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1 July. Friday. Very warm to day. John L- Shirly and Old Hutchison at the hay. Fred finished his contract at Charlie Wrights this A.M. Brought the Binder home and cut our wheat in field below the garden. Father around home all day. Mr. Uleric called this ~~mor~~ [E written over mor] Evening. Aunt Mary E- with us all day. This Eve- Fannie and Fred took her down to Aunt Matts- Mr. Uleric took father to C- as he went home and he returned with Fannie & Fred. Our soldier Wm Smith is a painter- he began painting for us this morning-and will remain with us a little while.

2-July. Sat. Annie H- and Fannie and I busy-Clara Clayton and Jason hauling hay shacks all day, Shirly John L- Old Hutchison and our boys all busy in hay. Our painter at the blinds-On yesterday Eve Homer at C- and got the paint. Mr Mc busy all day helping on[?] with the hay. Uncle Silas Ralph and Waller called and took dinner as they returned from the Smith pasture-Annie went away this after dinner to be gone till Monday. Fannie and I surely busy. Florence fretful-she has nearly all her teeth-I expected to have gone to town to see Grand Mother Murdock but I could not get away. Wm Haines[?] barn & out buildings were all burned down this P.M. This Eve all at home.

3 July Sabb. Appearance of rain this eve-Fred and Clara at home with Florence. Our painter, Wm Smith, around home. Fannie Harlan Homer Clayton and Jason at Sabbath School. Mr Mc and I at church-Mr Mortons text-I counsel thee to buy of Me gold tried in the fire, that thou mayst be rich: And white raiment that thou mayst be clothed; and that the shame of thy naked-ness as not appear; and anoint thine eyes with eye salve, that mayest see". He counsels us to buy True reigion, Christ pardon salvation and heaven. Another thing he offers is protection. He also begs us to accept the enlightening influence of the holy Spirit. This afternoon Fannie Fred and all down to Florence assem-bled up stairs on the porch and spent an hour at the lessons Bible reading. We read the 1st and 2<sup>nd</sup> chap of the book of mark.

4th of July. Monday. Appearance of rain now and then all day. Harlan at C-at an early hour this morning=Our painter at his work. All the hands off celebrating the fourth only Mr Mc & our sons left at home J.R.Hill[?] here for dinner. Our girl, Annie H came back early this morning. This afternoon Fred and I went

down to Cedarville—We attended to some business at the office at the Limekilns[?] and [illegible] made a short call at grand Mothers gate—Aunt Mary Eliza came home with me—Found all the girls and house in No 1. order—. Mr Mc around home all day. In the parlor most of the eve with Aunt Mary E—Fred around with Jus Caldwell while in C—and rode old Lucy home—This is most a lovely night—Harlan and Homer out this eve under the clear sky unmolested by bad compa-ny trying to “fly a kite.” While Cedar-ville is teeming and runing over with all kinds of boys good bad and indifferent all in one mass—The command “Keep thyself pure” seems a dead letter. I took clothes [illegible]

5 July. Tuesday. Quite a clear day—warm—but a good breeze—Mr Mc at C—looking up Irvin—home in time for dinner. This morning Aunt Mary Eliza and Florence & I took a drive to Selma and as far as Tom Fagens—I got the book of grandfather Murdock that I lent to Mr F a year or more ago. “The Young Mans Companion.” We came past Fred old school house—The M.E. Church [illegible] as we came home—We had a delightful ride—when we reached home we found Annie H- & Fannie and Clara flying[?] at the work—The morning work all done and dinner “booming”. Our painter and Old Hutchison here—Fred & all the boys & old H. up at the Barber place cutting wheat. Uncle Silas there this P.M. This afternoon Mr Mc and I took Aunt Mary E- down to Aunt Janes—and Mr Mc and I went by way of the John Wright Sheep pasture to Xenia. We did not get to Xenia till after four O clock—I called to see Mr Price—he is in Flemings hard ware store—We had a nice ride home—came the Old Federal rode—We found the folks all asleep when we came. Children all at home. Homer got stung with a bee day

6 July. Wed. Appearance of rain—It rained a very little. Fred and Old Hutchison and all the boys up at the wheat field. Bennie Ervin came to work this morning and out in the wheat field with the crowd. Homer nearly sick all day yesterday from the effects of bee sting.—but is out with the men to day. On yesterday Eve Fanny called to see Miss Bell Ken This A.M. Fannie at C- on an errand invited Aunt Mary E home with her but she could not come. John L- here at the harvest—Shirly still off. This Eve Miss Bell Ken here for tea—We had our tea at an early hour—Mr Mc in at an early hour—Mr Mc presided at our table—Our men served later. Sammie Murdock and Lizzie here spending the Eve. Harlan and I took a little drive to C—The air clear the sky beautiful—Miss Ken stopping with us to night. Lizzie Murdock and Reid spent the fourth at Dayton—Our painter working on the front window caseings—

7 July Thursday. Still no rain. All up at an early hour—Fannie attended to the breakfast—she and Miss Ken at town on an errand. I sent Aunt Jane a young Chicken this morning. I should have written that yesterday Clayton and Jason were called to Mr Finly Kens to haul hay shacks. Mr Mc took them over to the field Jason gladly accepted and worked till noon for five cts. Clayton would not stay but came back home—At noon he repented and went back with Jason but were not needed then. Fred and Irvin up at the Barber wheat finished it at noon. Harlan and Homer running the mower & tedder Shirly & John L- and old Hutchison all here at work—Mr Mc around home all day. Uncle Silas here for supper. He was up at Leffels yesterday seeing the sheep—This Eve all at home.

8 July. Friday. Still dusty and Our men all in the hay field—Uncle Silas Old Hutchison Shirly and John L- Irvin and our boys and Mr Mc This morning Uncle Dan passed up with Aunt Mary E- and Aunt Jane and Aunt Matt to his place. This morning I went to C- to attend to our buissness—having other things I took time to take dinner with grand mother and Aunt Mary. I called to in to see Mr Morton a few minutes reached home at two O clock. Men working in the meadow by the rail road—all in for supper at five—This Eve Aunt Matt called—Aunt Mary Eliza stopped off and staid all night with us—This Eve Mr Mc and Uncle Silas up Leffels to see about sheep. Della Mc here most of the afternoon with Fannie. This Eve. Mary Porter and Rily Jobes[?] here to spend the evening—Aunt Marry[?] and I did not remain long in the parlor but spent the Eve around the lamp in the sitting room. Fannie took refreshments into the parlor to night—Mr Mc did not get home till after the company had gone—Fred at C- this Eve on a little errand.

9 July Sat. Appearance of rain this morning—quite warm This morning Fannie busy at Claras buff[?] lawen[?]-I left [illegible] at the dress Annie H. in the kitchen and Clara and Florence and I took Aunt Mary Eliza home. She and Aunt Matt[?] [illegible] to [illegible, two words] for tea this Eve. I took Aunt Mary L- out as far as Dallas's gate this morning for a ride—then to the post office she got a letter from Jim—She is in a nervous condition. I pity her. I did not get home till near noon—before we got in the rain began falling—It continued to rain till near evening—a shower now and then. Work suspended this afternoon. Mr Mc and Shirly looking over acets[?]. Old Hutchison, Shirly John L- & Uncle Silas here till noon—Irvin here all day. Uncle Silas [illegible] here for supper—Our painter still busy. This Eve all at house Annie H- off duty this P.M.—therefore I have been on double duty.

10 July Sabb. Quite a beautiful day after the rain. Fannie Fred Harlan Clara Clayton and Jason at Sabbath School and church Old Phebe was taken Suddenly sick this morning—and on acct[?] of it we were detained at home. Homer at C- for Uncle Joe C- & Dr Daning but before they reached here she was dead. We[?], in the long run of years be come attached to our horses—Old Phebe was truly valuable. She was the Mother of Roxey and Harry. This Eve at five O clock Mr Mc and Clara and Homer and I at church at the hall This is the beginning of a course of sermons on Sabbath Observance. Mr Morton [preach]ed. His text "If thou turn away thy foot from the Sabbath, from doing thy pleasure on my holy days and call the Sabbath a delight, the holy of the Lord honorable; and shall honor him, not doing thine own ways, nor finding thine own pleasure, nor speaking thine own words: Then shalt thou delight thy self in the Lord: and Twice cause thee to side upon the high places of the earth, and feed thee with the heritage of Jacob thy father: for the mouth of the Lord hath spoken it." The destiny of the family and of the individual is involved in the keeping of the Sabbath. That individual that does not keep the Sabbath is rebelling against God—We will suffer for this sin. In order to keep the day holy we must make a right start—we must make an early start—give God a full day A Sanctified Sabbath is heaven upon earth. The advantages of keeping the Sabbath is seen in the text. The most withering wars in the Bible are pronounced upon those who refuse to keep the [illegible] sabbath profane the day. Fannie tried to teach Clayton and Jason while I was away.

11 July. Monday. A busy day indeed—Annie H- did not come back till noon—Fannie cutting a dress lineing for Aunt Mary Eliza - Clara taking care of Florence—Uncle Silas and Walter Old Hutchison and Irvin Shirly & John L- all in the hay field. This P.M. Two of Cavenders helping. Our painter still at the windows painting. This afternoon at four Oclock Fannie and Clara and Florence at C—They took supper with grand mother Murdock and Aunt Mary. They drove out to Mr Dallas's and brought Aunt Mary Eliza & Aunt Jane & Matt in. This Eve Aunt Jennie Mc came over from Jamestown. Lizzie Murdock came home with our "Three" daughters this eve. Walter Murdock staid with Homer. The house in[?] in nice order—This Eve a carpenter from off the pike by the name of Frederic Miller stopping in the hay loft—We gave him a lunch. I have certainly been busy to day. Our painter with us.

12 July Tuesday. Most a lovely clear day—but very warm. I left Fannie and Annie H- in charge of the home—and Clara and Florence and I left for town—Clara staid with Jennie Morton and Florence

and I took Aunt Mary Eliza and Aunt Jennie[?] Mc with us out to Uncle Bighams—Aunt Matt rode out with Mary [illegible] her little daughter Jennette. Will [illegible] working on their new barn. We had a nice time there—Came back to C- about three O'clock—and in eve Aunt Jane went with the above men [illegible] ones to Mr Mortons for tea. We met Will Blair and Lizzie there. I called to see grand mother Murdock—Clara took tea at Mr Mortons also. I called around and I took Aunt Mary Little out as far as Mc Eleys gate, on the old road, As I came home I met Mr Mc and Fannie driving out to C- to see Aunt Aunt Jennie and tell Aunt Mary E- goodbye—she goes back to Wilmington tomorrow morning at five O'clock. I called to see Aunt Roseanna—and Terzah this P.M. This eve I took Aunt Mary Little out as far as Dallas gate on the old road, to our old home. Nett rode with me as far as Sam [illegible]. The carpenter Fred Miller began work-ing on gate to day. Shirley John L- Uncle Silas and Walter and Irvin & old Hutchison in the hay field. Our painter still with us. Walter with us to night again. Lizzie Murdock rode down with me to C- this morning. She went out home from there.

13 July. Wed. Very warm and dry. Mr Mc, Uncle Silas, Walter, Irvin, old Hutchison, Shirly, John L- and all of our boys in the hay field all day. The carpenter and the painter at their work. I finished the ironing at noon. Annie H- & Fannie and all busy. Harlan at the shop with Roxey & Harry this morning. This Eve Fannie and Fred called at Uncle Johns. Sammie not at home—He and Riley Kyle went someplace in the vicinity of Dayton to rest and camp out—When Pres Garfield was a boy he was certainly busy but I don't think he had much time to spend resting, especially when he saw that his poor Mother got so little time to rest. The idea of resting before one has done enough to get tired is a mistake=[illegible]

14 July Thurs. All up in good time—all and every one at their work—Mr Mc very busy all morning. To help on with the hurry, John Wright & Son came with wool. Mr Heney Kyle also called to report our stock being on his side of the fence. Near noon Mr Mc and Fannie left for Springfield Uncle Silas here Walter with us last night and to day. Shirly John L- Old Hutchison Irvin and our boys at work. The painter at the front door—the carpenter at a gate. Fred and all the boys in the hayfield. On yesterday P.M. Shirly helping Hanniber thrash—the wheat that was left back on the Barber farm. This afternoon Shirly off duty. This Eve at or near six O'clock—one of the heaviest rains of the season fell—It rained very hard the men were driven from the hayfield fairly immersed. A little after eight Mr Mc and Fannie returned bringing Maggie and Sadie Stuart

with them. Th[e]y took tea with Ms S- this Eve—Fannie done considerable shopping at Murphys to day. Walter went home this Eve.

15 July. Friday. Very warm to day but with standing [illegible] rain. We have the multitude to feed to day. Uncle John & Silas Murdock Walter & Robbie—Old Hutchison Irvin the Painter & the Carpenter Maggie & Sadie S- our five boys & three girls—Mr Mc & I and the girl in the kitchen into the bargain—Emma Comner and Luella Johnston called to see Fannie. Yesterday Eve— Effrie McMillan called to see her—also Allie Barber—Shirly & John L- in the hay field. This afternoon Shirly off duty= Sadie and our little ones out hauling shacks. All in for supper at five. This Eve Fannie and Maggie Sturt drove out to tour—Miss Bell Ken called to see Fannie late this PM. Fannie and Maggie began work to day Fannie working on my new black sateen[?]-I have never had any let him up since early this morning till late this Eve—Our trouble is the hired girl is not so busy. This is Uncle John's birth day. He was born the 15th of July 1836=Robbie not well this Eve—Walter with us to night again

16 July. Sat. Very warm. A little bit better breeze than usual. All up at an early hour—Uncle John & Uncle Silas and Walter, John L. Old Hutchison Irvin and the Carpenter, Miller, all in the hay field. Sadie Stuart Clara Clayton and Jason and Fred & Harlan & Homer[?] and Mr Mc all in the field. Shirly off duty she is at Uncle Dans. The painter busy. Fannie at my dress. Maggie "busy." too. This Eve Fred and Fannie and Maggie Stuart at C- in the jaggar[?]. They saw Nettie L- & Mary C—Clara and Sadie in the Creek bathing this PM. Uncle John went home at noon. Old Hutchison not here to day

17 July Sabbath. Fannie Fred Homer Clayton and Jason & Maggie Stuart at Sabbath School. Clara Harlan & Sadie S- at home with Florence. The painter & carpenter around. Mr Mc and I at church Mr Mortons text "And Gideon came to Jordan and passed over, he, and the the[?] three hundred men that were with him, faint, yet pursuing them. And he said unto the men of Succoth Give, I pray you, loves of bread unto the people that follow me; for they be faint; & I am pursuing after Zebah Zalmuna, Kings of Midian." The experience of Gideon is the experience of Christians in this world. We have a scripture of weakness & of strenght of encouragements and discouragements. "Faint but yet pursuing" is a graphic picture of life What makes us sometimes so languid and depressed amid the conflicts of life? It is enimes within—sin in the soul more than anything else. If these enimes ever sub-dued then we would be free & strong Enimes without weakens us,

causes us to feel discouraged & depressed While we are in the line of our duty we meet with much to discourage us. We have made much progress and gained many victories yet the enimie is not yet subdued. The battle may be long and severe, yet our victory is certain. And then when the battle is all over we shall meet to celebrate the victory. If we would be victors we must enlist we must be in Christs army. We must press forward. This eve all at home. We read the sixth chapr of Mark gathered on the upper porch. An appearance of a storm prevented farther exercises.

18 July Monday. Very warm. Mr Mc Irvin, Uncle Silas—John L- [illegible] all here till dinner[?] This afternoon work suspended on acct of quite a shower. This AM Fannie and Maggie and Sadie S- and Florence took the clothes to Mrs P= returned in time for dinner. This Eve quite a storm—the winder[?] blew very hard.

19 July. Tuesday. A little cooler this morning Fannie & Maggie and Sadie Stuart and Florence drove over to Comners[?] this morning and brought Emma to help with the sewing. [illegible] Clara went with them also. The girls busy up stairs in the boys room and the porch sewing all day. Uncle Silas, Irvin Old Hutchison and our boys at the harvest. John L- off duty to day—Shirly off—also. Our painter finished papering the hall and putting down the carpet [illegible]. Our carpenter at work too. Mr Mc at Packers pasture this A.M. Came very unexpectedly home—like a thief in the night. The men still resting when he came. After an early supper he and Jason drove over to the Clifton pasture Homer was there this morning but failed to get a count. Clayton went with Mr Mc this morning. This after-noon Maggie and Florence and I took Sadie and Clara to Aunt Bells to Blanche's party—There were about eighteen there. Maggie spent a little while at Bells while Florence and I called at Aunt Janes and grandmother Murdocks. I met Mrs Dallas Nettie A[?]- and Julia[?] Kendal at Aunt Janes. Mr Morton sick. I called to see him. I met Aunt Jennie Mc at Aunt Janes. This eve Homer took Maggie S- and Fannie down to town. They brought Clara and Sadie home.

20 July. Wed. Warm again. The men busy at the oats & hay. Shirly & John L- both off—Uncle Silas and Walter Old Hutchison, Irvin and Fred Harlan & Homer all at work—Clayton and Jason also. This morning Fannie and Maggie and Florence at C- on an errand. Fannie called to see Flora Howard. Florence clung to Aunt Janes neck and refused to come home, but they brought her anyway. Emma Comner stitching away on my black sateen—agreed to finish it off her self and let Fannie and Maggie go to Xenia this afternoon

with Mr Mc. They called to see Mary Porter while in X—did not get home till after dark—awhile. Emma with us to night. Appearance of rain this Eve—but the rain did not come. I have felt like I would have to retire from the hot kitchen all day. I have been in vest most of the P.M.

21 July. Thurs. Quite a nice warm bright day. Fannie Clara Sadie & Maggie S—and Florence took Emma Comner home—All the men at the oats and hay—In the midst of our hurry & tribulation Mr Pidgeon, Ralph, Katy, & Carlene came they brought grandmother Murdock with them they remained for dinner and till after three this P.M. They go to bro Johns for tea & tomorrow expect to attend the Mam-moth Prohibition meeting at Springfield Uncle Silas, Walter, Old Hutchison Irvin, Walter, the painter and the carpenter All here for dinner together with our own family and visitors. Fred finished cutting the oats this P.M. Fannie working three dozen button holes on my dress.

22 July. Friday. Bright sunshine most of the day. Rily Little returned from the West this week—she and Bob Mc and Mr Packer & others called this morning after an early dinner Mr Mc and I left for Springfield to attend the Monmouth Prohibition Convention at the fair grounds. We took Sadie Stuart and our daughter Clara with us. Maggie is to remain a little longer with us. Clara came back with us—we reached here about ten Oclock. We had a nice meeting. Our Prohibition Candidate for Gov. Morris Sharp addressed us to day. About half past three the clouds collided and a very heavy rain fell but did not reach so far as our house. Annie in the kitchen Fannie Maggie taking care of Florence

Our boys and Irvin in the hay field

Uncle Silas down to see the sheep on the Orr pasture this AM.

This P.M—he and Walter here. Homer at C- this morning—and out at Lizzie Murdocks on an errand.

This eve Fred at C- on an errand.

Robbie Murdock here tonight.

22 July. Saturday. Bright and pleasant. On yesterday Harlan presisted in cutting all the meadow on the field down—The order of the day will be for our boys and Irvin put it in shack—Homer went by way of Uncle Johns with Uncle Silas and Walter to the Wright pasture to look over the sheep. They took tea at Uncle Johns. Miss Mattie Clark of Xenia there visiting This A.M. After a very early dinner Mr Mc and I left for Springfield to attend the closeing hours of the Prohibition Meeting—Messers Hopkin & Mead addressed the meeting—Music furnished by the Silver Lake Quartet. We had good seats—and listened to grand speeches. We

made but a brief stay in S-Charlie Stuart came home with us. We found Fannie & Co. head & ears in work. This afternoon Fannie & Maggie S- took Florence with them to C- for a ride out. They dressed her in her new white cap that Fannie made it her- It seems she was very proud of it-and created quite a sensation in Cedarville.

Robbie Murdock went home today.

24 July. Sabb. Quite a "nice warm" day. Mr Morton has been sick all week and still unable to preach. Fannie Fred & Clara and Maggie Stuart at Sabbath School and attended the U.P. church sermon by Rev J.M. Campbel. They returned at one bringing Miss Mattie Clark of Xenia with them she will remain with us till tomorrow Eve-At half past seven Mr Mc took Fannie Maggie S-and Mattie C- with him to the meeting at the hall Rev Mr Sprowl preached. Subject "Sabbath Observance." We have tried to keep the Sabbath-but I feel like as near as possible we should avoid bringing new company into our home on Sabbath. They should by all means come before the Sabbath and then remain with us. Annie H- with me till this afternoon-I have been on the sick list this P.M. This eve we tried to have our Sabbath exercises. O I am so tired. My heart is willing-but my flesh is weak.

25 July. Monday. It is a most delightful day. Miss Clark Maggie S- and Lizzie Murdock and Anna Bell here for dinner-also Uncle Silas Irvin Old Hutchison the carpenter and the painter and our five boys- & Jimmie Stuart. They finished the hay this Eve at four Oclock. It began raining about the time they finished. Miss Clark went home with Lizzie to tell the folks good bye- and went to Xenia on the six Oclock train. Mr Mc after a lunch went over to see Clifton sheep. At lamp lighting Uncle Silas Old Hutchison Irvin-our painter & carpenter and all our boys in for supper. Fannie and Fred and Maggie S- at C- and brought Aunt Jennie Mc out-They expected to have been in time to have told Miss Clark good bye but the rain prevented them. The family retired early. Mr Mc and I spent awhile with Aunt Jennie in the parlor. = John Wright called this Eve.

26 July. Tuesday. Not so warm as we have had it. It is only 84 in the shade. Another busy day here. All up early. Aunt Jennie with us this morning. Homer at C- and brought Aunt Jane & Matt and Uncle Daniel Murdock out to spend this day. Uncle David came from a six month tour in Vermont yesterday Eve. John Wright here ricking wheat assisted by Uncle Silas, Old Hutchison, Irvin, Willie Mc Mr Mc Fred Harlan and Homer, The painter began painting the wood work on the porch the carpenter busy. Clayton & Jason & Chashi Stuart busy playing. Fannie & Clara busy

helping me. I was hurried yesterday I forgot to day that that Homer went to town in the morning and brought Flora Howard out to take Annie Harays place in the kitchen. Annie left us this morning according to agreement. We sent the clothes to Mrs [illegible] this morning= Flora got along nicely to day. About four this P.M. Uncle David took Aunt Jennie and Aunt Matt & Jane down home in the jaggar[?]. Jennie expects to go to Jamestown this eve. At two Oclock this P.M. Our brother, in the church, Mr James Miller was buried. This funeral prevented Aunt Jennette from being with us to day. This Eve Mr Mc rode down to C- with Uncle Silas and brought our jaggar[?] back. He met J.L. Adams at Aunt Janes. Fannie and Maggie S- called at Comners and brought Fanny C- to be ready for the sewing tomorrow.

27 July. Wed. Quite a nice day. John Wright assisted by Uncle Silas. Old Hutchison, Irvin, Will Mc Mr Mc and all of our boys ricking oats. The painter and carpenter with us also. Mr Leffell and Mr Packer came into dinner with the crowd. Fannie Comner Maggie Stuart and Charlie added in- makeing twenty three souls in all. Flora and I busy from morning to night= This eve men in for supper again. Mr Mc Homer and Charlie S- at Packers for sheep. Fannie and Maggie Stuart took a little drive around the school House road. At one[?] Oclock shower stopped the work for awhile.

28 July. Thurs. Quite a nice day, but warm. Mr Mc at Xenia-went alone. Near noon John Wright put in his appearance. Uncle Silas, Irvin and our boy busy all AM-setting out the oats to day. Uncle Daniel drove up to Holloways[?] this morning called as he went back. This afternoon John Wright & co. all at the oats. All the men in for supper after five. The Harvest finished this Eve- The carpenter and painter with us. Fanny Comner at the sewing to day again and with us to night. This Eve Fannie Fred and Maggie at C- a few minutes they called at Mary Caldwell's. This Eve Mary Porter came up on the train and came out with Mr Mc as he came home. She and Fannie and Maggie having a nice time this Eve. Charlie S- around with the boys.

29 July Friday. A Bright warm day. Mr Mc and Fannie and Mary Porter took Maggie and Charlie Stuart to Springfield to day. They took dinner and tea with Mrs Stuart. This afternoon they drove out to the community. Fannie got some of her dry goods for school at Murphys to day. They reached home after dark. Uncle Dan here this AM. Fred and Clayton & Jason at Lucy[?] pasture this A.M. Harlan & Homer hauling lumber from cellars. The carpenter at the plank fence that Frank Carters did not

complete. The painter around. O dear but I am tired to day.  
Clara playing in her play house- taking care of Florence

30 July. Sat. Up to a hundred to day. Fannie C- and Fannie & Mary P. sewing all day. The painter & carpenter with us. Irvin went away Friday morning to take a rest. Harlan & Homer and Jason at C- this A.M. and called at Henry Townslys. Sr. and brought Harlans pony home. They are contemplating a trip to Clinton Co. On yesterday Eve. Harlan and Homer drove out to Uncle Johns to see Robbie. Mr Mc around home all day. Fanny C-& our Fannie and Mary P- sewing all day. They made Ice Cream this Eve. Fannie & Fred & Mary P took Fanny C- to Selma this Eve. Harlan Homer and the carpenter took Flora to C-Another busy busy week has ended.

31 July. Sabb. Warm. Fannie Fred Harlan Clayton and Jason & Mary Porter at Sabbath School. Homer Clara & Florence & the painter & the carpenter at home. Mr Mc and I at church. Mr Morton's text "Never man spake like this man." Jesus was one of the grandest and most popular preachers in the world. The common people heard him gladly Great multitudes followed him from every quarter. I would walk around this world to hear Jesus preach one sermon. And so would you. At 1/2 past five Mr Mc and Fannie Fred & Mary P- went to the New Opera house to hear Rev A.M.[illegible] preach on "Sabbath Observance." Harlan and Homer drove Harlan's pony and were there also. What little time I had I spent with the children. Uncle Daniel at church to day.

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1 Aug. Monday. Appearance of rain this morning - this evening we had a light shower. Homer at C - and brought Flora Howard out - Fannie and Mary Porter making White Mountain Cake. Making preparations for tea this Eve. Mrs Charlie's Driscol of Springfield came this morning - here for dinner here for tea and with us tonight. This P.M. Fannie and Mary Porter were at C - and made some calls - They called to see Mr Mortons grandmother

and Aunt Mary and Aunt Jane and Aunt Belle. They brought Rily Little out with them He and Rily Jobses here for tea. By the way Fred went with the girls to C - & spent the Evening in the parlor with the Company! Harlan and Homer out at Uncle Johns and got their buggy and brought Robbie with them to be ready to start to Clifton County in the morning. Mr Jobses took Mary Porter home to night She has been with us since Thursday Eve. and we have all been pleased with her company, Fred took Riley home, Fannie rode as far as town with Rily J and Mary - She stopped at Aunt Janes to be ready to go to work on Aunt Matts sateen in the morning J.R. Hice dinned with us to day. Our painter and carpenter with us as usual. Mr [illegible] with us to night Allie Barber called this Evening John L - here looking over accts this morning.

2 Aug. Tuesday. Quite a bright day, Our two sons Harlan and Homer and Robbie Murdock left for Clinton Co. at an early hour this morning to make a little visit Mr Mc and Mr Charlie Driscol left at an early hour for the London Sale. Fred left alone to look after everything. The painter and the carpenter busy. Fred at Mrs Ps with the clothes. This Eve he went to C - and brought Fannie home I have been so worrisome to day that I had to have Fred go after Fannie Riley Little came home with them and is here this Eve - Mr Mc and Mr D - did not get home til after night. They took dinner at Mr John Mitchels and tea at Mr [illegible], They report a delightful day. John [illegible] here and settled up.

3 Aug. Wed. Quite a bright warm day, The thermometer in the nineties Fannie drove up for Fanny C - this morning Jimmie C - brought Earl Caldwell here this morning. We have had a busy busy day. Mrs Linson? And son Earl? stopped with us for dinner and tea as they were passing home from London. Mr Charlie Driscol still with us to day and to night again. Fannie C - and Earl with us till after dinner when they went with Fred to the sheep pasture! Earl with us to night - so also is Rily Little. Our painter working on the carriage and Express Wagon. Our Carpenter at the plank fence on the pike. Mrs Conner? Called to see Fanny C - this P.M. Fanny and our Fanny at the sewing, All here at tea although too tired for comfort we tried to have everything pleasant as pleasant could be. This Eve Mr Mc and Mr Driscol at C -

4 Aug Thurs. Heavy rain this P.M. Fred and Earl C - left for the Wilson sheep pasture this morning stopped in C - and took Jimmie C - with them They took dinner at Aunt Jennettes as they came home. Mr Driscol and Rily L - left us this morning. Our painter

Wm R. Smith who came here the 1<sup>st</sup> of July left us this afternoon. He carried away \$14.00 & some odd cents with him for his service Fanny C - and our Fanny at the Sewing. Our carpenter at the fence. Mr Mc around home all day. Everything very quiet and we enjoy the quiet. We miss Harlan and Homer the whole day long. We miss them every way and every where. Flora at her work -

5 Aug. Friday, Fanny C - at the sewing. Fred Miller, the carpenter, at the fence and fixing the pump across the pike. Flora at her work, Fannie expected? to have gone To Osborn to day but failed to get off. I have not been well all day, Fred at Piggs for clothes. This P.M. This afternoon Uncle Silas called when going to the sheep pasture. On yesterday P.M, He and Uncle David here a little while. This Eve all at home Late this P.M - Jack Stretcher around, I have had a lonely day with out the boys.

6 Aug Sat. Most a lovely day Flora and Clara at C - this morning at mill. Fred at John Wrights pasture and brought sheep home. Our good boys, Harlan and Homer came home from their visit - to Clinton Co, this morning a little after ten. They came past Uncle Johns and left Robbie there. Earl Caldwell came up with them from Great Aunt Rachels - here for dinner and Homer and Harlan took him down to town to go to London on the evening train - They were not together very long. The carpenter at the fence. At a late hour Mr Mc and our three daughters Fannie, Clara, and Florence and I went down to Uncle Silas's and Aunt Mollies to dinner. We met grandmother Uncle David and Aunt Mary Uncle John and Aunt May, Lizzie and Anna Belle and Aunt Bell and her three girls there - Uncle David leaves on next Monday for Minnesota. I called to see Rosa McMillan this Eve. Fannie staid and went out riding with Aunt Mollie and stopped out at Aunt Nancys and staid all night. Fanny C - here sewing to day. Homer and Clayton took her home. Mr Mc took sheep up To shepherds pasture this Eve.

7 Aug. Sabb. Rather cool to day, Homer and Florence and Fred Miller, the carpenter at home. Fred Harlan Clara and Clayton and Jason at Sabbath School. Flora rode down as far as town to spend the day with Laura Balts, She will be home this Eve. Mr Mc and I at church - sermon grand - It carried [illegible] away up there text "Then said David to the Philistine, Thou comest to me with a sword and with a spear, and with a shield, but I come to thee in the name of the Lord of hosts, the God of the armies of Israel, whom thou hast defied" We have here a striking picture of the great irrepressible conflict that is going on between light and darkness and right and wrong. Wherein lies the power

of the church of the living God. It consists in the loyalty? of its members. What we need to make us courageous and victorious and invincible is to be called and consecrated to the work of the Lord. What we need to overcome and triumph in the conflict is greater resting and trusting in the all powerful one. In proportion to our nearness to God will be our triumph and success The power and presence of God was in David's sling and in Moses rod. The power of the church lies in the use of the simple means that God has prepared. Conformity to the world always cripples the church. The power of the church also lies in the direct personal effort of its members when God needs some important work to be done he does not go out among the idlers or loafers but he goes to those who are actively engaged and interested in their work. When he wanted a Man? to lead the children of Israel across or out of Egypt he chose Moses who was keeping his father in laws sheep. When he wanted a Prophet to take the place of Elijah he sent found him plowing with five yoke of Oxen. When Jesus called his disciples he found them busy fishing upon the coasts of Galilee Now if we are to be called to an important place let us be faithful let us be busy let us do good as we have opportunity. Faithfulness makes life grand in any department in this Christians field.

This P.M. At four O'clock The Young Folks had their first meeting for prayer, in our church. Fannie Fred and Harlan attended it. Flora spent the day at Batts with Laura. This Eve spent with the children at home.

8 Aug. Monday Quite a nice day but cool, Fannie and Clara and Florence at C - this morning Clara invited Anna Bell Murdock Blanch and Mary Erwin And Mannie Blair and Lulu and Jimmie Morton and Daisy Guy to tea Wednesday Evening. They brought Rily Little home with them - he began working at the sheep this Afternoon. Mr Mc around home all day, Our Carpenter at the fence Mr [illegible] called this afternoon with a [illegible] attachment this afternoon for our Domestic He was up to see Fannie? Comner? this P.M. This Eve The Carpenter, Harlan and Rily L - at C - to night.

9 Aug. Tuesday, Quite a delightful day. This morning Mrs Allie Barber called and took Fannie to the picnic at Dayton - They left on the half past eight and returned at half past ten to night. Mr Mc up at Tim? Smiths this morning, and left near noon for Xenia took dinner at Uncle Silass and he went to X - with him, This afternoon at two O'clock Homer and I attended the Bible Society at our church - Had an address from and a nice speech from Mr J.C. McMillan. After the meeting we took tea at grandmother Murdocks I called at Aunt Janes and Mr Mortons -

Aunt Bell and family were over at Dayton to day, I called to speak to Mrs Batts - did not get home till near dark - I met Fred riding down to C - with Millie Mc and Rily and Harlan rode down together - they went to see the train come in. Harlan went out to Uncle Johns a few minutes. Then Fannie came, she was too tired for comfort Harlan at Aunt Janes with Fred.

10 Aug. Wednesday. Most a delightful day. Fred at Wilsons to see the sheep - [illegible] Caldwell went with him and came home with him to dinner. While they were away Jimmie C - went over to Clifton to see Mrs Johnston. Jack Stretcher and Uncle Silas and Ralph and Mr Wm Uleric? Here for dinner with Mr Mc Part of the crowd repairing pump at Pump house. Homer at C - this A. M. Rily failed to come back last night but came this morning This afternoon Fred out at the Kyle and Jackson Picnic - it was held in grove opposite Our old school house. Rily went with him as far as C - they were home before dark again. This Eve - we had Larlan? and Fannie Morton and Daisy Prey and Uncle Silas [illegible] Aunt Mollie and Ralph and Luna? and Aunt Bell and her three daughters were all here for tea - Homer took the girls a little ride out this P.M. in our buggy. Mr Mc rode out with Mr Wm Uleric there - Harlan and Clayton out there also to see the ponnys? - of Wm U's. Jennie Morton staid with Clara to night, Miss Mannie Blair were many our guests this Eve. Mr Mc returned in time for a six Oclock tea, Fannie has been to the front all day in the kitchen. She and Rily at Selma and brought Fanny C - down this eve to be ready for sewing in the morning. We had quite a pleasant afternoon and Eve - A nice supper - Fannie made ice lemonade - So another day has gone.

11 Aug, Thurs, Quite A nice day, Rily and the boys at the sheep - Homer at C - this A.M - The carpenter finished fence on the pike and began working on repairs on barn. I have been busy ironing to day. Mr Charlie Driscol and his friend Mr [illegible] and Mr Rodgers and Jim? Caldwell Jennie Morton and Rily L - and Fanny C and our carpenter and Flora and all of our family here for dinner Mr Mc around home all day. Fannie C - and our Fannie at the sewing. Homer and Clara took Jim Caldwell and Jennie Morton home - Jennie made different arrangements and came back with Clara to make a more extended visit.

12 Aug Friday, Quite a beautiful day, Homer at C - this morning and brought a letter from Fanny [illegible] she can not come for a week or two. Mr Mc around home all day, Uncle Bigham and Aunt Jennette Mr North of Xenia and Rily L - and Fanny C - and our carpenter Jemmie Morton with us for dinner. Flora at her place in the kitchen and so is some of the rest of the family! This

Eve Fannie and Rily drove over in Mr Kens buggy to Jamestown to see Aunt Jannies?. They had a grand time they found her at Dr Pans. Harlan took Aunt Jane to Xenia today.

13 Aug, Sat Quite a beautiful day, All up at an early hour on yesterday eve, Fred and Homer and Clara and Jennie Morton took Fanny C home to Selma. Fred at Clifton to see sheep - Rily went home this morning Harlan and Homer at C - for lumber Flora rode out yesterday Eve home again in a little [illegible]. Mr Mc and Fannie left for Osborn to visit Mr P.P, Johnston this morning=, When they reached Mr [illegible] they learned that our good friend Mr P.P. Johnston had died at three Oclock on Thursday afternoon and his funeral to day at 10 Oclock. They went as far as the Springs hoping to reach there in time but finding could not they retraced their steps came in past Uncle Bighams between one and two Oclock - took dinner there when they came to Cedarville they drove out to Uncle Johns took tea there - Fannie staid all night with Lizzie Mr Mc reached home a little after dark, Homer at C - this morning. This Eve Harlan and Clara took Jennie Morton home. The fact that Mr Johnston is dead makes me sad - Truly the "Saddest words of tongue or pen the saddest are these "it might have been"

"It might have been" we could have seen and enjoyed more of Mr Johnstons company this last year than what we have done. Yes, and saddest of all, we might have gone to see him and made the last hours of his life more pleasant if we had only made the effort - I am sure we would have gone if we had known he would leave us so soon.

14 Aug Sabb Quite a nice day, Fred and Clara and Florence at home with the Carpenter and Flora at home, Harlan Homer Clayton and Jason at Sabbath school. Fannie there and came home with us this Eve. Mr Mortons text "And the people murmured against Moses, saying, what shall we drink? And he cried unto the Lord, and the Lord showed him a tree, which when he had cast into the water the waters were made sweet" See verse proceeding the text "and when they came to Marah, they could not drink of the waters of Marah for they were bitter, therefore the name of it was called Marah." We have here a chapter of rich Christian experience. We can look into this text we see a picture of our selves when passing through this world. The subject of this text is bitter water sweetened. How the Lord makes the bitter things in life agreeable and pleasant. The water that was so bitter that they could not drink it was made sweet nourishing. In life we meet with many bitter trials and sorrows. We must expect this - and we need not expect the sorrows and disappointments of life taken away - but we may expect the Lord to sweeten them. This is

the leading of Job There shall be light in the cloud. It is the teaching of the Bible that at the Evening time it shall be light. The Sweetest foretaste We have of heaven here are these experiences in the dark days of adversity - If it were not for bitter water, we would not know what sweet water is. If it were not for the trials and the dark days of life we would not know so well the value of religion and the sustaining grace of God. Gold is pure - tried by fire - Fiery trials make Christians golden Now what are some of the bitter waters of life? Well the losses and crosses of life are bitter water - some times we have bitterness in our souls - sometimes in our homes - sometimes our dwelling places are not the abode of peace and love. When we take these bitter waters to God he shows us a tree which when we cast into the waters they are made sweet. God and Christ and the blessed Spirit and the angels come down and we have heaven in our home. This tree which God shows us - is the love of God - the love of Jesus - the love and blessing of the holy Spirit. The introduction of Sin into the world were sweetened and called forth the song of redeeming love - The death of Christ was bitter water - a bitter night the darkest of sorrow of suffering of horror the world ever saw - So-it-was a night of triumph and of victory it called forth the glorious songs and anthems of the redeemed! In our own experience all along our journey we find that the bitter waters have been sweetened. And at the close of our journey the bitter water of death have been sweetened. In the Lords chemistry there is a solvent by which even the bitter waters of death have been made sweet. The Lord throws some of the healing leaves into the stream, When Moses came to the bitter waters of death he found them sweetened. The Lord showed him a tree He gave him a glimpse of the thing in his beauty and the land that lieth afar of, When Stephen came to the waters of death he showed him a tree the gates of the celestial city was left ajar he saw Jesus - standing waiting to receive him Now in the trials and sorrows of life we would have comfort we must realize our condition we must cry to God and lay hold on that which he has prepared and promised us. Let us live near the throne -

This afternoon seemed very short - Fannie Fred and Homer attended the Young folks prayer meeting at our church - Caryice? Morton appointed to lead the meeting. Subject "But one thing is needful: And Mary hath chosen that good part, which shall not be taken away from her." At half past seven Rev J.M. Foster preached at the New hall Harlan and Mr Mc attended so also did the prayer meeting folks The carpenter here Clara Clayton Jason And Florence and I. Flora went down with the folks to C - this eve spent with the little ones.

15 Aug Monday, Appearance of rain last night and to day but no rain fell. Mr Luce called this morning. Homer at town and brought Flora home. Fannie sweeping and putting up stairs in order - J.R. Hill And nephew here for dinner - Mr Mc and all of us here also. The carpenter working on barn and this afternoon Homer at Leffels to see about the sheep going back. Mr Mc at Selma. Uncle Silas called. This Eve Fred and Fannie down at town and brought Riley L up with them. No, he is to come in the morning. Leffel took sheep away again today.

16 Aug Tuesday. Most a delightful day, Uncle John and Robbie brought their wool up this morning and remained with us till after dinner. Proff. J. P. McMillan and his wife and Mother here for dinner Rily L - came up this morning and here also. All of the children around with the company in the front yard. They were invited to Mr Mortons to tea - left here at five Oclock. After supper Fannie and Rily at C - and at Dillas. Mr Mc and Harlan at Selma. Homer at C - this P.M. A note from Matt Clark informed us that she and her bro and co - would be here tomorrow Eve. A man off the pike - stopping with us to night and perhaps will be here for a few days - The carpenter putting up fence in vicinity of old barn. Mr Wm Uleric called this afternoon. Uncle Silas called also. Flora and I very busy - Fannie and Clara busy also. Everything unusually pleasant here to day. This has been a bright happy day surely.

17 Aug. Wed. Almost constant rain all day. Everything at a standstill Mr Mc and Rily and our boys resting today. This afternoon Fred took Rily L to C and around a little. [illegible] This Eve Mr Mc called at George Smiths and saw Mr Wm Wade and family. This Eve Mr Wm Clark and sister Mollie and Mr Baker and Miss Matthews drove out from Xenia to see Fannie - having been at the Cliffs and We made it convenient to treat them to a nice supper - We prepared it all after they came - Our own family enjoyed it also. Rily L here and with us tonight. Fannie and I up till a late hour after the company went away getting Fannies things ready for her to go in the early train for Xenia -

18 Aug. Thurs. Most a delightful day - Rily and Harlan and Homer drove out to the fair? took Fannie down to the early train to Xenia - Nettie Little and Mary Caldwell rode over with our folks to Jamestown to the fair. Fred went over to Wilsons to see the sheep - he was away nearly all day. Mr Mc and Willie Mc called at Forbes this A.M - and drove over to the late home of Mr P.P. Johnstons - staid there for tea Met Mrs Johnston, Maggie and part of the boys at home in the Evening. This afternoon Clara and Clayton went up and staid with Aunt Jane awhile while Uncle

Dan and the girls were at the fair - I took Florence to C - with me this P.M. took tea with grandmother and Aunt Mary. I met - Mr Morton there - Aunt Bell also. The carpenter busy. Flora and Jason Here alone this P.M. Harlan at C - this morning early to make arrangements with Uncle Silas to attend the fair but failed. The boys say Fannie came out to the fair from Xenia this P.M. with Mary Porter and Co.

19 Aug. Friday, Quite a nice day again. Fred and Clara took Aunt Jane Blanch Ervin Jennie Morton and Rily Little with them over to the fair. Mr Mc went over near noon in Aunt Rachels buggy. Bob Mc rode over with him. They returned near dark - having had a nice day Homer at C - this P.M. - talking up a company to go in Cayill Morton furniture wagon - to Selma tomorrow to the prohibition meeting. Harlan looking after things a little. Flora around in the kitchen all day. Everything quiet around here to day. Mr Mc had a nice time with sister Jennie. Mc and Mr and Mrs Adams our carpenter on the sick list to day.

20 Aug. Sat Most a delightful day in our history. Harlan and Homer left at an early hour for C - and gathered up a crowd in Morton and McMillans furniture wagon and drove up in state to the Proud Prohibition Meeting at Selma near the Quaker church. Mr and Mrs Morton and Aunt Matt and Rosa Edgeworth were in the wagon - the rest were little folks - such as Mortons girls Ervin Dasy Grey - there were about            in the number. Aunt Jane rode up as far as here and staid with Florence and Flora. The carpenter at work. Fred and            over at Clifton to see sheep. Mr Mc and Clayton and Jason and I went up in [?]. Clara rode up in wagon. We had quite a large time at dinner we spread our dinner with Proff McMillans and his mothers family and Mr Sam Crowell, Mr Mc brought Proff..Price and his friend Mr Wm Uleric. Mr Millener Wm Wade, late of Missouri, and Robert McClellan Rev Mr Baily and last of all Mr Tom Fagan with him to dine. I invited Mr and Mrs Morton Rosa Edgeworth and Aunt Matt - The little folks spread their table by themselves. Speeches for this afternoon Rev J. M. Foster and Rev Hughs Late of Ledilan - speeches fine music fine - Everything delightful. This afternoon a great many there. This eve Mr Wm Uleric and Mr Wellener here for tea Fred took Aunt Jane and Flora home. This ended a busy day and also a busy week. We recd. [received] a letter from Fannie this Eve She is still at Xenia -

21 Aug. Sabb Quite a pleasant day. Fred Harlan Clara Clayton and Jason at Sabbath School. Mr Mc and I at church. Homer taking care of Florence and the carpenter here with them. Mr Mortons text "And when he had made a scourge of small cords, he drove

them all out of the temple, and the sheep, and the oxen; and poured out the changers money, and overthrew the tables; and said unto them that sold doves, take these things hence Subject Christ cleansing the temple" Christ purified hearts - homes - and churches that are dedicated to himself. Do you know that Christ claims your hearts as his dwelling place. What is it that defiles these heart temples that Jesus comes to purify. Selfishness and covetousness is displeasing to him. If our hearts were prepared for the Lords coming all jealousy and selfishness and evil speaking. Christ allows no sin to have a permanent place in the hearts of his children. Christ drives these sins out and purifies our hearts by the word and by the means of grace - but when these fail he trys other means He sends us trials and sorrow and afflictions. At four Oclock Fred, Harlan and Homer at the Young Folks prayer meeting - At a later hour they attended meeting at the New Hall subject Sabbath Observance - Rev Baily of Clifton preached. I heard the little ones catechisms this Eve.

22 Aug. Monday Quite a nice day. Homer at C - this morning and brought Flora and Rily L out. Uncle John here this A.M. "Our Business" Harlan and Fred working the roads. Mrs Kelly around. After dinner Rily L - drove the Pony out to Mr Thomilsons home again in time for tea - and then he went back again to C - on business of his own. Fred and Harlan at town a very few minutes to see Aunt Jane about going to Springfield - The Carpenter rode down with them. Mr Mc and Jason at the Luce Sheep pasture - they met Proff Mc and wife as they were calling at Rev Baily in Clifton. I have been putting up grape jelly to day.

23 Aug. Tuesday, Quite a nice day - Our Carpenter at fence and gate repairing. Harlan at C - for a load of Tin from the old Clean? House. Clayton rode down with Harlan Mr Mc at Selma this morning home in time for dinner. This afternoon He and Jack Stretcher attended Daniel Lawrence - for a sale - Harlan and Fred at the meeting this Eve - Homer and I there this afternoon. He staid at home and kept Florence for me to night while Mr Mc and I attended the meeting again. This Eve address by Rev Hughs. We met Mr Price there - We certainly had one of the grandest Temperance meetings in the hall tonight that we have ever had. The order could not have been better - Every boy and girl in the audience gave good attention. Young Will P Hale addressed the meeting this P.M. There were four of the speakers and singers in Company - and done their own singing. When we came home Florence and all asleep.

24 Aug Wed. Quite a nice day. George Smith here this morning looking at cattle. Mr Mc and I at Springfield We met Fannie there She came over, there from Xenia yesterday morning - I stopped with Maggie Stuart. We did not get to Springfield till one O'clock. Fannie and I sat at Baumgarders for Photography this P.M. I called to see Dr Rodgers also Dr Ramsy the dentist - Mr Mc and Fannie were at Murphys Fannie got a new dress. We took tea with Mrs Stuart - met her sister from Urbana there also Miss Sabin. This was the day of the Barber picnic. Met at Mr John Barbers. Fred and Harlan there this afternoon - Homer at Robbie Pallnettlles? watermelon patch to night - Staying all night there. Flora and Clara Keeping home and taking care of Florence - Rily L - here this eve and drove out at our expense. Fannie came home with us to night. Fred, the carpenter, at work

25 Aug. Thursday, Most a beautiful day. All up at an early hour this morning Mr Sam Bull called. Mr Mc on Committee at Springfield fair to day. He and Rily L - and Fred and Harlan drove up in buggy. Homer at Selma on errand. Flora rode up with him but was too late for the picnic and came home again. Rily L - here last night. The Carpenter at work. Mr Cavenders in vicinity of Uncle Dans moved yesterday. Mr Cobe Stuart of Clifton and Mr Henry Kyle called today, Fannie and Clara prepared the dinner to day, I have been working button holes on [illegible] nearly all day. Homer very busy watching hogs from off the railroad most of the day. This afternoon Fannie and Clayton at Cedarville a little while. The folks came home after night - were cold? - the fire feels pleasant, I prepared them a lunch - coffee and Mr Mc met Mrs Loy at her home when passing. Emma and her husband have moved to Georgia. Mollies daughter is married. The fair grounds crowded to day. Fannie brought Aunt Jane and Mary Caldwell out to be ready to go to Springfield in the morning. They are [b?] for [] in Cedarville all days.

26 Aug. Friday, Quite a gloomy day, Fred Homer, Clara and Aunt Jane and Mary C went to Springfield - they were out at the fair grounds part of the time. They came home by way of Cedarville - Mr Mc up at Sivers to day - found his flock in a sad condition. Harlan around home all day looking after things - The Carpenter at the granary. Rily L - around all day, Fannie cut out her new dress. This Eve She and Rily at C - and called at Della's - Della was expecting company. Clayton and Jason around home with Florence. Shirly hogs have the cholera. On the 5<sup>th</sup> of this month Julia Harbison died at her late home in Indian territory was buried on the spot she selected for her grave.

27 Aug. Sat. Cool - bright sunshine. The Carpenter busy. Mr Mc and all the boys busy looking after things all day. Fred at town this morning a few minutes on an errand. Rily around as usual. This afternoon he and Fannie at town staid till the five Oclock train came in with Miss Fannie Graham of Monmouth who is visiting at Xenia - After ten they called at Mr Browns - Mr Uleric called this Eve - they were up at the pasture to look at sheep, - Flora and I have had a busy afternoon and till late this Eve.

28 Aug, Sabb. Quite a nice day - but cool. Fannie, Fred, Clayton and Jason and Miss Fannie Graham and Homer at Sabbath School. Homer rode down on the Ponny Mr Mc and I at church - Mr Mortons text "Sanbalat and Geshem sent unto me saying, Come down let us meet together in some one of the villages in the plain, And sent messengers unto them saying, I am doing a great work so that I cannot come down to you." To deceive has ever been one of Satins [Satans] plans to deceive the church - and the world. Conformity to the world or coming down to a level with it has paved the way and opened the door to all the errors that have crept into the church. The church is the grand elevater of the Universe. It lifts poor depraved humanity from the depths of wickedness and sets their feet upon the rock of ages. Nehemiah had the presence and protection and blessing of the Lord. His life and work is a picture of our life and battle and if we meet the enemy as he did we also shall come off victorious. This eve at four Oclock Fannie Fred Homer and Miss Fannie Graham went to the Young Folks Prayer meeting they also attended Rev Mr Wrights sermon on "Sabbath Observance" at the New hall at five Oclock. Mr Mc and Harlan there too. Flora here all day and took care of the kitchen. Harlan and Clara and Florence at home to day - The carpenter also. I spent this eve with Clayton and Jason and Clara.

29 Aug Monday, Bright sunshine but cool. Mr Mc and Homer at Sivers today, Fred at C - this A.M. Rily Little came home with him - here for dinner with Miss Graham and J.R. Hill and Miss Graham and Fannie at Selma this morning and brought Fanny Corners? down to help make her new dress. This afternoon Fannie and Rily entertaining Miss Graham after tea they took her down to the Six Oclock train She will spend the night with Dr McDills in Xenia. Mr Mc and Homer did not return till after night. They spent a full day on the sheep -

30 Aug Tuesday. Quite a bright day. This morning Rily L - and I went down to the nine Oclock train to meet Proff McMillan and wife when they came from Xenia - The Proff rode out to his

Mothers with us - Mrs Proff rode out with Uncle Silas. We went in and saw his mother and After awhile - made arrangements for Mr and Mrs Proff to come and take tea with us this Eve. When we came back to C - I made a short call at Aunt Janes and grandmothers. Mr Mc around home all day. This afternoon Fred over at Clifton to see sheep he also called to see Mr Wm Uleric. This eve Mr and Mrs Proff McMillan here for tea - Rily and Fannie went to Xenia to Mary Porters this eve to meet friends that are invited there. Our company staid with Mr Mc and I till eight Oclock - we had a pleasant evening with them. Late and all Mr Mc and Harlan drove over to Mr Wm Ulerics after they went away - Fannie C. here.

31 Aug. Wednesday. The Last day of Summer. Fred took Mr Mc and Homer to the nine Oclock train to go up to the state-fair at Columbus. When he came back he brought grandmother Murdock with him to spend the day. Fanny C - here sewing, Fannie busy too, Flora in the kitchen - The Carpenter making plank fence along the lane to the railroad. This afternoon I took grandmother with me up to Selma to see Proff Waley. We want Fred and Harlan to go there to school this year. We also drove out to Mr Kitchens but he was not at home - I met his daughter. Jim Caldwell here - he and Fred took an easy dinner and drove over to Wilsons to see the sheep. After tea Rily L and Clara and Florence and I took grandmother home - Rily has been with us all day but concluded to remain in town to night. I met Fred in C - coming from the pasture I concluded to stay at Janes at their prayer meeting - And wait till Mr Mc and Homer would come down from the fair. I stopped at Mr Mortons and invited him and the Madam to dine with us Friday but they thought it best not to come till times would be more quiet at our house. Clara and I stopped for the clothes at Mrs P - we owe her a new acct \$1.50 - I have been nearly sick with cold last night and to day and to night I am no better but rather worse. I guess I will not wait - for Mr Mc and the boys to come. Fanny C - here as usual.