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As a writer in the 19th and early 20th centuries, Martha McMillan usually focuses her journals on the mundane aspects of her life. She comments on the farm animals, what crops are growing or being sold, her travels to and from towns, her family's health, and her interactions with a multitude of friends and family. By reading Martha's journals, one can get a better picture of what everyday life was like during the times in which she lived.

One theme throughout Martha's journals is community. In the months I transcribed, September and November of 1912, Martha writes about her travels. These trips are mainly to visit family and friends who are spread around both Cedarville and the rest of the United States. Martha McMillan also attends meetings and conferences, as well as writes down information from events her friends and family attended. To Martha, a community is an essential part of life. These are the people who can support one-another through the good and the bad. Even when she becomes too ill to leave her home, Martha's community comes to her aid. Friends and family members visit her when she is bed-ridden, assist with the harvesting, and keep her updated with recent political events.

Another theme in Martha's journals is her constant faith in God, even amidst trying times. Martha references moments when she recognizes God's protection and sovereignty in hers and her family's lives. In November of 1912, Martha's grandson has an accident.

However, the young Rankin is miraculously unscathed. She immediately gives glory to God in these troubling moments. Throughout Martha's 1912 journal, one can read her thoughts on God's providence and love.

Martha's journals still have relevance to a 2017 audience. They depict the beauty of the mundane. Contemporary readers can relate to the themes of a need for community and strong family ties. For example, college students at Cedarville probably feel the same way as Martha did in her 1912 journal: removed from the home they once held dear and in need of a strong community presence to help them in times of trouble.

1st Sept Sabath. [?] a nice day. Rev Taylor absent no preaching at our church. None of us at church to day. [Potter?] at town. Aunt [Mary?] came home with him, She was here to dinner.
[There is a heading at the top of this page that says: At Claytons at the old Home Sept. 1912]. Rev [Thom?] [?] preached for the United Presbyterians today. This P.M. Charlie [Baskin?] and Martha [?] called. The for[me?]er to [illegible] after my [cast?] [illegible] Dr Charles [dressed?] Alberts knee when here- He and Martha stayed for [illegible]. Fred and Clara and Aunt Mary with us. Charlie in the kitchen. Ms Me and I on [program?]. This is dear Aunt Marys, [illegible], birth day- She is 71 to day. She said she could not forget that [three?] score and ten years- is the allotted time for man on the earth.

2nd Sept. Monday. A nice day. School opened in our school this morning [several words are crossed out and smudged here]. Miss Lill[ie?] Ross teacher. Fred Clara and Aunt Mary here- [I?] have been in the yard most of the day. This afternoon- Potter took Aunt Mary home. - [Fred?] Townsley here to see Fred this P.M.- Clayton and Davis [illegible]. This evening Clayton took Fred and Clara to the 8 O clock train. We certainly will miss them. Potter began staying with father to night. Miss Ben[line?] will have a needed rest.

3rd Sept. Tuesday. Another nice day. Clayton taking care of Albert and helping Davis with [illegible, 2 words] on farm. Edith and Miss Ben[line?] putting house in order- Potter and Davis and Clayton went down to vote on constitution Amend [Two letters appear to be double underlined here. Looks like "nt"] Woman Sufferage will come before the people to day. Charlie [illegible] finished his term of work here and went home this evening.

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4th Sept Wed. Edith and Rankin and I made a hasty trip to town and called to see Mr [illegible, 4 words]- Then we came home a message from Malcolm that he was at the Springs Edith drove over after him. [illegible name] from Uncle Hughs here helping Davis with the [roofing?]- Here to dinner with Clayton and Potter, "Rankin" and me. Edith and Malcolm were served later the dear Miss Ben[line?] doing things to day. This P.M.- Malcolm with [me?] in the yard- He has been in [illegible] in Freds office - He and Carl had a trip to [Denver?] which was much enjoyed by them. [Jack?] took a [team? or train?] back directly after dinner. This evening Clayton and Malcolm at town. Father did not know Malcolm, he has been on [rester?] most of the day.

5th Sept. Thursday. A beautiful day but very warm. Malcolm at town this A.M- and called on his [kin?]- back in time for dinner. Potter around. Clayton busy Davis [illegible, 2 words]. This afternoon Edith and Rankin and Malcolm called Uncle Silas's. Then were home to Supper. This evening Malcolm and Clayton at town. Miss Ben[line?] busy as usual- Mr Mc on [rester?] in yard some of the time. Potter at [R?] this P.M got home in time to take his place with father.

6 Sept. Friday. The dear Malcolm left us this morning He is going home to get ready for College he goes to [R?] College- Clayton took him to the train. It was nice to have him [here?]. Davis [illegible, 2 words]. Clayton [repairing] in the [barn?].

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Potter sat under a shade tree this [illegible] P.M. This evening at 4 O Clock Edith and I drove to Selma- Grace will come Monday. Potter stayed with father while we were gone. Very warm these days.

7" Sept. Saturday- A nice day here. Potter cutting weeds this A.M- And around this P.M. Davis' bringing in wood. This A.M- early Clayton and Edith left for Springfield They had a heavy rain there this P.M- They came home past Cedarville for [necessaries?] & reached home in time for Supper. Uncle Silas and Aunt [Mollie?] called this P.M- They brought us a basket full of green beans- Miss Ben[line?] busy with Rankin and father and me to day.

8 Sept Sabbath. One of the horses sick- Clayton at home Edith at church alone- Rev Taylor preached- Subject- Our Missionary [Mr Maide?] who sailed to India on the- Judge gave Edith a lively ride to church this morning- Aunt Mary came home with her and and rode on with John [Arthur?], Eva rode with Edith- but old Judge was [illegible] [tame?]- This has been a nice day. Clayton brought Dr Anderson in with him to dinner. This after-noon Aunt Mary with us in the yard- After lunch she and Clayton went down to the Rev Riley Little preach. Edith did not like to leave Rankin. Potter here to day and looking after father this evening and to night.

9" Sept Monday. A friend from [illegible] the pike here for lunch and with us last night- and here for break-feast- Clayton and Davis with help of some of the neighbors got the sick horse on her feet. Our guest of art night staid by Clayton and came in with him to dinner- After dinner he left for Columbus- HIS address - Joseph [Tate?] 165 Neil Ave Columbus- I thought he might come back and put in a garden next spring.

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Albert came down stairs on his [illegible, 4 words]. This afternoon [illegible, 2 words] him to the Barber Shop and to the Drs- Edith and Miss Ben[line] taking advantage of his absence are putting his room [morder?]. Mr Mc kept close to the [rester?] today. This evening Davis and Clayton at town. I sent a donation to "[Carrie?] and Edna." Dr Anderson coming out this evening.

10" Sept Tues. This has been a warm day. Dr Anderson with Clayton last night and her to breakfast - Miss Ben[line?] put the back room in fine order- and calls it her own. Potter at town this A.M- and home at noon. Davis took a [team?] and went to Uncle [Hughs?] to help [thrash?]. Dr Anderson here this P.M. Edith and Rankin at C - - Eva [Arthur?] went with them. I had a letter from Harlan form Hot Springs [Ark?]. He has been in [Lousiana?]- Potter at Selma and brought Grace down. I have been in the yard most of the day.

11" Sept. Wed. A nice day. The sick horse died last night - - Dr Anderson here this A.M- and here to dinner- Davis took a team out to Uncle Hughs to help clean [illegible] after [thrashing?]- He came back this evening. [P?] busy. Miss Benline at her own work. This afternoon Clayton and Albert at town- Albert brought the Automobile from [Lonery's]- It has been there since [the following date was written in with what appears to be pencil lead] July 30th A long stay [illegible]. Potter has been away all day. Edith sewing.

12" Sept Thursday. A beautiful day. Clayton very busy. This morning Potter took father to the barber shop- He took him to Aunt [M?]- and [illegible] to the shop. They reached home at noon. I have been in the yard most of

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the forenoon. Grace away last night and did not get back until this morning. This afternoon Edith took me to Aunt Marys- and she in [Company?] with Mrs Dr Marsh went to the [illegible, 2 words] to Mrs [illegible name]. I met our Cousin Mr Samuel [?] from New Jersey there. Uncle Silas there to call and Aunt Belle. Miss Benline [kept?] Rankin, - Grace had supper ready when we came home.

13" Sept. Friday. A beautiful day. Clayton took Edith and baby Rankin and Miss Benline and me to Xenia- we also stopped for Aunt Mary in C- [illegible] & Miss Benline and baby Rankin with me at Dr [Martains?]

[rooms?]- I took my first treatment to day, Edith there part of the time when we came home. Grace had dinner prepared & [Jack?] Rowe here- This afternoon her and Potter husking, Clayton and Edith at Springfield- did not get home [till?] after eight. Mrs Anderson [Creswell?] and Mrs [Peage? Creswell?] and their friend Miss Patton called when passing.

14" September Saturday, Miss Ben[line?] carried out a [scheme?] to day by putting the [illegible, 2 words] stairs on the [porch?]- an easy chair [illegible symbol] and call it my [illegible]- As the Dr forbids [-seeing?] my [illegible, 2 words]- going up and down stairs and just as little as possible- Jack husking. This afternoon Clayton at town and he took Aunt Mary out collecting for the Prohibition Party- He had quite the experience coming in contact with a frightened horse- and lastly a [illigible, 2 words]. Grace at her work- Mr Mc on the rester.

15 Sept. Sabbath. Rain began falling early this morning and con- tinued to fall nearly all forenoon. Miss Benline quite sick with sick headache- No preaching for this house to day as Edith had to take Miss Benlines place cooking after father and baby Rankin - - Clayton out most of the day looking after a lost [cow?]. [Jack?]

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and Potter and Albert around [Grace?] in the kitchen. This evening Clayton at town to hear [Poleing?] - -

16" Sept- Monday. Mrs [Fitch?] telephoned the good news this morning that our last cow was in their field Clayton [illegible symbol] got it home. Jack husking. Potter around and Albert. Miss Ben[line?] feeling better this morning. She was able to look after father to day. Clayton and Edith went in the Auto to town this evening.

17" Sept Tuesday. Clayton and Edith and I at Xenia this morning- I stayed at the Frances Inn- While they went to Dayton on the Trolley- I had dinner at the Frances In- A [illegible] dinner at Mr Jones table When the folks got back from Dayton I went to Dr [Martains?] and took my Second Treatment. Mr Dave Lowery rode with me home form Xenia. We had trouble with chain on Automobile both coming and- going finally landed at Lowers Shop- Clayton stayed with it and Edith and I came home with Dr [Rittars?]. He certainly was kind he brought me right to the door Albert at town this P.M. Jack husking Potter around. Grace in the kitchen Miss Benline taking care of Mr Mc and Rankin while we were away.

18 Sept Wed. Cool-and cloudy. I felt it too cool to stay on poarch [sic]- Miss Benline suggested I stayed in bed and kept warm. Albert around his [illegible] as usual. Jack husking. Potter around. Father on rester as usual- Miss Ben[line?] and Grace busy. Late this P.M. Edith and baby Rankin went with Clayton to town- Miss [Woulford?] the attraction.

19 Sept Thurs. A nice day. This morning Clayton and Edith and baby Rankin and I stopped at Aunt Mary's and took Cousin [illegible, 2 words] with us to Xenia- Edith went on the trolley around to Springfield - and Clayton took Cousin [Sam?] with him to repair shop- met Joe King there. Miss Benline and Rankin went with me to Dr [Martains?] office where I took my 3rd treatment. We reached

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home in good time for dinner. We brought cousin [Sam?] home with us. This afternoon Clayton took Cousin [Sam?] with him to Springfield when he went after Edith- They reached home in time for supper. [Grace?] is faithful these days- Potter has set in fathers room to day [illegible] [stupid? stupor?].

20" Sept Friday. Miss Ben[line?] looking after father- his condition very much the same as yes-terday. Potter went to Xenia to day. Home again this evening. Albert around- Grace busy. This afternoon Clayton took Edith and baby Rankin ["Cousin Sam" is written above this] and I to town before we reached the [there?] had a "stand still" Uncle Hugh passing in his wagon [illegible] us into town to [Lowery's?] shop- We were there all afternoon- Edith in the mean time walked around to see Miss [Woolford?]. We would have been at [Lowerie's?] yet if it had not been for [illegible, 3 words]. [Who's?] skill helped [Lowery] out of his [illegible, 2 words]. We reached home in time for Supper- Cousin [Sam?] came back with us.

21 Sept. Saturday. A beautiful day. Aunt Mary went with Clayton and Cousin Sam [illegible symbol] and me to X- I called at Dr Martins office and took my fourth treatment. Every thing went well until we were half way home when we had a puncture- Clayton worked bravely when he got [fixed up?] and started on our way- we had not gone long until we had a second puncture We went home to town the best we could, and from there home. Grace went with us to Xenia this morning and went from there on the trolley to Springfield. Aunt Mary and Cousin Sam came home with us. Edith and Miss Benline had pot-pie, chicken, [illegible] dinner- This P.M. Rev Taylor called- Mr Mc still in a stupor. Bro Taylor had prayer with us. Aunt Mary went down to town with Edith. Clayton rode down with

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Dr [illegible] and they brought Aunt Belle and Aunt Matt out- they were here to supper when Edith returned she had a nice supper. Mr Mac did not [rouse?] up- Later they went back to town with Dr Litter- And Cousin Samuel went down with Clayton to Aunt Marys. Clara and Miss Brown came down from Columbus this evening- Clayton brought them out with him. Miss Brown taking care of Mr Mc to night.

22nd Sept. Sabbath. Dull and cloudy. Clayton and Edith at Church. Rev Taylor preached text Lord teach me to pray. Near noon it began raining and the [illegible] was a general down pour. Clayton and Edith came

home through the rain- Miss Benline in the kitchen Miss [Brown?] taking care of me and of Mr Mc- He is still in a stupor- Late this P.M- Charlie [Baskin?] and Miss [K?] here they remained for supper.

23rd Sept. Monday. A nice day. Potter went to Dayton to day. Uncle Hugh [here?] to dinner and this P.M. Clayton very busy getting his [stock?] in shape. Late this P.M- Aunt [Mollie?] & Uncle Silas and and [Ana?] and [Jennie?] and [Paul?] called. Mr Mc in a stupor day again. Edith at C- this morning and brought Grace out- She came down from [Selma?] on the train. Miss Brown and Miss Benline [illegible]. Clara here. I have been in bed to day again.

24" Sept. Tues. A shower last night- A dreary dull day. Grace in the kitchen. Clara, Edith and Miss Benline and Miss Brown around. Mr Mc a fraction better to day. Clayton and our neighbor [Finny?] at Xenia to day. Came back late this P.M. Dr Litter here this morning helping with [illegible] Potter around. This evening Clayton and Miss Brown took Clara to the Columbus train she goes back to her work in the Library. Edith called at [Arthurs?].

25" Sept. Thursday A nice day. Near eleven Clayton and Edith and Rankin drove out in Auto - to meet

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[Fred?] but Auto stopped down at Dave [McS?] and Edith remained there and Clayton took their [conveyance?] and went to the train for Fred- Potter went down in our buggy for Edith. Fred has been in New York for a week. They were all back here to dinner. This afternoon Clayton took Auto to [Perices?] shop and got back with it in fine shape. Clayton busy all evening with [cow?] [illegible symbol] Miss Benline and Grace and Miss Brown busy. Dr Marsh here this P.M. to see father. Eva Arthur called.

26" Sept. Thursday. A nice day. Fred with [us?]- He is writing to all the folks this morning- Albert at the husking. Potter around. Grace & Miss Benline busy. This afternoon in hammock on poarch [sic]. Clayton took Fred & Edith and Rankin and Miss Brown on a [illegible, 2 words] to C- Cousin Sam [illegible] came home with them. After Supper Clayton took Fred to the train- He goes to Chicago to night. Dr Marsh made his second trip to see father late this P.M.

27" Sept Friday. A beautiful day. One of Claytons yearling coalts [sic] died this morning. Dr Anderson and Mr [Bongarmer?]- and Mr [Finny?] here. Near noon Cousin Sam went with Mr Andersons back to town. He was invited to Mr [illegible] Stevensons alone with Uncle Silas's to dinner. Clayton busy [doctaring?] [cow or corn?] all P.M. Potter at Springfield and returned this evening. This P.M- Edith at town for Aunt Matt but it was too late for her to come out- Dr Marsh here on his 3rd trip this P.M. Mr Mc still in a stupor [illegible symbol] but does not seem to suffer pain. I have been on the poarch

[sic] in hammock most of the day. Miss Benline and Grace and Miss Brown busy.

28" Sept. Saturday. A beautiful day, Dr Anderson here helping with [Con?]. Potter went away again this morning. Edith and Miss Benline and the baby Rankin at Mr [illegible] Matthews for tomatoes and at town on an errand and home. Miss Brown drove down for Aunt Matt

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back in time for dinner. [Warners] Hamiltons brother here yesterday and today to dinner- he is here to sow the wheat [illegible symbol]. This afternoon Aunt Matt went back home with Edith when she went down to Prof McChesneys to the [Silver?] Social. Miss Benline putting up tomatoes Grace busy. Dr Marsh here on his 4" trip to see Mr Mc Miss Brown with us. Clayton very busy all dat taking care of the [Con?]- Potter home this evening. Albert husking to day again. Sam [illegible] Uncle Hughs here with [Howard?] and brought the team home- They were here to dinner.

29" Sept Sabbath. A nice day. Clayton and Edith at Church. This was [rally?] day in the Sabbath School they attended it. Rev Taylor preached- Grace in kitchen. Miss Ben[line?] taking care of Rankin. Miss Brown with her [patients?]- Not very much change on Mr Mc. I was on poarch [sic] on the hammock this P.M. There were a great flock of Black Birds rested on the trees in the yard for a little as they were passing to their winter home in the South- one would feel like going with them if they were as well [equipped?] for the journey as they are. Potter at [Bungarmers]- Home to dinner!

30" [She writes "Oct." here] Monday. Grace went away last night and returned this A.M. Edith took Rankin and Miss Benline with her for tomatoes at [Mrs?] [illegible] Matthews- This evening they have 46 [illegible, 2 words]. Dr Marsh here this morning on his fifth visit. Dr Litter here and helped Clayton take Automobile to [Perices?] Shop. This P.M. late- Edith took Rankin and Miss Ben[line?] with her to town- Mr McS condition very much the same- the Dr says. I have been in hammock all afternoon. It is cool- but a beautiful day. Albert husking- Hamilton at the wheat and here to dinner.

Introduction- October and December 1912

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In this year, Martha struggles with her identity as two of the previous anchors of her identity, her husband and her matriarchal role to the family, have been removed from her life. Because of this her tone has shifted to reflect her search for a stable identity. This

search can be found in the focuses in her entries, Martha always notes what Edith did rarely what she herself has done that day. Edith replaced Martha's role as the mother of the house. Many times throughout these entries Martha mentions how her knee has prevented her from moving to the point where she even says that she is "helpless without crutches"(3rd October). Martha feels trapped in a house filled with people busily attending to the errands of the day that she used to be responsible for. Martha's feeling of identity loss is compounded after James dies as she says, "Death never appeared to me as it did to night. You could almost see this world receding and the other world so near that it seemed but a step across" (8th October). Despite these struggles Martha forged an identity as a mother and a grandmother.

On the last day of October Martha writes that "I felt all broken up this evening to know...that all the children are gone. But then clayton is left...and Edith and Rankin...for they add to my happiness."(29th October) Martha possesses a strength to be able to face the death of her husband and still be sound in her identity. In our modern world with people spending years searching for a glimpse of who they are, Martha stands as an example of how someone can claim an identity in the overlooked aspects of life such as motherhood. Martha's life has many moments that are filled with sorrow: Paul's death, the death of the unnamed baby, and especially James's death. However even with all of this death, Martha still stands as a women, firmly grounded in her identity.

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October,

1st Oct Tuesday. A beautiful day. The men busy husking & Hamilton here to dinner and at his work. This afternoon Edith took Miss Brown and Rankin with her to a flying visit to C- I have been in hammock all afternoon. Mr. Macs Condition about the Same. Potter came (to set?) this afternoon.

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2nd Oct. wed.

A letter from Aunt Mary She is at Lima (illegible) the W.C.T.U. Plate convention. Potter left at an early hour for Greenfield O. house cleaning the order of the day. Miss Benline busy -- Edith and Miss Brown and Grace busy: Davis and his men cutting corn. Albert husking. Clayton hauling in one of his big hogs found dead in the vicinity of Henry Kyles. This Evening Edith took Miss Brown and Rankin with her to the tomato (palet?) Dr. Marsh here on his sixth visit there is but little change on father's condition still in a stupor most of the time. I have been in the hammock all Afternoon-- quite a beautiful day.

3rd Oct. Thursday.

A beautiful day. Dr. Charlie Baskin came in last night and after a little rest left on the early train. Young Hamilton absent-- Albert took his place at the drill-- and to help the good work Clayton got Arthurs Drill and (run?) it until three Oclock. Grace busy -- Miss Benline (serving?) Edith took Miss Brown and baby Rankin with her to town late this P.M. I have been in the hammock all P.M. My knee still pains me- I am Helpless without my crutches - Mr Mac still in a kind of a Stupor takes just a little nourishment if any

4" Oct. Friday.

Most a beautiful day. Clayton in town this morning to see (Lonueny?) He was in C- when the fast train stopped and (left?) Fred and brought him out with him they over here to dinner Mr Mac roused up quite a little when he came. This afternoon Edith took Rankin and went with Clayton to town but they were soon home as (lonueny?) was not there. (Skarry??) Hamilton here at the wheat Sowing Albert husking. Dais and his men cutting corn. Miss Benline and Miss Brown and Grace busy. Potter working for (Hautherns)and Sleeping in the wood house. Dr Marsh here on his seventh visit

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5 Oct Saturday.

Most a beautiful day. I was on the porch all day. Albert husking. Clayton busy. this has been another (____) day for father- He is dead to his surrounding. Miss Brown faithful to him. This afternoon Mrs Smith brought Isabel and Jeanette and Elizabeth and Bruce and

Sarah (Jane) down in the automobile to see (___) Isabel went in to see father but he did not know she was here. Late this P.M. Edith took Miss Benline and Rankin with her to town. Fred with us. Miss Edd Turnbull and Son called to see him this P.M. At 6:30 Fred went to C--- and brought Clara Out. She came in from Columbus Grace busy to day. Miss Ada (Grabels?) wedding last night.

6''' Oct. Sabbath

A Beautiful day. Clayton and Edith at church. Sermon by Rev. Taylor Fred and Clara with us -- and Miss Benline and Grace. Miss Brown, with father. This afternoon some kind of change came Over father for the first since he has been in this condition. His breath Very quick - he seems uneasy. O I Am so glad Miss Browns here to Night. (drenr) Mary in Yellow Springs to day at Rev Grahams - she came there yesterday on her way home from The convention in Lima.

7 Oct. Monday.

Fred took Clara to the train this morning she has gone back to her work in the Library. Dr. (Rilline) took Clayton With him to uncle Silas's - his hogs have the cholera. This after noon Rev Taylor And Mr. Nathan Ramsey called. Fred at town and brought Aunt Matt out And took her back this evening. But father did not notice her. A change in father's condition this Eventing. His breathing very quick. he kept this up till midnight when he Quick (take?) out his old condition again.

At the old Home at Claytons October 1912 [header]

8' October Tuesday

A nice day. Grace's time up this morning. She went in Dr. Litters Auto to C--- When Fred and Clayton went with him to Uncle Silas's. She went on train to Selma. When they came back Anthony and Cousin (Sain) came out with them. Home on time for dinner. I have been up stairs as usual. Harry Hamilton took our team to Uncle Hugh's and is drilling his wheat. Late this P.M. Fred took Aunt Mary home cousin Sam remained with us. Miss Benline in charge of the kitchen to day.

This evening a change came very suddenly to father breath so short and quick. It was evident a change was near. He peacefully passed away near nine Oclock. Death never appeared to me as it did to night. You could almost see this world receding and the other world so near that it seemed but a step across. As he neared the end we all noticed the peace and calmness that came over his face. O the nothingness of the honors and glory of this world when we come to meet death. What do the dying need: Only Jesus-Only Jesus.

"For he can make the dying bed seem soft as downy pillows are. While on his breast I lay my head and breathe my life out sweetly there." Let us take Jesus for our all and all and live to help others to find him. Father has had four long years of a mental trouble. But all that has passed now .for he has seen him. And will be like him is our comfort.

Cousin Same kept worship for us to night and read the 14" chapt. Of John. Dr Marsh made his eighth trip here this Morning. Fred and Miss Brown at the town and sent dispatches to all the children. J.H.W. McMillan here to take charge of things.

9" Oct. Wednesday.

Fred at the train for Clara she came down from Columbus. Whe. (???) h. Came up this morning cousin Lizze Blair came with him and (???) and helped Edith.

At Claytons at the Old Home Oct. 1912 [header]

This afternoon Rev. Taylor and Aunt Bike and Aunt Matt called (???) also Harriet Silas and Aunt Mathie and Sallie McMillan. Rev Taylor read the 8' cap of romans and had prayer. Dr. Litter called and Clara and Fred and Lizzie Blair and Cousin Samuel rode with him to C--- cousin Samuel stayed at Aunt Mary's while Fred and Clara went to the Cemetery. Aunt Belle was with them at J.H.McMillan helping make selection. They were all back home in good time. Cousin Same up stairs with us awhile. Fred at the train and brought George Crossman out to take charge of the kitchen. On this day the 9th of Oct. 1867 Mother McMillan and Aunt Jane and Jeanette and Matt moved to Cedarville. Leaving this old Home place to James Mr Mac (circled) and me. It is 45 years to day since we began life here.

10" Oct. Friday.

A beautiful day. Mr and Mrs Finney called this morning. Later Mr. and Mrs Carper and Mr Pidgeon called. Dr Litter took Fred with him in his Auto and met Frannie in Xenia the last train stopped for Jadon at Cedarville and they brought him out with them.

George at his place. Miss Benline and Miss Brown busy. This afternoon Eva Arthur and Mrs Dr Litter and her mother called. Also Uncle Hugh and Sister Mary and Aunt Mary K. and Mr. & Mrs Robert Townsley. Fred and Jason in town this P.M. Edith busy. Rankin on the go. Creeping everywhere. Cousin Samuel with us. Fred at the 8 O'clock train and brought Harlan out. He left Mason City yesterday at noon. When the children come it is the time we miss father. Home without a mother is bad but I know home without a Father is sad too. We all have had fathers and mothers. But most of them have passed to the other side. Harlan took supper with Mell Yourences this evening in Xenia.

At Claytons at the Old Home. 11'Oct. 1912 [header]

11" Friday.

A bright day. Dr Litter brought Charlie Baskin from the train. Aunt Matt and Cousin Pergah came out at the same time. Mr. and Mrs Stuart (Frajren) called they brought lovely flowers. Aunt Matt and Pergah here to diner along with Cousin Samuel and all the children. George busy.

Homer missed the train at Cincinnati and came to Xenia this P.M. Mr and Mrs Carper of Jamestown met him and brought him out. Mr Carper and Co. came upstairs to see me. Uncle Silas called. Also Mrs Bratton and Mrs Kate Barber. This P.M. late Edith at C--- and Miss Brown and Rankin went along. The children are all here tonight. The last night with father in the home although it is only his body yet I know we will feel different.

12" Oct. Friday

This has been a nice day. The day of our dear father's funeral. The children all here. The funeral service at ten O'clock. The word went out that the funeral was to be private which kept numbers away. But for all that it seemed like there was quite a crowd here. The house was full. Rev Taylor conducted the exercises which consisted of scripture reading and Psalms.---Singing.

Gen Creswell led the music. The funeral beautiful -- Rev Taylor read the 90" Psalms and the 23rd and four verses of the 40" were sung. He also recited " AT Evening Tide". Flowers were sent. From Mr & Mrs Murry & Miss (Chistem) & Fred's friends, also to Clara from the Library and from Mr & Mrs Frazier and Fred Brought a lovely bouquet for the family. A bouquet from Sarah Stuart and from Mrs Hunt. The nieces and nephews sent in a lovely wreath and so also from the brothers and sister in laws. Father was laid away in the family

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lot where Paul and Florence are sleeping and where some of the rest of us will be laid away to rest before many years are gone.

Miss Stuart and all of our own children and Charlie Baskin and cousin Samuel here to dinner along with Aunt Jeanette and Matt and Aunt Mary. The pall bearers were the Sons- Fred, Harlan. Homer and Clayton and Jason and Charlie Baskin. Miss Brown and Miss Benline and Charlie B. and Fred and I rode in the same carriage. At the grave Rev Taylor read from the 35" verse to the close of the 15 chapter of (Stpar) While the Casket was being lowered in the grave. With this blessed hope we left him with the blessed hope of a glorious resurrection. Frannie and Miss Brown took Mrs Stuart out to Thorns. Fred went with Dr. Litter when he took Aunt Jeanette and Matt home. Fred went with Litter out to Uncle Silas's. Cousin Sam with us to night again.

13" Oct. Sabbath

A beautiful day. Dr Litter took Clayton and Edith and Paul with him and his wife in Auto to church. Fred and Harlan and Homer went in the buggy. Charlie Baskin rode with the Dunearnes. Last night a lovely Box of American Beauties were received from (Deformines) from (Senath) & Hollingworth & Huston & Miss McMillan they were too fragrant and beautiful not to share with the others. Fred sent the box into Aunt Jeanette and Matt to enjoy and share with others. Aunt Jeanette expressed her delight never having seen anything half so beautiful. Rev Taylor preached. Only part of our family had a way to go to church. Cousin Samuel and Fannie and Clara Isabel and Miss Brown and

and Miss Berline left at home. Charlie had dinner for all. Jason carried me downstairs to dinner and I remained down the rest of the day.

This afternoon Clayton Jason and Charlie went over to Uncle Hughs to see Howard who is very sick. Charlie went back to Dayton on the evening train.

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14 Oct. Monday.

A beautiful day Fred and Miss Brown at town. They called at aunt Jeanette's this morning. Potter in to breakfast. Isabel. Clara. And Miss Brown and Fannie and Fred Harlan and Homer and Jason here. Harry Hamilton here to dinner. Cousin Samuel with us this A.M. he and Harlan and Jason at town. Aunt Mary is at Uncle Hughs helping care for Howard today.

This afternoon Ben Smith came down in the Automobile for Harlan and Isabel Jeanette was along. Homer and Cousin Sam went with them to Springfield. And came around on the train. Dr Litter brought his wife here to call and Clayton went with him to C--- to meet Homer and Cousin Same Both the Dr and wife came upstairs to see me. Harlan and Miss Brown took me down to dinner and I remained most of the afternoon. When Dr Litter went for the folds to the train Clara and Miss Brown went with him they went back to Columbus to night. Miss Brown has been with us three weeks and what a blessed providence She came for she took care of father as no other could. With her kindness and faithfulness to father and Paul she has endeared herself to us. George and Miss Benline busy today.

Oct 15' Tuesday.

A beautiful Day. Clayton and Edith drove to Springfield to day. Cousin Samuel and Fannie and Fred and Homer and Jason around. George and Miss Benline busy. Rankin with us being cared for. This afternoon Fred and Jason took Homer to the Springs and he starts to Lexington Ky. Sallie MacMillan called to see us this afternoon. I have been upstairs today- it is too hard on my knee to go up and down stairs. Fred and Jason called to speak to Aunt Mary as they came home. She came home from Uncle Hughs this morning. Howard is a little better.

16" Oct. Wednesday.

A nice day a little cool. Fred and Jason at Uncle Hughs on an errand

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Clayton at C-. When Fred returned he took George Cruisman to the train he has been here a week and the faithful of the faithful- carried the burden in the kitchen. Fred Fannie and Jason and Cousin Same around. Edith packing Miss Benline on the (**fey?**)

17" Oct. Thursday.

All up at an early hour this morning- and Dr Litter took Fred Edith and baby Rankin to Springfield to the train Edith and baby going to Park's to her parents. Fred would look after her and then go to his work in Des Moines and later to Denver. We will surely have a lonely time now. Rankin went away very happy I think he felt he was going somewhere! Fred has had a faithful time looking after us all have so much to be done both before and after father left us. Clayton and Jason went with them to Springfield and returned with Litter. Fred offered Litter a "price" for his kindness in waiting on us with his automobile but no not a cent it was his happiness to do it. He will be kindly be remembered by us all- and he will (Phill?) have his reward some place somewhere! After their return Jason and Fannie at town- back in time for dinner. Miss Benline at the head of affairs now since Edith is missing! Fannie and cousin Same and Jason are all that are left with us now. I am still on the Second floor. Potter called this evening but did not tarry.

18" Oct. Friday

Dr Litter took Jason around with him most of the (forenoon?) and called for Aunt Mary and brought her out to dinner she is with us this afternoon and to night. Cousin Sam here- Fannie and Jason tried to resurrect a time box of fathers

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In the wool house at Steven's but without success. A light shower this P.M. but more this evening. The cistern I have empty. Miss Benline taking care of the kitchen. Albert husking corn and boarding himself. Harvey Hamilton here to dinner. Clayton busy.

19" Oct. Saturday

A nice day after the rain. Cousin Samuel took Aunt Mary home this morning and attended to some errands Jason and Fannie having fire to help "(rig) up" the wool house. They started a fire in the front room & moved across for the day. This afternoon Clayton and Jason at Springfield. They went in the buggy. Rev Taylor called to see us this afternoon. Aunt Belle and Blemeth and Fern and little Francis and Isabel here to call. When the boys returned from Springfield they came through Cedarville and went to the train for Clara and missed her and came home. Clara called us and Fannie went after her It has just been a week today since our dear Father's funeral and it seems to me a month but it is only a week. Often time flies then again it seem to drag heavy.

20" Oct. Sabbath

A nice day. Cousin same and Clayton and Jason at church. A good sermon. Text 'Our Father" Miss Benline not well. Clara helped with the dinner. Fannie with me. I fell this morning thankful was not hurt. This is the fourth time I have fallen and each time might have been hurt badly. I need to ask the Lord to keep me from falling! Homer in Dayton to day and attended the Presbyterian church there. Fannie met him at the Y.Springs at 5:30 Clayton and Jason and cousin Same at the

M.P. Church. Sermon by MacMichael. We have been by the grate in front room upstairs today & this evening.

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21" Oct. Monday.

A beautiful day. Cousin Same Homer and Jason at C- this morning they called to see Uncle Ervin he had fallen and sprained his ankle- they were home to dinner along with Fannie, Clara & Clayton. Miss Benline busy. The fast train stopped at 3:30 for Homer and Jason they go to Cincinnati together on their way to their homes Clayton took them to the train. Just as they were starting Isabel and children came- was glad for they got to see each other. Mrs Snyder and Miss Spangles came with her for the ride also her brother Ben They all made a little call- Isabel and Jeanette and Elizabeth with us for the night- Uncle Hugh called cousin Same rode with him to town. And he saw the boys off and came back with Clayton after supper Clayton and Fannie took Clara to the train she goes back to the Library work in Columbus- We feel lonely to night- so many gone but how can we help but feel lonely. Clayton and Cousin Sam out at Uncle Silas's on an errand later this P.M.

22" Oct. Tuesday.

Dark cloudy day. Raining part of the time Clayton and cousin Same at town. They took little Jeanette with them. Back at noon. Fannie and Isabel and children with me in the front room upstairs they brought coal this evening. Clayton picking apples this day.

23rd Oct. Wednesday

It is getting colder- Isabel and children with us. Jeanette out with Clayton in the orchard we have our fire going briskly in my room which attracts everyone when the cold begins to creep around- this afternoon Clayton and Fannie had to tell Isabel & co good by to meet Dodds from X- and Melanethan Bull at the cemetery. About four Ben (Cumith)Isabel's brother and friend came in the automobile and took them back to Springfield- Isabel expects to go home to Mason city tomorrow.

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Clayton went to the 8 O clock train to meet Charlie Baskin- he is with us to night cousin Sam still with us. Miss Benline busy busy. This is the evening of Janette (Ons)and Rev Maclekins wedding.

24" Oct. Thursday.

A nice day. Cousin Same took Charlie Baskin to the train this morning- Fannie around. After dinner our dear Cousin Samuel Freed left us- he went to Springfield with Clayton and came home past Aunt Mary's and will make his farewell visit there. Clayton home to supper- I had a nice visit with Fannie this afternoon. Only she and Miss Benline here- Albert is husking corn and boards himself in his debt in wool house It

would be well if it were not for my knee- it keeps me in a helpless condition Davis at Selma for Coal this P.M.

25" Oct. Friday.

A nice day. Davis assisting with the Apple gathering these days. Uncle Hugh here to dinner working with sheep. Fannie with us. Miss Benline in full charge all in "My room" around the fire this evening- our family small- only four- What a change!

26" Oct. Saturday.

A beautiful day. We prepare dinner for Charlie Stuart and Co- but they failed to appear. Later this afternoon Clayton and Fannie at town. Fannie stopped a few minutes with some of the Aunts- then went to Mary C. McMillan's Lizzie Blair there. She waited with them until Clara's train came in they were here in time for supper Clayton also here after so long a time he brought the auto from Peirce's. It is cool but as bright as day. The moon shimmering night down. Miss Benline busy.

27" Oct. Sabbath.

A beautiful day. Clayton at church. Fannie and Clara here with me. Miss Benline in charge Aunt Mary Came home with Clayton and she went back with him to hear Alvin Orr preach. This is a bright moon light night. I have finished reading "The Call of the Carpenter" by Buck White. But only believe about half of it.

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28 Oct. Monday.

A beautiful day. Albert boarding at Davises and he and Davis husking. the potatoes and apples all gathered. Fannie with us. The time is growing shorter as she goes back to (Flushing?) Wednesday evening. Mr. McKenzie is there alone- the boys at college- one at Rutledge the other, Donald, at Williams. This afternoon Fannie went with Clayton in the auto to C- to tell the folks goodbye. While Clayton went to Xenia the two Aunt Mary's went with him They, Clayton and Fannie, did not get home until dark- Here to supper Miss Benline here with me but very busy this afternoon putting the house in order

29" Oct Tuesday

A nice day. Mr & Mrs John Alvin (Orr) here to call this A.M. Aunt Mary came out with Uncle Hugh this morning and she and Fannie here to meet Alvin & wife. Uncle Hugh here to dinner He was working on the sheep with Clayton Aunt Mary with us to night. Miss Benline at the head of affairs!

30" Oct Wednesday.

A nice day. This is Fannie's last day here. Aunt Mary around. This afternoon Clayton took Miss Benline and all of us a ride on the auto. This is the first time I have been out since the funeral- and nearly the first since I have been down stairs. Dr. J. S. Martin called this evening- was glad to see him- At seven Oclock Fannie left on the fast train for her home in Flushing Clayton took her in the Auto. Then he

called to see Aunt Jeanette and Matt. Aunt Mary and Miss Benline here quite a small family these days. I felt all broken up this evening to know what we have passed through and that all the children are gone- but then Clayton is left and he is the story and sunshine of my life- yes and Edith and Rankin I must not forget them For they add to my happiness too.

November 1912

[Martha separates this month from October by writing "November" with curved designs on either side]

1st Nov. Friday- Another day in bed with [illegible]. Clayton at church this afternoon. Rev John [Kendal?] preached- Rev Taylors son John [Renwick?] and James Caldwell were baptized [sic]- - God surely does hear and answer prayer- James C- has also come into the church- the friends on earth rejoice as well as the angels in heaven.

2nd Nov. Saturday. This has been a fine day. Clayton took Prof McChesney with him in Auto to Xenia to meet Daniel A. Poling Prohibition [candidate?] for Governor- they reached Cedarville at noon and he & Clayton took dinner at Prof McChesneys. Poling spoke at one-30 at the opera house- Clayton along with Prof McChesney & Charlie Galbreath took him back to Xenia- Clayton reached home near dark- at six thirty Fred arrived in Cedarville- He called [up?] and Clayton went after him in Auto- they were soon here- Fred came from N.Y. this P.M and visited Clara in Columbus- He also visited with Fannie and McKenzie while in N.Y. Miss Benline and I here alone to day. [She adds an embellishment here.]

3" Nov Sabb. A nice day. This is our Communion Sabbath Clayton at church & I am in bed as usual- Fred here with me.- Rev Kendal preached- Aunt Mary came with Clayton home. Miss Benline had dinner waiting for them. This evening Clayton at church- Rev John Kendal preached- Fred went to Xenia and would attend church there and leave on the eleven O'clock train for St. Louis. Aunt Mary with us.

4" Nov Monday. Cold- they finished putting up the cabbage. Mrs Sallie Smith here and took dinner with us and went down with Clayton in Auto Aunt Mollie and [I are?] expected to go with him to Springfield but when he drove out it was too late for them and Ralph went. Charlie Galbreath went with them- and went across to Dayton- he will start to [Alpasa Texas?] tomorrow Clayton got home in time for supper. Aunt Mary here.

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5" Nov. Tuesday. Aunt Mary went with Clayton to town this morning to attend a called meeting of the W.C.T.U. this P.M. After so long a time she gathered up Aunt Matt and Alice Jurket and Lizzie and Jim Caldwell- and started to Washington but [this or their?] trip from 1st to last was a continual trouble with Automobile, they were held up at

Jameston had dinner there and did not reach Washington until after two- Then they had everything to [annoy?] coming him- they did not get back until after eight. Aunt Mary came back with Clayton- this was the great election day- The word is that Woodrow Wilson Democrat- is our President- but we know the rest in the morning Miss Benline and I here alone to day We began the salt [illegible] on my knee this morning.

6" Nov. Wednesday. Rain this evening. Uncle Hugh here helping with sheep- He went home after dinner and Aunt Mary went to town with him and stopped off at the prayer meeting. Albert came in with Clayton to supper- It has been weeks since he was here- [illegible] has been husking and boarding himself - Aunt Mary did not get back this evening.

7" Nov. Thursday. A nice day. Aunt Mary still absent- Miss Benline and I here alone. Clayton at Dayton went in the Auto to Xenia and to Dayton in trolley when he came back he went from X- to Jamestown and back to town Aunt Mary came home with him- Mrs [Arthur?] and Eva called this afternoon- Albert here for his meals.

8" Nov Friday. Sunshine part of the time- Aunt Mary with us. Clayton at town and brought out coal. He was home to dinner. Miss Benline on the [fly?]. Albert here. This evening Dr Litter called- he came up stairs to see me- Later he and Clayton at Xenia- The Dr wanted to [haul his?] machine to repair shop.

9" Nov. Saturday. A nice day- Aunt Mary here- Albert at his work. Clayton very busy all [illegible]- This afternoon Aunt Mary went with

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him to town in Auto- to be ready for Sabbath school tomorrow. Clayton went to [Rev Creswells?]- had trouble with machine- left it at [illegible] and came out with Dr Litter. Miss Benline and I here alone this afternoon & evening.

10" Nov Sabbath. A nice day Dr Litters took Clayton to church- Aunt Mary came home with them Miss Benline had dinner awaiting them. Rev Taylors text "Thy Kingdom Come". I have been in bed as usual still poulticing my knee.

11" Nov Monday. A beautiful day. Albert at his work. Clayton a the Creswells this A.M. This afternoon Clayton at the church meeting with the trustees Aunt Mary went to town with him- they were home in time for supper. Miss Benline canning pears. I have been in bed to day again.

12" Nov. Tuesday. A nice day. Clayton and Albert and Davis busy. Miss Benline finished peeling pears. This afternoon Peirce and Owens here putting the furnace & [back or bath?] room in order- filled the furnace pipes with water much to our happiness This evening Clayton attended the [illegible] Embroidery Supper at Dr [Oglesbee?] and in

Ediths absence he had Prof Allen for his company. This afternoon Lizzie Blair and her sister Mary called.

13" Nov. Wed. Rather a nice day. Clayton busy- This afternoon he and Albert hauling [manure?]- Miss Benline and Aunt Mary and I here- I have been in bed to day again- Everything [quiet?] here- Prof McChesney got word his mother was dead- he started home at eleven O'clock last night.

14" Nov. Thursday. Gloomy to day sprinkling rain this evening. Clayton making winter [illegible] for the hogs & Davis helping him. Albert husking. Miss Benline busy. Aunt Mary with us. This afternoon she and Clayton at town.

15" Nov. Friday. A beautiful sunshiney day. Davis took Clayton to the 7.45 train on his route to [illegible] to meet Edith and baby

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Rankin- we are getting home sick to see Rankin. Davis and Albert left in charge here & Miss Benline- Aunt Mary and Miss Benline and I the sole occupants of this home to night- It makes one lonely to think of it- We had Miss Benline sleep in our room to night- to help us keep up courage.

16" Nov. Saturday. Another bright day. At noon Mrs. Davis took Aunt Mary to C- to attend to some errands and to be ready for to lead the teachers meeting to night in Prof McChesneys absence. She will remain for church tomorrow Miss Benline and I here alone. Carrie [Moore?] called this evening-

17" Nov. Sabbath. A nice day. Miss Benline and Albert around- I was not well last night and this A.M. Eva Arthur at church Aunt Mary there and came home with her- glad to see her back.

18" Nov Monday. Bright Sunshine to day. [W?] [illegible symbol and two more words] to Clayton David came with an exaggerated story of Cholera in Arthurs hogs- 14 dead [symbol]- which I was obliged to repeat to Clayton- This P.M. Dr Litter called and looked over [illegible] of 202 and said send Clayton a telegram to come home- this Aunt Mary did. This is missionary week throughout the church- Dr McKinney preached [or?] [spolke? spoke?] in our church. Aunt Mary went down with Dr Litter and wife to the meeting. Eva Arthur called this evening.

19" Nov Tuesday. I was sick most of the night with a severe pain in my abdomen. I got to feeling so nervous that we sent for Dr Marsh by daylight [double dashes here] He was soon here in his Auto- I needed his medicine and all the consolation he could give me. Everything quiet at our home. Aunt Mary and Miss Benline busy. Albert and Davis busy.

20" Nov. Wednesday. A bright day. I am feeling a good deal better this morning and I am thankful thankful - Eva Arthur made a quick call [double dashes here] Miss Benline and Aunt Mary busy. Albert and Davis at their work- This has been a nice day.

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21" Novem. Thursday. A nice day. Davis and Albert at work- Aunt Mary took her first ride with old [illegible] in the buggy to town this morning She brought the first washing form Carrie [illegible?] this morning- I have been up to day all day for the first since Fannie was here- A letter from Clayton- He and Edith and the dear Rankin will be home this evening a general rejoicing. Davis and Albert took the [conveyance?] down for them- And Clayton and co arrived in due time. I can see such a change in Rankin- he has learned so many little [antics?]that makes him so cute. He was fired and they were all tired.

22 Nov Friday. Aunt Mary too Miss Benline to the train she goes to [illegible city] to spend two weeks among her friends- Aunt Mary K- came out with her to spend the day. Clayton busy among the [stock?]- Albert back to corn husking in double earnestness. Davis the same. Albert on his own [out?]. This afternoon Edith left Rankin with the two Aunt Marys and went to [Ada Bakers?] to the embroidery club. After supper Aunt Mary K- went with Clayton to her home when he went down to meet Charlie Baskin- he is with us to night. He had a pleasant day with Aunt Mary K.-

23 Nov Saturday. Charlie B around with Clayton- This afternoon Stuart [Arthur?] here and went a hunting- with Charlie-Aunt Mary here to day- and went down home with Charlie and [Warreth?] when he took Charlie to train. We enjoyed Charlies visit. Clayton out at Rev Creswells this evening.

24" Nov Sabbath. Edith went to Church with Eva. Aunt Mary K- sick and our Aunt Mary could not come home with Edith. Clayton and I here aline- he kept Rankin. It is cloudy- I have been up most of the day.

25" Nov. Monday. A dark dreary day. Edith and Rankin and I here aline this P.M.- After dinner Clayton

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at C- for coal for the hogs. The [little ones?] at Blanches have been very sick. Aunt Mary still at Aunt Mary Ks. I have been up to day.

26" Nov Tuesday. A little sunshine to day. Aunt Mary came out with the teacher Miss Ross this morning. Aunt Mary K- is better. Miss Kate Jackson comes this evening. Clayton busy
Eva Arthur stopped and took Edith and baby Rankin with her for a ride to town- were gone but a short time. I surely was glad for Aunt Mary to get back.

27" Nov. Wed. A dreary day snowing off and on all day. Edith and Aunt Mary both busy- Tomorrow is Thanksgiving. Clara comes this evening- and Fred in the morning. Clayton went down to the 6:56- train and brought Clara out.

28" Nov Thursday. Thanksgiving day. Clara went to the 8 O'clock train to meet Fred- but his train was hind time, He sent a telegram he would come at 15" of twelve- that fast train would stop- Clara stayed at Aunt [Jeannetts?] and Matts for quite a while came home and later Clayton and Rankin and Aunt Mary went down in the Auto- to meet him and they were soon out. Edith certainly served a fine Thanksgiving dinner- Albert has been boarding him-self these days- but they invite him to dinner here which [it looks like "they" is scratched out to say "I" or "he"] enjoyed very much- and her has been so good and faithful we were glad to have him with us. The mistake about Freds train kept the folks here from getting to church. This P.M. Clayton and Edith and baby Rankin took a little trip in Auto to town. Clara and Fred with us to night. Another Thanksgiving day had come and almost going- how many changes since since last Thanksgiving- how many have gone since then. How many our blessings- how much we have to thankful for. I went down to dinner- the first time I have been down stairs since Fannie was here.

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29" Nov. Friday. Sunshine part of the time. This A.- Fred and Aunt Mary at town- home in time for dinner. Clara around to day [and?] Fred with us this afternoon. After an early supper, Clayton and Clara left for the party at [Carpers?]. Fred went with them to C- and will leave for Chicago at 8:10. We have had two pleasant days- was sorry to have Fred go- Clara will be with us until Monday. I was sorry that Edith could not to the party to night- but she could not leave Rankin.

30" Nov. Saturday, Sunshine to day. This [A.M.?] Mr [Carper?] and two of their [young Cadie?] friends called and took Clara with them to have a day at the [Carper?] home in Jamestown Clayton and Edith and Rankin at Uncle Hughs to dinner [double dashes here] Rankin met with quite a little accident- the cellar door was ajar, and he when passing gave it a little push and he fell to the bottom- but fortunately was not burt [double dashes here] while it might have been broken bones and death- How many times he has been kept- marvelously kept- even in his short life- may we not forget the loving hand that saved him. Aunt Mary and I here aline to day. After supper, Clayton took her down in the Auto to town to the evening Service and to tomorrows. They went in the Auto to day also and got along fine.

1st Dec. Sabbath December. (illegible)

Clayton here with Rankin and me. Edith went in the buggy alone. Mr. Carpers brought Clara over to our church and they went back to their own church in Jamestown. Clara came home with Edith something new for her to be here. This has been a nice day. A little warmer.

2nd Dec Monday.

A gloomy day. Edith and Rankin took Clara

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To the train. She goes back to her library work in Columbus. Aunt Mary came out with Edith. Clayton and Alfred and Davis took 112 hogs to the (bank browse?) in C- They drove them down Clayton has been away all day. The hogs weighed 22040 at 9 cts- do not forget it is not what you make but what you save that counts. Blanche's little baby. One of the twins Eloise died today at noon. She is 18 months old. On Sabbath night Rev. Dan Dean passed away.

3rd Dec. Tuesday

A nice day. It's getting warmer. Clayton busy. Dane and Albert at their work. Aunt Mary and Edith busy. This P.m. Aunt Mary orde down with lillis ross. To town and came back with Davis when he came from Uncle Silas's he was helping them to day. Edith and Rankin called at Arthurs. She took him in his little wagon. Mr. Dan Dean buried today.

4th Dec. Wednesday.

Most a beautiful day. Edith took Rankin in his buggy to Arthur's While she and Aunt Mary and Clayton went to Blanche's Little ones funeral- she looked very lovely in her Casket. Prof. McChesney and Rev. Michel conducted the exercises. The body was laid away to rest in Fern Giff Cemetery in Springfield I stayed here by my bed. The folks went in the machine and were soon here they drove up after Rankin where they came. This afternoon Clayton took Aunt Mary and Edith and baby Rankin to the prayer meeting-. A letter from Miss Benline she comes tomorrow Happy Day!! Clayton took them in the Auto this afternoon.

5th Dec Thursday

Rain last night and a little shower this A.M. Aunt Mary went with Mrs. Aretown & Eva to town to the Missionary Society.

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She will stay in town tonight. Clayton kept baby Rankin while Edith attended a reception at Miss Frank Townsleys given by Mrs. Frank and Mrs. Marry Townsleys- quite a large assembly there. Dr. Litter called this afternoon. When the Columbus train came this evening- Clayton there to meet Miss Benline. WE were all glad to see her back to us again. I have finished reading "The Marshall" by Mary Raymond Shipman Andrews. Fred sent me this book-

6th Dec Friday

Miss Benline soon found her place Rankin gave her all his old and all his new love and made her very happy. Edith tried to (send, Sew) this P.M. Clayton began sorting apples. For market.

7th Dec. Saturday

A letter from Clara she goes this evening to Kenton to visit Miss Magelle McTyson- Clayton and the Davis boys assisted by "Rankin" selecting apples today. Edith at town this P.M. Miss Benline taking care of Rankin this is a nice day. Late this P.M. Potter called and packed his trunk without either a How do you do or a good by. Davis took his bags to the depot this evening. Never a land so long that it does not have a train- we should be thankful for that.

8th Dec. Sabbath

A cloudy cool day. It is much colder this evening Miss Benline here with Rankin & me and had dinner ready when Clayton and Edith came from church- the days are growing shorter. We feel them short.

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9th December Monday A nice day. Clayton at the mill and brought out cool. He was also out at Uncle Hughs for dinner home late this P.M. Miss Benline & Edith changing rooms and putting this in order changing furniture (symbol) Rankin has been on the go all day.

10th Dec" Tues. Edith at town on a flying trip. Home in time to finish putting room across the hall in order she and Co. have move up there. A man here working on sheep. This morning Clayton and Davis and Albert taking hogs to market There were 65 head--average 120 lbs at 7 cts- They were home at one O'clock. Clayton brought Davis and Albert in to dinner. Albert helping this P.M. and came in with Clayton to supper.

11" Dec. Wed. the men working in corn these days- this has been a nice day. Clayton around home- this P.M. Edith & Baby Rankin and Miss Benline on a quick trip to town. Is getting colder this evening. I was here alone while they were gone.

12" Dec. Thursday.

A nice winter day. Howell and his father-in-law here and done the Annual butchering. Miss Benline & Edith busy cooking and ironing. Clayton brought those men and Davis into dinner. This afternoon Edith at the embroidery club at Mrs Rev Taylors. Miss Benline taking care of Bankin.

13"Dec. Friday.

A nice day. Aunt Mary came and with the teacher Miss Lillian Ross this morning Miss Benline and Edith put in a full day putting package of Sausage Seasoned and ready to send out to the many friends. Clayton busy. Albert out

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Davis busy. Aunt Mary concluded to remain with us tonight. I have not been feeling very well- have had headache to day and this evening.

14' Dec. Saturday.

A bright winter day. Aunt Mary with us until this afternoon when she went down home when Clayton and Edith left for Xenia— Mis Benline here with baby Rankin and me. Edith took a little donation around to some of the friends today.

15" Dec. Sabbath.

A nice day. Edith has been in bed not feeling well. Clayton at church alone. Miss Benline taking care of Rankin and the home Albert has been away for a few days and came home to his deck in wool house this A.M.

- The sun shimmering today.

16" Dec. Monday,

A nice day. Davis took the apples to S— to day. Clayton and Edith went up in the buggy. Albert with us to day for Dinner and supper. He attended to the milking this evening. The folks got back at dark & have been (**back**)all day again. And this evening.

17" Dec. Tuesday.

Davis and Albert at the husking Uncle Hugh here and in with Clayton to dinner. I am feeling better today and have been up all day. This evening Edith made a (fer?) my trip to C—

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18" Dec. Wed.

To think that Xmas is a week from to day seems to be traveling at fast speed. But it is true. Aunt Mary here & she came out with Miss Ross this morning and went back with her this evening. This quiet a winter day is snowing off and on. This evening Miss Benline here with baby Rankin and me while his father and Mother were at the childrens evening at the church. Our beloved White Law Reid is dead. He died at his home in London Eng. last Sabbath at noon being in his his 71st year. He lived past his three score and ten years.

19" Dec. Thursday

Surely a winter day. The ground white this morning and snowing off and on all day. Clayton at town with a ban of apples (**Clint?**) to Conner— Edith and Miss Benline busy. I finished reading Miss Cynthia's or rather the "Resurrection of Miss Cynthia" by Florence M. Kingsley [fube kessibs ti ve]? learned from her life and experience..

20" Dec. Friday

A slight covering of snow on the ground. I have not been well these last few day. Miss B— and Edith busy. This afternoon— Clayton and Edith at Xenia. I have been carring Puale Wateh, Uncle David Wes these

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Days but Edith took to to have it sequeated and looked over. Miss Benline here with baby Rankin and me.

21" Dec Saturday.

A winter day. Clayton at C- most of the day. Miss Benline and Edith busy. Rankin on the go all day. I am feeling better these days- that is my knee is if it will only last.

22" Dec. Sabbath.

Clayton and Edith at church- Miss Benline here with Rankin and me. This is such a beautiful bright night. Clayton and Edith took advantage of it and went down to her Rev Taylor. Miss Benline here with Rankin and Me.

23" Dec. Monday.

A nice winter day. Davis here helping Clayton clean the chicken house they made a complete job. He also change the troughs so many leaves falling. This p.m. Clayton and Edith and baby Rankin at town. Miss Benline busy. I am disappointed about my knee. It is nearly back at the old place today again. I am disappointed. I see & some

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Lovely Xmas Cards from some dear friends telling me they had not forgotten me. I also see a nice book from Fred "The McKnomen Tenanty" by Henry Van Dughe.

24"Dec Tuesday.

A nice winter day. Everything going on nicely. Uncle Hugh here and came in to dinner with Clayton A telegram from Fred he will be here at eight Oclock- clayton went down at 6:30 for Clara and brought her out and went back after Fred- this is a beautiful evening.

25"Dec. Wednesday.

Xmas day. A beautiful day. Our guests all here this morning. At noon Fred had Aunt Mary here. And she and Clayton and Edith and Baby Rankin and Clara and Fred and Miss Benline and I set down to our Xmas dinner. I went down to dinner for a change and stayed down until after the evening lunch. This evening Clayton and Edith and Clara at Jacksons at a party. We have had a nice day.

This evening the Davis boys called for this Christmas present. Potter passed this P.M. and stepped outside when passing. Well we have had a pleasant Xmas day indeed.

26" Dec. Thursday.

A busy day- Fred and Clayton went on the morning train to Xenia. Expecting to meet Homer and come back with him to C- but a dispatch

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Came from Homer his train an hour and a half behind in Cincinnati Fred and Clayton came up in an automobile. They left luggage and the buggy and while they were away one of Jim Mcs boy took the rig and brought Jim Little out to spend the day. The buggy was taken back and was ready for Fred and Clayton to come out home they were out in time for

dinner Jim L- came Tuesday evening from his home in Newton Ka. we had the following ones here to supper and to spend the evening. Mr & Mrs Harry Owen. "The newly Wed." Mr and Mrs Carl Marshall and Mary Ervin and Mr&Mrs Frank Ervin. This afternoon Fred took Aunt Mary and Clayton to their meetings in C- the womans Missionary meeting and Claytons Committee meeting and Fred went across to the springs and met Homer They came home past 6. And Aunt Mary came out with them. Clayton having come out with Dr. Litter. This added Fred and Homer and Aunt Mary to our company. Jim Little here. Dr Chas Baskin came (Clara with us today and tonight.)

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In at eight Oclock. Jim L- went down to Orrs to spend the night. Clara with us. Edith and Miss B- busy today. We had a fine time. Everyone seemed happy.

27" Dec. Friday.

All up in good time. Davis took Charlie Baskin to the early train for Miami Hospital. Aunt Mary and Fred Homer and Clara with us. Clayton and Edith & Rankin at the dinner party at Uncle Silas's Homer went with them so as to get to Xenia to the afternoon Train. He is going on to Jasons at Abingdon He is to baptize James Murdock tomorrow or Sabbath. They had quite a crowd there this P.M. Clayton took Homer to Xenia to the train and it made it late for them getting home. Aunt Mary and Fred and Clara and I here and Miss Benline this Evening Fred & Clara left us Clayton took them to the train. Clara back to her work in (???) and Fred to spend the day in St. Louis tomorrow. We have had a fine day here. Rankin has had a busy the last act seems where ready to start home he fell

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Down the stairs. A long flight stairs at that. Bumpy bump. Until he reached the bottom but was more frightened than hurt.

28" Dec. Saturday.

This morning When we awakened the ground was white. It has looked like it would snow all week but never fell until last night. Aunt Mary with us today. This afternoon Mr. Taylor called here at Bungarner's. Aunt Mary went home with him Clayton at the Farmers Institute at Selma Mr Warren Arthur went with him. We have had a busy week but now it is at an end.

29" Dec. Sabbath.

Snow on the ground Just enough to cover the ground Clayton and Edith at Sabbath School this morning. A grand rally- all of the congregation invited- sermon by Rev Taylor. We expected Aunt Mary out with the folks but it was not convenient for her to come. Miss Benline here with Jason and me she had dinner (working?) the folks from church.

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I not forget that Homer is at Abingdon to day with Jason. James Murdock McMillan was being baptized. The Billie Sunday meeting was to begin in Columbus today.

30" Dec. Monday.

A little Sprinkle of Rain last night. The snow all gone. It is dreary today. Davis and Albert still husking. This P.M. Edith took Rankin out for a ride when Clayton took the clothes to the new washer woman on Bungarders place. Miss Benline busy.

This evening Miss Benline here with Rankin and Me while Clayton and Edith have gone to spend the evening with Henry Owens & wife.

31" December Tuesday.

This has been a nice day. Davis and Albert busy with the corn. We had ninety acres and it nearly all husked. This afternoon Clayton attending a road meeting in town Edith and Rankin went along to make some calls. Miss Benline and I here alone. Clayton and Edith with Harry Owens and wife keeping a watch meeting

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Seeing the old year out and the New year in. The last year has brought the changes to this family. But they are brought to every home and to every heart. There is not any standing still.

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Harlan Wrote home the 5th of June 1912 from Mason City Iowa. I am leaving tonight for Minneapolis and will spend the day there tomorrow with Mr Hannam. From there I will go to Winnipeg, Grand Forks, Fargo Helena, Montana, Billings, Bull and Miles City Montana Spokane and Seattle, Washington Vancouver, Portland, San Francisco, Carson city, Nevada , Ogden, Los Angeles, and then back to Salt Lake city and Denver, Cheyenne Wyo. and then to Onaka and on home.

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"A cleansing Bath"

25 of May 1912

I weighed 115 lbs.

8" of June in two weeks 116 ½

22 June- I weighed- 117 lbs

13 July. saturday I weighed 118 lbs

30 oct. thursday I weighed 121 lbs