clara busy in her room – I have been busy too – This afternoon Mr. Mc. at town again. Harry Loyd busy at the harness today again. Mattie busy all day –

Paul at C. this evening and brought Clayton out. Charlie upstairs writing.

22'' Sept – Tuesday. I do not forget that it is a year this morning since dear Sister Williams left us – it seems a long year since then and many and the "ups & downs" we have had since then –

Clayton Charlie and Paul put in a full day hauling out manure – Mr. Mc. at Cedarville this morning and at Selma this afternoon – Clara getting her letters off – I have been cleaning presses – Mattie busy in the kitchen at pickles & Harry Loyd passed on this morning. This evening Paul and Charlie at C- on an errand –

23rd Sept–Wednesday. Another warm day – the dust is getting worse and the streams lower. Mr. Mc. at C- this A.M. Clayton, Paul and Charlie at the manure hauling today again. Mr. Mc. and Clara and [illegible]

at the Springs seeing our new home. Mr. Martain and Mother expect to vacate about Friday.

Clara left us and went on the four o'clock car to Springfield to go with Isabel to Dayton tomorrow. We came home past Cedarville. Paul and Charlie at C- on an errand again this evening. Mattie looking after the house &c.

24'' Sept. Thurs - The weather continues very dry & dusty. Charlie and Paul finished the manure hauling - Charlie hauling in wood this afternoon - Mattie finished the ironing - but is in a bad state with the Rheumatism - Sallie Smith put in a full day in the cellar and at the peaches this afternoon. Paul took her home this evening. Clayton went by way of Uncle Silas's and with Uncle Silas to Xenia and from there to Dayton - This is Bryan's day there - I have certainly been busy today.

25'' Sept. Friday. Drouth and dusty - the papers report that they are selling water in Cincinnati these days. Charlie at Jesse Townsley's at the machine - Clayton and Paul hauling manure - finished at noon. This afternoon Clayton at C- on an errand - Mattie nearly off duty with the rheumatism. This evening Paul and Charlie at C- at a reception at the college.

26'' Sept. Saturday. Dust, dust. This A.M. we got Uncle Erwin's water tank and filled the cistern - Charlie and Paul took it home and brought out coal. Clayton at Jess Townsley's at the machine. This afternoon uncle Hugh and Aunt Margret and Mabel and Howard called - This evening Paul at the Springs and brought Clara home - Charlie made a hasty trip to C- when he returned he and Clara done his packing - he expects to leave us Monday - O how much we will miss him - he seems like one of the family now. Our good woman Mattie has been suffering all day with her Rheumatism - this evening Clayton started with her to the 6.40 train but reached there just as the train moved out - she of course had to come back for Clara [*written between the lines*: I was glad she missed the train] heard or saw a woman who was so afflicted with the disease she could not walk - as a final remedy she layed cabbage leaves on top of the stove until thoroughly warm and bound the sore place and kept repeating until bed time when she bound her limb completely with the hot leaves and wrapped in cloth - This woman said when she awakening in the night it drew so hard she could scarcely keep it on- when the morning came she was well - pain all gone - and up to this time has stayed away. What a blessed cure if all the great hot of Rumatics could receive the same benefit - I made peach butter today - Every one busy.

27'' Sept. Sabbath. The weather the same. Clayton took Mattie to the early train - to go to Xenia to her home to be cared for. Mr. Mc. and Charlie, Clayton, I at church. Rev. Taylor's text: "And daily in the temple and in every house they ceased not to teach and preach Jesus Christ." Potter and Ina came home with us. Clara had dinner ready. Paul at home today - At Seven Mr. Taylor preached - Potter & Clayton and Ina at church -

28'' Sept. Monday - after our long dry spell the rain came at last - we had a good shower this A.M. We were all up early and busy helping Charlie Baskin off - Paul took him to the Springs and went with him on the car to Springfield. He left from there for the mud cale[?] College at Aumarber[?] - He has been with us for five years until he began to seem like one of the family - We will all miss him very much - but hope that all good blessings will be his and follow him all the days of his life. Mr. Mc. and Clayton around all day. Mr. John Townsley called. Clara and I have been busy. Clayton and Paul at town this evening.

29'' Sept. Tuesday. A nice day after the rain. Paul took Mr. Mc. and me to the train this morning and we went in company with Uncle Joe, Aunt Jeanette and Matt and Luisa Bratton and Lizzie Q. to Xenia where we spent the day at Will Torrey with Aunt Jennie - Mr. Mackentire was there also - we certainly had a grand day - we were there for dinner and supper - Aunt Jennie, Mr. Mc. went back to Jamestown to be ready to start back with Laura Adams on Thursday morning for Chattanooga. This morning when we arrived in Xenia I called on an errand at Mrs. Frazier's and had a pleasant call with her - This evening Will sent us in the cab to the depot - I met Emma Comer on the train - She is settled in N.Y. now - when we reached C- we went up to our church to the installation service of Rev. Mill's J. Taylor - Sermon by Dr. McKinney, subject: Paul's charge to Timothy. The whole service very impressive. Clayton and Clara at the meeting. Paul here alone when we returned. This has certainly been a delightful happy day.

30'' Sept. Wednesday. A nice day - Paul cutting clover in field on the Crawford road - Mr. Mc. at C- this A.M. This afternoon I canvassed this school district for the Local Option having the women put on as a Signal the white ribbon to show the side they are on. Clara and Clayton left this A.M. for Springfield - Clayton reached home in due time - Clara remained in S- will be home tomorrow. Paul at Cedarville.

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1st Oct. Thursday - A nice day. Mr. Mc. and town this morning and brought out Sallie Smith, she put in a full day in the wool house - Paul finished cutting cover this P.M. Clayton at Jess Townsley's helping with the clover hauling. This evening Mr. Mc. at the 6.40 train and brought Clara, she came down from Springfield - We certainly have had a busy day here. Sallie Smith with us tonight -

2nd Oct. Friday. Another nice, nice day. Clayton went to the clover field and cut until Paul came - Mr. Kelso here to see Clayton this morning. Paul finished cutting at noon and went to Arthur's this afternoon to the machine - Sallie working in continuance in the wool house all afternoon - & at the ironing this afternoon - Clara taking care of the kitchen - She called at [illegible]'s and Arthur's on an

errand this morning. Sallie went to town with Clayton and Paul when they went to the C.E. Social.

3'' Oct Saturday. A nice day. Paul at Arthur's at the clover hauling & Clayton around home all day. Uncle Hugh here to dinner and around this P.M. - Clayton and father working with sheep - Dr. White from Chester S.C. and Rev. White from Hopewell S.C. and Miss Florence White of Clifton called - we had a pleasant hour with them. Late this P.M. I went to C- and made a few calls.

I met our old girl from Cincinnati Mrs. Jennie Lay - She is to come to us next Monday week - Clara and I busy today. This evening Clayton and Paul at C-

4'' Oct. Sabbath. Most a beautiful day. Paul not feeling well, he was at home - I was here too - Mr. Mc. & Clara and Clayton at church. Rev. Taylor, Uncle, Dr. Dill preached. Text: "add to your faith virtue and to virtue knowledge." &c. &c. Potter came home with them and dinner was ready when they came -

This afternoon Clayton and Paul and Potter and I at Sabbath School. We had seven scholars. This evening Clayton and Potter and Paul at church -

5'' Oct. Monday. Most a beautiful day. Mr. Mc. at town this morning with a little donation for Rev. Taylor. Paul at Arthur's all day at the machine. Clayton around all A.M. - This afternoon he attended Mr. John McLean's funeral at the M.E. Church. This evening he and Harry Q- at Charleston. Clara and I busy all the day long. Paul at C- on an errand -

[written in the margins: Mr. Mc. at Selma this P.M.]

6'' Oct. Tues. Another beautiful day. Rev. Irwin here taking the bun's from out of the orchard - he is with us tonight. Mr. Mc. and Clayton around all A.M. This P.M. he and Clara at Springfield. Paul around home all day. This evening he went to C- to look up the McLean brothers that he and Clayton met in Alfasa - Sara Deem called this P.M. Mr. Mc at town - I have been marvelously helped to day. Clayton went across from Springfield this P.M. late to Dayton - it was late when he returned. Clara remained in Springfield - Paul helped me today.

[written in the margins: Edward moved into tenant house today the 7'']

7'' Oct - Wed. Mr. Mc. at town this morning for Sallie but she was sick and could not come. Ben Irvin at the Bun's to day again in the Orchard - Clayton at Selma this A.M. uncle Hugh and Howard here to dinner - This evening he took the sheep home. Paul around home all day helping here and there - A telephone from Clara this evening from Springfield - she will not be ready to come back until tomorrow. Isabel and baby Jeanette left for Mason City this evening to meet Harlan. Clayton at town on an errand. Another busy day for us all.

[newspaper clipping:

Personal idiosyncrasy must be treated as kindly here as in all questions of daily living.

A common estimate of the amount of water that should be taken daily between meals is three pints. Here again the personal equation has to be considered. Some prefer hot water especially in the morning, before breakfast, while others cling to the cool draught. Lukewarm water is not a favorite beverage for it almost invariably causes nausea. One of the great advantages of water drinking before breakfast is its cleansing effect on the mucous membranes of the digestive tract. With a little salt added, the mucus which has accumulated overnight will be easily dissolved and the lining of the stomach and intestines will be left fresh and free to do their work with vigor. I remember a doctor once telling me that a mucous-coated intestine was as inefficient for taking care of food as a tin tube. Cold water—this does not mean iced water,— is considered by some better than hot, in cases of constipation. It tones up the digestive organs. Taken in moderate quantities and frequently throughout the day, it flushes the stomach and intestines, and improves the appetite. It also stimulates the liver, the kidneys, the heart, and the skin. One of the well-known causes of constipation is a deficiency of water. A friend asked me one day if I would like a prescription for constipation for which her brother had paid ten dollars to a specialist. Naturally, I declared my willingness to hear it. The directions were to drink a glass of water with a teaspoonful of salt in it on arising in the morning, following this in fifteen minutes by a glass of plain water. In many cases this acts like a charm.]

8'' Oct. Thursday. Quite a nice day. Uncle Hugh and Clayton at Xenia today — Clayton out there to dinner and they went to X- in the afternoon. When Clayton got back to C- he went to the 6.40 train for Clara — they had supper after they came home. I have been here alone today at the work assisted by Paul — Ben Irvin gathered the beans — and Paul hauled ~~out~~ the weeds and buns out of the Orchard — to the woods to be burned. Mr. Mc. at C- this afternoon.

9'' Oct. Friday. Another fine day—Ben cleaning up the Orchard. Clayton at C- this morning to fit out Harry Townsley for his grandfather Cushmer's funeral. He did not get back until noon. This afternoon Mr. Mc. and I took a little drive over to Mrs. Ella Sparah's but concluded to come back and go at another time. When we came back we took a hasty trip to C-

Clayton and Paul at C- this evening. Clara around—Word reached C- today that John Eaton is dead — we did not hear the particulars. It is 41 years this morning, 1867-1908, since Mother McMillan and Aunt's Jane and Jeanette and Matt left here and went to Cedarville and Mr. Mc. and I took up our abode at this old plantation, and have held the fort ever since. As the old hymn reads — "Our life as a dream, our time as a stream — how quickly our years glide by." Everything seems to be pointing to eternity.

10'' Oct. Saturday. A light shower this morning - cloudy most of the day and a shower again this evening. This morning Mr. Mc. took Clayton to the train to go over to Dayton - Ben Irvin went home at the same time. Paul looking after the things here along with father. Clara and I busy today. Quite a good deal accomplished - Paul at the 6.40 train this evening for Clayton.

11'' Oct. Sabbath. A nice day. Mr. Mc. and Clayton and Paul and I at church. Sermon by Rev. Taylor. Potter came home with us. Clara had dinner awaiting us. This afternoon Clayton and Potter & Paul & I up at the Sabbath School. We had 13 scholars. This evening I called at the tenant house but the Edwards were all out & away on a Sabbath visit.

This evening Potter went to C- when Clayton and Paul went down to church - Rev. Taylor preached.

12'' Oct. Monday. Quite a nice day. Harbison and his man here to dinner - This afternoon they hauled the clover - they had seventeen bushels - They soon were through with the job - This evening Clayton and Harry Q- at C-. Paul at the college at a meeting of the Society.

Paul at C- this morning and brought Sallie Smith out, she was a general assistant - she tried to white wash the kitchen. She is with us to night - Ben Irvin came out this morning and is with us. Stuart A- at town with Paul this evening -

13'' Oct. Tuesday. Another beautiful day. This A.M. Clayton and Clara left for Springfield - Sallie Smith here holding the fort - Mr. Mc. and I at town, I made a brief call at Aunt Mary's and Aunt Jeanette's and Aunt Bell's and we reached home at noon - Sallie had dinner awaiting us - Ben and Paul and Edwards at the potato gathering - Sallie busy all day - Paul took her home this evening. Parker Sproke[?] in Springfield this afternoon - Potter and Clayton there - Potter came home with Clayton and is here tonight - Clara remained in Springfield - expects to return tomorrow evening [*written in the margins: to see Paul.*] A man from Nelson's College here.

14'' Oct. Wed - Another beautiful day. Mr. R- at Dayton today - the children stopped here until the School hour. Potter went to the train when Clayton went to town for Charlie Spenser, he has been papering the kitchen, will finish in the morning. Irvin and Edwards at the potato gathering. Clayton and Paul cleaning up the barn &c. this P.M.- This evening Clayton at Selma - This A.M. Mr. Mc. took Uncle Joe and uncle Hugh with him to X- - They did not get back to Cedarville until after four - Mr. Mc. took supper with Aunt Jeanette and Matt and waited for the 6.40 train when Clara came from Springfield - Paul in his study this evening. Edwards only at the potato dig until noon - making in all a day and a half -

15'' Oct Thursday. Another nice day. Paul at C- and brought Charlie Spenser out - he finished the papering at noon - and cleaned the kitchen this P.M. Mr. Mc. took him down this evening. This evening Clayton and Paul at C-.

Irvin busy and so has the rest of the family been busy too.

16'' Oct. Friday. Another beautiful day. Charlie Spenser here and painted wood work in kitchen. After an early dinner Clara and Clayton left for Dayton. They drove to Xenia. Mr. Mc. at Charleston this A.M. This afternoon he went to C- on an errand for the family - Charlie S- finished his job at four o'clock - Uncle Silas here awhile this afternoon - Paul and Irvin busy today - Irvin gathered the entire crop of apples which was half a bushel. Apples a failure this year. Paul at C- this evening - delivering goods at Mr. Harvey Owen's. It was late when Clara & Clayton returned - They took supper with Potter at his boarding house. Mr. Harry Townsley called this A.M.

17 Oct Sat. Another beautiful day. After an early dinner Clayton and Clara left for Springfield. Ben Irvin absent. Mr. Mc at C- this A.M. This P.M. he was around home. Paul busy all day. He went to C- this evening for us. Clayton and Clara will be home by & by.

18 Oct. Sabbath. A beautiful day. Mr. Mc. and Clara and Paul at church. Sermon by Rev. Taylor - a conference sermon.

Clayton and I here - Walter Murdock here, he is suffering with his eye - We had the dinner ready when they returned. Mrs. Sue McMillan at church today - She came to Aunt Matt's last evening. Ina M- took Potter home with them. Ralph brought up to the Sabbath School this afternoon - Clayton and Paul and I there - we had twelve scholars. This evening Potter went to C- when Clayton and Paul went to church - Walter with us tonight.

19'' Oct. Monday. Another lovely day. Mr. Mc. at C- and brought Our old cook George Cruisman from the train. He began house cleaning - began at the first room upstairs - He put two rooms in perfect order - Walter still here and with us tonight again. Uncle Hugh here helping with sheep - This A.M. Mr. Mc. made two trips to C- and at Clifton this afternoon - Clayton and Clara over at our house at the Yellow Springs to see it was ready &c. Paul at C- this evening.

Uncle Hugh had a little annoyance as he started home and got as far as Townsley, his horse took sick. Mr. Mc. and Walter took him Ben - and brought the sick one back - he was taking his Virginia ram home and when he reached home he was dead -

20'' Oct. Tuesday. Another nice day. Uncle Hugh here today again working on sheep in continuance - he was here all day. George busy at the cleaning. Clayton helped Hugh until noon when Paul took it up. Clayton and Uncle Joe at Springfield this afternoon - Mr. Mc. took Aunt Matt and Cousin Sue McMillan to the cemetery - This evening Paul and Clara at C-. Ben Irvin bringing in wood most of the day.

21'' Oct Wed. We have had quite busy rushing day here - Ralph Murdock here helping Clayton shape up the crib. Uncle Hugh here helping on the sheep - George flying at the house cleaning - Clara got the dinner and lastly the supper - and numerous other things and packed her trunk between acts - and Paul took it to the train this evening. This afternoon I went with Mr. Mc. to C-, he attended to business while I

called at Aunt Bell's to see the Currie family - and at Aunt Mary's I met Mrs. Dan Dallas and Mrs. Lizzie Steel there - I called at Aunt Jeanette's to see Cousin Sue - and then drove around the city in search of help but failed - we did not get home until dark - when we came home Clayton went to packing his things - and Mr. Mc. and George Cruisman and I went up to the school house to hear Rev. Putt, the M.E. minister, on Local Option. We had songs by the children and quite a good speech and a good audience. This has been quite a pleasant day and a nice evening.

I received such a nice letter from Aunt Mary E. Mc. M- in which she says, "I received yesterday, invitation for Clayton and Jason's wedding - I had not thought of such a thing - it is a very pretty compliment. How hard for that mother to give up both of her daughters -" and Aunt Mary E- proceeds to remark that if she knew the boys as she knew of them she need not fear trusting them to their keeping and closed by saying "May our beneficent Heavenly Father have them all in His own special keeping to the end which will I feel sure be only the beginning for them of eternal felicity."

22'' Oct. Thursday. Another beautiful day. All up at an early hour - Paul took Clara and Clayton to Xenia to the seven o'clock train by way of Chicago and Des Moines for Greely, Color. - They expect to meet Jason at Des Moines - Charlie Spenser here finishing his contract this A.M. - George nearly through with his house cleaning. I am very busy these days - Mr. Mc. at home to day.

In spite of my efforts I cannot help but feel very lonely tonight - and some of the rest of us are feeling the same way.

23'' Oct. Friday. Uncle Hugh and his man & team here this morning for some articles - Hugh remained and he & Paul were in the sheep pen when Paul took him home. Mr. Mc. took George Cruisman to the 8.20 train - His work completed, "good & faithful servant" -

Irvin has put in a full day in the "hay lot" burning trash - it is well that he did - for this evening the rain began to fall - Mr. Mc. at Charleston this afternoon - and had the pleasure of returning in the rain. Paul at home at his books this evening.

24 Oct. Saturday. Ben Irvin went to his nieces in Xenia. Paul taking care of the stock. This afternoon Mr. Mc. and I at town. I called to see Blanch and the new baby Margery Isabel - Mr. Mc. and I called to see H.H. McMillan - he is in bed - We also drove through the colored portion of C- A woman promised to come on Tuesday. Paul and Stuart Arthur at the meeting this evening.

25 Oct. Sabbath. A nice day. Mr. Mc. and I at church - sermon by Rev. Mills Taylor - Potter came home with us - Paul had dinner awaiting us - at three he and Potter and I at the Sabbath School - we had six scholars - This evening Potter went to town with Paul when he went to church - Dr. Kyle speaking on the Local Option tonight or on Temperance.

26'' Oct - Monday. Quite a nice day. Paul and Irvin and Mr. Mc. busy. I have been trying to get some extra work accomplished. This evening Roy Henderson called. Mr. Mc. and Paul at the Opera house hearing a Langer from Marion discuss Local Option. Mrs. Sara Deem called this P.M.

27'' Oct. Tuesday. Quite a nice day. This was the day to vote on Local Option bill - Saloons or no Saloons - or "wet or dry." The women had an all day prayer meeting held in the Sabbath School rooms in our church. The women also gave a free lunch to the men - I went down this A.M. and went again with Mr. Mc. this P.M. Ben Irvin went down to vote this afternoon- he and Paul quite busy hauling manure - The little army of school children out on the street on a grand march - also the Band - Paul at C- this evening. A Helper for C- was to have been here but she failed to appear -

28'' Oct. Quite a nice day. Mr. Mc. at C- and brought Sallie Smith out - uncle Hugh and Paul in the sheep pen all day. Irvin busy. I have been busy and with Sallie's help got a good deal accomplished. This evening Stuart Arthur and Paul at town. The dry vote was more than the wets. The Saloons in Greene County - must go. This afternoon the women had a meeting to return thanks to the Great giver of this great victory. I was sorry I could not be there.

29'' Oct. Thursday. Another nice day. We invited Mrs. Rodermer's here to dinner but she was not able to come - but came and made a call this afternoon. Uncle Hugh was here to help Paul with the sheep - they finished their work about four - Sallie went home to come back in the morning. Mr. Mac at C- this afternoon - and Paul there this evening on an errand for the family. Father and I here alone. Our thoughts and hearts art "over the hills" and far away at Greeley - as we watch the clock the hour for the wedding is here - How much we would love to be there - but that was impossible - as I would not have been equal to the undertaking.

How strange to think that these boys and girls have indeed left the Old Home Nest to go out to make homes for themselves - where they will work out the great problems of their lives. May they never lose sight of their great accountability.

"For it is not all of life to live
Or all of death to die."

30'' Oct Friday. Mr. Mc. at C- and brought Sallie Smith out. Ben Irvin and Paul busy. This afternoon Mr. Mc. at Charleston. Everyone busy. A telegram from Harlan said the wedding over, he and Isabel and Jeanette & Clara along with Sam Murdock in Denver - Clayton & Edith, Jason and Nellie in Parkio[?]. Paul at town on an errand this evening.

31st Oct Saturday. Mr. Mc. at C- this morning - Sallie and I busy. Irvin went to C- this afternoon. Paul busy all day. Mr. Mac at C- this afternoon again. Paul took Sallie to C- this evening.

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1st Nov Sabbath. Mr. Mc. and Paul ~~and I~~ at church. Walter here - Dinner ready when they returned. Potter came with them. This afternoon Potter and Paul and Walter and I at the School house at Sabbath School, we had seventeen scholars. This evening Potter and Paul at church - the H.P.

2nd Nov. Monday. Very cloudy, a few drops of rainfall - this morning Mr. Mc. at C- and brought Sallie Smith out. We have put in a full day. Potter went on the early train to Columbus - Paul took Walter to Selma this morning - he came back this evening and is with us tonight. Paul took Sallie down home this evening. Mr. Roy Henderson made a brief call-

3rd Nov. Tuesday. Mr. Mc. at town this morning. This is the day of the Presidential election - Bryan and Taft - the leading candidates. Paul and Ben and Walter busy. Ben got Erwin's water tank and brought in a load of water to the cistern - this P.M. Paul took Walter down to vote and to be there to hear the returns.

4 Nov Wednesday. The wind blowing - cloudy - Mr. Mac at C- this afternoon. Ben busy. I have been on the sick list. Paul taking care of the work. Walter at Selma and brought his work down from the shop - Stuart A. Called this P.M. - He was here this evening again and went with Paul and Walter to C-. There was a great Republican victory - Taft is our President. Paul at C- with Erwin's tank this P.M.-

5 Nov. Thursday. Not so blustery - a hard freeze last night - Walter & Ben & Paul busy. I have felt very much better today. Uncle Hugh here and took dinner - Walter up at Selma tonight - He will be back in the morning - Paul at C- this evening. We see of a dispatch from Fred saying the folks would arrive next Wednesday - which lifted a cloud- heretofore it was so unsettled. When will they come? But now that is settled for we know when to expect them -

Suspense is never a very enjoyable thing anyway. Mr. Mc. around looking after business all day. Everyone busy.

6th Nov. Friday - The wind still on track - rather a disagreeable day - Ben worked in hen house and selected the potatoes. Walter returned this morning - This P.M. Mr. Mc. at C. Later Walter and Paul there-

Ben went away at noon - to return Monday. Harry Q- called this morning. Paul took baled hay to Mr. Queen's.

7th Nov Sat - For a change I left Paul in charge and called at Arthur's to see Eva and her mother. A telephone from George C- - he is afraid he will not be able to come and take charge here as he expected. I went to town and made several enquiries for help. Paul at the work both in and out of the house as Walter spent the day in Selma - he came back this P.M. This evening he and Paul at C-

8th Nov. Sabbath. Rather a pleasant day. Mr. Mc. and Paul and I at church. Rev. Taylor, study [illegible] Christ healing wild man who

abides among the tombs. Great is the power of God – great is His mercy and forgiveness – for us.

Potter at church and came home with us – Walter had the dinner ready when we came.

This afternoon he went to his father's. Potter and Paul and I at the Sabbath School. Mr. Henderson had Mr. Bingham and Mr. Hawthorne out to help with the School – he also had his sister Miss Lulu there. She will take charge of the children. This is the twelfth year since our School began – I have tried always to be there "through winter storm" and summer sun – but now I must leave this field – and let others take up the work – my prayer is that it may be more blessed at the later end than at the beginning – If God is for them who can be against them. Then it will be a light – and a blessing.

We had sixteen scholars. Collection 35 cts.

This evening Paul and Potter at church.

9 Nov Monday. Quite a nice day. We were marvelously helped this morning in securing help – when at our wits end a [intentional blank space] called up from the Grand in Xenia to ask if we needed help – and contracted to come this evening.

"I know not by what method rare,
But this I know, God answers prayers"

It is well for us not to forget the great things God does for us – and to express our gratitude and thanks.

Mr. Mc. took Potter to the early train. He was on track to look up help – but was too late. Uncle Hugh and Howard here with the sheep and here to dinner – Walter & Erwin and a meeting at the College – Walter at the 6.40 train and brought the [sentence does not continue]

Ralph Murdock called this morning.

10'' Nov Tuesday – All up at and early hour – Paul showed our new cook about the breakfast – I was slow to get up – I was not very well last night – Paul left at an early hour for Xenia to meet Clara – She came in from Chicago and reached home in time for dinner. Sara Duun was here and gave a helping hand until noon –

This afternoon the order was for us – to leave the old and depart to our new home at the Yellow Springs – it was the farthest from our plans for we really felt we were of such importance the old plantation could not run without us – but when we arose and obeyed the call, this feeling vanished – Mr. Mc. and I came in our own conveyance and Walter Murdock and Clara came in the Express with our trunks – we were not long here until the fires were burning brightly and a nice supper on the table. The house is furnished nicely and everything in perfect order when we stepped in – Now since we are here and the old home left the change seems so sudden – I wonder if this is not something like the change will be when we leave here (this world) and go to that other home up yonder – I mean in point of suddenness – but not in brightness – and glory and in triumph – never. I have kept this books [sic] through all the days and months and years since January fifteenth 1867 – 41 years – 10 months and four days – The happenings of our family at the old Home on the pike near Cedarville, Ohio – Many have been the changes in that time – A family has come and gone and

tonight are scattered here and there – far and near – May we not hope and pray – that in the evening we may all be gathered home – into that glorious and beautiful city of God –

Now this is the end – the book is closed – forever and it came sooner than I thought – “where the tree of life is blooming meet me there, Farewell & Farwell”

End of dated entries.

[in between pages 250 and 251: old train tickets, both of them from Springfield to Long Island City or Brooklyn, on the Long Island Railroad]

[the following entries are miscellaneous recordings at the back of the 1908 journal:

front of page 301:

An extract from the Wheel of Life written by Ellen Glasgow –
“Again he, Rodger Adams, thought of Laura, still under the troubled radiance of her illusion, and his heart dissolved in sympathy, not for her only, but for all mankind – for Kemper, whom he loved, for Gerty, for Connie, for Perry Bridewell. “They seek for happiness but it is mine,” he thought. And because they seek it first, it will keep away from them forever. It is not to be found in pleasure, nor in the desire of any object, nor in the fulfillment of any love – for I, who have none of these things, am happier than they.”

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back of page 301:

“Thou art the God of the sea and its perils;
of the land and its sorrows.”

“A good deed rings like a bell
through heaven” -Potter.

Let us remember all through the year – “that not one kind word ever spoken - not one kind deed ever done, but sooner or later returns to bless the giver, and become a chain binding men with golden bands to the throne of God.”

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“O God help me to think my thoughts after thee”

written on the inside of the back cover:

Rev. F. B. Myers

Says - when you are doubtful as to your courses, submit your judgment absolutely to the spirit of God, and ask him to shut every door against you but the right one. In the meantime continue along the path which you have been treading. It is in front of you; pursue it. Abide in the calling in which you were called. Keep on as you are, unless you are clearly told to do something else. Expect to have as clear a door out as you had in: and if there is no indication to the contrary consider the absence of indication as the indication of God's will that you are on his track. 3rd May 1908.]