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Martha E. McMillan Journal
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January 1871

1 Jan. Sabbath Morning. As we stand upon the threshold of a New Year may God bless us All and lead us [illegible] to its end. No one at home but we, Hugh, Fannie and I at preaching. Took Jane Van Horn with us to C- and left her at her brother Edd's. left our baby Frederic at Lovetts at the little tenant house on the pike. Being a little early for preaching we drove down to Mother McMillan's to see Fannie as she did not come home with her papa yesterday eve but remained all night. All of them at lunch but Mother and Jane. Had a lesson by Mr. Wenton this (forenoon?) -[illegible]- "Watch ye, stand fast in the faith, quit you like men, be strong. One remark he made we should make our heads strong with reading- our hearts with prayer and our hands with work.

Afternoon sermon by Mr. Rooseth [illegible]. This is the Lord's doings and is wondrous and marvelous i our eyes. He being an agent of the American Christian [illegible] on collection was taken up amounting to seventy or eighty dollars. After preaching drove down to Mother's for Fannie. Remained there for supper. Coming home stepped at Edd [illegible] and brought Jane home with us. After night she went down to Lovett's and spent the evening. After putting Fannie and Frederic to sleep in their cradle had Bible reading my Laurie? Van Hugh and myself. Went to church in the sleigh.

12 Jan. Thursday. Quite pleasant all day bright sunshine. Jane V__ in the kitchen on [illegible] this AM. Bro Dan and wife called soliciting money for Old [illegible] McBollman. John Reef to Xenia. After dinner, Bro Hugh and Fannie quite busy as they are left alone to look after things as Lovett is shill sick. Late in the afternoon Old gentleman Brock called remained for supper and went with us to C-. as he went back to Xenia on the train. At 8 o'clock to night Alice Matie? and John Mansfield were married he is a farmer from near Durant Iowa. Fannie and I were at the wedding. Had quite a pleasant time. Rev Mr Wood from Clifton the Presbyterian minister performed the ceremony. About twenty five or thirty were present. On Tomorrow evening they leave on a visit up north. About 11 o'clock Fannie and I came back to Mothers. Freddie was awake wailing for us. so we picked him up and came on home. It is real pleasant at night soft and warm.

29 Jan. Jane Van Hugh and Fannie at lunch. Had sermon by Mr. Wenton this Forenoon and this after his [illegible]. About noon John Hook went to C-. freddie and I at home. As they came home from church they came by Edd Vs and bought Jane with then when fasting up the tiller she called at Lovetts. Came home at dark. After night of Annie V Hugh and I finished reading the book of Psalms. The more I read the Psalms the more I love and appreciate them and feel confident that they will endure forever while all hymns and work of men will be swept away and be burned up and will never be able to abide the day of his coming.

30 Jan. Monday. Gloomy. Old Jimmy Marshal called this morning. Also Hugh's Dave. [illegible] Brothertons are here for a hag or hags. Jamie? gave him some assistance in taking them home. John Johnson and a friend of his from Champaign Co. called Jane did not get in till after dinner. Afternoon He and Lovett [illegible] a sled. Late in the afternoon. Fannie and Frederic and I were all dressed and ready to go with Jamie to C-. when Bro David came and prevented us. Had quite a pleasant evening around the fire talk over matters and things. David had been up at Springfield today. Jane down at Lovetts tonight.

*In February, on the third she labeled it April, and on the fourth she labeled it January, both instead of February. I have no idea what that's about.

February 1871

6 Feb. Monday. Sunshine part of the time but cold. Lovett Lusking came Jamie V Hugh and John back around feeding Jane [illegible x2] on the machine. Baby Freddie began sitting alone and today he is progressing rapidly has four teeth above and two below.

7 Feb. Wed. Snow going off. Not very much on in the first place. Bro Hugh over home having company and other for dinner. Rev Morton Stesett [illegible] and other Lovett hosting came Jamie around with John back [illegible]. Jane [illegible] baking. Jamie and John [illegible] for dinner. Afternoon Jane V down at Lovett. Jamie at home all day and so were the rest of us.

Third Anniversary of

Fannie's birthday.

Fannie is very happy today as her old pet papa as she calls him made her a present of a nice china cup and saucer. The cup is very pretty- has the inscription upon it in gilt letters Birthday Present. After dinner Papa John Back Jane V and Mama

weighed- weights thirty four pounds. After which baby Freddie was placed in the planet and weighed also- weighed twenty one lbs. Fannie gave us all a sweet kiss to repay us for our trouble. Tonight as I gaze upon the faces of Fannie and Frederic as they lie sweetly sleeping in one cradle bed I pray that they may be lambs of the savior's fold and that they with- "Loving hearts may tread unscathed life's rugged wild and reach at last the heavenly hills, and everlasting rest."

19 Feb. Sab. Rather pleasant. All up an pretty good time- Jane V down at Lovetts spending the day. As I did not feel very well no one went to preaching but Jamie- went in the spring wagon. John Drek?. Fannie and Freddie and I around the fire all day. Had dinner ready when Jamie came home. Had preaching today by Rev. Sam Stormont?. Two sermons as Mr Morton is away on a visit to the late home of his father who died some time last month. After night Jamie read some [illegible] from the [illegible] which Mother sent home with him on last night. It is just twenty five years today since sister Betsy and Robert atheath were married.

28 Feb. Tues. Pleasant. Jane V washing table linens and napkins. About eight o'clock we came on home. Sister Jennette coming with me. Jane done quite an days work- having both washed and ironed. Sister Jennette sleeping with her in the dining room. We heard today that Dr. Hugh M. Cooper died some two weeks ago at his home in the west. Leaves a wife as he and Nannie [illegible] were married some two years ago.

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March 1871

1 March Wed. Bright sunshine= John Dack feeding. Fannie around home all day. Jane V. in the kitchen. Jennette helping me sew [illegible]. After dinner Jane V and Mrs. Lovett and the children over at [illegible] on a visit. Joe Carson and Andrew called this afternoon James here went to Bro [illegible]. I left Fannie and Fred with Jennette and went with them and a few minutes about. [illegible] and sister Betsy there and spending the eve- Coming down home and in the carriage with Joe and Andrew C. as far as the fate at which time Jennette put on her things and went down home with them. Joe C expects to return to his home in Crawford Co Illinois upon tomorrow. Quite pleasant to night. Bright moon light. After supper Lovett drove Fannie

and the children and [illegible] to Jane's in the spring wagon before driving down to C. Robert and Betsy still there. All of Jane's children down at the school house but Fannie and Effie had quite a pleasant eve. Jane has got a new washing machine which seems to think saves time labor and c. John Lovett [illegible] up for us again a little after nine. John Dack kept home while we were gone. and V came back about ten. Lovett moved Newton Newport and family up to night to board while the corn husking continues.

2 March Thurs. Appearance of [illegible] John Dack feeding. Jane V making soap while I attend to the children and the dinner. Old Mrs Carson called and wanted the little house down on the pike for the summer. Jamie around all forenoon feeding. After dinner he was over at Fletchers. Late in the eve [illegible] Hugh called him for supper after which he went back home. Began using the water in the [illegible]. The porch this week had been standing dry since the fall. This AM at 10 o'clock S[illegible] B[illegible] daughter Sallie and P[illegible] Kyles were married. This eve Wm Ball's daughter Jannie and a Mr Hutcheson were married. All gone to the west to find homes.

3 March Friday. Heavy rain last night and this morning quite damp and gloomy. Jane V finished soap making at noon has succeeded finally. Jannie around all forenoon. Bro Silas brought a sheep home. Bro Hugh came up horseback. Both here for dinner. John back feeding- Afternoon. Jane V down at Lovett. Bro Hugh in with one and around. Silas went back home. After supper bro Hugh went home-Jannie around the fire. Fannie and Fred asleep in the cradle.

4 March Sat. Pleasant. John Dack and Lovett feeding. Fannie and Freddie and I in the kitchen all forenoon. Jane V [illegible] Jannie at C. Took dinner at Mother's after which I and Jennette went to Xenia. Jannie attending a meeting of the [illegiblex2]. Came home near eleven PM. Fannie and I called at [illegible] this PM. Jane at Lovett's this afternoon. The children and I retired at 10 PM.

5 March Sab. Quite gloomy. John Dack keeping house. Jane and Fannie and I at church. Left Freddie at Lovett's. Jane V went with us to her brother's. Had two sermons by [illegible]. "Tomorrow"- All of brother M's [illegible]. All of father out but mother bro Hugh out today. Bro David still at [illegible]. After night- Jannie read a few chapters in the book entitled The Blood of Jesus. After which we read in our place in Proverbs.

6 March Monday. Bright sunshine-Jane V washing. L out and John Dack husking corn [I think, but maybe something else]. Bro Hugh came this forenoon. Jannie done some writing for him after which he made a call at Fletchers. Jannie down at C. took newton Newport and wife down to their home- Jannie took dinner at Mother's. Went down to the mill came up again and talked to this man that man and the other and did not get home till after ten. Bro Hugh here for dinner sat around awhile after which he bid us "Goodbye" as he expects to leave tomorrow for Arkansas. Baby Frederic not well tonight sat up with him till Jannie came back after that till after twelve. Wesley Bevels(?) came this eve.

7 March. Tues. Bright sunshine- Wesly Began working this morning on this years team. John back husking corn or feeding. Lovett husking corn. Jannie around home all day. Jane V knitting a comfortable for the lounge. Father Mother and sister Mary here spending the day. Freddie still not very well. ——— [illegible] been kept awake so much on last night with Freddie I did not get up till late this morning. Bro Hugh did not go today as he had expected. I have just finished reading a book which I have been much interested in entitled "Stepping Heavenward" written by E. Prentiss, Author of the "Flower of the Family""The [illegible] Book""Little [illegible] and [illegible]". Eve. All at home. Poor Little Freddie still sick- he has had perfect health all his life and it goes hard with him to be sick.

8 March Wed. Appearance of rain. Jane V [illegible]. Lovett and Wesly husking corn. John Dack feeding. Jannie around home. Men in for dinner. A course doctor called in while we were at the table and took dinner with us. Afternoon. Speek called. Jannie down at Cain the spring wagon. took Mrs. Lovett and [illegible] with him as they wanted to see Mrs. V. Newport she is in rather a bad condition having lost her mind her husband takes her to the Asylum tomorrow. Jane V and I busy sewing. Jannie got home in good time this eve. What a different life and feeling it makes [illegible]. Fannie and Little Freddie have for "dear old pet papa" to [illegible] this early besides us having to wait and wait for his coming till [illegible].

9 March Thurs. Rain this forenoon. Cristie called John Dack feeding. Lovett at C. around for his own [illegible]. Cristie came into dinner with Jannie. Jane V sewing on the machine. I attended to the kitchen dept. Afternoon Wesly took a load of [illegible] to old Mike Fays. Eve Jannie and Fannie and I went with [illegible] to Hugh R[illegible] to their party. Bro Silas called before we left and took supper. Jane V took care of poor little Freddie for me. Had quite a pleasant time-quite a number

there from Cedarville and vicinity.—'d he's cleaned off nicely moonlight. Reached home a few minutes after eleven found Jane V working over Freddie as he has been taking on no [illegible] while we were gone having done scarcely anything but cry. Bro Hugh with us tonight.

10 March. Friday. Pleasant. Jane V in the kitchen. Wesley husking corn. Bro Hugh and John Dack feeding. Jannie around after [illegible]. After dinner. Jannie and Bro Hugh took the steer into [illegible] as he ships him tonight to the city. Came back in time for supper.

11 March. Sat. Raining most of the day. Jannie around feeding. Also Bro Hugh and John Dack. Wesley husking in corn. Fannie and I busy in the kitchen. Freddie playing on the floor. Jane V [illegible] the sewing machine- Billie Beveridge and Tom Moor called this morning. The former has been out in Kansas for a year and returns next week. men in for dinner= P. [illegible] peddler stopped with his team in the barn. Bro Silas called. Jannie and Lovett at C. Eve. Bro Hugh went down to town with Silas and returned with Jannie. both here for supper. Jane V spending the night at Lovett's.

12 March. Sab. Gloomy. Jannie and Bro Hugh at church. Fannie not feeling well. I remained at home with her. Freddie Jane V and Wesley at home with us. John dack spending the day at Fletchers. Had only one sermon as Mrs. Morton is not well and all of his children have the measles. Eve. Jane V called at Lovetts. After night Bro Hugh Jannie and I read several chapters in Proverbs.

13 March. Monday. Pleasant. Wesley husking corn. John Dack feeding. Jannie and Bro Hugh around. Jane V attending to business in the kitchen. Fannie still sick. about eight o'clock the measles began [illegible] on her. She has considerable fever. Afternoon Bro Hugh up at Charlestown at [illegible] and Houstons for [illegible]. Jannie at C. Sam P- called this afternoon. Measles still coming out on Fannie. After supper Bro Hugh went over home. About eight o'clock Jannie came home. Bro Torrence's children all sick with the measles. Nora Torrence is very sick. Mrs. Meston and all the children sick with measles.

14 March Tues. Gloomy. John Dack feeding. Wesley husking corn. Lovett working at the garden fence. Jane V washing. Dan's Jane and Mattie Small called to see us this forenoon. Fannie still breaking out with the measles- needs considerable attention. Freddie behaving like a little man [illegible] on the plan and playing most of the time. Springfield here on a house trade and

in with Jannie for dinner. Old Mike Fay here for dinner also. Afternoon Lizzie Lake called. Bros Hugh and Silas here took dinner and then we were through. Eve. Sitting in the front bed room. Jannie saw Kiler passing down from London from Mrs Mitchels funeral this eve.

15 March. Wed. John Dack at C. today taking a vacation. Lovett working at the garden fence. Wesly feeding. Jane V in the kitchen. Fannie covered from head to toe with measles. On last night papa and I got alarmed about her as we thought she had taken cold and the measles had gone back in. Papa got up dressed and made on a fire. We got hot tea for her and doctored her up. After which we went back to bed. This morning she seems to be getting along nicely. Dan's Jane called when coming home from C. brought Jane with her. She and father and sister Mary here for dinner. Old Mike Fay working at the ditch and in for dinner. Afternoon. Speek called. father went back home about four. Mary and Jane with us tonight. Late in the afternoon. Bro Hugh [illegible] to C. Jannie went in the spring wagon. Came back in good time. Mary and John helping up stairs.

16 March. Thurs. Gloomy Measles began drying up on Fannie slowly- very fretful all day. John Dack hanging the meat. Sister Jane superintending the job. Jane v ironing. John Lovell working at the garden fence. Wesly husking corn. Mary helping take care of the children. Sister betsy here for dinner. After dinner sister Betsy rode down with Jannie to their gate on the pike. Jane went on to C. with him- from there he and Joe C went to Xenia- Jannie met Mr. M Clelland in C. and talked business to him. Jannie stopped in C- a very short time reached home in very good time. Hugh down at C. hearing the trial of Ames Townsley and Sam Bankers suspecting sheep- trials held in the premises office in the new jail. Jannie around the fire tonight helping take care of the children and talking to Sister Mary- Hugh did not get home till late.

17 March. Friday. Appearance of rain. John Dack and Wesly out at work. Bro Hugh around all forenoon. Lovett at C. and around on his own account. Jane V in the kitchen. Sister Mary helping take care of the children. Measles going off Fannie. Jannie around home all day. Bro John and family here spending the day. Sammie has a very sore neck. Afternoon Bro Hugh at Charlestown for lumber. Did not get home till after dark. Newton Townsly moving his goods over to his new home which he bought a short time ago, his father, the late Alex Townsly's old farm.

18 March Saturday. Pleasant. All up in good time- but Bro Hugh who is not well. After breakfast I left Fannie and Frederic in sister Mary's care while I went down the pike as far as the creek to gather flowers for her for a bouquet. Jannie around feeding the bees. John Dack and Wesley out feeding. Lovett around till noon at the fences. About ten Jannie took sister Mary over home. After dinner. Bro Hugh [illegible] up matters and went over home as he feels like he was taking the measles. Jane v has her work done up in good style and has gone down to Lovett's awhile. Annie and [illegible] called to see Fannie it is the third time they have called to see her this week. It is quite pleasant this afternoon. And I feel very happy-for many reasons- happy. "Some folks" think it foolish to hear one talk about feeling happy[illegible] but is it? for me know there is happiness in this world as well as in the next- if we walk on the right path heavenward. Jannie took dinner out at home after which he and Bro Silas went over on a horse to [illegible] who is living on Sam [illegible] place. Coming home after dark. Dan's Willie called this eve- kept Fannie for one while I eat supper after which he and Wesley caught a pigeon for her. Jannie read an account in the [illegible] torchlight of M[illegible] Jane Weymoth McAfee being kicked by a horse in the face and injured very severely some time last week.

19 March. Sabbath. Beautiful. John Dack over at Fletchers. Jannie at church Jane V out with him to her brother [illegible]. Wesley up stairs most of the day. Fannie and Frederic and I had quite a pleasant day in out front bed room- both took a nice sleep. As Mr. Moston's entire family is still sick he only preached one sermon. After which Jannie went down to mother's for supper. She and Jane V reached home about five. After night Jannie and I finished reading the book of Proverbs. Jane V down at Wesley [illegible] by the creek spending the eve.

20 March. Monday. Appearance of rain. Jane V washing. Men out at work. Dr. D. K. Caldwell brought a friend of his by the name of Mensar from London to look at sheep. Bro Hugh here for dinner- Afternoon went in Silas' buggy to Springfield- Jannie out trying to start Wesley [illegible] the plow in the Crawford [illegible]. Came up a heavy shower which brought them home. At [illegible] had supper- Hugh came while we were eating- After supper [illegible] called at house a few minutes. I forgot to say that on last Wednesday papa brought home a nice high chair for his son Frederic C- which Fannie seems to appreciate as well as Fred.

21 March. Tues. Cool. Jane C ironing. Bro Hugh went back home. Jannie went in to Dan's Spring Wagon with gloves to C. Took dinner at Mother's. No one here for dinner but John Dack and Wesly. Fannie still keeps her room and takes her meals there. Afternoon. Jannie sewing. Wesly plowing. John Dack feeding Lovett and helping also. Jannie came home in good time. Drove up to Eli Wright to see about the ditches- Eve- I am not feeling well and have not been for several days. Fannie crying after her papa. Went out and sat on his lap while he was eating supper. Fannie seems about well but we are afraid of her taking cold. [illegible] Willie called this eve- papa nursing the children and reading.

22 March Wed. Pleasant. Bro Dan called this morning. An Old gentleman called this forenoon to get me take his daughter to train. Jannie, John Dack and Lovett up at E.L. Wright's for the ditches cutting ditches across the rail road at the gates of eighteen [illegiblex3]. Wesly plowing- After dinner men out at work again. Mrs. Lovett called. Speeler also. Jane V putting in a Comfort up stairs. William Marshal and [illegible] Moore married today. Papa and the children in the far out bed room. I am not well to night. John Mitchell called at the gate to see Jannie.

23 March. Thurs. Pleasant. So very weak I had to go back to bed this morning. Jane V attending to the children and my room kitchen and all. Wesly plowing. Jamie John Dcak Lovett and John Carson at the ditch. John C in for dinner. Bro Hugh came this forenoon. Afternoon men out at work again. Bro David called as he returned this week from Morning SUn. The measles are coming out on me today. Eve. Bro Hugh over at home a short time came back again. Bro Silas brought list. Mary up to stay with me. Men finished ditching late this eve. Jannie slept with me and took care of Fannie and Fred. Sister Mary sleeping with Jane V.

24 March. Friday. Bright sunshine. I am very sick this morning and all day. Sister Mary very busy waiting on me. Bro Silas and J. D. McMillan called. Also Bro Dan and Sister Jane. Jamie went down to C to see Dr. Kyle, stopped at mother's for dinner and brought up sister Matt with him. Jennie Little called this afternoon. Mrs. Newton Newport died yesterday. Locates one there this afternoon. Bro Dan and Sister Jane here and sat awhile tonight. Sister Mary sleeping with Jane V. Sister Matt and Fannie on a [illegible] up bed in the corner of our room.

April 1871

1 April. Saturday. Pleasant. Bro Silas at Springfield Yesterday with [illegible] at Dan last night called here and went home. Jannie at church rode horse back. Bro Dan left Jannie and Effie with me today again. John Carson Wesley and John [illegible] for dinner. I put on my dress this eve after Jannie came home feeling very weak. Fred and I still covered with faded measles. Jane V fixed bitters for one of Wild-Cherrie bark and whisky to be taken before breakfast. Jannie came home before dark. Took dinner at Mother's. Had preaching by Bro David. Eve. Papa making lemonade for Fannie and Fred. All retired early.

2 April. Sab. Day of Gen Communion in our church. Quite pleasant. Dan's Willie came down and rode with Jannie. John took Wesley Jane V Fannie and Fred and I home. I still have to keep my [illegible] feel very [illegible] that I can not go to church. Jannie came home after three. Says there were quite a number of the members missing as there is a good deal of sickness over the congregation. On last Thursday Jack [illegible] received a son into their family. Eve. Jane V calling at Lovett's. At half past five preaching by Bro David Text-"Abide with us for it is toward evening and the day is far spent. And he went in to town with them." Dan's Willie rode down with Jannie- returned about eight bringing sister Jennette with them. After they came home came up a shower of rain. Jennette sleeping with Jane V in the dining room.

3 April. Monday. Sister Jennette went down with Jannie to church had sermon by bro David. After preaching Jannie and Bro John took dinner at mother's. Afternoon-rain- John Dack at C. with word for mother. This is the day of the election of Township officers. Bro Dan candidate for trustee- Joe Caldwell for [illegible] Still keep my room so very lonely- feel like a caged bird. I long to be free. I have been watching the last three hours for Jamie Jonathan Smith Bro Dan [illegible] and every other man has gone home and will Jannie never come. Fannie is helping me to watch and keeps saying never mind mama don't cry papa comes after while. About dark he came. brought supper sister Jane sleeping with Jane V. in the dining room.

4 April. Tues. I left my room for the first this morning since I took the measles. Took breakfast with the family. Jannie and daughter Fannie at C. this morning took sister Jane down home. Jane V washing Bro Hugh Reid called to see her this morning. He moves his family from C tomorrow to some town on the river. Jonathan Smith called this forenoon. Jannie and Fannie came back

before dinner bringing sister M[illegible] and Emma [illegible] with them. John Carso Wesly and John Dack in for dinner also. Sister [illegible] and Jane V knitting a comfortable in the front bed room. Bro David and Sister Mary here spending the afternoon. Bro Hugh recovering from measles able to sit up. Emma in the kitchen attending to business. Bro Dan and sister Hane called this eve when five- after which Bro David and sister Mary went home as neigher was very well. Jannie away all afternoon at John Johnson's did not get home till after night at which time she had supper. Sister [illegible] and I had quite a pleasant evening together. Emma sleeping in the dining room. [illegible] and Jane V up stairs.

5 April Wed. Pleasant. Sister [illegible] went down to C with Bro Dan as they were going to Xenia. Emma ironing and attending to the kitchen work. Jane V went to Lovett's this morning there the most of today and with them tonight. Sp[illegible] called this forenoon. John Dack John Carson and Wesly in for dinner. Lovett working at the garden fence. Was up at Charleston yesterday for lumber. James at Springfield today went by C. John Johnson at which place he took supper before leaving town. Called at John S[illegible] and Jannie did not get home till after ten. Got his hair and side whiskers cut today. Fannie and Fred had both retired when he came. About eleven o'clock it came up a thunder shower.

6 April. Thurs. Quite pleasant. Jannie and Sam Palberth at Xenia. Jannie took Jane V to C with him and left her at her brothers. Matt and Jennette up at Dan papering today. Old man Carson and the other one [illegible] in hay and corn. Wesly John Dack John Carson and Wesly in for dinner. Lovett working at the garden fence. Afternoon sent Emma ip to Dan's to help with house cleaning and papering. Bro David and Hugh called this afternoon. Also Jennie Caldwell and Bessie and Hugh's Ma[illegible] and Old Smith Buck. A little after five Emma came back. Fannie up at Dan's this afternoon rode up house back with [illegible]. Came back after night after night as Jennette and Matt were returning to C. Jannie took supper at Mother's came home after dusk. Fannie and Fred playing on the floor when he came.

7 April. Friday. Quite pleasant. Old man Carson and men out plowing. Wesly John Dack and John Carson in for dinner. Emma attending to the work in the kitchen. Afternoon. Emma up at Bro Dan's helping with he house cleaning. I fixed some of Fannie's short dresses on Fred today. Jannie at Xenia with Bro Dan and [illegible] Small in their spring wagon left this morning about nine returned this eve near five. Gracie here all afternoon. I

brought Fannie's wagon down stairs and started Fred out in it. Gracie and Fannie took him all around when papa came home took him out to meet him. Emma came back in time to attend to the work in the kitchen. Lovett working at the yard fence all day.

8 April Sat. James having potatoes planted today. John Dack Wesley John Carson and [illegible] Walker here for dinner. Emma busy in the kitchen. It is twenty five years today since Bro Dan and Sister Jane were married. And today Mother McMillan with all the brothers and sisters and nephews and nieces are incited in to celebrate their "Silver Wedding". [illegible] and Jennette called this morning also Wesley Mrs Palberth and Lizzie C. All of Dan's litter are back and [illegible] Fannie walked up with Annie D Jennie and Lizzie C brought their buggy down and took Fred and me up. James walked up alone. Mother McMillan there together with al the brothers and sisters which reside here and most of the nephews and nieces. Together with Mrs Morton and Annie Stermont Clementine and Nathie and Mary Wright. The day beautiful, the meeting pleasant. Eve. Hugh's Jane brought Fannie and Fred and Sister Jennette and me down in the carriage. James walked. Jennette remained with [illegible] for supper about dark Jamie took her to C. in Bro Dan's spring wagon. [illegible] rode horse back and came back with him. Emma here to stay. I spent the evening in the nursery. Jamie came back about nine.

9 April. Sab. "Easter Sunday" [illegible] to the Almanac. Quite pleasant all day. John Dack Fannie and Frederic and I at Home. Wesley rode down to Xenia. Jamie at preaching. Emma went down to town with him. Had two sermons by Mr Morton. Jamie came home about three o'clock, I attended to the dinner myself. Emma came back about dark with a gentleman of "color". Jamie read some nice pieces from Christian [illegible]. Bible after which we had prayers and retired.

10 April. Monday. Pleasant. Old [illegible] Lovett and Philips trimming apple trees today and some of the days last week. Jane V called this morning she came up with Jannie last night is stopping at Lovett's. Emma washing. [illegible] Waker here tagging sheep. James at C this morning took potatoes and came back at noon. He and Walker and John Carson John Dack and Wesley in for dinner. Afternoon Old Gent. Brock arrived here for dinner. Jamie out looking after sheep. Had supper about dusk.

11 April Tues. Pleasant. All very busy out of doors and in doors. Emma cleaning out front bed room I attended to most of the work in the kitchen. Old Gent Brock and Walker at the sheep. Lagging they together with Jamie. John Carson John Dack and

Wesly mentioned that on yesterday afternoon sister Mary and Cousin Bell in for supper with the exception of John has out room all finished up in good style sitting in it by sleeping in it tonight.

12 April. Wed. Quite Pleasant on last night Bro Hugh took a sick spill Jannie Wesly and I up with him for awhile. Jane V called this morning also. Bro Dan and sister Jane. Emma cleaning the back sitting room and helping me with dinner. Men busy with the sheep. Old Gent Brock [illegible] Walker John Carson Wesly and John Dack and Jamie in for dinner. Afternoon Jamie out after sheep. Jane V came up this afternoon bid the children and me "goodbye" been quite busy in the kitchen men in for supper at five. Old gent Brock spending the night with Walker. Bro Hugh around the fire most of the day. Bro John called this afternoon.

13 April. Thurs. Pleasant. Lovett took Jane Van Horn to Springfield in our spring wagon as she took the train from there to go to her sisters in the logan county. Men all out out at work. Emma and I very busy. Men all out at work. Bro Dan down at C. for sister Mary Eliza as she came over from Wilmington on Tuesday. He brought sister Jane and Marr and Matt Small along also. Matt called her and [illegible] Fannie and took her up with her for dinner. Old Gent Brock Walker John Carson Wesly John Dack and Jamie in for dinner. Bro Hugh around all day. About three o'clock Sister Jane and Fannie walked down a little bit later. Sister Matt Mary Eliza and Dan's Jane walked down. Frederic and I were dressed to receive them. Emma attending to business in the kitchen Had both dining rooms open. One for guests and the other for the men. Bro Dan came about five. He and Jamie around the sheep pens for awhile. Eve. Jamie took sister Jane Mary Eliza and Matt to C. Dan's Jane remained awhile with one and put Fannie and Fred to bed as I am quite unwell tonight. Retired early left things in the kitchen and dining rooms in the care of Emma. Old Gent Brock went home tonight as the sheep are finished. Missed the train and had to walk home. Wesly cleaned the yard for me this forenoon.

14 April Friday. Pleasant. I did not get up very early. Feeling a great deal better. Annie and Gracie called this morning also [illegible] Crawford. He and Jamie went out in the yard awhile. Fannie and Fred with them. Emma taking charge of things. Hennie Bro Hugh in for dinner. Hohn Dack at C brought home a suit of clothes. Afternoon. Jamie took his sheep over to John B. Sparrows pastures- Bro Hugh at C. out at Bro John's to notify him of the move. John Drove over in his buggy and brought him home. Some of mother and Mary Eliza visiting at Mrs. Little's this forenoon

and Mrs P's this afternoon. Timmy Caldwell called on some little errands. Emma cleaning the little room up stairs. Mrs Lovett bought my clothes home this eve as she ironed for me this week. Bro Hugh came back from C. and from changing sheep at five. Jennie did not [illegible] till after night at which time I had supper.

15 April. Sat. Men all out at work. Jamie John Carson John Dack Wesly and Bro Hugh here for dinner. [illegible] Wright bought our spring wagon home which he had at Xenia yesterday. Emma baking and scouring up things in the kitchen dept. Late in the afternoon. Sister Mary and Bro Silas came remained for supper went away after dark. Emma took Fred in his little wagon to Dan's Fannie went along also. Jamie at home all day.

16 April Sab. Quite Pleasant. Bro Hugh and Wesly at home. John Dack at C. Fred at Lovett's. Jannie and Fannie and I at church. Emma went down to C with us spending the day at her mothers. Jannie and Fannie and I stopped at Mothers. Jenette had a hat ready for Fannie "[illegible]" Fannie seems very proud of it. Kissed aunt Jenette. Fannie walked up to church with her and Aunt Jennette. Had only one sermon by Mr Morton. This is the first day Fannie and I have been at church for six weeks. All of fathers there but Silas. After preaching we went down to mothers remained for supper.

17 April. Monday. Pleasant. Emma sick. I attended to the work myself. John Dack took John Carson and Wesly home for dinner. Afternoon Old gent Brock came here for dinner. Began working in the garden. Emma still feeling sick concluded to go home and [illegible] the doctor so accordingly left this afternoon. Mr Crowford Stormont mr morton's brother in law called this morning. He and his wife having come to wait on Mr M's children. Mr and Mrs S have been spending the winter in tennessee. Brother Hugh rode Ben over home this afternoon. Jannie left home this morning with the intention of going with John Johnson to Springfield. But he and Johnson went to the sale of Buffenberger near Springfield.

18 April Tues. Pleasant Old Gent Brock working in the garden. Ben Walker came on to white wash. Working in the dining room today. James left Wesly in the house to assist me. Men handling in hay. Old Gent Brock Ben Walker Jon Carson John Dock and Wesly in for dinner. Sat the table in the beck sitting room. Jamie left home this morning with the intetion of taking sister Matt and Mary Eliza to Xenia but they had got a buggy and was gone when he went down. Jamie attended to some business in C and

returned after dinner. Brought home a kitchen fire by the name of Vine Mastain just late from Indiana. Searched home just as the bell rang for supper. Eve. Bro Jugh came back. Mrs. Lovett called. sent wesly down for my clothes as she washed and ironed for me this week. Bro Dan called this eve. His little Jennie has the measles.

19 April. WEd. Appearance of rain a light shower during the day. Old Gent Brock Ben Walker John Carson, Wesly John Dack Jamie and Bro Hugh all in for dinner. Afternoon Ben Walker white washing the dining room. [illegible] called. I spent most of the afternoon working out yeast cakes. Jannie came into supper after we were through eating. Our girl [illegible] busy in the kitchen all day.

20 April. Thurs. Old Gent Brock white washing fence. Old Gent Brock walker wesly John Carson and John Dack in for dinner. Jamie and brother Hugh across the [illegible] road [illegible] sheep which got Mized up yesterday eve. Mitchell pulling in this claim for them. Did not get in till after two o'clock. for dinner. V[illegible] busy in the kitchen. Eve. Old Gent Brock went home this eve. Finished planting the first part of the garden has shown a great deal of skill on the argument of it. hide up the [illegible] he went away. Quite chilly this eve. Jamie Bro Hugh and the children around the fire in the guest bed room.

Response

I thought these two months were interesting, but I might have to go through them again. About half way through I realized that she hadn't mentioned James nearly at all, and only in reference to the children. That still may just be her being frustrated at him for whatever reason, because she did sound somewhat frustrated when did talk about him. However, there was another person, who I thought was 'Jannie' that I think might actually be Jamie or James. I can't really decide, so I'm going to go over it some more to try and differentiate. Also, I think there is a farm hand whose name starts with a 'J,' which complicates things. It was interesting seeing measles infiltrate the town. For just about all of March and April, several of the families in town had measles, and even Martha and the kids had it. We don't even have to worry about it, but it seriously messed them up for a significant amount of time. I plan on at some point going back to the last 10 or so days of these months so I have them all done, but I just didn't have the time for it this week.

Martha E. McMillan Journals
1871

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1 May. Monday. Quite pleasant. Annie and Jennie called this morning-also, some of the little school children. Jennie [Basbe?] began teaching up at the school house last Monday- hers is the subscription school two dollars per schollar - dressed Fannie and Fred up when Papa took them with him to C- to mother's- V[illegible] M[illegible] here most of the day helping me. Bro Hugh John Carson John Dack and Wesly in for dinner. Afternoon Papa came home- bought the children and [illegiblex2] with him Lizzie Lake called- Vinnie Martain went back home. Mrs. Galbreath here getting feed corn. Jannie called at Bro Dan's this morning and up again as Grace and Effie have the measles and are quite sick. Men in for supper at five. Bro Dan called Jamie and the children and I sat out on the stile with him awhile.

2 May. Tues. Rain. Men passing around about planting corn/ Out one hundren acres of land finished [illegible] or I [illegible] plowing today. Jannie Fannie and Fred and I started out to Xenia today. Met father on his way home for feed corn. Stopped at Mothers awhile after dinner. at which time Sister Jane and

Johnny Bromesan [illegible] with us to Xenia left the children at mothers and [illegible] hard now and then all afternoon. Done some little shopping or called to see Crissie- she was much more cheerful than I have seen her for a long time. Mrs. of C is down at her fathers sick left little Mary at home. Jannie called around for me when we came on home reached C before dark. A meeting of the teachers and the colored Mission Sab. School meeting at mothers tonight. After supper the children and papa and I came on home. Found business progressing satisfactorily. Sat around awhile and retired. Father came on up this morn. remained for dinner. Johnny B drove out to see his affianced [illegiblex2] Amea Chartis while in Xenia.

3 May. Wed. Damp and cloudy. Men around not doing much. John Dack hanging around to go to town. Speaker called- Jannie, Bro Hugh John Dack and Wesly in for dinner. Afternoon. Jannie Fannie and Fred and I at home. John Dack went with us to C. When passing by [illegible] Townsly their bees were swarming Jannie staid with Mr [illegible] while John Dack drove the carriage back home to tell the folks to watch the bees. Drove back got Jamie and went to town and drove out home. Father was in C reached home a short time after we went out. Bro David came home at noon. Mary and Bell very busy sewing. Heavy rain this eve. As we came through C stopped at Mothers gate. Reached home after dark. Bro John called while we were gone. Matt Kennedy and her two little girls have come they are at Bro John's today.

4 May. Wednesday. Pleasant [illegible] called at Bro Dan's this morning. Fave them the Slicer Napkin rings which Jannie and I got them Tuesday when in Xenia this was [illegible] them the day of their Silver Wedding. Rings were marked D.M. and J.M. Jamie took Harry down to Gilbert and put in same buggy. [illegible] and Sam went to Xenia Lovett over at Clifton at mill. I left Emma in [illegible] command when I got Lovett to drive the children and I into [illegible] as he went to mill. Met Jannie and Sam driving out. Mrs Galberth has been sick. She was in bed all day. Old Mrs Marshall called into see her also. Riley Jennie and Bessie. Old Mr. Galberth out preparing his own ground. Had quite a pleasant day with Betsy. Sewed on my [illegible] dress. Jamie and Sam came home a little after five. Jamie came for supper with us after which he brought us home in Sam's buggy. Emma keeping up things in good style. One- rain, on a small [illegible], Old gent Brock there for dinner today went away before we came home.

5 May. Friday. Quite gloomy and real cool. Men began planting corn. I called at Lovett this forenoon to sew on Jan V's sewing machine. Making a calico dress for myself. Jamie John Carson Bro

Hugh John Dack and Wesly in for dinner. Afternoon Emma and Fannie called at Sister Betsy's and Mrs Shaws in the little house by the creek. At noon Wesly and Lovett moved the machine up to our place. I have been busy sewing all afternoon. Jamie and Bro Hugh in the sheep pen making selections for the Jamestown Sale of Sheep upon tomorrow. Had supper after dark. Emma not feeling so very well. Wesly attached to the [illegible].

6 May. Sat. Cold considering the time of the year. All up in pretty good time. Started with one hundred head of sheep to sale at Jamestown. Jamie drove them [illegible] to C when Bro Hugh took charge of them leaving Jamie to return home. Men out planting corn Jamie took breakfast alone after he came back around all forenoon. John Dack Wesly John Carson and Jamie in for dinner. Jamie around all afternoon looking after things. Came into supper at five. Eve. at home by the fire. Bro Hugh came home after night. Dull sale over at Jamestown as there was scarcely anyone at it at Cordals on Plumpiles old farm at stopped at fathers for supper.

7 May Sab. Cool. Jamie and Fannie and Bro Hugh at church stopped at mothers for my brown hat. Had two sermons in the forenoon by Mr. Morton and afternoon by Bro David. left Fred at home with Emma and Wesly. John Dack at C most of the day. Eve- here at home.

8 May. Monday. Damp. Men busy planting. Jamie and Bro Hugh around looking after things. Emma not feeling well. On last evening her niece and Jordon called to see her. [illegible] in the kitchen dept. On last night as we came from church drove down to Dr. Caldwell's office for med. for Emma. Jamie Bro Hugh John Dack Wesly and John Carson in for dinner. Afternoon rain. Busy helping on with the work in the kitchen. Afternoon Jamie rc a summons by the deputy of Greene C. Concerning that drug store business the bitter fruit of security. Hugh over at [illegible] for the sheep. Bro Dan down at town for some errand for us. Stopped and had quite a chat on the pike with my husband. Fannie and I rode up home with him. Left Fred with Emma. Jane making soap. Called at Jordons for shoe maker. were mostly dark when I came home. Jamie and Bro Hugh around the fire.

9 May Tuesday. Pleasant. Men planting corn in these two fields joining the houses. Jamie around [illegible] he and Bro Hugh John Carson Wesly and John Dack in for dinner. Emma in the kitchen. Afternoon Bro Hugh up at the sheep pasture over at John Johnson's [illegible] has potatoes. I have been running the

sewing machine all afternoon. Men in for supper at five. Papa and Fannie out planting corn and beans. Bro Hugh home before dark. Jamie called at Galberth's a few minutes this afternoon. Sam S called in tonight I called at Lovett's

10 May. Wed. Quite pleasant. Men all out at work across the rail road. Mr. G called for seed corn. Sister Betsy came with him and spent awhile with me. Jamie looking after things all forenoon. Eli Wright took him family to Xenia in our spring wagon. Joe Caldwell called on his assession business. He and Jamie Bro Hugh John Carson and John Dack in for dinner. while at the table Jamie was called away to attend to an [illegible] swarm which came off but did not stop long but went back again to the old parent hive. Afternoon- Emma dressed Fred and took him up in his little buggy to Uncle [illegible]. Fannie went up in the buggy with Matt Small who was passing up to his mother's. Eve- Bro Hugh Dacid and Mother came here for supper. Jamie and Bro David called at five for Fannie and Fred as Emma left them there. Jamie planting the Peerless potatoes today. Sent two large [illegible] home to father express [illegiblex2]. Eve- all at home.

11 May. Thurs. Men out planting Jamie out with them. Fannie and Fred and I are at Bro Dan's this morning. Came back home went to sewing on Fannie's [illegible]. About ten o'clock the [illegible] hive which came off yesterday came off again. Cirled around awhile and started back in when I closed the enclosure to prevent them. Sent Emma to the field for Jamie and shut Fannie and Fred up in the kitchen. Bees are all nicely settled around the mouth go the old nice when Jamie came he fixed a place for his hive and drove them in with out any difficulty. John Carson Wesly John Dack and Bro Hugh and the rest of us here for dinner. Afternoon- Men out at the corn planting again. Emma in the kitchen I spent most of the afternoon sweing. Eve. Men did not come in to supper till late. John Dack rode Kitty Clover to C. All the rest at home.

12 May Friday. Warm. Jamie and the men out finishing up the [illegible] across the rail road. Bro Hugh attending the sheep. Chicken bees and [illegible] around home. I called at Bro Dan's made arrangements to go with them to Xenia came home dressed myself and children and went with them. left the kitchen in care of Emma. As we drove past Mrs P and Lizzie C were ready to go with Bro D's to C. But as the carriage was full they were disappointed. Annie and Jennie and Effie went out Matt Smalls Gracie went with us to X. I called at Mother Mc's a few minutes before Dan and Jane were ready to drive out. Jennette was just

starting up to her place on foot. I left Fannie with them and took Fred down to Mrs. Torrence and left him with her. Very busy all the while I was in town as they were ready to come home so did not get to call to see any one. Coming home Bro Dan preached a sermon. [illegible] the ultimate fall of the Reformed Presbyterian Church and the triumph and victory of the N.P. body and others of our church, the Ref. Pres. is built upon a tone and living foundation she will not moulder in the dust and perish from off the earth- for "crushed to earth will rise again the eternal years of God are hers." As we passed Torrence's and Mother's stopped for Fannie and Fred. Coming back found Emma getting along nicely. Jamie and the men in for supper at dark. Afternight as he was driving down to C. I left Fannie asleep in the cradle and took Fred with me. Jennette sent my black silk with me while she has done over. [illegible] I went up to Brogans grocery found him Joe C talking over matters. Came back to mother's got Fred and came on home. Found Fannie still sleeping where we left her. Poor little thing was so tired.

13 May. Sat. Jamie and the men busy planting in the Crowford field. Bro Hugh around home. Emma in the kitchen. Gracie came down and took Fred up home with her to spend the day. At noon as Bro Dan was passing up in the wagon Fannie went up with him and remained for dinner. Jamie Bro Dan John Carson John Dack and Wesly in for dinner. Afternoon. Jamie out with the men planting. Emma in the kitchen baking. Men in for supper at dark. Bro Hugh down at C this eve.

14 May Sab. Pleasant. Little drought. Fannie not well last night. Had fever and vomiting- did not get to go to church as she never awakened till after eleven. Jamie and Bro Hugh went in the Spring wagon alone. Wesly, John Dack, Emma, and the children and I at home. Took diner at four after which Jamie retired for a nap. After night prayer today [illegible] by Mr Morton and in the after by Rev Shaw Ramsey.

15 May. Monday. Appearance of rain. Emma working. Jamie out with the men finishing planting. He and John Carson John Dack and Wesly and Bro Hugh in for dinner. Just before noon another swarm came off the [illegible] hive. Jamie and Bro Hugh worked without success trying to hive them but finally let them go back to their home hive. Afternoon Old gent Brock came here for dinner. Rained all afternoon Jamie and the men worked on through clouds and rain and finished the corn planting near dark. Had supper after dark after which Jamie Fannie and Fred and I drove over home to spend the night. All had retired when we got there. Jamie Fannie Fred and I slept in the little bed room next the

parlor mounded on the east by Bro David's room and on the west Mary's and Bell's. Fannie said she was sick and cried most of the night while Fred behaved like a preacher.

16 May. Tues. All of us woke up at father's this morning. Breakfasted at six. Bro David attended to worship sang the eleventh psalm. Father Mother and Bro David busy making papa [illegible] as they leave on the nine o'clock train for Philadelphia this morning. Bro Silas took them in the Carriage to the train. Jamie left for home at the same time having his family to spend the day with. Mary and Bell seemed very lonely around the old home without father and mother what is what is home without those nothing but a name. Bro Silas did not get back till after dinner. Willie Porter serving the farm. Afternoon Bro Silas at the back of the farm building fence. Fannie and Fred asleep Bell over at Harvey's. Mary and I alone most of the time. I had supper at five after which Bro Silas took Fannie and Fred and me up home. Called at mother's fate in passing through. Quite a number of N.P. preachers in C. as their Board of Missions next this week. Also quite a number of Methodist preachers at their Conference meets in C this week also. Reached home in good time found Emma attending to things nicely. Jamie out on the farm. Bro Hugh John Dack and Wesley at supper. Silas took a rest at the table and took supper also. Old Brock quite sick. Using a mixture of black pepper and molasses for a cure. Jamie came in and eat alone the [Itallion?] swarm which came off yesterday came off today again. Jamie got them hived without difficulty. Rain this eve. So wet. Silas concluded to remain all night. Sleeping with Hugh up stairs in the little room.

17 May. Wed Pleasant. Sam P called this morning. Jamie over at [illegible] Fosters on a little business. John Dack gathering sticks off the meadow. Wesley down at town with a load of chips for mother at the blacksmith shop. Jamie and sister Jennette and I at Xenia took old gent Brock with us to his home as he is still sick. Did not get away till after dinner from Mothers as we went down to town this morning we drove into sister Betsy's and took her and Lizzie C with us to Mother's left Fannie and Fred with us while we were gone. Before leaving C today I called at Mr Morton's to see Cargill and Mary who are still sick. As it was late before we got to Xenia did not have very long time there. Met Mr. [illegible] of Cherrie Fork in the store called to see Crissie [illegible] and Mrs. of C. Bro Silas in X today came home at the same time we did in his buggy Johnny Bronegan and Lizzie remained in Xenia with Charles girl while Johnny went over on the train to Dayton for goods. We reached C a little

before dark. Found Fannie and Fred in the sitting room with Grandmother and Aunt Betsy. After supper we came on home. Came in past Galbreath's with Sister Betsy and Lizzie C. Came home closed up shop and retired.

18 May. Thursday. Men around over the plantation. Emma ironing. Jamie Bro Hugh Wesley and John Dack in for afternoon. Emma still ironing. Men down by the creek washing sheep. Wm Managon and old Carson in for supper with Jamie Bro Hugh John Dack and Wesley. Fannie and Fred playing around home.

19 May. Friday. Pleasant. John Dack down at C. Mrs Ellis buried to day in C. also Old Mr Spencer both died Thursday. Sallie Marshal and Ines Townsley married this week. men around home. Emma finishing up the ironing. Jamie John Dack and Wesley in for dinner. Bro Hugh up at Sparrow for the sheep did not get back till we were through eating. Emma went down to her mother's. Jamie drove down for her came back up when the children and I got in and came o home. Papa got his little boy a nice birthday present- a pretty French harp enclosed in a red bone together with candy and lemon crackers. As he is asleep papa will not give them till the morning.

20 May. Sat. Quite warm. Fannie and Fred both up. Papa gave his boy his French harp. Poor little fellow seems at loss to know what to do with it so he hands it to papa and sister Fannie and blows on it. seemed to understand the nature of the candy and crackers better. Gave a share of them to Fannie. Wesley hauling wood to the shed and tilling the field next the house. John Dack out at work. Bro Hugh and Hugh's Jim shearing sheep. Jamie up at John Mitchels and Jno? Wildman's this morning. He and the above mentioned ones in for dinner. Afternoon. Jamie and Wesley out planting watermelon seed. John Dack out on the farm someplace. Bro Hugh and Hugh's Jim out at sheep shearing. All in for supper. After supper Lovett out with Jamie. I caked down at Lovetts to do some stitching on Jan V's machine. A temperance picnic at Selma today. Jamie and I thought of going- some little?

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1 June. Thurs. Jamie out with the men in the truck patch after that replanting corn. He and Bro Hugh Abe Strutcher Jogn Dack and Wesley in for dinner. I painted three chairs for the bedroom and [illegible] all day. Emma busy on the kitchen. Afternoon took the remainder of the clothes down to Mrs Lovetts to iron.

Hugh and Strutcher in for supper early the others not till dark. About seven or eight came up a storm. Not a great deal of rain.

2 June. Friday. Warm. Men out replanting corn. Jamie with them most of the time. Day good. Salesmen reporting themselves from England called layed out a great amount of goods claimed to sell three hundred dollars worth for the small sum of \$130. But we concluded there was no explanation in buying that which we did not need because it was cheap. Bro Hugh and Abe Strutcher shearing sheep all in for dinner. Afternoon Emma and Fannie and Freddie called at Dan's. Jamie over at Nattie Wright's pasture for sheep. After supper- Papa took Fannie and Fred and me with him to Cedarville. Left us with Mother's while he drove up town again. Settled with Jan Beamer. Matt up at a teacher's meeting. Fred right fretful. Aunt Jane walked him to sleep when he slept the remainder of the eve on the sofe. Sister Mary called at mothers. before we came away. Bright moonlight.

3 June. Sat. Pleasant. Bro Hugh and Stutchen shearing sheep. Jamie out helping mark. Wesly and John Dack replanting. All in for dinner. Afternoon. Fannie and Fred and I went up with Old Pet Papa to Sparrow pasture for a ride which we all enjoyed very much. Sheep have a nice situation good pasture and all in good shape. While Papa was salting them he sat Fred out under a tree to play with his watch till we were ready to come home. Fannie out playing around also. In passing Mr Camels church I noticed they had service there today. I say [illegible] preparatory to their communion. As we reached home Emma was just ringing the bell for supper. After supper Mrs Lovett called. About dark Bro Hugh took Emma down home. Jamie across the rail road. Silas and Jennie Little called. I guess Matt had [illegible] out at our place and Silas had brought her in. Prayer meeting out there this afternoon.

4 June Sab Wesly down at his home. Jamie's Annie and Hugh at church. John Dack Fred and I at home to watch the bees. Had two sermons by S R [illegible]. They did not get home till late. Fred got two falls today one out of the back door in the stirring room and another off the porch. After supper Jamie Bro Hugh and I read through the fifty second book of Timothy. Eve Wesly came home bringing his father with him. Afternight Mr. Brock in the sitting room. Jamie read some nice pieces to us from the Evangelist.

5 June Monday. Pleasant. All up in good time. I attended to the breakfast myself as Emma did not get back till nine. Jamie around here and there all forenoon. Men out plowing corn. Abe

Strutchen Old gent Brock and Bro Hugh out shearing sheep. R S [illegible] called here for dinner together with the sheep shearers and John Dack and Wesly. After dinner he and Jamie in the parlor completing the wool trade. After which Jamie went away with him in his buggy called at quite a number of places and around to Bro John for supper. Mrs Alex [illegible] and Mrs [illegible] of Illinois there for supper also. George Masper called this afternoon also [illegible] from Springfield. Jamie with All Miller from C coming up to examine out wool. After supper Bro Hugh took Fannie and Fred and I down to C to meet Papa and bring him home. Jamie called around at Mother's for his family. Hugh rode p with sam Galbreath.

6 June. Tues. So very sleepy this morning that it took two singings of the large dinner bell and one of the 8 male hand bell with considerable slamming doors to awaken the occupants of our apartment as breakfast was ready and waiting. John Dack and Wesly replanting corn. Bro Hugh Abe Strutchen Old Gent Brock and Arch shearing sheep. Emma washing. Jamie around all forenoon he and all the other men in for dinner. Afternoon program the same men all in for supper. Eve a shower of rain.

7 June. Wed. Men at the sheep shearing. Jamie going down to town. Fannie and Fred and I went with him as far as Bro Hughs as Rachel is sick. Sister Betsy was with her had been there all night. Dr. D K Caldwell came to see her while I was there when he and Bessie were going back to C. Fannie and I went with them. Left Fred with Aunt Betsy found Jamie at Bromegans grocery from there I called at Julia Bird's shop. Dr C drove me up to Towsel's shop and to Dr. Kyle's. Jamie and Fannie and Bessie met me there and came up home. Bessie came with us to Rachel's we got Fred and came on home. Jamie Hugh Jim Abe Strutchen and Old Fent Brock and Bro Hugh John Dack and Wesly all here for dinner and supper. Afternoon Jamie down with Wesly in the Crowford field plowing. [illegible] came onto work here for supper also. Eve. RS Katie called. Sammie Smith called at the gate to see me and the children. Saw Jordon as he passed up home. John Dack and Wesly down at C. Hacket here tonight sleeping with Bro Hugh. I retired early.

8 June Thurs. Pleasant. John Dack settled this morning and concluded to retire form the farm as he can not afford to work at lower figures than 20 dollars per month. Negro Jordon called in settled up also is plowing for us today. Bro John here this morning after chopping wood for the kitchen. Mrs Lovett called. Emma out with Fannie and Fred. Vina Martain called this morning

sent her to Matt Townsly to get a situation. Old gent Brock and Hacket still with us.

9 June. Friday Warm. Sheep shearing still progressing. Jamie down at C. Dr Caldwell and Sister Matt here a short time this morning. Dr Owen over at the barn awhile. Jamie came back from town in a very little bit. A swarm of bees came off settled when they started back to the hive again the greater portion got in before we got the entrance closed. Jamie looked around a little when he found the queen on the ground a short distance from the hive. Got his hive had put his queen in and drove what he could of the bees in carried the old hive a way and sat his new one in the place which it occupied. All of which was quite a success. Lovett assisted him some little. Bro Hugh and Hugh's Jim Old gent Brock and Hacket and Wesly in for dinner. Jamie did not come in till we were through eating. Afternoon. Emma up at Bro Dan's on a little errand. Jamie out in the yard watching the bees when Old Mama went out also. Fannie followed and we brought Fred out but before we got in a bee got into poor little Fannie's hair and left its sting in her head. Papa had to take her to bed in his arms to talk the hurt away. Jamie gathered some cherries for supper. The one of the foremen here for supper. After night. Robt Little called. RS Katie stopped at the barn.

10 June. Sat. Warm. Sheep shearing drawing to a close. Emma and I both busy in the kitchen. Jamie arranging bee hives all forenoon. He and Bro Hugh Hacket Old gent Brock and Hugh's Jim Arch and Wesly all in for dinner. Finished the thousand head a little upon dinner at which time Old gent Brock and Hacket left us. Bro Hugh over at Sparrows at the sheep pasture with the sheep. Old Constable Kyle rung the door bell and handed in a paper [illegible] on the John Dack case now before old [illegible] in C. After Emma got her work done up she took Fred out in his wagon. Fannie went along. So very tired and sleepy went to bed and took a sleep. When I came out Jamie was around looking at his bees. I got supper and was at the table when they came in. Fannie and Fred both ready for their supper. Eve. Jamie [illegible] with the children. All retired early. Hugh came home by way of C. Did not get back till late.

11 June. Sab. Pleasant. Heavy rain on last night. Bro Hugh Wesly and Emma and Fred at home. Jamie Fannie and I at preaching. Sermon by Sam Stormont. On yesterday little Mary Morton died after a long sickness. But her suffering is now over sweetly sleeping in their dear Savior's arms. Safe- safe forever. Mother McMillan not out today as also is not very well. Mrs Crabb and

her daughter Mary there. Came home in good time found Fred waiting to see us. Eve. I read awhile with Emma in the kitchen and with Wesley upstairs.

12 June. Monday. Wesley plowing. Bro Hugh around home. Emma washing her niece and wash Jones visited her today. Jamie Fannie and Fred and I at Mary Morton's funeral. A great many there. Services conducted by Rev Sam Ramsey and Mr Manny left Fannie and Fred with Jane and Mother while Jamie and I came with sister Mary Silas and Bell in our carriage. Got Fannie and Fred and went out home with them. Silas and Jamie remained in town to attend a meeting at the church for the purpose of raising money for Mr Morten's to go west on a visit. Willie out plowing did not get in till late. After dinner Mary and I in the room. Fannie and Fred sleeping. Jamie and Silas came after five had supper after which they went over to Cordals. Bro John called Fannie slept from three o'clock all the way home and is now in her cradle asleep. Fred took four or five sleeps on his own account to day. Had a little from Bro Dacid out at home. He is in Philadelphia expects to leave for [illegible], New York. He visited Washington city last week. Did not reach home till ten.

12 June. Tuesday. Wesley plowing [illegible] and Henry Bailes here sacking the wool. Jamie and Bro Hugh out with them also. All of them in for dinner. J.C.Mc. called when passing up the pike and took dinner also. Table sat in the back sitting room. Afternoon. Still at the sacking. John Dack called. Mrs. Galbreath and Lizzie C here sitting in the front parlor. JC stopped when going home and came in for supper. Mr. P came in when we were at the table and took supper. After supper JC left us. Fannie went home with Uncle Robt and Aunt Betsy. Jamie and Bro Hugh took a load of wool down to C. brought Fannie home. John Carson came up with them. Jamie and Hugh did not get back till twelve o'clock. On last Friday Alex Porter was buried. Leave a wife and one child. On the 30th of May Mrs Jas. Winter died leaves a family of six sons. On the same day in [illegible] John Bratton's wife died. [illegible] of Xenia Ohio. This morning before breakfast Bro Hugh went down to Robt Littles for the forty fleeces of wool of the sheep which he wintered and shored for Jamie.

14 June Wed. Pleasant. Wesley plowing. Bro Hugh took the remainder of the wool to C had a thousand and fifteen fleeces. besides the forty fleeces which came from littles. Came back home after which he and Jamie went down to C. in spring wagon. Mrs Lovett ironing for me today. I have been in the [illegible] nearly all day left Emma to attend to the kitchen and the

children after dinner she came out and helped me awhile while Fred was sleeping as hersister is sick in the eve she went down to C. met Jamie coming. When he took her in and drove her down home. Came back a little after five at which time he and Hugh had supper. After supper Hohn Dack called and took his wardrobe away as he begins working at Alex Townslys. After dark. All at home retired early.

15 June. Thursday. Pleasant. Bro Hugh and Wesly plowing in the field going the yard on the pike. Jamie around all forenoon. Sam Galbreath here most of the forenoon as he is circulating double plows. After dinner Papa and Fannie at town in Bro Dan's spring wagon. Took supper at Mothers with Mr and Mrs Morton and Cargill and Calvin Crowford and with Mr and Mrs Stormont from Sparta. Papa and Fannie and Matt and Jennette went down to the train with them as they left on the six o'clock train per the west. Bro Dan's wife and daughter here spending the afternoon. Jamie did not get back till after nine at which time sister Jennette came with him. Fannie sleeping when they came. Slept with Aunt Jennette up stairs in the front room. Fred and I had retired before they came.

16 June. Friday. Sister Jennette helping me in the kitchen. Bro Hugh and Wesly plowing. Sam G around this forenoon waited till Jamie came from Across the railroad. Came in and took dinner with Jamie. Afternoon _____ from the big woods came to look at sheep. Also Jim Townsly and Gen Marshal called to look at sheep. About five o'clock Jamie rook sister Jennette down home and went from there to Brigam Harbison's Hen Johnson John Johnson and wellers. Reached home at ten. Business is business, and that is the way to do business. A little before [illegible] Emma came home no one here for supper but Hugh and Wesly Fred walking around considerable seems to feel his importance.

17 Sept Sat. Appearance of rain. Lovett plowing in field next the back yard. Hugh and Wesly across the rail road. Emma baking. Jamie and Sam G at Xenia in Sam's buggy. Afternoon came up a very heavy rain which stopped the plowing. Wesly hauled a load of wood to the shed mowed in the yard. Bro Hugh over at home a short time. Emma suffering with the tooth ache. About dark Wesly went down and bought her medicine. Jamie returned about nine or so.

18 June Sab. Pleasant. Left Fred at home with Wesly and Emma. Jamie bro Hugh and Fannie and I at church. As Sam Stormont failed to come we all went to the NP and old ride church we went to the NP- had a good sermon by Mr Kanny. Fannie sat with her

Aunt Mary and Matt. After preaching drove down to mother's with Matt. As there was none of them out but the father and Mother have not come back from Phil. yet. Are expecting them everyday. After supper Jamie Bro Hugh and I read five chapters in the book of Daniel. In the evening Fannie and Fred took a [illegible] and drank coffee with Papa. I will have to put a stop to it.

19 June. Monday. All up in good time breakfast and prayer over all in and out at work. Emma washing I attended it all the cleaning up churning and with that assisting finished up her washing at eleven oclock. After which she got the dinner while I helped Jamie hive a swarm of bees which came off the little red hive and lighted on the thick bough of the cherrie tree. Got it hived with out difficulty. This makes the second for today as a second swarm came of the hive which gave off a swarm the 9th. Sam G called this morning. Bro Hugh wesly and Jamie in for dinner. Afternoon Jamie down at C in Bro Dan's spring wagon. Emma went with him and got a took examined by Dr D K Caldwell while at his office took sick and was not able to come home. Jamie left her at Mothers. About dark Gaines and Wesly in for supper after which they went to C to see Emma.

20 June. Tuesday. Pleasant. Wesly and Bro Hugh out plowing. James Gaines. All in for dinner. Afternoon Bro Hugh and Jamie out in the watermelon lot. Came in for supper at five I fathered quite a quantity of raspberries and currants. Wesly and Gaines in for supper at dark after which Jamie went down to town. All of us had retired before they came back.

Response.

I think this was a really interesting section. There was a lot happening on the farm. They were shearing sheep, tending to corn, replanting a section of corn, and handling bees. The bee endeavor must have gone on for several years as someone last semester talked about them handling bees. She doesn't mention too much about the children other than where they are going and who they are spending time with, or as they relate to Jamie, which I am assuming is James. I think it's interesting that she's referring to him as Jamie, because I don't think that's something she's done before. Or maybe I'm just reading it wrong. The amount of frustration she harbors for James is pretty funny. There are several times where she underlines things that Jamie has done or what she thinks about what he has done. He seems to have a tendency to not really spend a lot of time with her, which I think might be the root of her frustration. She doesn't ever overtly say anything, but just her tone indicates that she

isn't ever really pleased with how he chooses to do things. There was one incident in particular where they traveled to see her family for a couple of days, and he left early to be with his family, and she was not pleased about that at all. I wish she was more explicit about her frustrations, but it's also fun to try and figure out what she's feeling.

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1 July. Sat. Pleasant. Jas. Gaines came back to work here for [illegible]. Bro Hugh out with the men hauling in hay from across the rail road. Jamie around here and there. He and bro Hugh Wesley and [illegible] in for dinner. Mrs. Beck of Clifton called at noon to enquire about Vine Martain's qualifications for a domestics. Afternoon. Men all out at work. Fannie and Fred taking a nap. Wesley came in and assisted in the kitchen this eve as I am very tired having been canning cherries all day. After supper Bro Hugh rode Ben Butler to C. Jamie went down with Bro Dan Jas Gaines went also. Jamie home in good time. Mother Mc not very well.

2 July Sab. Quite pleasant. Jamie bro Hugh and Fannie and I at Old [illegible] preaching had sermon by Mr. Street on instrumental music had only one sermon. All of fathers then but Mother All of Mother Mc but herself and Jane. We left [illegible] baby Frederic in Wesley's care found him in Wesley's arms coming out to the gate to meet us. After supper. Bible reading read the two last chapters of Daniel and the first of the following book. Emmiline and Ann Jordan were down on the pike called them into the yard where Fannie and Fred and I were and gave them some little lessons from Browns Catechism and Bible. After night Fannie came and stood by mama and at papa and Fred hear her say her little questions which also repeated very nicely.

3 July. Monday. Appearance of rain in the morning remainder of the day very pleasant. Bro Hugh out plowing with Lovett and Old man [illegible] for awhile. Wesley in the kitchen. About ten Jas Gaines came and went to plowing. Bro Hugh up at Mr. Smith for a bee hive. Dan and Jane at Xenia took Annet and Effie with them left Grace and Jennie with us. At half past seven Jamie started up to Leffels came back after two bringing him with him to transfer bees. Transferred one and swarmed two. Quite a number around to see him work to with Mr and Mrs Galbreath and Sam. Arch and Willie Joe [illegible] and his cousin Brown and Sneel Jordan. Lizzie C here playing with the little ones. Bro Hugh around with Jamie at the bees. Mr and Mrs P. Leiffel Lizzie C. and Dan's two with Jamie and Bro Hugh and Fannie and Fred here for supper.

4 July. Tuesday. Morning heavy shower of rain. Little Dave Mc here on last night with Bro Hugh. Both up at a late hour for breakfast. Old Man Carson and Lovett in and settled up this morning. About ten Gaines went out to plow Wesley around the kitchen most of the forenoon. Bro Hugh over at home most of the day. Old Mike here plowing the yard. In for dinner with Faines and the rest of us. After dinner weather beautiful so pleasant after the shower. I spent most of the afternoon with Jamie hunting a queen bee out of one of the hives. Fannie took her little brother Fred and kept him in the parlor while we were at work. Fannie is such a dear little girl takes such good care of little brother. Amazing our search for it among ten thousand bees which were emptied from the hive on a sheet when Jamie was near despairing of finding her. I asked him if he would give me a dollar if I would find her for him he said he would but afterwards concluded to save his money and found her himself. Jamie Fannie and Fred and I took supper alone after which we took a [illegible] of [illegible] into as Fannie called it to Selma and Countsville and the back rode in fast. Sam Smiths Basbens Crawford and so on and across to the pike to C. Stopped at Mrs. Gaines in Countsville to see about getting her daughter to work but were not successful. Finally engaged Haley Fay as we drove down to C. the fourth passed off rather quietly in C. We reached home at ten found Wesley in charge of things. Hugh having gone down to C. We did not see scarcely anyone in C. Merely stopped at Mothers gate and Bromegan's grocery.

5 July. Wed. Pleasant. Katy Fay came this morning to give me some assistance with the work. She is a real nice little girl about twelve years old. Very busy all forenoon. Hugh began mowing. Jamie around all forenoon. Old gent Brock called today here for dinner together with Jamie. Wesley Mrs Gaines with Fay who was trimming the hedge along the pike. Bro Hugh Old Jimmy Marshal called at noon. After dinner Jamie down at Galbreath's and across the rail road. Hugh still plowing on I mean mowing. The other men plowing. Gracie called. Fannie and Fred I took a nap. I left them asleep in Katie's care and called at Lovetts. Men in for supper before dark. After night. Bro Silas called.

6 July. Thursday. Morning rain. the remainder of the day pleasant. Did not [illegible] the plantation hell as we all slept till late. Aunt [illegible] here washing. Katy's sister Mathie came and spent the day with her. Jamie down at C. this morning in the Dan's wagon. Sister Jenette expected to have come home with him but her throat being sore prevented her. Came home and drove over to Sam [illegible]. He and Bro Hugh Jas Gaines Mike Fay Wesley and Katy and her sister and Aunt with the children and myself here for dinner. Afternoon men out plowing. Jamie and Bro Hugh in the [illegible] patch. Supper at five all out in the hay field but Jamie. To night at the hour of eight o'clock John M Bromegan and Georgeanna Chasters were married at her home near Xenia. Had a small wedding arch and Jim Bro Silas Sam and others were there. Officiating Clergyman Revd Carson of Xenia.

7 July Friday. Pleasant. A colored man from Fasters house here for breakfast and out at work with Jas Gaines Wesley and Lovett in the hay field. Bro Hugh running the mower. Arch took the [illegible] up to Springfield. Jamie rode Mary down to C and went with of a Caldwell in his buggy. Did not reach home till after night. I have not been well all day in bed most of the time. Katy Fay done most of the work. Fannie and Fred in bed with me greater part of the time.

8 July. Sat. Pleasant. Jamie went down to C this morning. Brought sister Jennette home with him. Bro Hugh in the hay field running the mower. Noon. The colored man from Faster plowing. Jas Gaines Lovett Wesley and Old man Carson int he hay field. Work all done up in the fore noon. Old Mike Fay here for dinner with the rest. Afternoon Katy went home with her little sister who called for her. Jennette and Fannie and Fred and I sitting around in the front soon Sister Betsy came up and spent the afternoon with s. They thrashed wheat there yesterday and today with Hastison's machine. Men in for supper at five or a little after. Old man Carson came in with them one of the bee hives which was most exposed to the sun has melted down the honey and killed quite a number of bees. Jamie around dressed in his bee cap most of the evening. I see in the publication of the Commencement exercise of the Xenia Marion school Nettie Dallas's name in among the goodmate's of the year.

9 July Sab. Very war yesterday and today. None of us at church. At a little after two quite a heavy rain came up. Blew trees down and scattered the hay which was put up in [illegible] all over the field. At four Jamie bro Hugh Sister Jennette and Fannie and Fred and I took supper. After night. Jamie and I read the second and third chapter in Luke had prayer and retired.

10 July. Monday. Bro Hugh Wesley and Jas Gaines in the hay field. Jamie had the tomatoes staked this morning. Katy came back and took her place in the kitchen. Jennette packing up for home. Papa Fannie and Fred took her down in the spring wagon called for Emma stopped at Mother's for dinner and came on home. Afternoon. Emma sweeping and cleaning up stairs as Katy and I have the kitchen and vicinity in order. Late in the afternoon. Papa and Fannie and Fred and I drove out home when passing Cameron [illegible] house in C. The friends were all in waiting on him to die. A few days ago in Xenia after a very short sickness Lawyer Hugh Casey died. It seemed like we can't keep to light. A hold upon this world for we don't know when we shall be called. Wesley down at C. getting a horse shod. Bro John and his man over at father's helping hand in wheat. Silas at work father around superintending. Mary received a letter from Mr Morton they are still in the west. After supper we came on home. As Jamie is not feeling very well. Saw Hugh Jim and Arch at Bromegan's grocery. An action in town to night. We called a minute at mother's gate. Matt and Jennette up at Cameron's came home found Wesley and Emma both up. Bro Hugh out at home remaining all night. Jamie got a box of seadlits powders to take.

11 July. Tues. Jamie did not get up till late. Jas Gaines and the Col. man from FASTER'S place here for breakfast. I sent them to [illegible] patch to work till further orders. Wesley up at Dan's helping. Arch at Springfield for the thrasher in the forenoon. Came up a shower. At noon the entrance hay field was [illegible] for the rest of the day. Jamie and the children around in the rooms. Bro Hugh came home. Tom Crawford called. After supper Hugh went back to C. Bro Dan called. Lovett down at town. I have been busy all day taking my white dress apart. We all retired early.

12 July Wed. Pleasant. Father and Mother here for dinner called for mother Mc and Jane and Brought them along. Mr and Mrs Galbreath and Hugh and Rachel with Bella and Willie and Lizzie Caldwell here for dinner also. Men in the harvest field. Old Mike Fay Jas Gaines and Col man from FASTER'S house and Bro Hugh and Wesley in for dinner. Afternoon. Father and Mr Galbreath up calling at Bro Dan's. Father and Mother, Mother McMillan and Jane here for supper. Bro Hugh over at home to night. Emma took Fannie and Fred up to Bro Dan's when Arch was passing Jamie went down with him to C. Cameron died tonight at eleven o'clock leaves his wife and little daughter Mary. I am very lonely.

13 July. Thurs. Appearance of rain. Bro Gaines up at Dan's Hugh Jim and Arch here all morning fixing up the thrashing machine. Lovett Carson and Wesley with Jamie now and then in the hay field stating up the hay Mitchels two little boys twins, Robert and David here handing up the school. both in for dinner. Old Mike Fay cutting the hedge by the rail road and in also. At four O'clock this evening Jamie and Fannie and I attended Cameron's funeral. Matt took Fannie down home with her. Jamie and I drove down to the cemetery alone. Stopped at mother's for supper as we came back. Came on home Emma and little son Freddie at Lovett's both rode up with us.

14 July. Friday. Pleasant. Lovett's Carson Wesley doing up odd jobs. Jamie across the rail road [illegible] sheep. met Sam did not get in to dinner till after Old Mike Fay and Wesley were through eating. I done a Sizable washing this forenoon and ironed it up this afternoon. While Emma attended to the other work. Jamie and the rest of us at home all eve.

15 July. Sat. Jas Gaines here at work. Wesley handing up wood. Jamie and Sister Jane and I went to Xenia in Bro Dan's Carriage. Left Fannie at Grandmother's and Fred at Townsend's/ Got my wreath of curls today. Dan McMillan and wife and son Wolter returned this week from their trip to California. Eve came home by Dallases. Met J.C. and Family with his brother John returning rom spending the day there. Mrs Dallas and the rest of them at home. came on home to Mother found sister Mary there as she had been in reciting Bible lessons or studying it with Matt. She and Fannie went down to [illegible] with Fred. Came back to Mothers. Mary took supper with us. I got Mother two gingham aprons today at C. Came home found Wesley and Emma taking charge of things.

August

1 Aug. Tues. Pleasant. Emma in the kitchen Carson and Lovett. Wesley and Mitchels two little boys finishing stacking the hay. Harvest ended today. Jamie and Fannie and I attended Mrs Kitty Patterson's funeral at eleven o'clock. Left Fred at Mother's with Matt and Jennette. Funeral quite large. Father's there. Stopped at Mother's Bro Dan there with us for dinner. Late in the afternoon we drove out home. Mary still in Clifton. I rec. a letter from her today. Father and Silas were out [illegible] such in the woods. Jamie went to them. Eve came on home.

2 Aug Wed. Came on a shower about daylight. Jamie held a council with his men. Carson went home Lovett to the carpenter work. Emma in the kitchen. After dinner. Wesley around attending to business cutting weeds in the yard. Jamie went in spring wagon to John Johnson. Eve Emma took Fannie and Fred and Called at Bro Dan's. Came back and went with Arch to C. A colored man from FASTER's house helped with the milking. Jamie came home by C. and brought Emma home. Fannie and Fred and I had retired when the came.

3 Aug. Thursday. Warm. Emma at home washing a few things. Lovett and Wesley around home. Jamie and Fannie and Fred and I at Bro John's spending the day. They have no one with them but Will Fields. Afternoon heavy wind and rain. John Kyle came over to see Jamie. Eve Bro John and Jamie over at H H McMillan's to see his sheep. Came back had supper and came on home. Called at Mother when coming through C. As we came home Emma at Lovett's. Rode up with us.

4 Aug. Friday. Lovett hewing out a gate post. Wesley around home. I called at Bro Dans this forenoon to see Anna and Effie. Mrs Winter and Susana there. I took Fannie with me. Emma and Fred at home. Jamie up at Springfield and Leffle's. John Jimmason went with him. Took dinner at Leiffle's after which they went to Springfield Jimmason traded for a carriage at west's shop brought it home. Jamie called at Mrs Lizzie Strast's to see Mrs Fannie Stone Shaw who is on from New Castle on a cisit. Did not get home till after night. Quite dark and heavy rain. It also rained this afternoon. Mr [illegible] called.

5 Aug Sat. Warm. Wesley down at C with a load of wood and chip for mother's. Lovett at home. Emma taking care of the children and the kitchen. I was out with Jamie all day overhanding one of the hives for the old Black Queen so as to put in a Itallion. I found her and when reaching for the cage in Jamie's pocket according to his command she took occasion to disappear we hunted in vain for her and finally gave it up. After dinner we took a black queen from the small lamstroth hive and put the Itallion there. After supper Emma called at Bro Dan's. Jamie and Fannie and Fred and I went down to see mother. While there Rev Sam and wife called. From there we went to Bromegan's grocery and meet Lovett who went down with us and came back. After we reached home Bro Silas and Hall Henderson called. Silas came home this eve from Clifton Co brought Mary home.

6 Aug. Sabb. Pleasant. Wesly went down home. Emma and Fred at home Papa I at Mr Streel's church left Fannie at grandmother's. Father Mary and cousin Bell at church had only one sermon. Stopped for Fannie and came on home. After supper Emma called at [illegible]. Papa and I read through the book of Joel. Papa and Fannie called at Bro Dan's to see Anna and Effie. Wesly did not get back till late.

7 Aug. Monday. Lovett at work at the gate posts. Wesly around home. Sam G here all forenoon on a sheep and bee trade. Sister Mary and Hall Henderson here for dinner. He and Bro Silas and Cousin Bell incited to Jonathan Williamson's tonight. Appearance of a storm this afternoon. On last Saturday All Miller returned to his family in C dead yet alive again. Eve. Hugh's Dave called here for supper after which Fannie and Fred and I went with him up to Dan's in his spring wagon. Anna and Effie still in bed. Mr and Mrs [illegible] there for tea. Mrs Winter and Susana there as usual sat awhile with them in the front parlor. Came up a shower while there. Papa at home. Emma and Wesly around the kitchen.

8 Aug. Tuesday. Lovett at the fate on the pike. Wesly and Jamie working with the sheep some little. Emma in the kitchen. Hugh's Robert here for dinner and spending the day. He is making his home at Alex Townsly's as Townsley has quite a number of homes in his employ as he is building a new house and barn. Aunt Quincy here washing. I gave her some assistance. Gracie and Jennie called. After supper Papa Fannie and Emma went down to town. No one at home but Wesly Fred and I.

9 August Wed. Pleasant. Mrs Lovett ironing for me at her place. Emma attending to the house keeping. Wesly around home. Lovett on job work. Jamie and the children and I over at home. Went past Sam G's. He and Hum Townsley were out under a shade tree. As we passed through town stopped at Mother's just got out home in time for dinner. Hall Henderson and Lizzie and Sammie there. Bro David at [illegible] busy. N Y Bro Hugh at [illegible] Ky. After dinner Jamie bid his family goodbye and left with Silas for Clinton County. After supper Father took Hall H down to the evening train for to go to Xenia as he goes from there home on Friday. Father took Sammie and Lizzie home also. Willie Porter leaves for Xenia this eve to be ready for the [illegible] show tomorrow at that place. Late in the eve sister Mary bought Fannie and Fred and me home in Silases buggy. No one one at home tonight but Father Mother and Cousin Bell. Sister Mary sleeping with the children and me.

10 Aug. Thurs. Pleasant. Sister Mary went back this morning. Mrs. [illegible] called. Emma took Fred in his wagon and called at Bro Dan's helped to do up the work as Anna is still sick. Wesly around looking after the farm as he is in full command now when Jamie is gone. Afternoon. Emma cleaning in the kitchen. Mr Brigham Harrison and Rev White and his three brothers with another gentleman called to see Hamie. Harrison brought them in his carriage. They looked at the sheep before going back. This eve. Jennie Caldwell and Bessie called. A man from Mt. Vernon Ohio who is circulating penny stopped with us for the

night. He is putting on considerable airs. After night. Jamie came back rather unexpectedly as I did not expect him till tomorrow night. Fannie seemed to be very anxious for her papa to come home. Jamie stopped on last night at Mr. Henderson's roomed with HH Wallace a profit in [illegible] colleges left there this morning to look after stock. stopped at Cap Rhoneman's in Reesville for dinner after which he and Silas came on home. When coming through Bowesville he stopped at a bee man's and bought home three Itallion Queens.

11 Aug. Friday. Quite damp. Our traveller left this morning after breakfast. Jamie and I hunting the old black queen out of one of the hives to make room for the Itallion. John Johnson's man came for a load of corn. Left Emma and Wesley at home. When Jamie and Fannie Fred and I went down to Bro Hugh's for dinner. Davie out hauling gravel Jimmie around home. Rachel in with us all the time. Noon it came up a nice shower after dinner Jamie went down to town. Hugh's Jim went to see about the thrasher. Came home about four after which Jamie and I went out to catch more queens he tried a new plan by smoking them up caught both the queens in about five minutes. Mr. Galbreath called this eve. After supper Fannie I went up to Dan's left Fred asleep. Anna is still in bed. After night Emma and Wesley over at [illegible] at a party.

12 Aug Sat. Jamie and Wesley pulling hay out of the corn field. Emma busy in the kitchen. After dinner Papa took Fannie and Fred and me down to town. Mother out so well. Betsy with her. Fannie took her a chicken. Day of the Primary election of County officers. Remained at Mother's for supper reached home near dark after which Wesley took Emma home.

13 Aug Sabb. Pleasant. Mr. Sam Ramsy preached for us in our church. After which a Rev Mr. Somebody made an appeal in behalf of the redemption of the colored man wanting money to send Col. mission. Areas to Liberia for which a collection was raised. After preaching stopped to see mother. Mary Little and Betsy then Mother not so well. We had Fannie with us at preaching. Left Fred at home with Wesley. At five Jamie and Wesley went down to town attending preaching at the church had sermon by our Colonization man. Jamie called at mother's and came on home. Fannie and Fred and I were here alone after night Bible reading. Read in the book of Amos four chapters.

14 Aug. Monday. Wesley assisting me in the kitchen this morning. Emma came back at nine after which Jamie took Fannie and Fred and me down to see Mother. Dr. Kyle began waiting on her last Saturday eve. She seems much better this morning. Those White from the South were there. Joe Mccollum and his mother were there to see Mother also. They together with Betsy and us there for dinner. Those Whites left today on the eleven o'clock train. After dinner I called at Bromegan's grocery and at Sam Caldwell's. After which we came on home. Emma has everything fixed up in food order. After supper Fannie and Fred and I

called at Dan's to see Anna. After night bro Silas and Luella McMillan called.

15 Aug. Tuesday. WEsly around home and at town with the wagon at the shop. Aunt [illegible] here washing handed water from Dan's. Emma in the kitchen put up our corn in [illegible] this eve. Bro Dan went with Jamie to Xenia to day. Stopped at Mother's for supper. Papa bought Fred a new hat and shoes.

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Continued from Book 1st

1 September. Friday. Quite pleasant. Jamie and daughter Fannie and Sister Jane and I over at the Jamestown fair. Left Fred at Mothers he spent most of the day at Torrences. Aunt Mary Ann at Mother's. Sister Mary and Bro John and wife at the fair today from Crawford took dinner with us. Had quite a number of things on exhibition no [illegible] save on Jamie's sheep and on Emma's water crackers. This was Fannie's first day at a fair she seemed to enjoy it. Papa took her around treated her to homemade ice cream. Found our dear boy Freddie at Mother's came home reaching here about dark after which we had supper. Emma at home all day alone ironing.

2 Sat. Sept. Jamie and Hugh across the rail road Wesly hauling sails. Order of the day scrubbing baking canning apples and tomatoes. Men in for supper at dark Bro Hugh took the lantern across the rail road to look after a sheep. Wesly took Emma down home. Jamie in the house with with our children.

3 Sept. Sab. Pleasant. Wesly went down to Xenia. Bro Hugh at home. Jamie and Fannie and I at church left Fred at Mother's with her and Jane. At intermission Jamie and Fannie and I drove down to see him but he was sleeping so we left Fannie and went back to church. Mr Morton preached this forenoon. [illegible] Ramsey this after Mrs Lizzie Steel and her two children were there today alas Whitelaw Reid and his two nieces. After preaching we drove down for our children and came on home. Wesly came after night. Emma down at Xenia came back to her mother's in C this eve.

4 Sept. Monday. Pleasant Emma came back this morning. Hugh's Dave called. Jamie and Hugh looking after sheep. Wesley hauling gracel. After dinner we were busy canning apples which we got

from sister Mary Little. Late in the afternoon Jamie and Brother Hugh drove to William Thorn's and to Geo. Wright reached home about dark. This morning a man by the name of _____ _____ _____ rented the little house on the pike. He had his family which consisted of a wife and one child with park of his goods in his wagon looking for a habitation so he turned in and left his goods and went to his old place near London for the rest. 5 Sept. Tuesday. Wesly hauling Emma taking charge of the house. Jamie Fannie Bro Hugh and Sister Jane and I at Xenia left Fred at Torrences. Mrs. Winter and Susann there. [illegible] and Kyle's little daughter at three o'clock. I did not get much accomplished in X but a little shopping. Got Fannie a pr buttoned shoes. Left Xenia in good time came to mother's and stopped for supper. Aunt Mary Ann there. Fred Pretty lively at the supper table. Bro Hugh up town did not go in for supper. Came on home reaching here about dark. Afternight. Wesly and Bro Hugh left for the Springfield fair with sheep.

6 Sept. Wed. Jamie around on chores. He and Emma and Fannie and Fred went up to Dan's to haul water for the washing came back got his carriage out to go to C. Emma at the washing when father mother and sister drove up they had been over at [illegible] Kyle's at little Zillia's funeral. Emma sat her washing aside and attended to the dinner. Afternoon. I brushed my curls. About four they went back home. Eve sister Jane sister Caldwell [illegible] and Mary C called. Jane around gathering [illegible] being near supper hour they staid with us. able sat in the back sitting room Wesly brought the the horses back from Springfield. Hugh still there with the sheep. Jamie around the lamp reading about Bees. Fannie and Fred asleep. Old mama brushing Curls.

7 Sept. Thursday. Emma putting out the washing. Fannie and Fred playing around the kitchen I was busy all forenoon. Putting up [illegible]. Jamie down at C. Took diner at mother's, sat around and came on home. WEsly out hauling rails. After supper papa and Fannie called at Jordon's and at bro Dan's. Charlie Redman over spending the eve with Wesly and Emma.

8 Sept Fri. All up in good time. Arch came down and went with Jamie to the Springfield fair. Arch rode the horses up to bring the sheep home. Emma busy ironing I spent all forenoon putting up pears and tomatoes. Between one and two I began dressing myself and Fannie and Fred to attend the tea partie at Galbreath's. About three Lizzie Caldwell and Hugh's Mattie came up for us in the buggy I left the house in Emma's care and went. The supper was given in honor of John Bromegan and wife. Jennie Caldwell and Old Armstrong were there stopped as they came down

from London as they had been up attending Jessie Watson's funeral who died on Tuesday night and was buried on yesterday. Meeting adjourned about dark. Hugh's Lizzie and Sallie brought us up home. Jamie and Arch did not get back in time to attend. When I came home Jim Robbison was here calling on Emma. While I was gone Mrs Winter and Susann called. Hugh came with Jamie and Arch. Wesley came at a later hour with the sheep.

9 Sept. Sat. Wesley out hauling. Bro Hugh around home Jamie at C. Took dinner at Mother's came home late in the afternoon after which he and daughter Fannie called at Bro Dan's. A peddler by the name of Ellbring who is circulating dry goods over the country stopped with us to [illegible] till Monday here for supper. After dark. Wesley took Emma down home or rather bro Hugh did as Wesley retired quite early not feeling well Fannie at town.

10 Sept. Sabb. Appearance of rain. Jamie not feeling well as he got Dr. Caldwell to pull a tooth out and it broke leaving the root in so he and Fred and Wesley staid at home. Fannie bro Hugh and I went to church together with the peddler had two sermons by Mr. Morton. Aunt Mary Ann left Mother M's to night where she had been boarding for the last two weeks and went out to Dallases.

11 Sept. Monday. Jamie down at town. Wesley out hauling. Bro Hugh helped me churn. Instead of Wesley hauling he and Hugh out repairing the fence. Sam G and Bro Dan called this morning Jamie came back from C before dinner. Bought white sugar for his bees which he began feeding to one hive this eve. Called to see Emma she thinks of coming this eve. Jamie out with Hugh and Wesley at the fence all afternoon. Did not get in till after dark. Wesley drove down for Emma. Jamie kept the children for me on the bed in the dining room while I washed up the dishes. Wesley came after after we had retired but Emma's arms being quite sore from a burn could not come.

12 Sept. Tues. Quite pleasant. Hugh and Wesley at home looking after sheep. Jamie and Johnny Bromegan at Xenia as the fair began today. Went by way of father's and left Fannie and Fred and me there. Stopped in C at mother's gate. Matt and Jennette quite busy Jennie Little calling there. Mother has got so well as to be able to go to Betsy's on a visit. John's Libby and son Riley and daughter Lizzie came on the noon train to C to day they were at Cincinnati attending the Paris Exposition. All of us quite busy at Father's I took part of my baking and ironing with me. Late in the afternoon bro Hugh called at Father's but

did not stop long as he was making arrangement for taking the sheep to Xenia. Company at Father's tonight. As follows. Mr and Mrs Thomson Crawford. Sam Galbreath and Lizzie Little. Jennie Little brought out Johnny Bromegan's wife but as she she was not well she only stopped a short time and when Jamie and Johnny came Johnny took her home. Arch and Hugh's Jim and Sallie and their cousin from Fayette Co. Mrs Somebody and William Anderson young folks. Sam Foster's children. Nellie Dallas and Johnny [illegible]. Lovett Mc and so on. Riley Caldwell and Jennie were in but Riley went out bringing Johnny Riley in from Bloomington with him. Bro John and family were there about eleven o'clock we started home Jennie Little rode in to town with us and stopped at Johnny Bromegan's. When we come into C we were detained quite a length of time by the freight train standing on the track. Reached home after twelve.

13 September Wed. Wesley left with sheep about seven o'clock this morning. Hugh started with his lot before four. After nine Jamie drove off along sister Jane going with him from C. Fannie and Fred and I here all day alone. I washed baked and so on. Jamie came home before dark. He stopped at Mother's for supper. Wesley came awhile after him bringing Col. Wilberforce with him both here for supper. Mrs. Eliza Mitchel from C came home with Jamie and Jane from Xenia.

14 September. Thurs. On last night Mrs. Eliza Mitchell's house and store room were burned down. Jamie at the fair sister Matt went with him. Wesley and Wilberforce went down awhile after in Dan's spring wagon. Quite dame all day raining most of the time. Fannie and Fred and I alone most of the day or rather the entire day. I have been very busy ironing or baking. Jamie and Wesley got back about dark. Jamie had supper at mother's.

15 Sept. Friday. Gloomy. Wesley at home. Jamie and Fannie and Aunt Jane and I at the fair. Left Fred at Mother's. Fannie took Grandmother a nice jelly this morning. All of fathers out at the fair but mother. Rather Hugh's Jim and Arch took dinner with us. Jamie dined at the eating house. Steph [illegible] there today.

October 1871

1 Oct. Sab. Quite pleasant. Wesley rode Grant down home Wesley or Charlie around the barn all day. Fannie and Fred and I at home. Jamie and Bro Hugh at church had two sermons by Mr. Morton. Mr Steel visiting the branch of the ref. Presbyterian churches in the west. On last Sabbath held a commission at Eden. On Monday at the closing services Riley McMaster and Annie took their

child to the church to have it baptized at which place Annie took very sick and had to be taken to some of the houses near by. She continued worse and worse until Wednesday the 27th of Sept at which time she died. She leaves poor Riley and three dear little children. Truly God's ways are not as our ways for he doeth whatsoever he pleaseth and none can stay his hand or say unto him what doeth thon.

Shall Annie and her dear husband and children meet again? Yes, they shall meet away yonder in heaven, if they truly love Jesus. Yes they shall meet where-

"No shadow shall bewilder
Where life's rain parade is o'er
Where the sleep of sin is broken,
And the dreamer dreams no more.
Where the bond is never severed
Parting, clasping sob, and moon
Midnight making-twilight weeping-
Heavy noon tide-all is done.
Where the child has found its mother
And the mother found her child;
Where dear families are gathered
That were scattered o'er the wild."
Oh happy happy day
When the meeting time shall come
When we shall all be gathered
home-home to God.

2 Oct. Monday. I have been quite busy all day. A man from _____ here all forenoon looking at sheep. Jamie down at C for a short time this morning met Mrs. Archer. Wesly and Charlie hauling in corn from the field below the kitchen. Bro Hugh around home. Mrs of C McMillan here for dinner. Afternoon. Col. Jones called to see about renting the little house on the pike. Eve. Bro Hugh over at Bro John's. Did not get home till late.

3 Oct. Tuesday. Bro Hugh over at Clifton at mill and looking for a wash woman. Not feeling very well. Wesly gave me some assistance about the work. Taylor from the house across the rail road building fence- or I mean rifting potatoes. Jamie and Bro Hugh out with Charlie and Wesly across the rail road building fence. Did not get in till dark at which time we had supper. Bro Silas called this eve. Bro Hugh went over home.

4 Oct. Wed. Pleasant. Sent my washing over to Mrs. Taylor this morning. Charlie and Wesly over at the fence building down on the farm. Bro Hugh came back this morning left the house in

[illegible] charge which Jamie Fannie and Fred and I went down to see mother. Jane is quite sick has a bed put up for her in the dining room. Mrs G there. All of us for dinner. After dinner cousin Bell who is attending school in C called to see me. Jamie called around and got Emma after which we came on home. C. W. Smith from Springfield Agt. of the Wilson Sewing machine called brought one of his machines and gave me instructions on the same. Took dinner after his machine on trial and passed on. Jamie and Bro Hugh out with Charlie and Wesley till dark managing business came in at dark. Had supper and I have been busy brushing my curls and looking after things generally. About seven o'clock closed up mother and left our in trust in the care of Wesley Emma Charlie and Bro Hugh while we drove over to fathers to leave the children and be ready to take the train in the morning for the city. When we reached there father had retired mother and the rest of them were waiting for us. Fred slept with Aunt Mary Fannie with Papa and me.

5 Oct. Thursday. Between one and two o'clock after taking warm coffee and tea we left for the train Willie took us in to C. in the carriage. We left Fannie and Fred both asleep kissed them good by and left them. Quite pleasant bright moonlight a number at the depot some sixty four left C. For the Exposition train crowded Jamie and I very successful in getting a seat. Bro Silas and Sam G went down also. Jim Townsley and Josiah Mitchell occupied the seat in front of us. Josiah wide awake and in fine spirits. Reached the city at sunrising stopped at the Old Ganet House for breakfast. At nine went to the Exposition remained till twelve at which time Jamie bro Silas and I went home with Wife Lizzie McCollum for dinner. Mr McCollum not at home as he was attending the meeting on Presbytery at Garrison. At four o'clock Jamie took the train for home. Left Bro Silas in the city. At seven o'clock reached Xenia met Mr Morton and Mr Gallbreath there returning from the meeting of Presbytery at Garrison. Came up with us on the train. Wesley met us at the trains. Bro Hugh in C on Ben [illegible] making arrangement to leave for Kentucky tonight or in the morning. Drove out to father's for Fannie and Freddie got them and came on home. They both done well while we were away. Grandfather seems to have a high opinion of them.

6 Oct. Friday. Tried my new machine today for the first done considerable sewing. Emma busy in the kitchen Wesley and Charlie digging potatoes. Jamie and Fannie at C. reached home after dinner. Mrs Taylor from across the rail road called for her money for washing. Afternoon Jamie around home. Marion Widman

here looking at sheep. Little from the big woods here also traded with him.

7 Oct Sat. Emma in the kitchen I have been busy making [illegible] tomato pickles. Marion Wildman here again come [illegible] to trade on sheep. A dutch man by the name of Lincoln Goodlape stopped off the pike for work. Concluded to take him on trial. Jamie at C this eve. Wash Jones called for Emma and took her to Meeting. Jamie came back after dark. Mother and Jame not much better.

8 Oct Sabb. Jamie and Fannie and I out preaching left Fred at home with Wesley. Charlie not at home. Our new Dutchman around all day. Had two sermons by Mr Morton. Stopped at Mother's this morning and also this eve. Jane not so well last night. Sister Mary Betsy and Nancy there. Mrs Kyle and her daughter Maggie at church today. Going out to bro John's this eve.

9 Oct. Monday. Pleasant. On last night WEsly went down to C to church and brought Emma home. Emma washing today. Wesley and Charlie began plowing in the field next the house for wheat. Jamie around looking after things. All in for dinner. Emma finished washing a little after twelve. Our Old Dutchman around on chores. About four o'clock Papa Fannie and Fred and I went down to mother's took supper there. Mother and Jane still sick. Rachel there for awhile. About eight o'clock papa took Fannie and Fred back home and left me to stay and wait on the sick folks. I staid most of the time with Mother. Jennette with Hane to attend to her. Mrs G sat up till eleven when she and Matt retired.

10 Oct. Tues. I feel quite tired and sleepy as I sat up [illegible] night. Mother seems very feeble this morning it was hard for her to get a comfortable position in bed so she was obliged to set up the greater part of the times. Afternoon Jamie came bringing out little two pets Fannie and Fred with him. As this is the day of the Fall election he went up town cast his vote after which he went with Tom Crawford to Xenia. Between on and two o'clock we had dinner no one at the table but Betsy besides Matt and Jennette. Mr Morton called and had prayers. Mr JC [illegible] passing through C. with Mr Cawes goods to express to his father and mother in the south. He called in to see Mother. About dark I went to Jane Caldwell's as [illegible] kept the children for me this afternoon. About eight Jamie came and took us on home.

11 Oct. Wed. Charlie Wesley and Taylor plowing Old dutchman on chores. Emma and I ironing. Jamie at John Johnson'. Sparrow sheep pastures. Came home by way of C took supper there. Jamie says mother seemed so much better today. Jane not so well. Reached home after dark.

12 Oct. Thurs. Quite cool. Jamie out looking up seed wheat this morning. Busy spring in the field by the house. I called at Bro Dan's this morning. Matt and Eli Small there Arch preparing for the west. As Willie took him down to the eleven o'clock train. Stopped for me and took me to Mother's. Mother and Jane not so well. No one to help to wait on them. Eve. Mr Steel and Lizzie called. After night Mr Morton called and kept worship. During the service mother sat up in the bed and joined in the singing and sang in the forty second [illegible] from the fifth to the close of the ninth verse and from the Bible read the forty seventh Psalm. After night Jamie called for me and brought me home. Found Emma in bed with Fannie and Fred with her.

13 Oct. Friday. Fast day [illegible] to our communion on Sabbath. Emma at house with Fannie and Fred. Charlie Wesley and Old Dutch Lincoln at house also. Jamie and I at preaching sermon by Mr Boyce and by Mr Morton. Mother and sister Jane not much better. Old Mr John Lawrence buried today. Eve Jamie brought Jim Orr's gun up and went out and got a [illegible] for sister Jane. Bro Hugh at church today came home from Kentucky on yesterday evening. Came up with us this evening. After night Jamie went down to mother's staid there two or three hours. The children and I had retired before he came back.

14 Oct. Sat. Pleasant. Emma keeping Fred at home. Charlie Wesley and Old Dutch Lincoln at home also. Papa Fannie and Bro Hugh and I at church had sermon by Mr. Boyce. Mr. Steel being presented or read the terms of commission. Lizzie Lake having corrected herself with the church came forward and was baptized to day. Rachel had her two little ones Willie and Bella Baptized also. After sermon called around at Mother's and came on home.

15 Oct. Sab. Pleasant. Day of our Communion. The church crowded to overflowing as the N.P. ministers were mostly away at the meeting of their assembly. Psalm explained by Mr. Boyce sermon by Mr Steel. Afternoon the Lord's supper dispensed. Eve. Sister Mary came home with us. Fannie went with us to church Emma kept Fred at home. Charlie and Old Dutch man at home also. Wesley rode down home at half past six o'clock this evening. Preaching at our church by Mr Boyce. This text-"Ye are the light of the world." Jamie Bro Hugh and Sister Mary attended. For reasons I

could not go although I felt really disappointed at having to stay at home. Fannie and Fred retired early.

November 1871

1 Nov Wed. Gloomy. Bro Hugh up at Sparrow's pasture returned with the sheep about noon. Wesly and Charlie hauling in corn. Jamie in the house all day. Vinnie cleaning the hall up stairs in the forenoon and in the afternoon washing did not get in all out till after dark. Jamie took a walk up to Bro Dan's this eve. It is the first he has been out since Friday. After night Charlie Redman called to see Jamie. Bro Hugh and Colored Jones from the tennant house on the pike at town tonight. Hugh called at Bromegan's grocery and at Emma Gaines' for us.

2 Nov. Thurs Vinnie and I in the kitchen. In the forenoon all of us at home. A little after dinner Mr. Galbreath called. Between one and two Papa and Fannie and Fred and I went down to town to see Mother. Aunt Susan and Mary Little were there. Sister Jane is able to be around again was sitting by the fire knitting and able to come out with us to supper. Sue Caldwell very sick but we did not get around to see her. I called to see Emma Gaines before coming home. Gave her five dollars on work. Wood house cleaned.

3 Nov. Friday. Jamie called at Abb Strutcher and at Sammie Smith's. Came S and his brother coming with him to look at sheep. Sam G around the sheep pen considerably today with bro Hugh. Wesly white washed the dining room. Vinnie cleaned. Had the stove put up this eve. About dark Jamie took supper after which he went to C. Came back about nine.

4 Nov. Sab. Quite pleasant. Wesly brought in a load of wood to wood shed. Charlie hauling corn or something. Mr McCambel from James Spencer's old house and another gentleman called to see Jamie this morning also. Mr. Norton of Selma. Afternoon Wesly white washing the porch. Finished cleaning the Kitchen dept. this eve. Vinnie [not?] on the sick list yet. She took a part in the house cleaning. This afternoon Papa and Fannie at [illegible] and another Mc's all afternoon took supper there. Jamie called to see Sam Caldwell today. Freddie and I at home all day. Eve. Bro Hugh Wesly and Charlie at town. Jonathan Smith called this afternoon for some stock. Sometime last month Fannie Smart and Jason McCroskey were married.

5 Nov. Sabb. Jamie Bro Hugh and Fannie and I at preaching left Fred at home with Wesly. Vinnie and Charlie gone at home also.

Stopped at Mother's this morning. Mary Little staying with her today. Also sister Jane and Matt. Sermon this forenoon by Mr Morton and this after by Bro David as he returned Friday from Phil[illegible]. At intermission Fannie and I called at Dr. Winter's office for Medicine for Vinnie. Jennette passing down home. Fannie ran out and walked down with her.

6 Nov. Monday. Pleasant. Vinnie washing. Her mother called to see her this forenoon. Wesley and Bro Dan hauling sand for the cistern. Charlie hauling corn. Jamie down at C took dinner at Mother's. He called to see Emma Gaines who is working at Joe C's for a pen day. Bro Hugh around home. Afternoon Marion Widman called. He and Jamie at the sheep pen. Eve I spent an hour or two ironing. Wesley down at C. Charlie also.

7 Nov. Tues. Cool. Bro John called this morning for his interest in [illegible]. Bro Dan called also. Vinnie and I quite busy cleaning the front bed room and hall. Wesley white washing the wood shed. Charlie hauling corn Bro Hugh over at Harvey McMillan's on an errand. Jamie taking sheep to the pasture by the Townsleys. Sister Mary with Bro David and John's Lizzie here for dinner. Mary ironing for me while she staid. Eve. All at home. Our bed room being too damp we made arrangements for the family to sleep in the back sitting room.

8 Nov. Wed. Taylor here digging out the cistern. Wesley white washing Charlie hauling corn. Vinnie firing up things. Jamie out with bro Dan in his wagon looking after a load of brick or something. George wright and his brother here for dinner after dinner Steph [illegible] came. Having had dinner he went right to work looking at sheep. He was here for supper and with us to night. Bro Silas here this eve. He and [illegible] occupying the front bedroom up stairs. I put our bedroom and the hall carpet down today.

9 Nov. Thursday. Quite gloomy this morning after breakfast [illegible] left for home. Jonathan Smith called this morning. Taylor working at the cistern digging it out. Wesley white washing the fences. Charlie around someplace. Jamie Fannie and Fred and I over at Bro John's. Bro Hugh there also but did not get there till late. All of [illegible] there. Afternoon quite dark heavy shower. And when coming home it rained right down. Did not scarcely stop. In C stopped in to see Mother Mc this morning. When we came home had supper after which I ironed some pieces. This night week also. Ella Anderson and Frank Spenser were married.

10 Nov. Friday. In the forenoon rain. Wesly and Charlie hauling in corn. Papa and Fannie down at Mother's there for dinner. Fannie called at Joe C's to see Emma Gains. I have been quite busy all day ironing. Vinnie in the kitchen Bro Hugh came back from home this afternoon Papa and Fannie came back about three. Eve. Jamie and I over at a party at Tom Crawford's. Just a year ago tonight since they were married. Had quite a large meeting. Mag Henderson there as she stopped off at our place, at father's this afternoon as she was returning from a visit to Columbus. Bro David and Silas sister Mary and Cousin Bell together with quite a number of others there. We left Fannie and Fred at home with Wesly.

11 Nov. Sat. Wesly left this morning as his year was up. He expects to attend school in Xenia this winter. Bro Hugh took him down to C this morning. Jamie over at Jason Johnson's [illegible] sale to day. Bro David at town and over at home. Bro David took Mag Pl. down home this afternoon. And will preach tomorrow in the Union church near Reesville. Vinnie and I cleaned the parlor and put a washing washed three [illegible] besides other thins today. Charlie hauling corn. This evening Past John McMillan stopped in a few minutes. Jamie nor Hugh did not get back till near dark.

12 Nov. Sabb. Quite cool. Jamie and Bro Hugh at the old side church today. Had two sermons by two of their ministers by the name of French. Mr Morton at [illegible] today holding communion. Papa took Fannie with him and left her with Grandmother Mc. Charlie Jones in the kitchen all day by the stove. Fred in the sitting room. Vinnie Martain went over home did not get back till over dark. After night Charlie away the rest of us around the fire. Jamie read quite a number of nice pieces to us from the Chris. Press. Fannie and Fred retired early both asleep in the cradle.

13 Nov. Monday. Quite gloomy all up in good time. Jamie looking after the cistern. Taylor and Jones from the tennant houses both here at work. Charlie hauling water. Bromegan here cementing the cistern or walling it. About four o'clock a heavy rain came on which stopped the work for the day. Bro Hugh over on the federal road and at home this eve.

14 Nov. Tues. Heavy rain most of the day. Bro Hugh over home to day. Jamie out with Charlie for a load of corn for the hogs. I cleaned the sitting room [illegible] and darned up Jamie's socks. Tom Spencer called here for dinner. Afternoon John Dack

called. Eve. Col. Jones's little boy got badly burned. After night Jamie down to see it.

15 Nov. Wed. Gloomy quite cool. Jones went out in the wagon for his mother to come to stay with them. Dr D. K. C at the barn with Jamie awhile. Vinnie in the kitchen. Afternoon Papa and Fannie and Fred and I at C. Sister Mary Eliza came over in a hasty visit to see Mother had gone to the train when we reached mothers we left Fred asleep on Grandmother's bed when Papa and Fannie and I drove down to the depot to see Lizzie Little there too as she was waiting go down to Xenia. The train being considerably behind time we spent an hour or so with her and Lizzie in the ladies parlor. After leaving there I called at Joe C to see Sam and Emma Gains who is working there. After which we went back to mother's and spent a few minutes and came on home did not get back till after dark bro Silas and David both here. Silas went away to spend the evening came back and remained all night. Hugh came back this eve from Father's.

30 Nov. Thurs. Thanksgiving day. Jamie at preaching left Fannie and Fred and me with Mother Mc. No one else at home but Jennette Matt and Mary Little rode up with Jamie in the carriage to Mr Haney's church. Mr Morton preached as there was a union meeting at our church and the N.P's on this occasion. Mother seems a great deal better. Sister Mary came home with Matt from church took dinner with us at Mother's. After which she and Matt went out in quest of Sab. School Scholars. When Jamie and Fannie and Fred and I came on home, Emma bro Hugh and Charlie Redman at home today.

December 1871

Transcriber's note: The ink this month is considerably lighter than any other month this year. Barely legible in places.

1 Dec. Friday. Emma and I quite busy in the kitchen. Abb stretched here at work finished the gardener's house today. Afternoon Bromegan here finishing off the cistern and in the evening played the hearth in the back sitting room. He remained with us for supper. After night we [illegible] off apple butter we had been getting ready all day. We got the apples at Father's on Wednesday after night Spenser called.

2 Dec. Sat. Cool but pleasant. Jones helping today with feeding. Bro Hugh called at Ges. Wright's this forenoon. Mr. C.W. Smith the agent of the Wilson sewing machine came down to day to give me some instructions. Took dinner with us . Had the table set in

the back sitting room. Afternoon Ges. Wright called. Eve. Jonathan Smith stopped in. Bro Hugh and Jones at C. Emma went down home tonight with them. Papa Putting Fannie and Fred to sleep. I ironed the clothes basket full of clothes this afternoon. Jamie brought Fannie and Fred [illegible] from the tree across the rail road this eve.

3 Dec. Sab. Cool but pleasant. Jamie and Bro Hugh at church took Fannie down to stay with Grandmother. Charlie away most of the day Fred and I here alone. Mrs. Jones came up a little bit this morning. They had only one sermon. By Mr. Morton as usual. Eve. Charlie home doing up his chores after which he went to C to spend the night. After the lamp was lighted Jamie bro Hug and I read from the fifth to the close of the book of Ecclesiastes. Our dear little Fannie and Fred both retired early. Fannie stood by her papa's knee and recited what Jamie said concerning the Little children. "Suffer little children to come unto me and forbid them not for of such is the kingdom of God." God bless dear little Fannie and Fred and make them his own.

4 Dec. Monday. Very Cold. Snow fell on last night and today it is quite windy. Charlie came back this morning. Jones assisting him with the feeding. Abb Strutcher here fixing up sled. Jamie around all day helping me. I have been in the kitchen most of the day. Fannie and Fred playing around the room Eve Bro Hugh went over home. Still very cold.

5 Dec. Tues. Still quite cold. All up in good time. Charlie and Jones around at the feeding. Abb Strutcher here at work making a trough for the pump. Here for dinner as usual. About three in the afternoon Jamie went down to town. Stretcher went with him. Jamie at the Cedarville mill called around and brought Emma Gains up. On last Thurs Col Jordon married he has moved from Bro Silas to Townsley's farm.

6 Dec. Wed. Still cold. High wind. Charlie attending to the feeding. Jones hauling wood for himself. Ges. Jackson called for a sheep. Abb Strutcher here at work. Father Mother and Sister Mary here spending the day. Emma washing she stopped and got the dinner. Sister Mary brought her model and done considerable cutting and fitting for me to day. Rev _____ who is circulating an analysis of the Bible called this afternoon. About four our folks left us. Eve all at home. Charlie chopping wood and attending to business. Cousin bell boring at Mr Morton's this week as she is attending Proff Fesaredon's Musical Convention in town.

7 Dec. Thurs. Moderated considerable. Abb Strutcher here at work. Charlie feeding. Jamie around home all day. Emma put out the washing. I have been quite busy sewing on the machine all afternoon. Emma scrubbing up this afternoon. After night, Jones called tonight make argument for the winter work. Fannie and Fred retired early.

8 Dec Friday. Rather pleasant. Abb Strutcher here at work. Jones husking in the forenoon and in the after hauling in corn. Charlie [illegible]. Afternoon. I ironed while Emma cleaned the back sitting room. Fannie and Fred with me playing around through the dining room where I was at work. Jamie and Hugh Jim at Xenia. Papa did not get back till after dark. Brought little daughter Fannie a new clock and little son Fred a new plad flannel dress.

9 Dec. Sat. Rather pleasant. Abb Strutcher here hanging green cloth blind in the back sitting room after which he put up the lattice blind which came off the windows up stairs in the little room spent the remainder of the forenoon fixing up the doors of the different dept. of out home. On last night bro Hugh came back. James Robbison col. here soliciting money for the Selma church. Fannie face ten to Papa a dollar. Charles W. Smith agt. of the Wilson sewing machine here today he and Abb Strutcher Old Hugh McMillan and his brother in law Bro Hugh and Silas and Jamie all here for dinner. Afternoon Sam G called Smith bought another machine for us today at fifty dollars which we agreed to take so he took the 70 dollar one away with him. Bro Hugh went back home with Silas. Eve Papa and the children and I around the fire alone. Emma and Charlie in the kitchen.

10 Dec. Sabb. Quite pleasant but cool. Emma and Charlie Redman at home. Jamie and I at feeding left Fannie and Fred with Grandmother and Aunt Matt. Had two sermons today by Mr Morton. At intermission I walked down to mother's to see in what condition Fred was in but Aunt Matt had him on her lap asleep. Fannie standing by her side. Grandmother sleeping upon the bed. In the afternoon Mr Morton gave us a sermon on intemperance-text "Wine is a [illegible] strong drink is raging and whosoever is deceived there by is not wise." When we came home we found Charlie by the fire. Emma had dinner ready and had gone to town with her niece Amanda who had called for her. After night Jamie and I began reading in course in the book of Jeremiah. After which we had prayers and retired. A little after nine Emma came back.

11 Dec. Monday. Cold. Charlie feeding. Jones around at this that and the other. Jamie around all morning. Emma washing Jamie brought a [illegible] Agt. in with him to dinner by the name of Andrew M. Mama from Carlisle. One should always have their house open for the accommodation of such chaps for they are a nice thing to have around. Afternoon Jamie at town took supper at Mother's. Bro Hugh came up. Charlie Jones called. Emma scrubbing up. I done considerable sweeping up stairs and around. Afternoon sewing on my dress.

12 Dec. Tues. Pleasant. Col Jordan began working at our well, in the prospective this morning in the corner of the orchard across the pike. Our man Col. Jones assisting bro Dan with his butchering this forenoon. Jamie building on fives and in the lower barn lot to be ready to begin here after dinner. Emma busy in the kitchen all day. After dinner. Jamie Bro Hugh Jones Hugh's Jim and Arch and Jas. Gaines here butchering. In the evening we got word that mother McMillan was worse and for us to come down. Which we did in the shortest possible time taking Fannie and Fred with us. Mother did not seem to notice us when we went in as she was just getting over a chill which came on her about four o'clock. There were quite a number in during the evening among whom was Mr Morton before leaving he had prayer sang from the favorite verse of the twenty third Psalm. Mother was propped up in the bed and joined in the singing. After which Mr Morton lead in a most earnest prayer . Aunt Jennette and Matt upstairs took Fannie with them. Sister Betsy Mary Little and Jane and {illegible} Baldwin and I sat up most of the night. Fred sat up part of the time as he was rather fitful. The latter part of the night papa and I fixed up a bed on the parlor floor and took him in with us. Left Mary and Betsy up with Mother. When Fred went to sleep I arose and took Betsy's place and staid up with sister Mary L. till near morning.

13 Dec. Wed. We came back home from Mother's this morning she is able to be up and seems better. Mrs. Gordon with them on last night and there this morning. Jones and Bro Hugh cut the meat and packed it to day. Lizzie Lake came up and helped Emma with the lard awhile. Jamie over at Strutchers on an errand called at Harvey Kyle's as he came home and bought them Rittle. Jas. Gaines here at work at the well. Jim Robbison came with Jamie all here for dinner. Afternoon I ironed some pairs I have not helped a great deal to day as I am not feeling well. Eve Jamie at C. Jas. Gaines went with him Mother Mc is keeping better. Bro Hugh at Tom Bromegan's at a party tonight. Charlie Jones and Emma and I up till twelve o'clock at the sausage grinding.

14 Dec. Cold. Bro Hugh up at Steph [illegible] with a sheep. Emma finishing up the pork business. Jamie around all day. Gains and Charlie in with him for dinner. Hugh came back this eve. Ben Cellars called to see Jamie went down home with Jas. Gaines. All of our family around the fire in the back sitting room tonight. Charlie and Emma in the kitchen.

15 Dec. Friday. Bro Hugh out looking after six lost sheep came back in time for dinner. Jamie around all forenoon. Col Jas Gains Robbison and Ben Cellars in for dinner. Jones taking a load of wood down to Mother's. Afternoon. Jamie with Fannie and Fred and me down seeing Mother. Mary Little and Aunt Matilda Matt with them. Jamie left us there and went over to Clifton to mill. I was up town awhile at Bromegan's grocery store. After supper we came on home. Emma was to have gone to an Oyster supper tonight but was disappointed.

25 Dec. Monday. Christmas day. Merry Christmas. The day beautiful one of the most beautiful for many a year. Jamie and Jones out feeding all forenoon. After an early dinner papa mama Fannie and Fred drove down to Grandmother's left our children there while Jamie and I drove over to Clifton in search of a girl came home by Harrison and Old Hugh McMillan met Mr Archer on the road he had been up at our house while we were away. Met Old Smith Brock on the road also. Came back to mother's found Fannie in the kitchen and Fred asleep on Grandmother's lounge. After supper Jamie and Silas went up town Mother seemed to be more easy about him. Matt and I walked up to Bromegan's grocery to notify him that it was time to go home. Quite pleasant to night bright moonlight. When we came home found our home as we left it as we have neither have man not woman about us.