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## Introduction to May-June 1891

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During these particular months in Martha McMillan's journal, she describes how daily life on the farm and in the Cedarville community keeps the McMillan family busy and grateful for times of rest, especially the Sabbath. While there are some major events that take place in these two months including a wedding and the death of a close family friend, most of the journal entries focus on the simple, daily occurrences that either bring the family joy and laughter or frustration and sorrow. One must learn to appreciate the beauty of an ordinary existence while reading through these sections of the journal. Although the McMillan family did not accomplish anything extraordinary in terms of wealth or fame, they created an extraordinary home environment for the children and all of the visitors who communed with them or stayed for even weeks at a time. They had an open home and open hearts toward their relatives and friends and even strangers passing through Cedarville, and the family was a source of generosity and faith to everyone who encountered them.

One particular theme found in these two months is the theme of separation and change. Martha mentions the mixture of sadness and joy she experiences leading up to the day when her eldest child, Fannie, gets married and then leaves for New York. While she is happy and helping with wedding preparations, she mentions how precious it is to have everyone together for something as simple as a family dinner. She mentions how everyone is together except for Florence, her youngest daughter who died at the age of two, and this sadness lingers in Martha's mind in light of Fannie's wedding and her impending departure. As a mother, Martha is experiencing the first phase of becoming an "empty nester," although she has the rest of the children, including baby Paul, at home with her. Fannie's Wedding Day is both beautiful and

terrible for Martha, who mentions it felt like a funeral after the wedding. Everyone was missing Fannie, especially some of the older children. For several days after the wedding, Martha mentions how the reality of the separation is finally hitting her and how she misses Fannie more than ever. These heartbreaking sections remind the reader of how deeply Martha feels the loss of her daughter's presence in the home because of the strong family connections the McMillans have with one another. From the wedding day forward, Martha often mentions how much she misses Fannie and waits for her next letter, but Martha realizes that she must find hope in tomorrow and joy in her current circumstances.

Several deaths occur in the community, which Martha records intermittently, and many of these deaths affect Martha emotionally, as seen in the journals. She raises a general outcry against the untimely loss of life and uses the haunting imagery of the burial process to highlight her sorrow. Although her faith assures her of an afterlife and the promise of heaven for Christians, she takes the time to voice her pain and mourn through writing. Her husband, James McMillan, loses his close friend, Sam Galbreath, who died rather young and unexpectedly. Martha describes the sadness surrounding this event and the sadness of the Galbreath family. She mentions how James serves as a pallbearer and records the details of the funeral in the journal. In addition to Sam's death, she mentions several other deaths including the Jones' small child, whom she helped dress in burial clothes and place in the coffin. Despite these morbid moments, Martha clings to her faith as her source of joy and continues to move forward with each new day. While Martha's experiences take place over a hundred years ago, her experiences may be strangely familiar to her readers. She speaks to universal themes of loneliness and the fear of change and describes events like a wedding and a funeral, and these themes and events have continued into the future and will continue as long as people live, marry, and die. The essence of

Martha, the struggle to find beauty and meaning in an ordinary life, is something still appreciated and felt by readers today, and her legacy will live on through her journals which record the testing and triumph of her faith.

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1 May, Friday. Mr Mc at Springfield he went prepared to bring the buggy from old Drifcol Stand. Harlan bid good bye to Mrs Stuarts [?] and to the "Commercial College" and came home to night. Mrs. Stuart came with them. Uncle Joe away all day at his canvassing and back again this Eve. Homer and Isaac plowing. Clayton and Jason at School. Hoger mans team here for oats. Mollie Della and Clara put in a full day in the yard-- The Yard and front rooms all in nice order this Eve. Fannie and Miss Roadarmer all busy sewing. Mr. ChasCronse called.

2 May. Sat Cool. Isaac off duty to day. Homer finished plowing the field next the railroad at noon. Fannie and Miss Roadarmer at the Sewing all day. Mrs Stuart with us. Clayton at C- this morning\_He and Jason at School. This is the last day of Mr. Dawn Stretchers School. Clara Della and Mollie there this afternoon. Mrs S. and Paul and I out walking this Eve. Mr Mc and Harlan around home all day. This afternoon they were at Charleston to see Laura Houston and Joe home again a little after dark. After Supper Fannie & Clara and Paul took Miss Roadarmer to her home in Selma. Della & Mollie took a walk to Thomas's this eve. Homer took Uncle Joe home. Mrs. S- with us to night.

3" May Sabb- gloomy part of the time- bright the rest of the day. Fannie Harlan Homer and Jason at Sabbath School. Mr Mc and I at church. Clayton and Paul at home with Mollie Della Isaac and Clara. Mr Mortons taught [?] "Quench not the Spirit." Mrs. Stuart went with Mr Mc and I to church today and is with us this P.M. & to night. Fannie Harlan Homer Clara Clayton Jason and the baby Paul all here\_Fred still absent at Monmouth Lizzie Murdock came home with us from church\_and went back to the Young folks meeting with Fannie Clara Harlan & Homer

4 May Monday. Cool. All out at an early hour. Near noon Fannie and Homer took Mrs Stuart to Springfield. They took tea with her this Eve \_ they were detained in S- and did not get home until late\_ Uncle Joe out all day at his assessing did not get home until late too\_He was at Jacks to day- one of his horses sick--Mr Mc around home all day\_ John Mitchell and J. Harvey McMillan here this morning. Mr. J.R.Hill here to dinner to dinner [sic] to day for the first this season. Harlan took Homers place at the plow. Fred plowing. Joseph Norwalkowski came this morning\_and began work. Aunt Bell and Fern here to day to dinner\_Blanch called for them this Eve. Harlan at Selma for Miss Roadarmer this morning. The Sewing progressing. Two of the little lambs killed last night.

5 May Tuesday. Cool. Mr Pigg here at an early hour. he and Mr Mc at the London Sale to day. Fannie and Mrs Roadarmer moved their sewing to the Sitting room to the fire. Harlan & Isaac plowing. Joe and Clayton whitewashing. Homer at C- and brought Aunt Jane home with him. Aunt Bell and Erwin at Cincinnati to attend R.Y. Reids Anniversary this Eve, Della washed yesterday from morning until night\_ next she and Jane in for a siege of ironing have been ironing all day. This

P.M. Fannie took Aunt Jane home. Mr Mc home near dark. Uncle Joe out at his work assessing here as usual this Eve.

6 May Wed. Pleasant. Uncle Joe & Fannie at town Uncle Joe came home in time for dinner Fannie remained at grandmothers She sent out the invitations for their wedding next week. This P.M. Mr Mc and J at the congregational prayer meeting Subject "Love one to another", After the meeting Mr Mc around town- he and Fannie and J took supper with grandmother Murdock and Aunt Mary. Lizzie & Jamie Bell and the sewing woman there called to see Mr Mortons and Sam G- & Mr Mc remained for the Crein [?] auction of trunks \_ After Fannie and J came home Harlan and Homer at town for dinner. Harlan and Isaac plowing to day. Homer at C-- with wood for Aunt Jane.

7 May Thurs. A beautiful day Mr Ralf McClellan here looking at cattle. Mr Mc and Harlan and Fannie at Springfield \_ Fannie about bringing her shopping to a close She and Harlan took tea at Mrs Stuarts this Evening. Homer plowing all day. Isaac plowed until noon. This afternoon he dug the grave in the old Baptist Cemetery for Mrs Jones little child. It died last night\_I called there this afternoon. Della Mollie and Clara at town\_ Aunt Mollie Ira and Jennie called and spent awhile looking through Fannie's wardrobe \_ This Eve I called at Mrs Jones and dressed their little one and put it in the coffin for them\_ And read a chapter with them The folks did not get home until after dark. [2 words illegible] C- & Clayton & Jason whitewashing Clayton helped Homer in the field this P.M.

8 May Friday. Mostly beautiful day. Uncle Joe at Springfield. Isaac off duty until noon- he attended jones child funeral this P.M. Mr Mc at C- home in time for dinner. Harlan and Homer busy all day plowing [?]. This afternoon Mr Mc at Mr John S parrs [?] in Jamestown [?] did not get home until near dark. Aunt Jeanette and Nellie L- called and remained with us for tea \_ Mr Mc brought a telegram from Fred asking to meet him in Springfield tomorrow. Miss Roadarmer bid us good bye this Eve and Clayton & Fannie took her home. Harlan and Homer at the Operahouse to hear the "little whistler" Della and Mollie and everyone busy.

9 May Sat. Quite a nice day. A lovely day. After so long a time Mr Mc left for Springfield did not reach there until noon-- Fred came in on the eight o clock train and had to wait\_ Mr Mc would have been there but the horse he expected to have driven had got out of the pasture and this kept him busy. He and Fred reached here about five\_ It has been nearly two years since he left us and their is a general rejoicing to see him home once more. Lizzie Murdock came home with the boys last night and is here to day and with us to night. Aunt Bell called this morning and she left Mary Bell and Annabel with us to day. Uncle Joe out on his assessing. Little Joe & Clayton and Jason at the work whitewashing Harlan and Homer at the plowing [scribbles] Isaac came last November and left this morning. Lizzie Sewing all day for Fannie. Della put the upstairs all in order. Mollie at the work in the kitchen. I have been busy- all have been busy to day. Mr Mc at C- at the Auction at the late Cal Crains "Saddler Shops". Uncle Joe and Ira Bell and Mary B- went with him. Fred and Harlan at grandmothers and Aunt Janes to see them.

10 May Sabb. Quite a lovely day. Fannie Fred Homer & Clara at Sabbath School. Mr Mc and I at church. Lizzie and Harlan Clayton Jason Paul and our new boy, Joe, and Della and Mollie all at home. Mr Mortons text "Good and upright is the Lord; therefore shall he teach sinners in the way". All at home too to day- all here\_ none missing but Florence. At dinner we all sat down together- How seldomly we have been this privileged in the last three or four years- And today as we looked over the flock father mother children all the happiness was tinged with sadness at the thought of the separation this week will bring to our home. Separation; how little we can pretend the depth of the meaning of this word until we learn it by actual experience \_ This Eve Fannie Harlan Homer Clara Lizzie Murdock at the young folks meeting Mollie and Della went with them and stopped at their church. Clayton and Jason recited their question and read the eighth chap of Matthew. Uncle Joe came back with them.

11 May Monday. A bright day but cool. Clayton at C- and brought Aunt Bell and Fern and Aunt Bell making calls and Fannie assisting. Mr Shepherd and Mr J. R. Still here to dinner Uncle Joe out assessing and back to dinner- all of our own family here too\_ quite a crowd altogether this P.M. Clayton and Fern took the clothes to Mrs P (?) Mc and George Smith shearing sheep and here to supper. Della and Fred took Aunt Bell and Fern home. They called to see Sam Galbreath and family and Aunt Roseanna and Zerpah. Fred to call-- & Fannie to tell them good bye

12 May Tuesday. Bright sunshine to day but cool. Frost last night - Uncle Joe out all day at his assessing\_ home this Eve again. Mr McMillan & George Smith here all day at the shearing & with us to dinner and supper. Aunt Bell brought Aunt Malt with her this morning- I resumed her calls (?) but finally consented to go back to town and finish there. Fred went with her and was home at noon. This afternoon Clara and Clayton took Aunt Malt home [smudged] - We have all been busy to day \_ Mr Mc and Fred at Jacks this afternoon and came home by Aunt Jeanette's and over there for tea- Mr McKenzie here this eve\_ he and his father arrived in Xenia to day from N.J. this afternoon Mr Mc K- will stop at Aunt Bells and to night and go back to Xenia in the morning.

13 May Wed. Most a beautiful day. At an early hour Mr Mc Mr M and Fred left for Springfield. Mr P.H. McKenzie brought Aunt Bell out and made a short call. Lulu Morton brought Aunt Mary and Aunt Malt out\_ Aunt Mollie here too\_ all day. Uncle Joe at home helping until noon. George Smith and Will Mc here most of the day shearing -were with us to dinner. This afternoon Clara and Aunt Malt went to town with Uncle Joe\_ Aunt Bell went back with Fannie to town\_ Fannie called to tell Aunt Mary Little good bye - and to meet Boy Carry at the four o clock train. They were both here for tea\_ Cara Blain brought Lizzie Murdock up this P.M. -and to see Fannies wardrobe and preparations- Della Mc was here to call this P.M. This Eve Mr P.H. McKenzie came\_ Uncle Erwin and Aunt Bell & Fern brought Dr McKenzie out to call\_ He and his son came to C- on the four o clock train and will stop at Erwin's. This is the first time Fannie met the Dr. Near dark about five o clock Uncle Joe brought Aunt Mary Eliger out to call to see Fannie she got off that four o clock train too\_ Near dark Mr Mc and

Fred came bringing Maggie Stuart with them. Harlan at Selma at Miss Roadarmers for flowers\_ And also to bring Miss Eva R-here to. E ready for the wedding in the morning- but she could not come. Homer at C- for a load of chairs and furniture\_ It has been a Throughfare here all day and until late to night before our weary eyes will rest. Mr McKenzie here until afternoon. Boy Carry Maggie Stuart & Lizzie Murdock here with Fannie and Clara to night\_

14 May Thursday. Fannies Wedding Day! Mostly a beautiful morning. Early in the morning we had a little fire. Quite a number of invitations were sent to different parts of the state and to others states who could not be with us Those who were here were Dr McKenzie of Salem N.J. Dr & Mrs Morton & Lulu. Rev. & Mrs Murdock and sister from Monmouth. Mr & Mrs John S Williamson, Mr P Mc Michel & J. Hamra [?] of Monmouth. Uncle Dan and Imma Uncle Dave Torensce and Lida Willim Master Mr John Collins and daughters, Blanch & Ella. Mr Osen Bradforte and wife\_Mr Harbison and Aunt Jeanette - Uncle Erwin and Aunt Belle and all their children Uncle Silas & Aunt Mollie and Walter\_ Aunt Rachel and Della Aunt Jane and Aunt Malt & Aunt Mary Eliza Grandmother Murdock & Aunt Mary & Man Caldwell\_Boy Carrey & Maggie Stuart & Nellie Little- Uncle Joe and Father Fred Harlan Homer Clara Clayton Jason and Paul & Della and Mollie and Jim Hill & our new boy Joe and my self\_ with all the above friends gathered around the front door in the lawn around 8:30 (sic)Fannie and Rev. T.N. MKenzie took this place on the front step where the (sic) stood while the ceremony was performed. Rev. Mr. Morton officiated assisted by Dr. McKenzie and Rev. Mr. Wasmoeff. Immediately after congratulations breakfast was served-and after a hurried good bye Fred, Clara Boy Carrey and Lizzie Murdock drove them to Cedarville to 10:30 train for New York city-where they will spend a week or two at Salem N.Y. Aunt Belle and Uncle Erwin and others accompanied them to the train\_Boy Carrey went to Xenia at 11Oclock. Aunt Belle and Lizzie came back and had their breakfast\_As the train passed by the whole crowd that remained went out and waved their handkerchiefs. Uncle Bigham and Aunt Jeanette and Aunt Jane and Aunt Mary [?] and Maggie Stuart and MrMc & Uncle Joe and Mr Shepherd & Nellie Little

(Note in the margin: Fannie and Mr MKenzie were invited to the wedding of Edith Collins and Rev. S. Cleveland this Eve.)

and all of our own children here to dinner\_This PM Harlan took Maggie S\_ home \_and Fred took Aunt Jane & (Nellie Little) Mary E- & Lizzie M- to C\_ All were gone and we were left alone -And we felt alone. We felt like it was after a funeral. Fannie got several very handsome presents. Dr McKenzie gave them a check of one hundred dollars a piece. Fred stayed for tea at Aunt Janes and did not get home until dark. All very lonely\_and sad to night. Clara and Clayton especially so.

15 May Friday. A lovely day. Harlan Homer and Jim Shepherd at the planting-Clayton and Clara went with Uncle Joe to C- and attended the close of the School. Clara stopped with Blanch & Mary and Clayton at grandmother Murdock Uncle Joe took McKenzies & Fannies announcement cards to the office. There were about three hundred of them Mr Mc



around home all day Fred here. Aunt Mary & Aunt Belle here this afternoon Aunt Bell put up thirteen bo[?] cake for friends-at Monmouth & here and there. Della & Mollie ironed. Clayton came home with Uncle Joe Clara staying with Blanch to night. I counted the little chickens they number one hundred twenty five. Sam Murdock came to C- this eve- he is a delegate to Young Falls Convention in Y- next week. Fred & Harlan drove out a little while this Eve.

16" May. Sat. Fine all day. Della sewing for Fannie's [?]-Mollie busy, Aunt Jane and Aunt Mary E-came stopping in and spent the day with us. After dinner Mr Mc and Fred at Xenia\_ Before he went away Mr Mc and Aunt Mary went over all the presents- After an early tea Jason and I took our good Aunts home-and Clara came back with us. I left Paul with Della. Mr Mc and Fred returned after dark. Uncle Joe away all day and home this eve-Harlan took Uncle Joe down home. No preaching at our church tomorrow. Mr and Mrs Morton left C- with Fannie and Mr McKenzie Thursday morning and went with them as far as Columbus. He assists Mr Crawford with communion at Denansburg N.Y. tomorrow.

17 May. Sabb. Bright Sun (scribble mark) Heavy frost last night-that and the garden [illegible] Mr Mc and Clara Homer and Jason and Fred and I attended church at the old Sides [?]- Rev Sprawls taught And Christ is all and in all. He is all and in all in life in death and throughout eternity. Harlan Clayton and Paul at home with Della & Mollie-Joe O- went to our Sabbath School and to lunch. This P.M-I heard Claytons and Jasons questions\_and this eve they & little Joe read the ninth chapter of Matthew Della & Mollie & Laura R\_walked to the M.E. church. Fred & Harlan & Homer and Clara at the Youngfolks meeting and at the M.E. Church Rev Lifts preached.

18 May. Monday. Bright-but cool-and very dry. Jas Shepherd here planting. He finished field next the rail road. Harlan & Homer and Joe O\_ at work too. We had a letter from Fannie Friday eve. It was written Thursday Eve\_ They were at the "Seventh [2 words]" Pittsburgh. I have written to them every morning since they went away "Sabbath excepted" Della plucked the geese and ducks and filled Fannies pillows this P.M. Mollie at the other work. I am so tired it seems like I will never get rested. Mrs Edd Vanhorn Sr. died last week. Near noon Mr Mc left for Xenia\_he met Mr John Spark there. He took supper with the sisters when he came to C\_ This after noon Uncle Silas brought Sam Murdock out\_they were here for tea\_Sam with us to night. Fred at C\_took the clothes to Mrs. Preve [2 words] Sister Mary E\_here this eve or tomorrow [?] She need J dispatch that Mrs. Dr. Moony is dead-And she went home some time this afternoon. We read a letter from Fannie they are at the Zedway House\_Broadway N.Y. Homer at Selma this Eve. Uncle Joe came this Eve.

19 May. Tuesday. Cool. Fred took Sam Murdock to C\_and brought Aunt Jane and Aunt Bell out. They with Uncle Joe packed Fannies things-Uncle Dan came into dinner\_Mr Mc around home all day. Harlan and Homer at the plowing. This P.M-our men washing Sheep\_At four Fred took Aunt Jane & Aunt Bell home\_Clara went down with him for the ride and took Supper at grandmothers. Lizzie and Sam Murdock went down on the five Oclock train to the Opening meeting of the Young folks convention at Xenia. This Eve Cal M- called for Fred and they went to

Selma to spend the evening. This is Freds birthday. He is "twenty one" a man now And I feel that he is a man And very thankful to feel that I am right in my opinion.

20" May Wed. This P.M. It began raining and rained now and then all day. It is the first rain we have had since the 22" of April and the ground was parched and dry. After an early dinner Homer drove out with Fannies goods to ship them from Springfield to their new home in Pine Brush N.Y. Mr Mc and Fred drove up after him in the buggy. Uncle Joe was faithful to the last in getting them off. Jack S\_ came at noon he and Harlan began plowing in Uncle Dans field. Della & Mollie & Clara & all of us busy. I have felt very lonely all day. I realized more fully than ever that Fannie has indeed gone. Uncle Joe at C\_ this P.M.-and brought the washing out. Stopped off the pike and took Harlans team and began plowing. Harland came home and fitted up the third team and went to work. Another storm this Eve Jack S- and our new men all here to night Our boy Joe O\_ did not accomplish much to day. Mr Mc & Fred returned a little after dark\_

21" May. Thurs. A little damp Jack S- and our new man and Harlan at Dans field at the plowing. Mr Mc at C\_ this morning. Homer & Clayton & Jason & Joe O\_ at the sheep washing. Uncle Joe went to town to be gone a few days this evening. Fred took the pony & buggy and went to Xenia to the Youngfolks Convention. This is the evening that our good friend Bay Carsy and Rev. W. P. White are to be married. We read a letter from Fannie they are still in N.Y. city but expect to go to Salem Friday Eve. Mr Mc was home to dinner and all of the boys. This P.M. Will Mc here shearing sheep. Mr Mc at Aunt Jeanettes this P.M. he also took Nellie L out a riding. This P.M. Mr Mc at C\_ again he met John Spark there. Jack S- and Homer called at Wilson Stretchers to night.

22 May Friday. Cloudy. Fred stayed for the convention last night & Lizzie M- came home with him too Aunt Malt and I took Della to Springfield to day. Della expects to visit about two weeks. [?] came and stopped at house during the Storm had wind rain and hail. Mr Mc and Fred at X- this afternoon met Mr Moffatt & wife of Monmouth. Fred stopped off at C\_ for the Commencement And came home with Harlan and Homer who were there [?] Minister [?] the graduates. Mollie and Clara kept home and took care of Paul. rain here, rain this Eve. Jack S- & Harlan & Homer putting in field at Dans. On yesterday Eve Clara & Della took Will Mc home.

23 May Saturday Damp after the rain Jack S. and Albert C\_ & Harlan & Homer all working in Uncle Dans field. Clara and Jason at C\_ on an errand this P.M. This P.M. Fred took Aunt Jane with him to Uncle Bighams. Mr Mc (scribble) home. Jack S- went home after supper Della and Clara busy. Our boy Joe O\_ cleaned the meat house & cellar. This Eve Harlan at C\_ and came home with Fred.

24 May Sabb A pleasant day. Mr J.T. Morton still absent. Harlan & Clayton at our Sabbath School and at the M.E. church. Mr Mc Fred Clara Jason Paul and Mollie & Albert C- and Jack home. Our boy Joe O\_ at Sabbath School & church. This Eve Fred Harlan Clara & Mollie at the Youngfolks meeting. Clara & Mollie at Aunt Janes while Fred Harlan were at the M.E. church. Rev. Tufts text\_ "Lesson of love"

25-May Monday. Gloomy & cool. Yesterday a hog eat 20 of claytons ducks\_only 26 little ones left. Harlan & Albert at the Mitchell field. Homer around\_Fred at Uncle Bighams\_Mr Mc & Will Mc at Springfield. Fred home at noon Mr J.R. Hill and Mr John Mitchell of London here to dinner with our own crowd. I made a Shirt for Harlan to day. Mollie flying at the work\_ She & Clara swept up stairs this P.M. The meal on time Joe O- at the garden & whitewashing. Fred dressed and went to C- this P.M\_he took the clothes to Mrs P. this P.M. Mr Mitchell with us this afternoon and this eve\_Fred took tea at grandmothers\_and called to see Mrs Bell & Mr. We read a letter from Mr MKenzie\_he and Fannie reached Salem Friday eve\_expect to start for there [sic] home at Pine Brush N.Y. on Wednesday Eve. Finished Uncle Dans field

26"May. Tuesday. Cool. Mr Mitchel left us this morning. I left Clara and Mollie in charge of affairs and Paul and I went to town with Uncle Dan as he passed down He spent the day at grandmothers. Homer came after one in the evening. Lizzie Murdocks School closed to day. Quite a number at her school. She and Annabel will be around for two weeks yet. Mrs Dallas and Mary Ramsy called at grandmothers to day & so did Uncle Joe & Uncle Silas Mr Mortons have not got back from [?]. This Eve I called to see Sam Galbreath & Aunt Roseanna. Nellie Little is staying there now\_they moved Aunt Mary to ours Monday Mr Mc M & Fred at Charleston this afternoon. Fred & Harlan drove out this eve.

27" May. Wed. Mr Mc left at an early hour this morning & met Mr Sich & Mr Elroy in C- and went to Springfield\_they were Summons there on the Synard Case\_ Mr Mc did not get home until after dark. Harlan at the Harbison mill to day. Will Huntington here for dinner. Homer at Charleston this afternoon. Fred around home all day. I have been busy sewing. Mollie and Clara at the work. Clara has been faithful these days. Clayton and Jason around home. Albert & our boy Joe here on chores.

May 28" Thursday. Rain today. Mr Mc and Mr McElsey at Springfield to day again. Harlan at Bazels until this afternoon. Albert & our boy Joe and Clayton & Jason around. Homer around collection until noon. This afternoon at home among the Sheep\_This afternoon Fred at C- Mollie busy\_Clara helping with the work\_they ironed to day. I have been sewing. Mr Mc home before dark.

29 May Friday. Still damp. Fred and Uncle Joe at Springfield. Uncle Joe has taken Mr Mcs [?] Sail off his hands. Mr Mc around home all day Homer at Creswells to shear but was too late. Harlan at Bazells this P.M. Albert plowing for a "truck patch." Little Joe whitewashing. This after noon Clara Clayton and Jason at C- on an errand. Clara came from town with Uncle Joe and Fred. Paul busy all day. Mr Pigg came in with Mr Mc to Supper\_

30 May Sat. Bright Sunshine after the rain. Harlan and Albert in the truck patch- Mr Mc and Homer working with sheep all day. Fred went to Uncle Silas's \_took dinner there\_ Uncle Joe went back to C- with him this morning. Earl Caldwell came to C- today and came home with Fred. After tea he & Fred and Harlan at town at the Operahouse at [?]. This P.M. Mollie and Clayton and Jason & Paul at Wylie Jones\_

31" May. Sabb. Quite a nice day. Fred Harlan Clara and Jason at Sabbath School. Clayton and Homer kept Paul. Albert around \_Mollie went home\_will not be back until tomorrow. Our boy Joe absent to day.

Mr Mc and I at church. Rev Sam L Ramsey preached. Behold I stand at the door knock: if any man hear my voice, and open the door, I will come into him, and he with me. Is Christ our intimate friend\_does he often come to our houses and tarry with us\_or do we close the door against him by our ignorance or carelessness or unbelief . Jesus stands and knocks and waits for us to open the door\_How does he knock\_He knocks by his word\_by the gospel and by his providence. Fred stayed at cousin Will McS to the Young folks meeting. Harlan & Clara there. J took this afternoon for Clayton and Jasons questions and Psalms\_they do their own reading.

#### June

1"June Monday. Two men boarding with us who are putting up new poles for the telegraph in front of our place\_on acct of the tress. Harlan & Albert finished the plowing in J R Hill patch at noon. Father and Fred took dinner at Aunt Janes\_and started to Springfield but had to come back on account of the rain\_It first poured down for two hours. J R Hill here with our two boarders to dinner\_Mollie back at P.M. Met Mr Martin Barber\_ Our telegraph men with us to night. Clara began sewing on the one dime to day. She is making kitchen aprons.

2' June Tuesday. Had a little Shower to day. Homer at C- early to tell the sheep shearers not to come. Mr Mc and Fred at the London Sale-took dinner at Mr John Mitchels and tea at Mr Phifhers. Mrs P at her daughters in Fayette Co. They did not get home until after night. I have had a busy bustling day\_Those tow telegraph men with us for breakfast and dinner and a third with us for Supper. Clara at C\_and brought Lizzie McCalloun & her two sons and Lizzie Blair out to dinner. They were invited to Mr Morntons to tea\_Fannie and Clayton took them home this P.M. Homer at Charleston this afternoon. Harlan with these telegraph men to day. Joe our boy on the fences. Albert around. Mollie very tired so is some of the rest of the folks. This Eve\_after dark\_John Kyle brought Lizzie and Annabel Murdock here\_They will be with us until tomorrow eve. They took tea at their Uncle Henesys this Eve\_

3"June Wed. After an early dinner Mr Mc and Fred left for Springfield to look among the papers. Our Telegraph men away last night but with us to dinner and supper and with us to night\_George Smith and Willie McMillan here Lizzie and Annabel and all of our own crowd here to dinner and supper. Father and Fred were home before Lizzie and Annabel left us. Harlan took them over to their Uncle Rolls. We had a nice day with the girls and they seemed slow to go away. We missed Fannie to day\_more than usual. Lizzie wrote to her to day. This was the day of the Congregational Prayer meeting but none of us there. Rained a little

4"June. Thurs. Another busy day. George and Willie Mc here at the Shearing. Harlan up the road with the Telegraph men at their work. Homer shearing Albert & Joe re-planting. Mollie busy. Fred at C- this P.M. & there with Prince at the shop this P.M. again. Mr Mc around home all day. Harlan drove in with the men this eve\_all here for supper. They settled up their bills and passed on\_payed us 9.25\_for there accomodations\_Harlan 6.00 for his service\_Our sheep shearing ended\_all of our men gone\_A little of the burden lifted

5"June. Friday Pleasant Albert & Joe replanting & letting out plants. Harlan with the Telegraph men until morn- Mr Mc around home all day. Fred & Uncle Joe at Springfield among the paper men Uncle Joe and Fred home in time for supper\_This afternoon Paul and I at town but all of the folks gone to Bowersville to a W.C.T.U. Convention sent Jane there alone\_and grandmother was out at Uncle Silas's. I called to see Anna Morton and Mr Morton and at Sam G's and was home in time for tea. Mr David Shroud's little boy was drowned in the creek at Cedarville this afternoon Mollie and Clara finished the ironing and attended to the workers.

6"June. Sat. Gloomy all day\_rain this morning. Clayton at C- at the office\_Mr J. C. McMillan came up on the morning train and came out with him. He has come to spend a week with us. Fred and Harlan Homer Clayton and Jason all at home\_Mr Mc around home all day. Clara & Mollie and [sic] busy. This afternoon Aunt Bell and the three girls came & stayed awhile Frank came out with Clayton this morning. This Eve Fred & Harlan at town. Mr J. C. around the fire.

7"June Sabb. Rain this morning Fred Harlan Homer and Clayton at Sabbath School. Clara & Jason at home with Paul. Our boy Joe and Albert & Mollie around home. Mr J. C. Mc at the Sabbath School. Mr Mc and I at church. Mr Mortons text "For what is a man advantaged if he gain the whole world, and lose himSelf or be cast away" The subject of the text is profit and loss. We should not purchase the world at such as cost because it costs too much, and is perishable and our interest in the world will soon be gone and the world can not Satisfy us and because the world is dangerous and because one can not take the world with us when we come to leave it. After preaching went to Aunt Marys-Walter there. This Eve Fred & Harlan came home with them. Mr J. C. Mc with us. All around the fire. The children read the 9" chap of Matthew. Their catechism heard this P.M. I have been feeling very sad all day\_as this Freds last Sabbath at home\_The longer he stays the harder to see him go away.

8"June. Monday. Pleasant. Fred at C-to get rats [?] and to tell the folks good bye\_Clayton & Jason went to town with him. Harlan at Uncle Joes to help him make out his books\_ After dinner Freds trunk packed and all\_and after a hurried good by Mr Mc drove out with him to Springfield he left from there on the 6:30 train for Monmouth\_Mr Mc stayed with him until he got started\_Same every one all felt more sad than usual to have Fred go away. The C[?] lived life seems to me more real & earnest Homer taking care of Sheep this P.M. Albert & our boy Joe replanting\_Mr Hill here to dinner. This Even Mr J. C. and Clara drove out to C- Mollie busy as usual.

9"June Tuesday Quite a nice day. Mr J. C- and Paul and I at town\_we took dinner at grandmother Murdocks\_Samuel A. Galbreath died this morning at 6:30. He has been in bed for eight months and literally wasted away. He was 54 years old. I called there-and we came home early this P.M. After a hurried good bye Lizzie Murdock and Annabel left on the 11 Oclock train for their home at Bloom-ington Ind. They went by way of Muncie and Yorktown\_will visit there a week. Mr Mc Kyle died very unexpectedly last night. Mr Mc and Mr J.C-went down to call at Galbreaths this Eve\_Harlan & Homer Albert and "boy Joe" at the replanting. Mollie and Clara busy all day.

10 June Wed. A nice day. After a long time Mr Mc and I got started to Springfield to the Prohibition Convention. I left Mollie and Clara in care of Paul and the house. Clayton and Jason assistants Albert & Harlan and boy Joe at the farming Homer Shearing at Forbeses We met Aunt Bell and Mary & Mr Mortons at the Convention. They stayed for the night meeting but we came home to Paul & the rest of them. We had a nice meeting There must have been fifteen hundred people there. Clayton took Mr J. C- to town this morning and went after him again this Eve. He visited at Dellas and was home again for supper Harlan at Uncle Joes again. Della took her trunk away. Mollie alone left to serve us. This is the year that a governor is to be elected.

11 June. Thurs. Warm A beautiful day. Mr Mc and Mr J.C. Mc and Clara and I at Samuel Galbreaths funeral. It was a private funeral. Mr Mc and Willie Torrence and others among the pall bearers Willie rode with us to the Cemetery Mr Morton Rev Wasnock conducted the exercises. Mr J.C. Spending the day at H.H. Mcmillans. Mollie and Clayton and Jason watched the boys and took care of Paul. Harlan Albert & boy Joe at the corn plowing & replanting . This Eve Mr Mc at C- he and Mr J. C. McMillan out Calstormants the later spent the hour with Aunt Marion Reid. Homer Shearing at Forbes's and home again to night.

12" June. Friday. A warm day. Our men all employed as the men yesterday Homer over in vicinity of Clifton shearing. Mr Mc in the yard all P.M. Mr J. C. MrM- took the Conveyance to C-until he comes back. Clara picking berries [?] to can She and Mollie busy. I have not been feeling like doing much to day. This Eve Mollie and Clara and Clayton took Paul and drove over to Janes's. Mr J C returned near dark He took dinner at Mrs Conleys and tea at the Stuarts. Homer came back in time for Supper.

13" June Sat. Albert & Harlan plowing. Boy joe replanting Homer at McCarty's shearing. Mr J.C. McMillan bid us good bye and Clara & Jason took Paul with them and took him to the train They remained at Grandmother Murdocks for dinner- This afternoon Mr Mc out with the men Albert & Harlan plowing. Our boy Joe replanting. Homer at McCarties with Will Mc Shearing Did not get home until dark. Harlan at C- Mr Mc and Paul and I at Roadarmers Mr Mc called at Calverts also. It is quite a beautiful evening.

14" June Sabb. Very warm Homer at home with Paul. Albert & Joe around the yard. Mollie here. Harland Clara Clayton and Jason at Sabbath School. Mr Mc and I at church. Mr Mortons text "But the God of all grace, who hath called us into his eternal glory by Christ Jesus, after that ye have suffered a while, make you perfect Stablish, Strengthen, and Settle us." Subtext of the text. The Christians prayer in affliction. No great or lasting good ever comes to an individual family church or state without first enduring or going through affliction. The great good and change comes after we have suffered a while. Those who do most for God & humanity are those who have suffered awhile at no time do we need to pray so fervently as in the hour of affliction We need Strength to do the work and bear the burdens of the hour. God Strengthens us as the Oak strengthens the vine. You will note that all the great blessings of life that Gods children receive bear date after ye suffered awhile The last blessing

mentioned in the text is "to settle us" to be settled is to feel at home it is to be satisfied with God dealings with us. To rest in Him.

After preaching Clara went to Aunt Janes. Clayton & Jason & Paul took Mollie part of the way to her Sabbath School at two Oclock. This Eve Harlan & Homer at the Young folks meeting. Clara & Mollie came back with them\_This afternoon I went over the Sabbath School lesson with Clayton and Jason\_& heard their questions [scribble] By the lamp after the folks came home they read the 10" cap of Matthew.

15"June Monday\_Warm\_All up at an early hour\_"All at work." Harlan & Albert plowing. Joe around until noon. At noon J.R. Hill called and took him to work for his daughter \_J.R. here for dinner as usual. Uncle Dan & Willie here this P.M. Homer at Harbison's mill with wheat. Dave Mc called. Della & Nora Barber left for Washington [?] \_ to visit Colin & friends. Mollie & Della and I done the weekly sweeping to day. This Eve Clara and Jason took the clothes to Mrs P & called in C. We read a letter from both Fannie and Fred this eve\_They are [3 words]. Mr Mc around home all day. Had a swarm of bees.

16"June. Tuesday. Very warm\_ Clara & Paul at [?] for Grandmother Murdock and Aunt Jane. They were here all day after tea this Eve Clara and Mollie took them home & Uncle Joe came back with them. He has not been here very much for [two words]. Mr Mc around home all day. Homer and Clayton at Hartisons mill this P.M. and Homer was at Selma this P.M. Mr Pigg called & Harlan and Albert plowing This Eve Harlan & Homer at C- a few [illegible].

17"June Wed. Very warm a light shower last night\_Mr Baker here with wool. Mr Mc in the bill business all P.M. Uncle Joe around. Clayton & Jason churning picking cherries feeding chickens. It has been cloudy most of the day. This Eve Clara took Paul and went with his father to the meadow\_This Even Harlan & Homer at Wilberforce\_A great many there from Cedarville & County around. All the rest of us at home.

18 June Thurs. Warm. Mr Wade here with wool. Near noon Mr Mc and Clara got started to Springfield. Uncle Joe went by way of C- and took Will Mc with him Harlan plowing. Homer & Clayton working on sheep\_Jason taking care of Paul & watching the bees. Albert working in the garden [scribble] I have had charge of things my self\_Mollie at Wilberforce Commencement to day I fixed a basket for her & company. Things have seemed rather quiet here to day. This Eve Harlan & Homer at Mr Morrays at a Lawn [space] - None of the folks got home until late\_Clara spent her time with Sadie Stuart took tea there\_Clara got a [?] while hot to day\_her fathers selections.

19 June Friday. Not so warm They are having heavy rains at Springfield this week The rain detained the folks there last night\_and when they started home found it extended only three miles out of the city. Homer at Baker to day for dinner he was there with the Sheep. Harlan & Albert plowing. This afternoon Uncle Joe at C- Mr Mc there too. Clayton & Jason putting in most of the day trying to wash the buggy. This Eve Homer and Clara finished it\_ and then polished up the Surnie [?]. Harlan went by way of Mr Mortons to a party at John Barbers.

20"June Saturday. A heavy shower last night\_Near noon it came on heavy rain\_and rained in the evening again. Mr Mc and Uncle Joe and I

at Selma at a Basket meeting at the Quaker church\_Miss E Spencer from Wilmington conducted the meeting not many there or many baskets\_hoever we continued with them and remained for the afternoon meeting. The leading thoughts this afternoon\_

"Tie your self to one man'?"Hide your heart in the word of God" Keep your eyes on the Uttermost parts of the earth.

Again let your lifes motto be to give life and to save life." Homer at the meeting this afternoon\_This Eve Uncle Joe and I came home\_and Mr Mc and Homer went to Charles-ton\_Came home in the rain. It rained too hard for Uncle Joe to go home this Eve\_Mollie Clara got along well with the housekeeping took good care of Paul. I enjoyed the meeting and felt that it was good to be there. Clayton at C. this morning.

21"June Sabbath. Gloomy most of the day. Harlan Homer Clara and Jason at Sabbath School. Clayton at home with Mollie & Paul. Albert around home Mr Mc and I at church Mr Mortons preached a grand Sermon\_but not having a pencil did not get any of his fine points down\_Uncle Joe came home with us and he and Homer went to Selma to the Quakers church to hear Mrs Frame. Harlan Clara and Mollie at the Youngfolks meeting. He had our Bible reading and catichizing [sic] this P.M.

22"June Monday. Clouds and Sunshine Uncle Joe at C- a little while\_Near noon Mr Mc left for Charleston\_Homer there too. Albert & Harlan busy. Clayton & Jason around\_Mollie & Clara busy. This Eve Albert & Clayton took the clothes to C- Harlan called at Selma this eve. J R Hill with us to day to dinner. Mr Wilson Stritcher called. Uncle Dan here awhile.

23" June Tues. Quite a beautiful day. Homer and Clayton at Charleston\_all day. Mr Mc at Springfield \_left here at nine home before dark. Albert and Harlan busy. Clara and Jason watching the bees. At noon I drove up in the Surnie and brought Miss Roadarmer down\_She finished my back lawn and this eve after tea went back to Selma with Harlan when he went up for Lorrie Lott\_to go to [?] Smiths party. He read a letter from Fannie and Fred this eve. Fred is not very well these days. Uncle Joe at C-at the shop this P.M. Blanch stopped off here with some of their men and went back with him again this Eve.

24"June Wed. Warm. The bee man here and took off 150 lbs of honey and returned bees to hives. After an early dinner Mr Mc left for Xenia. Albert Harlan Homer at work. Clara Clayton and Jason watching the bees watching Paul and picking currants [scribble] This after noon Aunt Jeanette and Nettie Little called and remained with us for tea. Mrs. Wasmock and her daughter Ruthie called. This Eve Homer and I at Selma\_Miss Roadarmer fitted my duster. When we got home all had retired. This is a lovely night.

25'June. Thurs. A lovely day. All up at an early hour\_Business progressing. Uncle Joe at Springfield to day\_to see there [?] men\_Mr Hugh Huntington here\_[?] after dinner Mr Fred Smith called\_he remained here and chatted awhile with the home folks and Mr Mc and Homer took Daisy & Welsh Coalt to Charleston\_She went on the P.M. freight to Ky. Mr H- allowed us three hundred dollars for them. Like Paul let us thank God and take courage\_How easily God can raise up buiers [sic] and send them from the South and from the North country and help us



through every straight Albert & Harlan plowing Mollie and Clara took Paul with them over to Jones & called at Kyles. To see Clara. Clayton & Jason talking care of things around the yard. MrCarty here this P.M.

26"June. Friday. Warm. Mr Mc and all the boys Uncle Joe and Albert around. Will Mc here in the afternoon and began cutting clover this afternoon. I made a shirt for Harlan this P.M. and this afternoon I left Mollie and Clara with Paul and the work and called at [2 words illegible] and spent awhile with Aunt Marry Little. She is clear down arms\_I never Saw her so frustrated\_I took tea with Aunt Mary & grandmother Murdock\_This Eve Uncle Joe and albert at C- for fish. All the rest at home.

27"June Sat. Warm. George Smith and Will Mc here helping with the harvest\_Clover Mr Mc at Selma this P.M. took dinner with Calverts. Uncle Joe Harlan Homer Clayton Jason & Albert all on duty. At noon old Midnight kicked Homer\_he is off duty this P.M. All the rest busy. This Eve Jack S\_two sons here for tea. Harlan took Uncle Joe home.

28"June Sabb. pleasant. Homer and Jason at house with Paul. Albert & Mollie here. Harlan Clara and Clayton at Sabbath School Mr Mc and I at church. Mr Mortons text "Now, therefore ar we all here present before God to hear all things that are commended." One remark what we need as parents to enable us to our duty as father and mothers and to train our children for God eternity is the baptism of the Holy Spirit. We need to tarry in our closets until we are renewed and filled with the Spirit and love and earnestness of the master himself. This Eve spent with Clayton and Jason. At six oclock Harlan Clara and Mollie at the Youngfolks meeting. Uncle Joe came home with them.

29 June Monday. George S- and Will Mc Uncle Joe & Albert and our own boys began cutting wheat this morning\_began raining as we were at dinner\_And for awhile it did not rain but it poured. Business suspended this after-noon\_This Eve Homer took the clothes to Mrs P. Mr Payton called. All of us resting this P.M.

30 June. Tues. The last day of June. Clayton and baby Paul were both sick last night. Our man George S- & Will Mc and Mr Mc all of yesterday have gone to the wheat\_it is a little damp. Homer has gone to Hoglers for wool\_he took dinner at Moses Hoglers & did not get home until give P.M. This Eve Clayton and Jason & Paul took a drive\_at a later hour Clayton at C- at the office\_At a later hour still Harlan took Will Mc and George Smith to C- Homer at Selma at Calverts. To day W.R. Smith a painter and carpenter that was here in 1889 stopped with us to day for dinner and spent most of the afternoon with us.