

Martha McMillan Journal 1873
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[Header:New Years Day 1873]

I cannot but copy at the beginning of these days the words of a writer for the The New Years which are as followed:___

The past has gone from us never to return. The future his before us sure as the...and dim snow, we choose to make it so, [?] black and turbid as the [?] ocean, Ours The Choice!

This pure life is only obtained through our abiding faith in Jesus and [?] of his holy influence we can not live in happiness peace and Contentment. The mass intimate lives will become & indifferent to us if we do not melt the piece which has gathered about them in the warm rays of the sun of righteousness.

Who of us does not need more of this spirit of this spirit; a more realizing sense of fool's love to us, as the great sauce of this affection to one another.

The year which is passed is covered with sin and sorrow, grief and graves, Joy[?] and woes. Can not we [?] the experiences of the past, so that in these year upon which we are now entering, we may live purer and bright lives and may reap a richer harvest.

God grant that we may choose that better part which shall not be taken from us.

1 January. Wed. Ground frozen this morning. Not busy cold sleighing still good. Sam Swarrie helping Jamie with the feeding. Mrs Jame's little girls here helping wash dishes. Father brother sister Mary and cousin Bell together with Sis and Jane [redacted] Jennette here talking a New year's dinner with us. Bro David Torrences family was invited but could not come. The day passed very pleasantly the eve Jamie took Jenneth and Matt back in the sleigh- Jame staid with us tonight jammie came back after dark Fannie sleeping with Aunt Jane on the Lounger our boys and Papa and I took the other bed.

2 January. Thursday Raining most of the day. This is the great day of our Butchering. Sister Betsy here keeping us company. Sister Jane Lizzie Lake Nan Tracey and old Mrs Allen here helping. Bro Hugh came from his trip to London on last night. Silas horse still missing and not heard of yet. Bro hugh with us today helping together with John Mitchel Sr. [?] of [?] Allen Jones & Dan Servant's "Mrs jamie" around superintending. All the men and women here for dinnger__ afternoon Mrs Palhearth called and took Lizzie Lake & sister Betsy home__ Nan Tracy

& Mrs. Allen went away also, then work being done. John Mitchel went away as Hugh's Jirsommic [?] took his place__ [?] bags on the block in the wood shed to be cart of. The men in for supper by lamp light after which all our men went away but Allen who remained to assist us awhile. This evening a man who was stopping with Mary Little for a walk and so left. An early train very unexpectedly with their Silver vase [?] to the of Seventy dollar they attended him to Columbus & we canned their goods and have brought [?] home to take his chances--for the penitentiary.

[Along inside edge: Sammie Smith Called this morning.]

3 of jan. Friday. Pleasant Jamie around home all day. Dan. S out handling corn. Sister jane around the kitchen dept. Old Mrs Allen & Son Jimmie here helping me with our work. Have their fires built on in the wood shed. Eve bro Hugh came. He is with us tonight Dan S. sick but has been in bed all afternoon Mrs. Allen and her son staid their late tonight.

4 Jan. Sat. Pleasant. Sister Jane old Mrs Allen & her son Jimmie and Mrs Jones here helping to finish our business. Dan S. went away this morning ot see the doctor a something else Bro Hugh and Jamie looking after the sheep. After dinner took Jamie's wagon with a load of sheep our home. After supper Jamie took Sister jane down home__ Bro Hugh [?] After dark with the wagon and went back home. [?] cool & and windy tonight.

5 Jan. Sabb. Snowing most of the day. Papa and Fannie at church. Fred and Harlan at home with mama. Papa and Fannie returned at three had Sermon this Afternoon by Mr Rossetten [?] of the American Christian Union. Had Collection lifted for his cause to which James's gave five dollars. Raised [space] for him. Had Sermon this afternoon by Mr. Morton. Eve all at home around the fire.

6 Jan. monday. Bright sunshine. quite pleasant. Jamie around home all day. Old Mrs Allen here at work. Sister Jane came over in Willie's wagon when he drove down to school. Around helping me fine over a lounge in the dining room & about four she went back home Jamie brought his sheep from Wright's pasture this afternoon. Aunt Ivie Lemmec [?] came this eve and took her position in the kitchen. After supper Bro Hugh came over__ he is staying with us tonight. Fred not very well I sat over with him might to give him his warm founders. Jamie back not feeling very strong.

7 of January Tuesday. The day been [?] rather massive. Jones attending to the feeding. Aunt Ivie attending to the work in the House. Old Mrs Allen here walking by humming. Jamie and Brother Hugh up at London at the monthly Steel Sale. Went in Jame's spring wagon reached home at 8 O clock tonight. Quite pleasant but if doors bright moon light of Sat-Supper for them After they came. The are in fine spirits as they have had quite a pleasant day. They found Sila's horse it was at Steph Phipher's it reached there the Saturday eve After he lost it. Jamie with them. Phipher left for Cleveland tonight to visit his daughter Annie who is there at School. Hugh went back home After supper Old [?] Marshall called and spent awhile with me this Afternoon.

8 of Jan. Wed. cold. Mrs Jones here washing. Allen from Dan's house here chopping. Aunt Ivie in the kitchen attending to business. Old Mrs Allen brought me down quite a amount of different herbs for [redacted]. Jamie around all forenoon. After dinner Mrs. Jones [?] over the kitchen. Jamie went down town this Afternoon it is quite cold and very windy. Jamie came back in time for supper.

9 of Jan Thursday. Very cold. Preaching at our church today. All of us at home around the fire. Aunt Ivie did not have dinner till near four. Jamie at home all day. Allen here this eve doing some work in the meat house. I [?]by the "Great Light' that Capt Jos. H. Ballard formerly of the 75 O.V.I. died very suddenly at mason Twonn on New year's day. His remains were interred in the cemetery at Jamestown on the following Saturday.

10 of Jan Friday. Still cold. Allen here chopping wood. Mrs Jones here churning Aunt Ivie in the Kitchen. Dan S. took his trunk to John Johnsons this morning. Bro Hugh and Jamie left for Springfield this Afternoon. John Johnson went with them. Allen here for dinner. Jones feeding__ Old Jenny Lind quite sick Jones gave her medicine this eve. After seven Jamie and Hugh returned. Hugh went back home tonight. He is very clean out of doors as the moon is shining brightly. Old Jenny Lind one of the Old Carriage horses which father McMillan drove, died tonight between elven and 12 O clock. She had near twenty four years of age.

11 of Jan Sat. Not quite so cold. Snowing this forenoon Jamie looking After things all morning. Jones attending to the feeding aunt Ivie in the kitchen. After dinner I peeked Fannie's basket and let her go down with Uncle Dan to Aunt Jones to stay all night and go with Aunt Matt to Sabbath service tomorrow. Papa went over to town Spensers to see about one of his fine Kams which died there yesterday morning. From there he went ot C- to Harrison;s mill and from there home. Fannie

very proud of her own Scarlet bonnet which Pap brought her from Springfield last night__

12 of Jan Sabb. Quite a change in the weather. Very mild and pleasant today. Papa and Fred and I at church. Left Harlan at home with Aunt Fire. Fannie at church when we went. Had live Sermons by Mr Marton. At the close of the services Mr. Marton announced the death of Rev William S. Kratter [?] he died on yesterday morning & is to be buried tomorrow at two. After preaching Fred came home with us. Fannie went back home with Aunt Jane. At seven O clock this eve we attended preaching at the K. P. church. Left Harlan at home with Aunt Fire and Rhodenn Jones who came over to stay with her while we were gone. Took Fred down to James. Left him with her and Aunt Matt & Fannie, Jannette at preaching. Quite a [?] her there had sermon by a young Seatel man here [?] I "who hath believed our report" After preaching went down for Fannie & Fred but they were both asleep and had leave them. Mrs. Coopan stopping with them to night.

13 of Jan Monday quite gloomy. Rather warm this evening and raining a little. Jones feeding Allen here helping James Ivie with the wool [?] [?] the barn. Nathan Logan hauling Corer and in for dinner. Alen here till After night. Jamie at home all day.

14 of Jan Tuesday appear [?] [?] wild and gloomy Jamie's around all forenoon looking over things. Jones feeding. Aunt Ivie Baking. Harlan appears quite bored now without fannie & Fred. After dinner papa and baby Harlan & I drove down to town. Just as we were starting, John, [?] bro John & William Stuart drove over they are out raising money to repaint the church. Jamie [?] had a hundred dollars [?] Little anne over to see Jamie also, when we went drove o Aune Jane Fannie and Fred seemed glad to see us but especially to see Harlan Jamie stopped a little there and went on to [?] I took fred around to the Barbers and got his haircut. Called around brought every sewing machine from Sam Walkers shop. She had supper, about dusk Jamie returned from [?] he came by way of Doc Jobs [?]. As soon as we had supper we came on home. Brought Fannie and Fred with us. He laid on us all the way home.

15 of Jan. Wed. Very Mild. Still thawing. Thrashing at the dawned to day. Jamie sent Joe Brown and Nath Logan to help. Aunt Perie busy in the kitchen Mrs Jones here was [illegible] After dinner Robert Triss dad drove out 148 Sheep at five dollar per head. Jones not feeling well. Lat in the afternoon Jannie drove over to [?] remains of Jon Supper came home of to night. Aunt Ivie and I baking & preparing for having the thrasher. Aunt Ivie down spending the evening with Mrs Jones by the Creek.

This is the sixth anniversary of our wedding tonight. The years all bright. Our home all bright the star of hope and love still shining with lustre and undiminished. For the lamp of love which burneth in the our heart is lit with heavenly fire and shall burn on and on forever.

16 of Jan. Thursday. Raining most of the time. Jamie around feeding all forenoon. Also Moivling called to see the wool took dinner with us just as we were through eating father came and was here for dinner. Jimmie Allen here in the wood shed and got dinner when his time came. Sister Jane came over with Sam [?] this morning stopped a little and went down to Sister Betsy's James at home all day.

17 of Jan. Friday. Bright gloomy. Aunt Ivie sewing and attending to dinner. Jones sick today and superintending. Nathan is taking his place at the feeding Allen here this Afternoon in the wood shed Chipping jammie around here all day.

18 of Jan. Sat. Getting colder. Joe Brown here feeding as Jones is sick. After an early dinner James left for Xenia to attend a meeting of the Agricultural Board. Aunt Maire went to her home. Sister Jane went with him to Xenia. Joe Brown and Allen here for Supper. James came back After dark.

19 of Jan Sabbath. Cold. Jamie went to church above Breana [?] Fannie Fred & baby Harlan at home. Had only our Sermon by Mr Morton as the congregation was very small today. Had dinner at three- eat in the back sitting room by the fire.

20 of Jan Monday. Blowing & snowing. Cold. James and Joe Brown attending to the feeding. Bro Hugh rode over today and came in with them for dinner. Afternoon Jamie out with Brown. [?] James around the fire with us all. Harlan not very well yesterday or today his first tooth showed itself today.

21 of Jan tuesday. Blowing A little raining and snowing a little. Towards evening much colder. Jame's around at his feeding all forenoon Jones still sick assisted by Nathan as he is sick too. Afternoon Joe Brown came. Sam Barber called just as we were at dinner and came out and sat with us. Afterward he and Jame's attended to Some little business Eve Jones and Jame's down at town. Brought Aunt Ivie over tonight Joe Brown helping this P.M.

22 of Jan Wed. quite pleasant today. Rather mild. Aunt Ivie in the Kitchen Mrs Jones here washing Thrashin at Marshalls today. [?]

receiving our machine. Brown there helping Nath helping with the feeding today. Our Ivie and Smith Brick here for dinner and with us tonight. James around all day looking After things. Quiet gloomy this Afternoon Allen Jones fans horse here this eve toko supper here he & Smith Brick with us around the fire.

23 Jan. Thursday Snowing and Stroming all day. With Sam & Bricks assistance we moved the kitchen stove in the dining room. Nath feeding or standing around I don't know which. Afternoon Mr Broadstone, our teacher from the school house called. Jame's out all day looking After things. After dinner S. Brick left [?] Eve We left Fannie and Fred with Aunt Ivie and took baby Harlan with us to Farm Crowfords. We drove over in the sleigh. The sleighing very good tonight. Had to just a pleasant evening. [?] Mills from clinton County, and Mr & Mrs [?] currie there the teacher Mr Broadstone is boarding there. When we came back Fannie & Fred had both retired & Aunt Ivie was sitting up taking charge of the fire & so on.

24 Jan. Friday. Rather cold. Good sleighing. Abe Hiding and son John and a colored man here. [sad pine?] wood. Jones on the Program also assisting Jamie. All in for dinner. Finished sacking near four. Aunt Ivie and I quite busy. IN the eve. Mr & Mrs Tom Crawford Lydia Anderson columbia Anne Mills and mr Broadstone here for tea and Spending the evening. [?] Mills remained with us to night. She is occupying the front room upstairs. Nath took a load of wool to the girls.

25 Jan [Ink spot] Thursday. Quite pleasant. Good Sleighing All over at "Seven" John Jimmason called is morning. Mrs. Lenore Mills with us around the fire After two P.M. James went down to town to harbison's mills a little After he went away Steph Phipher and lady currie had dinner and supper for all between four and five O clock After which Phipher drove down to C- to meet Jamie met him coming and came back with him. Phipher & Ladye occupying the front room upstairs Lenor Mills Sleeping on a temporary bed in the parlor. Nancy Anne Gallseth visiting her Iviend in this vicinity Bordan returned from Xenia this eve as he had been sensing on the [way?] all week. Calle for the washing.

26 jan. Sabbath. Pleasant. Good sleighing After breakfast Phipher and wife went back home. James' Lenor Mills Fannie & Fren and I drove down in our sleigh to church. Left baby Harlan with Aunt Ivie had two sermons by Mr Morton. Lenor Mills went home with father Julles this evening. Eve aunt Ivie with us around the fire. This is my birthday [!]

27 Jan Monday. Left home and house in Aunt Ivie care and drove out home with papa FAnie Fred and baby harlan Jones and nath took the wool down to town this morning John Hinding came up on the morning train and helped james weight i and expelled it Xenia there was nearly thirty nine hundred lbs for which he received sixty cts per lbs the children and I remained with the girls, Jame's [?] which James was up at the depot and did not get out home till eight twelve. Lenor Mills still here. Bro John & Sammie there for dinner with us also. We reached home about dark. Sleighing very fine. Aunt Ivie is sewing today.

[outside edge: Jamie says there was just exactly 8876 lbs.]

28 January. Tuesday Jones feeding. James walked up to the Bro Jones and on up to Mitchels this forenoon John Mitchel came in with James to dinner as he and [?] are selling the machine. James called at Gallreaths this P.M. Allen here this eve helping and and with us or supper. It is very cold to night.

29 Jan. Wed. Quite cold. Thrashing our wheat today. Arch and John Mitchel receiving our machine. Have it set in the old Barn. Lizzie Lake and Aunt Ivie helped ing with the dinner. Arch John Mitchel Hugh's John and Dave Mrs. Marshall Mrs Mitchel Jimmie Allen nath Logan Joe Brown Papa and Fred here for dinner about three or four O clock the machine broke and the men stopped work John's little child sick Jones rode Fannie back down for the beeten [?] I called to see them this Afternoon. Eve allen here for supper Jame's at home around the fire. Arch and Jones went down to C- to the blacksmith's shop with the broken machinery to night. Went down in Jame's sleigh Nursing our Lamb around the fire. Which makes the third one for the Season.

30 Jan. Thurs. Cold Arch Crove down in Jame's sleigh to C- Mrs Jones & Buck called for the washing Aunt Ivie in the kitchen. Arch Hugh's Jim John Mitchel Bro Hugh and Allen here for dinner. Finishing up the thrashing thi Afternoon finished about four. Fannie & Fred were out with papa and a little while. Sam G. called this eve. Allen here for Supper. Fred not very well.

31 Jan. Friday. Quite pleasant. Bright sunshining. Jones feeding Nath left for Xenia today. Aunt Ivie in charge of the house. James Fannie and Fred and baby Harlan and I over at brother Johns. Father and Mother there for inner. Sister mary not very well. She has Sadie Washington helping her After dinner James & Bro John at Xenia went in John's Sleigh met a man in X- who thought of coming out to help us

awhile with the feeding. But I guess he missed the train. David Lamhead and wife called to see Mary this Afternoon. After father and Martha went home sister Mary and Bro Hugh came over to Johns. James and John came back about dark. After supper we came on home. Bro John's have a fence around their year, A new one ofcourse, [?] in the for oh light- that on the 26th, mist that harried C. McMillan wife of Eli McMillan died, in Xenia.

1 Feb. Sat. Quite gloomy all day. Allen down helping Jamie load up wheat. [Carrie?] in for dinner. Sister Rachel and Bella called this forenoon from from here went to [Bans?]. Fannie went with them and came back about noon. Jamie up at Mitchel this forenoon and this After he and Jones at Clifton with wheat. Nath helping do up the feeding this eve. Jamie came back After dark. About dark the men whom Jamie met in Xenia Louis Edward Creed arrived. Here for supper and with us to night. Allen down awhile this eve. Showed in the dining room.

2 Feb. Sabbath. Moderate. Bright sunshine all day. Sunshine and shadows all day. If the old ground hog was able to come out at all he would not help but see his shadow. And if he got scared at it it is likely he went back. Fred not being very well we left him at home with Fannie and Harlan in Aunt [Louis?] care. Jamie and I went down to church in the sleigh had two sermons by Mr. Morton. Even Allen here with Louis Aunt [Parie?] and the red of us around the fire. Jamie read awhile to us from the evangelist.

3. Feb Monday. Rained most of last night and still raining this morning and most of the day. Louis out with Jamie feeding. After dinner Jones took a load of wood down to the girls. Aunt [Lue?][Sewing?] About fine O clock eve left our three children in Aunt Louis care and Jamie and I drove down out to C- but the pike being so slippery we drove into Bro Robt. [Rathearth?] stopped a little and came back home. [Arah] called for Lizzie Lake and took her to a party to Jonathan Wiliamson's to night.

4 Feb. tuesday. Thawed all of last night Snow and ice mostly gone this morning. Jamie around home all day. Louis & Nath husking corn and hauling in. Aunt [Ivie] [making horning?] Bro Hugh came up here for dinner. Afternoon Jones taking a load of wheat to Harbidsons mill. About Four Jamie took Aunt [Parie] down home. I have been busy baking to day. Our children all have bad colds.

5 Feb. Wed. Bright Sunshine rather warm. Jamie did not get home last night till near twelve. Ashe and John Bromegan were trying to settle up there accounts & so forth. Jamie took supper with the girls while

at C- Louis and Nath out gathering in corn. Collin came up in Besy's buggy and got Jammie Jill out a check for Dr. Caldwell as he expects to leave this week for Indianapolis to put himself [word?] the Doctors came of that place. Bro Hugh called, came in for dinner. After which he and Jamie drove up the pike. Eve. Fred not well. Papa around the fire helping take care of him.

6 Feb Thursday. Quite pleasant. Very much like Spring. Jamie around all forenoon. Louis and Nath out husking. Jones at the feeding. Jamie up at Dans about noon Bro Hugh came alittle After dinner. When he and Jamie drove over to Clifton Jones took a load of wheat to Clifton to Stuart and Jacob this P.M. reached home before dark. Hugh went back home. All at home to night.

7 Feb. Friday. Bright Sunshine quite pleasant. Louis up at five had breakfast oven with lamp light. Jones took a load of Wheat to Harrison's mill this morning. Roseanna Jones here helping a while to day. WE were rather expecting John Johnsons but they did not come. Sister Jennette came up in [deans] Spring wagon this morning. Remained with us for dinner. Sister Matt and Nellie Little stopped at the gate when passing down the pike. Matt had been around circulating Pictures. Jamie around home all day. Eve. Aaron W. Conaway a resident of Columbus who is peddling Spectacles here for supper & with us to night.

8 Feb. Sat. A change in the weather again a change from mild, beautiful wewather to cold and snow. The weather had been beautiful for a week past it has been quite cold all day. And to night it is blowing & Snowing. Our traveller who was here on last night travelled on this morning. Jones took a load of wood down to the girls this A.M. Louis and Nath gathering corn till dinner. The funeral processions for Mrs Ellen Oldham passed here this morning to the Cemetery up at the [?] PLains. After dinner Louis shipping wood in the wood shed. Bro Hugh came up around with Jamie all Afternoon looking at the sheep. Went back home After supper the Papers of this week giving a thrilling account of a Snow storm in Minnesota and Iowa some three hundred lives were lost.

This is our dauther Fannies fifth birthday. Fannie has been a good girl all day. Has washed the dishes for Mama and helped her all she could. Papa gave her a Picture. My Little White Kittens, Taking the cake, for a birthday present Mama is to give her a dollbaby for Our present some of these days. In the eve we weighed her weight forty two lbs.

Her heart is young and Joyous
Tis Spring time with her now

The dew of Life's bright morning
Is fresh upon the snow.
Is is the time to sow the precious seed if she would reap [illegible]
glorious harvest.

9. Feb. Sabbath. Rather pleasant but cool. Papa and Fannie at church
Louis and our two boys and I at home. Had rather a pleasant day
reading. AT three papa and Fannie returned bringing Sister Marty with
them. Sister Mary occupiying a temporary bed in our bed room. All of us
read awhile talked awhile and retired

10 Feb Monday. Still winter weather. Cold. Jim Stormount called this
morning. John Johnson here for dinner After which he and Jamie drove
out to gather Johnson took Jamie with him in his wagon while they were
gone Bro Hugh called stopped alittle and went back home. Sister Mary
busy helping me sew bake wash and iron have been very busy all
Afternoon. Jamie reached home about dark. Jones & Louis attending to
the feeding.

11 Feb Tuesday. Quiet gloomy raining most of the day Jones and Louis
at the feeding Mr. Morton and Elder Robt. [Palheath?] here on family
visitation We had our meeting in our little front parlor. Sister Mary
came in with us. Mr. Morton asked Fannie several questions and Fred a
few. Uncle Robert said he was glad to see Fannie answer so well. Mr.
Morton said Fannie answer well for her years. He also said Fred was a
nice boy. After the close of the excercises Mr. Morton and Bro Robert
took dinner with us. Just as we were were ready to go out to the table
bro hugh came and took dinner with us. After which he and Jamie drove
over to Clifton and beyond. Mr. Morton and Bro Robert passed on to Bro
DAns and up to Mitchels. Jimmie Allen here for Supper Sister Mary and
I had the evening to ourselves the children retired early Jamie did
not get back till late. Harlan suffering with earache or something
last night Papa and mama had to be up with him.

12 Feb Wed. Quite gloomy. Cold and Snowing part of the time. We had
breakfest with Lamp Light. Jones and Louis feeding. Anderson from
Clifton & Dave [Spuires?] called to see Jamie this morning. Sister
Mary and Papa Fannie Fred and Harl and I over at Bro Johns we rode in
the Old Carriage. Having quite a Large company there for dinner.
tonight . Mr & Mrs Morton Mr & Mrs Rev Boyd Mr & Mrs Jonathan
Williamson Mr & Mrs Sam Foster Mr & Mrs Jas Carried Mr & Mrs John Kyle
& Daughter Rosey Mr & Mrs Robert Jackson Mr & MRs Same Williamson Mr &
Mrs John Williamson and Father Mother Cousin Bill and Bro Hugh. Mary
went home to night. AS we passed through C- stopped at Sister Janes to
see them. Jane is not well. WE stopped Bromegan and called and got

Aunt [Ivie] and came on home. Louis had a nice fire waiting as we reached home. Mrs Jones called for my washing this morning.

13 Feb. Thurs. Cold and Gloomy. Jones & Louis Feeding. Bro Hugh came up this morning. He and Jamie went with [Emilla?] beyond Clifton and brought home their late punches of calfs and sheep. On the way home sold out all on a part to Jonathan Smith Son William then stopped in a little while with us when passing up the pike. At three Jamie & Hugh took dinner After which Hugh went back home. Jamie around all evening. On the 1st Mst Gavin M. Boyd died at Dan Diego California. He had gone there for his health.

14 Feb. Friday. Rather pleasant thawing alittle. Aunt Ivie, Jones and Louis at home attending to business Papa took Fannie and Fred and Harlan & me down to town to spend the day with the girls he stopped a little and went up to John Johnson, took dinner there After which he & John went to John Sparrows & from there to Springfield to meet with Clark Co. [Agricul?] Board. Jamie got back to C- about dark. Took supper and came on home with Fannie & Harlan & are leaving Fred asleep in Aunt Janes care. Jane is quite sick has been in bed all day. I called to see Lizzie L and Georgeanna Bromega this P.M. Bro Sila returned from PHiladelphia this morning. He and Hugh stopped in to see us at Janes this evening Choir meeting at Sam Galhearths tonight. Robert Betsy down at Jennie C. to day. Riley C. is at Indianapolis under the Doctor [?]

15 Feb. Sat. Quite gloomy. Our own man Louis Edward Creed left in a "fit" this morning. But no wonder for he came on SATurday for trully a "Saturday Phitt is A Short sit." [Arek?] called and got Jamie's spring wagon to go to Xenia in with bro Sila to meet New York horse buyers Jamie around home all day. Jones a feeding. Aunt Ivie ironing & Jones down at town Jamie at home Jimmie allen called and took dinner with us.

16 Feb. Sabbath Quite gloomy. Raining a little now & then Jamie at preaching took Fannie and Harlan down and left there with Aunt Jane and Fed as he has been in town since Friday. Jane is getting a little better. Aunt Ivie [space] down home this morning as she has been sick most of the week. We all went in the old carriage Jennie & Bessie C. rose up with us in the carriage to church this morning. Had but one sermon Mr Morton not being well. After taking a piece at Jones we came on home brining Fannie Fredn and Harlan with us as we are by our selves to night as Aunt Ivie is gone. Jamie and I read some Chapters in the book of Provers. Fannie & Fred with their questions.

17 Feb. Monday. Quite gloomy. John Mitchel & one John Jimmason called & spend some considerable time with Jamie at the barn talking. Bro Hugh called and came in for dinner with Jamie After dinner Jamie helped bro Hugh with Sheep down the pike met Sister Betsy returning from C- and talked business with him a little came back home attended to his feeding and his children I have been busy gashing & all of the [illegible]

18 Feb. Tuesday. Bright Sunshine very much like Spring Jones attending to the feeding. Near noon Jamie drove out in his Spring wagon called at Sister Betsey & took her with him to Sister Mary Little spent a while there and went on to town and stopped awhile with the girls. Arthur Forbes called here this Afternoon to see Jamie went onto C- and meet him there took supper with him at the girls. Jamie reached him After night. Jones chopping in the wood shed this Afternoon I have been busy baking to day. John Forbes has been married quite lately to some ladie in KY.

19 Feb Wed. Bright sunshine rather pleasant Jamie around all morning. Jones feeding. I have been very busy all morning about a quarter past twelve John John and wife with two children Sammie and Betsy came. After dinner Jamie and Johnson drove over home Bro Hugh just rode up as they were starting and went back with them. Johnson got one of Hughs fine [Purpes?] they reached home about dark when Johnson & Family went back home. Sallie Jones stepped in this eve and washed up the dishes for me. Mr. John Tambrill's daughter Rachel Smiley was buried to day Her remains were brought from the well on Monday she had been living there since the her marriage. She leaves a husband and two children.

20 Feb. Thursday. Rather pleasant Looked over our home left Jones feeding when Papa Fannie and Fred & Harlan and I drove out home called and got Sister Jennette and took her with us. We drove down to Harbison's mill a few minutes this morning. Sister Matt is in Xenia attending Ralphs lecture and visiting Ella Eveing. Quite a number out at father for dinner to day as fellows: Mr & Mrs Morton, Mr & Mrs same Father Mr & Mrs Rev Boyd Mr & Mrs Johnathan Williamson Mr & Mrs H. H. McMillan Mr and Mrs Dallas Mr J.C. McMillan Mrs Hanna Reid and bro John and family. We had quite a pleasant day out at Home. stopped and left Jennette in C- drove straight home reaching here about Dark.

21 Feb. Friday. Jamie around home lal fornoon. After noon he went across the buck to Tom Crawfords. I have been quite busy all day. In the eve. Bro Silas came here for supper and with us to night. A German from off the Pike travelling from Columbus to Cincinnati

Stopped in for dinner. It is a great deal colder to night. ON last night it came over a heavy shower some thunder Jamie brought the sheep in in the midst of it.

22. Feb Sat. Snow on the ground this morning the winds blowing like old winter. After a late breakfast Silas went back home. Joe Brown called and settled this morning Jones feeding. The agricultural Board meet in Xenia to day but on account of the weather & [?] not attend. After dinner Jamie went down to Galhearths on a little errand. All at home to night.

23 Feb. Sabbath. Very cold Snowed some little last night. But is is too cold to snow. Jamie went to church alone leaving me with the children at home had only one sermon to day as Mr MOrton is not very well. Sister Matt still in Xenia. James Edgeworth of Kansas late of morning snow Ohio. and his lady was at church to day. He had been married quite recently to some aldy in Prebble Co. Ohio. Eve. Fannie & Fred said their questions. Papa and I read in course in the book of Proverbs.

24 Feb. Monday. Still very cold. Jones feeding Jamie around home all morning. He called over at GALhearths as Sister Betsy is not well to see her awhile & staid for dinner. Bro Hugh here awhile to day. Eve. Jimmie Allen called & remained for supper. I have been quite busy all night or [I meean?] all day churning. Sam Galhearth & Jimmie Caldwell called this Afternoon Jones hauling wood to the shed.

25 Feb. Tuesday. Rather pleasant. Jones attending to the feeding. Jamie out on the pike talking [left arrow] Jonathan [Samisk?] and one and another in the pike and attending to his feeding. Gracie stepped in awhile about noon After dinner Fannie and Jones moved the apples from the new barn over to the old one. Bro Dan visiting at Sister Betsy to day. Jamie at home all day. Quite a change in the weather again to night. It has turned quite cold.

26 Feb WEd. Quite reough adn stormy. Blowing and snowing and quite cold. Sister Jennette came up from Galhearhts this morning she was there all night Bro Robt. brough her up in his buggy. Henry Kyle called to see Jones a while. Sister Jennette and bro Hugh here for dinner. After noon Tom Crawford called bro Hugh went back home. Jimmie Allen here helping Jamie hang the [meaty?] remained with us for supper Sister Jennette sleeping with Fannie & Fred. Jamie on a temporary bed in the back sitting room.

27 Feb Thurs. Quite strong blowing & snowing. Jamie around feeding Jones out at the same business. Jennette Sewing. Jimmie Allen from

Dans house here salting & hanging the meat. Here for dinner. About noon another man by the name of James Allen from York State passing up the pike in company with some foreigner stopped asked for a situation and After talking over the matter Jamie concluded to take him in his employ awhile the other man passed on. Jimmie A. working around all Afternoon our new man in the wood shed. Jennette assisting me with the baking. Jamie around home all day.

28 Feb Friday. Not quite as cold. Rather moderated. Jennette called at Bro Dans this morning. Jamie drove up to Mitchels on a little errand. After he came back he drove Sister Jennette Carrie Fred and baby Harlan and me down to bro Robert Galhearths he remained there for dinner After which he came up home and went down to Cedarville Lizzie Lake's Iviend Ruck McCollum called to see her. Sam G. was there for dinner. In the Afternoon we sat upstairs and in the kitchen. In the eve. Mr G brough Jennette and Fannie home & drove back and brought me and My [?] baby's Fred & Harlan up home. Jamie came back from C- After dark. Our new man J. Allen helping Mitchels Haul Hay.

1 March Sat. Quite gloomy. Neither cold or hot neither all lion nor all Lamb. A minature of both Papa & Sister Jane and Eli Wright went down in our old cariage to Xenia. Fannie Fred & Harlan and I went down with Sister Jennettee & spent the day in C- till Jamie came back Papa brought our new man J. Allen to C- & left him cut up the wood for the girl. James took a load of wood down to them also to day I called to see Aunt Ivie and also at Julia Shulls and Sir Caldwell's. Sire is keeping boarders. Sister Matt took diner with Ellen Ewing at Nesbits and wen tot the train with and did not get back till two Oclock Hughs Mattrie at Jenettes to day. Late in the Afternoon Matt went up to Mr. Mortons to Bible class came back about dark bringing Sister Mary home with him. She remained for supper and with them to night. James & Jane returned from Xenia about dark. All at Janes for supper We left Fred asleep and brought Fannie and Harlan home with us. Jamie attends the meeting of the Agricultural Board to day.

2 March. Sabbath. Snow on the ground & cold. We left J. Allen at home in charge of the home and left baby Harlan down at town with Aunt Jane and Fred and took Fannie to church with us. Had two sermons by Mr. Morton. After preaching went down to Janes and got Fred and Harlan and came on home. After night our good papa read quite a number of nice pieces to us and two chapters [&?] and After prayers & so on we retired.

3 March. Monday Their is no mistake about the lion to day. For it is all Lyon. It is quite cold real cold wind blowing. & snow on the ground. Sam J- called this morning Jamie went down with him to Galhearhts to see Betsy came back in time for dinner this P.M. We drove over to John Johnsons called at Coureys in Blighton. At J. H. McMillans and old Hughs. Called at the girls in C. a few minutes as he came home he got home a little After dark. Bro Hugh, Jimmie Allen and J. Allen together with Jamie here for supper. Fred not well to night. Bro Hugh with us.

4 March. Thursday. Very cold. Last night and to day. Jimmie allen here helping Jones feeding. J. Allen took Old Harry up to Mitchels shop & drove some shoeing. Bro Hugh around here all day. I have been quite busy getting My house in order Jimmie A. gave me all the help he could. Eve Sister Jennettee came up with Bro Dan. Jamie drove over to fathers in the sleigh spent awhile there. Bro David returned from his preaching town in the west. Sam G. called here this morning. Sister Jennette & daughter Fannie sleeping on the lounge in the bed room. This is the day that President U. S. Grant retakes his seat.

5 March. Wed. Not quite so cold. Jimmie Allen here helping Jennette and me till After dinner. Jamie around home all day. Jones hauling wood to the shed. Sam G. cooked to day. Eve all at home.

6 March. Thursday. Quite pleasant to day. Not near so cold. Jones feeding. J. Allen helping to attend to business around the barn. Mrs. Jones here helping in the Kitchen. Quite a number here for dinner as follows: Bro David, Sister Mary Cousin Bell bro Hugh & Silas Jamie Drove down in his sleigh and brought sister Matt & Jane up and they were here too. Mr & Mrs Morton. Mr & Mrs Bro Hugh McMillan Mr & Mrs J. Harvey McMillan and their three children Bro John & family and Sister Mary Little and her dauther [?] John Johnson's were invited but they did not come. In the evening I let FANNIE go to her grandfathers to spend the night with Lizzie and her Uncle David. Jennette remaining with me to night. Jimmison's Allen here to night for refreshment. Sam G. calling he is contemplating renting the farm of the late Olive Mitchel in Madison County. Bro Silas left us After dark. I am [??] and tired to night.

7 March. Friday. A complete change in the weather thawed and rained a very little all of last night. Warm and thawing this morning Jones feeding. WE left the house in care of J. Allen and took Jennette & Fred * left them in C- and took Harlan with us out to John Kyles to attend a dinner party. Their company was as follows Mr& Mrs Jonathan Williamson & their Daughter Annie Mr & Mrs Sem Garbore Mr & Mrs

Thomson Crawford Rankin Bree and Mr. Vittir Pollock and bro Johns family. As we came home stopped at the gate [??] sisters in [?] Fannie & Fred and came on home. Dr. O.K. Calwell made Fannie a present of a little ring this morning. This morning Hugh's Jim called by settled with Jammie this morning. Brigam Harbison & Dr. O. K.C. called Jennette went by way of Galbroth with Mr. Harbison & from there home. Bro David kept on the [??] train for Pittsburgs. When he came in to the train gather brought Fannie into see [??]

8 March Sat. Quite muddy not so very cold Jone & J. Allen out at work. Hugh Jim called & [?] his settling with Jamie. Here for dinner. This P.M. Jamie went down to see Sister Betsy Lizzie Lake is quite sick. Eve Jimmie Allen here for supper took a lamb home to [?] for [?] Jamie with Jane Marry called this eve. After supper Jamie & Jones at C-.

9 March Sabbath. Rather pleasant None of us at church but Jamie. I have not been feeling well for two or three days. Fannie & Fred & Harlan & J. Allen at home with us. Had two sermons by Mr. Morton. Sam G. son Robert Clyde & Sam ewing daughter Mary McMillan were baptized to day. Hugh around all day.

10 March Monday: Gloomy. A little colder. Jamie called at Galbreaths to see Lizzie Lake as she is quite sick near noon FATHER and Sister mary came they were here for dinner. Father brought Jamie and I a full set of dozen, silver knives and forks for which we were truly grateful. Late in the Afternoon Arther Forbes called saidt till After dark & took supper with us. Sister Jennette here also & with us to night as she came up with William. Bro Hugh came in as we were through eating & took [?] & remained with us to night as a heavy rain came up then was conderable wind & thunder. Our dear Little Son Fred went home with Grandfather & Aunt Mary this eve.

11 March Tuesday. Rather pleasant. Janette helping me with my work. Bro Hugh left before breakfast this morning. Jamie called to see Lizzie Lake this A.M. Came back in time for dinner this P.M. & J. Allen was busy selecting apples. I left Fannie & Harlan in Aunt Jennette's care & walked down to Sister Betsy and made a short cake. Sister Matt is up staying with them Lizzie Lake is a little better. When I was coming home Jamie met me in his spring wagon and brought me up home After which he left for C- bringing on taking Jennette down with him. This eve Jimmi Allen called. Remained for supper Jamie did not get back till After dark. Young Houston farm c. called this P.M. to see Jamie.

12 March Wed. Pleasant. Jamie called at Bro Dans this morning we exchanged spring wagons came back stopped alittle and went on to C- Nan Tracy here helping me till After two Oclock this P.M. Jones feeding. J Allen around attending to business Jimmie Allen here all Afternoon waiting around Jamie down at Harisons mill & over at Clifton came by way of C- and brought sister Jennette home with him. This eve two travelers stopped with us. Who [illegible] returning from a short souJourn in MISSouri to their home in Washington Co Pa they are home sick. Very. They [illegible] brothers and seem very nice the name of the elder Allison O. Baldwin.

15 March. Thursday. Quite pleasant. Our travellers passed After breakfast Nanny Tracy here helping. Jones feeding Afternoon Nanny left. Jamie drove up the pike and around. J. Allen working at a duck house or something. Jamie did not get back till After dark. Jennette & I quite tired there is a part at Eli Somalls to night. Bro Dans folks all there.

14 March. Friday. The day beautiful. J. Allen sick staid in his room all day. Nanny Tracy here helping quite a number of our Iviends here for dinner as follows: Mr. & Mrs Ivie Townsly Mr & Mrs H McHaymoth * daughter [?] Bro Dan & wife. Bro David Gorrse & sister Nancy Sister Matt & Louisa Bratton. Father Mother Sister Mary & Cousin Bell. Bro Robt. Gallreath. Sister Betsy Bro Hugh came here on last night from Somalls party & was here to day till After dinner. This morning we drove Jammie's wagon to c- for Sister Jane but she could not come. We have had quite a pleasant time to day. This eve Bro Hugh here for supper he was down seeing Frank Wright this Afternoon After supper he went back home. Cousin Buck & Sister Jennette with us to night they are occupying the front room upstairs. Our Little Son Fred came home from Frandfathers this morning he has been gone since monday we were glad to have him here. This is our little our dear LIttle Baby Harlan's 1st Birtday he weighs 22lbs. He has gained [space] in a year. Papa and Mama gave him a Psalm book one of the good old version the kind our father's and mother's sang who have passed into glory- & the kind Harlan's own dear papa & mama sings and [?] to above all other new versions & [?] by the men of to day. May God bless our dear boy and give him grace that he may walk.

15 March Sat. The morning pleasant the Afternoon blowing. Storming and raining. Sister Jennette & Cousin Bell with us to day. J. Allen quite sick yesterday to day. Jimmie Allen [over?] Dan's horse here this eve. Bro Hugh [llegible] here for supper Jane [?] called this P.M. all at home to night [illegible]

[outside edge of bage] Bro Hugh , Sister Rachelson invited but did not come.

16 March. Sabbath. Rather cool. We Left J. Allen at home in charge of the house. Jamie & I with Fannie at Old Side Coverters Church. Bell & Jannette came down with us. Bell walked up to the M.P. church to here [?] We left Fred & Harlan with Jennette Matt- Jane was at the Old Side Church. WE had two sermons by Mr Boyd. IN the Afternoon Mary & Bell & came down to our meeting. Mr. Morton is down at Morning [son?] preaching to day this ever before we came hoem I called to see Georgia BROWNman she is quite sick. Came back to Jamies [?] supper wehn papa & the children & I came on home. After night Papa heard Fannie & Fred recite their questions from Brown's Short Catechisms

17 March Monday. The day beautiful. I have been baking a cake this forenoon for the girls in C-. Jamie standing around all forenoon talking to the man on the pike to Dan Barlan After dinner Sister Jennette & I [?] Jamie drove up & stopped a little while. Nan Tracy called this eve. Jamie drove to C- this P.M. Came back After dark bringing Smith Buck with him. Both took super [?] Smith stopping with us to night. I am very very tired. No rest

18 March Tues. Raining right down most of the day. Jone here setting up. J. Allen still on the sick list. Bro Hugh here this forenoon for dinner. This P.M. Jimmie Allen from Dans house [?] came in town for dinner Bro Hugh went back home Jamie over at Old Squires this P.M. to close the contract for a little house on the pike. Returned about dark. A Few weeks ago our neighbors Old Jimmia Marshal & Son Hon. Marshal & family left the Wright farm which Clementine sold to Kerry which Keer sold to Joseph Waddle from above Clifton The said Joseph Waddle moved into the place about two weeks ago.

19 March Wed. Quite Pleasent. Brown feeding Jones and Looking After place. J. Allen still not very well. Bro Dan called this morning & took some little time looking over our deeds. After dinner Jamie up at Selma & Harvey McMillan & wife called & spent a little while this Afternoone. Jamie came back about dark he had been up at John Wilderman seeing Au. Stutcher Jimmie Allen [?] Dan in awhile to night.

20 March Thrus. Winter again & dry blowing & snowing some little. Bro Silas called this mroning. Vinnie Maclain came in. C L Wright called & got Jamies wagon to drive over to Clifton. Joe Brown here feeding. We left our house in care of J. Allen & drove over home stopped at Jones as passed through. Sister Matt wen tout with us. Old Smith Brick out spending the day at fathers. A little Afternoon papa & Fannie & Harlan

& I came on home we left Fred asleep out at Grandfathers. Sister Matt old Smith Stopping all night. We came home we stopped with the girls again I left the children there & I called at Dr. D.R. G. called around with him at his [?] & got a tooth extracted took supper with the girls & came home.

21 March. Friday. Winter weather blowing & Snowing & freezing. Joe Brown here feeding. Allen still sick. Past John McMillan & Hugh's Bob here for dinner & spending the day. Little Sallie Jones here helping awhile. Eve Jamie down at C. took supper with Jones & Jennette. Matt and Our Little Fred still out at Grandfathers Jamie returned early. A man here from Sam Trumbulls place to rent a house this P.M.

22 March Sat. Quite a change in the weather not near so cold Joe Brown feeding. J. Allen out looking After things. Father came up this morning & brought Fred home & he remained with us for dinner After which he went home Jamie at Xenia this P.M. Lizzie Lake & Nattie Little & Robert Clyde Galbreath called. Eve Jimmie Allen from Dans house here. Abe Stretcher stopped in when pacing from up above here. Jamie came back from Xenia After dark. Sister Jennette went with him to day.

23 March Sabbath Gloomy most of the day. Not very cold. Jamie says it is very much like spring. Jamie and Fannie and I at preaching. Eve left fred and Harlan with Lizzie Lake down at Sister Betsy. WE drove in past that way when going. Jimmie Allen from Dans house went with us to C- this morning. We had the sermons by Mr. Morton to day. For the eve we came home past Galbreaths and got our boys and came on home. After night papa and I read in the course in the by Isiah J. Allen at home in charge of the house.

24 March MOnday. Rain [?] last night and to day. Sister Betsy & Bessie C. here spending the day and for dinner. Jamie down at C00 the most the day. Jimmie Allen here al day & till After supper to night helped me in the kitchen some little. Bro Hugh came this P.M. here for supper & with us to night Jamie took dinner with the girls in C-

25. March. Tuesday. Cold & gloomy. J. Allen & Jones getting out seed in the barn. Jimmie Allen from Dans old house here all day long talking & white washing the kitchen, Bro DAN * Hugh's Jim here seeing Jamie & talking business. Bro Hugh went back home this A.M. Jamie up the pike this Afternoon one place and another while out met Tom [?]. Reaching home in time for supper.

26 March Wed. Still winter weather. Jamie across the railroad making a special call at Joe Browns across the railroad. Abb Stretcher here at work to day. J. Allen. Whitewashed the Kitchen this morning. Jamie around home all day. I have been very busy baking & Mr & Mrs Eli Wright here spending the evening with us. Abb Stretcher with us to night.

27 March Thursday. Rather pleasant. Abe stretcher out with the negroes & the rest sowing Timothy Seed or clover or whatever at [?] Jamie down at C- for some more seed made a flying trip brought Sister Jennette home with him. He and J. Allen Stretcher Joe Brown & Tom [?] in for dinner. After dinner Stretcher finishing up the kitchen floor. Jennette & I quite busy in the kitchen. I made a white cake for our good Sisters at C- Nan Tracy called a little while. After dark. Papa J. Allen & Tom [?] in for supper. The later assisted with the seed sowing this P.M. All Stretcher at home this eve. Bro Hugh made a short call. Mrs Jones took my washing this morning to here home. Tom Brown [?] family left for Illinois to day.

28 March Friday. Quite pleasant. We left our home in J. Allens care and Jamie and I went to church. We drove in past Bro Robt. Galbreaths and left Fannie Fred & Harlan with Lizzie Lake. When we went to C. we drove Jennette down home. Dhe did not attend church to day. WE had sermon by Rev Mr. Boyd of cincinnati. After preaching I walked down town called to see Aunt Ivie [?] & made arrangements for her to come home with us.

Brigum Harbison's eldest daughter Martha Jane died on yesterday morning at [8am 0 clock] She was buried this Afternoon. Jennette & Nettie Little went with Jamie to the funeral Matt & Jane were both there. I staid alone at Jones & had dinner ready when they came back. Matt & [?] went to the Cemetery the rest came home. Mary Little came in and took dinner with them. After dinner we came on home bringing Aunt Ivie & our children with us. It is raining a little this eve.

29 March Sat. The winter winds are still blowing. It is quite cold sprinkling snow some little. Jamie and I at preaching elft our three children at home with Aunt Ivie had sermon today by Rev. Mr. Boyd [quote] "Let a man examine himself." After preaching drove down to Janes a few minutes. Mr Boyes & Ella Ewing went home with Matt. After we came home Jamie drove up to Eli Wrights sale a little while Silas came back with him & took supper and went home.

30 March. Sabbath. Rained a little today. Jamie & Fannie & Fred & I at church. Left baby Harlan at home with Aunt Ivie & J. Allen. Had sermon this morning by Mr. Boyd. In the Afternoon we had Communion Services.

At seven O clock this Eve Mr Boyce breached. We left our three children at home with J. Allen and Aunt Ivie. Papa & I went to church in the old carriages. Quite dark and stormy tonight. It was hard to find the way home.

31 March Monday. Quite pleasant. Papa Fannie Fred & I were at at church. Left baby Harlan at home with Aunt Ivie & J. Allen had sermon Mr Boyce. After preaching we went down to Janes. Jamie left us there & drove up to John Johnsons and to Sparrows Came back to town a little before dark took supper and came on home found our dear baby Harlan waiting for us. While in town to day I called at Sam Caldwell's & MrMortons. John Willie Reid gives a lecture on phonography in City-hall in Cedarville to night. Sister Matt attending it. On Last Sat Mrs. Howard in Xenia was buried Aunt Ivie calling at Jones to night.

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1 April Tues. Quite cloudy most of the day. A thunder storm this morning. Abb [Stritchen?] here to day. J. Allen at around at work. Joe Brown here renting or contracting too. he came in with Jamie for dinner. After noon Jamie drove up to Charleston & the [?] about looking for a girl. Aunt Ivie walked down home this eve_ Bro Hugh here this P.M_ Jimmie Allen here calling [?] with us for supper._ [Dans?] last night he moved his brother (etc.) from [Dans?] old house up to Mitchell on the pike. Quite a heavy thunderstorm this eve_ Jamie got back before the rain the began falling. Abb [Stritchen?] with us to night. This morning during the storm A tree in bro Hughs [yard?] was struck with lightening - Jimmie & Davis were both (in the margin) near it at the time.

2 April. Wed. Quite windy Much more like winter than Spring. My Jamie has lost all Confidence in Signs _ He says he dont beleive(sic) in Old Ground-hog any more! Abb [Stritchen?] working around the barn. Father here a little while took dinner with us. After dinner he went back home_ Jamie went down to [C-?] called to see [Fra?in] [Caskey?] & co. J. Allen went down to town also he & Jamie did not get home till after dark. Abb [Stritchen?] with us to night_ [Hughs?] Jim here to night seeing Jamie.

3 April, Thurs. Rather Pleasant. [Stritchen?] working around the barn_ Jones & Allen hauling manure. Mrs Jones here washing. Jamie around home all forenoon. When we were through eating [Austen Forbes?] called and took dinner_ alone. Afternoon. Nan Tracy called. Mrs Jones putting out the washing Sallie (J.?) here washing up the dishes. Dans Annie & Effie here calling. Aunt Ivie came back this eve. W.M M. Miller from South Perry Hocking Co. [Ohio stopping?] with us to night and looking for a [station?]-_ Jamie up the pike this P.M. at Noah Wrights & around at [Tom C's (etc.) ?]. did not get back till after dark.

4 April Friday. Our traveller passed on this morning. Jamie around all forenoon. Abb [Stritchen?] here all day at work went home to night. Allen & Jones busy. Aunt Ivie ironing & attending to the kitchen. Sister Betsy here awhile this P.M. Jimmie Caldwell stopped in when returning from school. Lucy Tarbox is teaching and boarding at bro Dans. Jamie over at H[?] Kyles & Keep Fosters awhile this P.M. After night he went down to C- Quite warm all day.

5 April Sat. Very warm_ Jones & Allen attending to business. Jamie up at [Steph Phippers.?] I rode up with him as far as bro Dans_ Staid(sic) quite a little while there. Aunt Ivie in the kitchen. A Student from Northwood called this A.M. After dinner I left Fannie & Harlan at home with Aunt Ivie and Fred & I went down to C- Fred called around with mama at the Barber Shop & got his hair cut. I went down to Aunt Janes staid a little while & came on home Sister Mary called while there_ Fred & I went down in [?] Dans spring wagon & drove there old Doll. Jamie came home from [Phippers?] about dark_ he missed seeing him as he was in London spending the day. Jamie took dinner with Mrs. P- looked around at the stock and came home

6 April Sabbath very warm. I left baby Harlan at home with Aunt Ivie and J. Allen. Papa Fannie Fred and I at church. Had sermon this forenoon by Mr. Morton. At the close of the service Rev. S[?] Ramsey & wife had their daughter Martha Jane babtised(sic). In the afternoon sermon by Ramsey. Eve Jimmie Allen from Mitchel here Papa read to him while Aunt Ivie at Jones by the [creek?] awhile this eve.

7 April Monday. Quite a nice shower this morning. Aunt Ivie began making soap today. This is the day of the Spring election_ Jimmie Allen from Mitchells stopped in and went with Jamie to town_ J. Allen at home at work Jones down at town. This P.M. J. Harvey McMillan called this afternoon & After night Mr. Jos Waddle & his brother called Jamie did not get home till after night he had been at the sheep pasture and John Johnsons took supper with John J_.

8 April Tues. Very Pleasant. Joe Brown & J. Allen began plowing across the railroad. Jones feeding. Aunt Ivie [?]et the soap making. Waddle and his brother called around this morning_ Jamie across the railroad with the men. Charlie Houston called. Bro John here_ he and Jamie J. Allen & four colored men who were husking corn all in for dinner. Nan Tracy here washing. After dinner Jamie left for Charleston to meet [Steph Philphen?] About noon. Sister Betsy and Matt drove up stopped a little and went on_ All quiet this P.M. After night bro Silas and Jammie Little spent awhile with us. Jammie not home yet. I have come to the conclusion he will not be back to night.

9 April Wed. Heavy rain this morning. Jamie did not get back last night. Jones & J. Allen cleaning the old barn Aunt Ivie ironing_ I worked up stairs in the back room all forenoon_ About four Oclock this after noon Jamie came back_ On Yesterday he did not meet [Phipphen?] in Charleston as he expected but drove on to

his place and remained all night_ traded for some Rams to day and came home_ on yesterday he called to see a col. woman in Charleston & engaged her Service for the Summer. After night Aunt Ivie calling at Jones_ Jamie went down to C_ The night beautiful.

10 April Thursday. Quite Pleasant. Aunt Ivie ironing a little attending to the Kitchen etc. This morning I was quite sick for awhile not feeling much like business to day. Sister Jane came up with Sam G_ this morning she is attending to the meat to day. Bro Hugh here this morning went up the pike for sheep for Jamie, to [Phiphers?] Jamie around home all day. Our four col. Corn huskers in for dinner_ J. Allen Jones, & Brown hauling in hay & corn etc. After dinner Jamie rode Fanny [?] over beyond Clifton_ Sister Jane went down home by way of Galbreaths this evening. Jamie came back after night from J. Johnsons & Rakestraws_ Hugh came back at the same time with the Rams from [Phiphers?_] both have for supper. Hugh with us to night.

11 April Friday. Much cooler to day. Raining part of the time. Hugh here all day Aunt Ivie boiling at the soap and working in the kitchen. Father Mother & Sister Mary here spending the day._ All of them went home this evening Jamie drove down to C_ took twenty nine dozen of eggs down to Bromegans groceries(sic) at fifteen cents for dozen_ when he came back home we had supper when he and Harlan and I drove up to Eli Wrights and Spent the evening_ I've left our dear Fannie & Fred in bed while we were gone_ John Mitchel there spending the evening_ they expect to move their family on tomorrow to Pitchins. On last week C Robert Kill[an?] late of Cedarville died at his new home in Springfield after a very brief illness. Be ye also ready. So saith the scriptures

12 April Saturday. Quite cool and Cloudy all day. This morning I walked down to Mrs. Jones by the creek and Secured her services for the day. Waddle calling at the [barn?] to seeing Jamie J. Allen, Jones & Brown hauling manure and corn (etc.) Aunt Ivie working at the soap and in the Kitchen. Mrs. Jones here all day cleaning the Kitchen & dining room_ had the Stove moved out of the dining room to day. Nan Tracy here till after dinner A book Agt who is [sircelating(sic)?] Stock [?] books called to day. Jamie over at Sam Turnbulls place seeing [our tenant?] in the [prospective?] reached home in time for dinner_ Jamie down at C_ Aunt Ivie went with him to her home Bro Silas here for Supper_ Little [Collins?] here awhile also.

13 April Sabbath. Pleasant. J. Allen at home in charge of the house. Papa Fannie & Fred & I at church. left baby Harlan with Aunt Ivie At her room in town. Had two sermons by Mr Morton_ quite a number of U.P's there_ After preaching called around and got Harlan drove down to Aunt Jane for Fannie to get a drink. Came on home_ Jimmie Allen from Mitchels here to night again for Supper. I read to him awhile.

14 April. Monday. The day beautiful J. Allen & Joe Brown plowing_ Jones feeding_ Our new man from Sam Turnbull place here & closed contract_ he has rented the old Andson Wright farm from Jamie now owned by James Barber. Jamie down at C- putting in a letter for [?] M Miller telling him to come on. Sister Matt came home with him_ here for dinner. After dinner a tin man from Columbus stopped I got quite a supply of tin ware from him Sister Rachel called when passing up the pike took Sister Matt with her to Mrs. Johnathan Smith[s?] Fannie & Fred went with them & stopped at Bro Dans till they came back_ Jamie drove up to Hillmans_ All back in time for supper_ R[?] Jones called this P.M. After night Jimmie Allen stopped in_ Eli Wright moved on Saturday_

15 April. Tuesday. Raining Part of the time_ Bro Robert Galbreath drove up for Sister Matt Fannie & Fred_ they spent the day at his place_ Nan Tracy here washing_ Joe Brown and J. Allen plowing_ Jamie down at town this A.M. at the black Smith shop returned in time for dinner_ He was around home all afternoon Nan helped me set up a bed in the little room up stairs and bring another one down to the front bed room and move out the lounge (etc.) [?] Sister Matt and the children returned. Quite a heavy rain this eve_ After supper Jamie took Matt down to C-. Dan McMillan of Xenia has traded west[?] land for Mitchells farm up above us.

16 April Wed. Joe Brown & J. Allen plowing_ Jones around the barn_ Jamie drove up in the Old Ca[?] to Charleston for the woman but things had changed and he came back without her. The [rain fall?] in [?] for a little while about noon. Eli Wright passing to Clifton stopped for shelter came out and took dinner_ About the time he was through Jamie came back & had dinner also. Eve Jamie went down to town_ went out to [Tinorers?] for a sheep_ came back and had supper with his family.

17 April Thursday. Cold_ [?]ing a little and snowing a very little. Jamie has lost confidence altogether in his Almanac! Ground hog day the first of March and the last of it has long since passed and still it snows poor Jamie (!) Mrs Jones here

ironing & Keeping house_ Nan Tracy was here helping awhile. Abb [Stritchen?] here part of the day_ Jamie and Jennette and I at Xenia_ left Fannie Fred and Harlan with Jane_ Matt and Sister Mary out at Brighan Harbisons and spending the day_ while in Xenia I got Fannie a doll baby which I promised her on her birthday_ papa got our Fred a high chair. We reached C- in good time this eve_ stopped & got our children and came on home_ had supper by lamp light_ Abb [Stritchen?] with us tonight.

18 April Friday. Raining most of the day. Bro Hugh [?]ing [?] H[?] M. Miller from [Hocking?] Co. landed here this morning before breakfast he & his family landed in Cedarville on last night on the eight o clock train. they intended to have got to C- at noon but missed the train. After breakfast he and Jamie drove down to C- and brought his family up_ they were stopping at Mrs. Pendletons boarding house. his family consist of his(sic), a wife & two children_ Jamie drove around and bought Jennette with him to assist in the [multitude?] of [care?]._ Nan Tracy here helping till after dinner. On account of this rain Abb [Stritchen?] went back this morning. Bro Hugh here all day till [get?] supper this eve. Father here to day bought me a set of silver table spoons & remained with us for dinner. Hughs [Dave?] called and took dinner_ After noon nothing of importance going on. Bro Dan calling this forenoon stood out on the pike talking for two or three hours The Miller family occupying the front rooms upstairs_ The McMillan family the front bedroom down stairs. On Wednesday night John Mitchel and Sallie Barr were married at the residence of the Mr Morton's

19 April Sat. The day beautiful. This morning [McCollin?] and a Bible book Agt called. Abb [Stritchen?] & Miller everything on the little [tenant?] house. Sister Jennette in the kitchen all day. Fannie Fred & their little boy Jamie [?] Miller H[?]ing. Mrs Jones here cleaning house she cleaned the back room up stairs the little room and the hall_ Jamie around all forenoon After dinner Mrs Miller called to see their little house on the hill. Bro Hugh called. The Agt of "B[?] Complete [?]" called and [Apt?] us a [?]. Jamie and Miller down at C- in the wagon to get him (etc)_ for the house_ they returned about dark. Mrs Jones in addition to the above sometimes [?] [work?] cleaned the cellar & scrubbed the porched_ After night Mrs Jones & her children three called. He finished up business as soon as pass[?] [?] and [?] to rest.

20 April Sabbath. Pleasant_ J. Allen the Miller family and the children & my self at home_ all day_ Jamie down at Old Side U.P. church took Jennette down this morning. Jamie came back about

three at which time we had dinner & supper. After night Fannie Fred and [Middy?] Miller their questions to papa_ raining some little this eve.

21 April Monday. Pleasant Jamie around home all day. he & J. Allen & Abb [Stritchen?] & the Miller family here for dinner. WM Jones, colored, moved his family from the little house on the pikes to Sister Mary Littles place. Brown & J. Allen plowing_ from Wrights late farm here working with the sheep_ About four this P.M. Jamie drove down to C- returned after night bringing Sister Jennette with him_ Mrs. Miller suffering with sick head ache this P.M. & to night. Jimmie Allen from Mitchells calling this eve. Abb [Stritchen?] with us to night.

22 April, Tues, Quite cool and towards night freezing. Jamie and Sister Jane & Mrs. Miller at Xenia in the old [carriage?] Miller drove the wagon down for [?]. Sister Jennette with me. Nan Tracy here till after dinner I kept Mrs Millers little boy & baby for her to day. J. Allen & Joe Brown plowing_ [Stritchen?] working at the little house. here at the sheep. Allen & [Stritchen?] in for dinner. About five Jamie & Mrs. Miller returned from Xenia [Shritchen?] with us to night & the Miller Family also. Very cold to night_ sleeting & thundering considerable

23 April Wed. The ground is covered with snow quite cold. Freezing_ Where is Old Ground Hog this morning! Where is the first of March! Where is the last of March! Where is Esther(sic) Sunday! He That Putteth His Trust In Signs Shall Surely Be Put To Shame!!!! SO Says Inside Woman(!)_ It has snowed the greater part of the day in earnest & to night freezing Jones & Joe Brown settling up with Jamie this A.M. Sister Jennette and I quite busy. The Miller family Abb [Stritchen?] & J. Allen all in for dinner. Jamie around all forenoon. After dinner Bro Hugh here with us for supper Lizzie Lake stopped in this eve_ Business "Before Pleasure [(Li)?] After supper Hugh went back home_

24 April Thursday. Freeze up last night_ Mr. Galbreath called this morning_ Nan Tracy here helping all day_ Mrs. Jones here washing_ The Miller family still with us_ Abb [Strichen?] here at work and Boarding. Bro Hugh here to day and with us to night. This After noon_ Jamie Fannie Fred and Harlan & I drove out to Bro Johns. Ive took Sister Jennette Jennette down home_ Johns Mary Sick they have a colored girl with them we staid about an hour out there came back to [James?] for supper_ stopped a little and came on home.

25 April Friday. Winter again_ Heavy Snow. Mrs. Jones here ironing_ Nan Tracy here a little while this morning_ Bro Hugh here to day. & with us to night_ The Miller family & Abb [Stritchen?] with us. J. Allen, Still, plowing or Something, This after noon the ominous clouds hung heavy in the western sky. The snow fell and the winds blew_ & the whole face of nature seemed to Say_ All things with God is possible- And those Who Put their Trust In Him Shall Never Be Put To Shame! Bro Silas called this eve. here for supper_ Jamie & bro Hugh drove up. the pike did not get back till we were through eating. I am feeling care worn and weary this eve_

26 April Sat. The whole appearance of the weather changed this morning_ The Sun shone out brightly all day. Jamie around home Bro Hugh rode down to Brinds before breakfast this morning_ The Miller family & [Stitchen?] with us Mrs. Jones here helping to day. Nan Tracy here About noon. About three this P.M. brother went back home_ [Dr. O.R.C.?] called this P.M. Bro Silas here for supper. Went back home after night.

27 April. Sabbath. Rather pleasant. Jamie Fannie & Fred & I at church. left baby Harlan at home with J. Allen & the Miller Family. Had two sermons by Mr. Morton. Came back home after preaching_ At five this P.M. Papa Fannie & Fred & I went down to C- part of us at least [purposed?] attending the U.P. church to hear their late pastor [?] Mr. [Harry?],_ but [?] we were a little late Fannie and I staid with Sister Jennette and Papa & Fred went around to see Joe Caldwell who has been quite sick for [?] days. Jane / and Matt at preaching_ Sister Jennette came home with us to night_ Mrs. Miller kept Harlan for me while we were gone_

28 April Monday_ Quite gloomy_ raining slightly all day. Bird here plastering the little house. Bro Hugh here for dinner. with the Miller family Bird & others. Mrs. Miller had an attack of sick headache last night_ recovered about noon to day. Jamie and bro Hugh drove up the pike Somewhere this eve_ Bro Dans wife called this eve_ Abb [Stritchen] passing down the pike came in to supper with Bird_ and all the others Our neighbor Waddle called this eve_ After night Jamie took Jennette down to C-

29 April Tues. Quite pleasant Sister Betty here spending the day_ Nan Tracy here washing (etc.) Bird here plastering finished about three Oclock_ Abb [Stritchan?] here at work. J. Allen & Brown [?] up the old [meadow?] this morning_ Bro Hugh drove down to C- on an errand for Jamie this morning came back and drove up the pike or rather rode up some where for sheep_ came back &

after dark. The Miller Family bro Hugh & [Stritchan] with us to night_____

30 April. Wed. Quite pleasant. Abb [Stritchen?] & Miller working at the little house laid the foundation for the kitchen to day. Nan Tracy here at work ironing (etc.) this P.M. & this P.M working in the yard_ Mrs. Jones here this afternoon cleaning the parlor [?] Jones & [Martha?] Tracy here awhile_ [Dr?] O.K. Cadwell called he & Jamie drove up to saw mill_

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1 May. Thursday. Raining part of the time pleasant the remainder. Abb Shetcher and the Miller family with us. This morning [of]. [Illegible] left on the first train for some town to [Inserted] lay in a supply of dry goods. Mrs. Jones here cleaning house. She finished the parlor the front room up stairs the hall and the porch! The Miller family [Ink Blot] [Illegible] the little farm. Fannie around all day. After [noon]. Nan Tracey here a short time [while] washed the porch. Bro John called remained with us for supper.

2 May. Friday. Pleasant. Sister Jane here to day. She came up with Mrs Brind. Bro John called this A, M, Nan Tracey here working in the [gard]. This P. M. The Miller Family Abb Sheteher. Bird[?]s here [for] dinner. Aunt [Illegible] came up this. A.M. went back to town. About J[?]m This P.M. [Illegible] Allen [Illegible] this forenoon - JAne [Illegible] down [hine] this evening with Mr. Bird. Sallie Jones came up this eve and brought us some [others] which Mrs. Galbreath had gathered or brought up for us__ She was at [Illegible] to day. [Illegible] Smith the and others called this eve to see Jamie.

3 May Sat. Rain on last night and this morning__ Nan Tracey came about noon. After dinner Abb Shelcher went away. Miller & his wife went down in Jammies spring wagon to attend Rev Mr [Illegible] Sale. Dan's girls here for supper. Jamie around house all day [Illegible] this evening.

4 May. Sabbath. Pleasant. Mrs Miller sick with headache__ I left babe Harlan at home with Miller= [Illegible, 2 words] around home today - Jamie and Fannie & Fred & I at Church had two Sermons by Mr Morton_ Waddle and his wife [at] preaching= After Services we came home=

5 May Monday. Quite pleasant. Eva Jones came on to work this morning= Mrs Miller down cleaning at the little house. This A.M. Abb Shetcher came on to work near noon. he and The Miller family & the McMillan Family" here for dinner= Afternoon Mrs Miller down at the little house. Eve Bro Hugh here for supper. [Illegible] the evening they went to [Illegible] thorns, Hugh & Jamie went there. After night [Illegible, 2 words] [Allen] called= Hugh with us tonight. Eva went down home awhile this

afternoon. Nan Tracey here this [Ink Blot] [evening]. Eva Jones went home to night.

6 May Tuesday. Abb Shetcher came on to work quite early. Eva Jones came up in time to get breakfast. Miller and his wife drove up in the big wagon to Springfield for goods. I kept [Middie] and her baby for her. Hugh over at Barbers for sheep. Newton Townsley bro Hugh & Silas here for Supper after returning Miller & his wife took supper after returning from Springfield _ Hugh & Silas went back home this eve.

7 May Wed. Heavy rain last night and this greater part of the day. Mrs. Miller suffering with headaches. The Miller family moved their goods down to Their house this morning. John [Illegible] & [Illegible] called this morning the later engaged himself to Jamie for Sine months at 80 dollars for Said time. Eva Jones went down to town This forenoon did not get back Till [fam] [Delnk]. Jamie at C- this A.M. took dinner with the girls. J. Allen settled up This morning & left for harts [miknowen]= This P.M. Miller at town for his goods, from the depot. Nan Tracey here & helped me with dinner= Another Forbes [family] [Blank] and Abb Shetcher and the Miller family here for supper. Eva Jones went home to night. Mrs. Miller and the children with us to night. Miller & Abb Shetcher working in the little house Till late. They slept there to night=

8 May Thursday Raining part of the time. The Miller family moved to the Little house this A. M. Miller began work this morning Abb Shetcher still here_ Rosy Jones here washing_ spent the day with us as she is not well. Eva Jones here at work. Jamie around home all day= I have done considerable sewing= Sister Jane drove up to see us in sister Rachel's wagon_ [Illegible]. On yesterday afternoon at three Oclock Nannie [Caldwell][Bromegan], wife of Sam B- died_ Her funeral takes place tomorrow at Ten Oclock Eve- Fannie went across the said road. Bro Hugh with us to night Wife Eva J_ went home.

9 May Friday. Mrs Miller and her children here [sleeping] Eva j-keep house_ Miller taking his meals here_ Abb Shetcher at work _ Fannie & sister Jannette and I out at [Wan] [Han] [bisons] attending Nannie [Bromegan's] funeral. We left our children with sister Jane & Sister Matt rode down to the [Cemintery] with [gathers] I got out staid with Jane & baby Harlan and let Fannie & Fred ride down to the [Cemmetry] with papa and Aunt Jennette _ After they came back we had dinner bro Hugh came in and took dinner with us. After dinner

papa and the children and I went out to fathers_ remained for supper came home by way of [Wan] [Han] [bisons]_ stopped at Birds and [Ink Blot] [Bromegans] grociery_ when we came home Millers were keeping house.

10 May Saturday the Miller family here to day again helping with business. Eva jones here at work this [morning] Fannie attending the [Agriental] Social at [Xenia] to day. I went to town with him. Fannie Fred and Harlan Staid with Aunt Jane &&. I called to see [Crisdie] this afternoon_ done some little shopping [Illegible, 2 words]. Reached B- in good time Took supper and landed at our house on the [pike] before dark bringing Fannie Fred & Harlan with us.

11 May Sabb. Pleasant. No one with us on last night for once in a longtime. This morning when I got up there was an old Farmer making his toilet on the poarch _ when I went out he said he had slept in the barn on last night. That he was out looking for work_ he remained with us for breakfast done some chores & staid with us today_ Mrs Miller went with Jamie Fannie & Fred & me to church. We left baby Harlan at home with Miller or his children and our Sermon friend _ we went to the [U].P. church as Mr Morton preached there_ our church being [Illegible] a State of repairing. The house very much crowded had two sermons by Mr Morton after we came home Mrs Miller helped to get supper after which she and her family went down to her house_ Our sermon friend [George] Miller with us to night.

12 May Monday. Bright and pleasant. The Sermon [George] Miller engaged for si[?]e months at \$80 dollars per month or for said term. Eva Jones here in time to get breakfast. Jamie & [Chiteh] [George] & Miller selling potatoes_ Bro Hugh here for dinner. Eve Jamie over at [palt] [farans] took supper there. Bro Hugh went back home to night. Eva Jones at home this eve_ I have not been feeling well to night or to day

13 May Tuesday, Eva J_ here at work to day. Bro Hugh here all day again with Jamie= for the eve he was down at C- Till late_ Eva Jones at C- to night attending A Show. Hugh came a little after dinner. here all after noon with James instead of all day.

14 May. Wed. Eva Jones did not get here till late_ not feeling well she went back home this A. M. Mrs Miller here helping she and her family boarding here to day. Jamie Bro Hugh & Joe Brown in the Hog Pen all fornoon. The other men out working This afternoon another Forbes called. Remained with us for supper_ In the eve I called at Mrs Jones at the [Creek]. Bro Hugh went with

Forbes to B- to night. It is quite cool_ feels like frost or snow.

15 May. Thurs. quite cool. Mrs Jones here washing= Eva Jones can not come back to work_ Nan Tracey here helping with dinner= Mrs Miller working some little in the garden= Men all out at work_ Bro Hugh went back home this A.M. After dinner father and Bro [David] called he returned on Tuesday from preaching in the Pittsburgh Presbytery Sam [G-] called this eve= Mrs Jones and [Sallie] here helping up with the work this eve= Jamie and Fannie and Fred & Harlan and I drove down in the Carriage to B- after supper. Mrs Miller came up looked after things some little when we were gone_ [Illegible] [George] keeping house= Jamie drove down to the tall gate to see if he could get_ Mrs Prindle to come and work for us_ When he came back we and our Children came on home. Our [?]esth day Mr. Mortons [re.] A daughter in to their family= Jeanette came home with us.

16 May Friday_ Pleasant. Men out at work_ Sister Jeanette in the Kitchen helping us = or Mr. Miller taking his meals here Mrs Miller having an attack of headache= Ms Bird here at work= Bro Hugh landed this morning[!!! circled] Jeanette and I have both been quite busy. Late this P.M. Lan Tracey began washing sheep. Jamie and bro Hugh working hard sharpening Today Sister Jeanette returned to C- with Bird this eve_ After night some little our sheep washer & Superintendent came into supper_ Mrs Miller & her children called her this eve=

17 May Saturday Rather Pleasant Men out plowing_ Miller and Bird working at the little house_ Mrs Miller here helping their family here boarding to day. Nan Tracey cleaning the [gard] till noon. Rudy Jones here [illegible]= On yesterday and to day_ Harlan has chills= Jamie in bed all afternoon. This eve out [stepping] around the plantation _ Miller went for a load of sand this P.M. George attending Bird in his place Bird went home before supper.

18 May Sabbath. Quite pleasant All of us at home to day. Miller rode down to church. Mrs Miller up a little bit. Harlan sick with something like a chill= No preaching in C- but at the M.P. Church & the Methodist= Bro David preaching for J. C. [Morlleans] the our [branch] of the M. P. church. in [pis] to day = & to night.

19 May Monday. Raining all fornoon Men all out at work. Jamie in bed all day with a chill= Mrs Miller here helping her family here boarding _ Mr [Jones] Townsley called this morning= Bird

here [kasting]_ he & Shetcher in for dinner In the afternoon I left Fannie & Harlan at home with papa. Mrs Miller in the kitchen and Fred & I drove down to C- in the carriage. John & I drove down to the tall gate to look after [one] woman. Called at the drugstore & at [Illegible, 2 words] and began coming home called at [jannlls] & Sister Jane got a girl by the name of [Joeann] Collins to come home with me_ called down at Aunt Janes and got Fred & came on home found Jamie still in bed Sister Betsy had some & was spending the afternoon with him. Mrs Miller had supper [Illegible]. Bird finished his work & was away home. Shetcher still with us. After supper Bro Dan & John Mitchel called. Bro Robert P- called for Sister Betsy_ This is our dear Little Freds third Birth_day. Mama gave him a Psalm book for a birthday present. God bless our son Fred_ and take him for his run= papa too sick I to give him a birth day present to day but will remember it again.

20 May Tuesday= [Joeann] began her work this morning= Shetcher and old [George] here for breakfast= Jamie and the children took breakfast_ at eight Oclock. Jamie around all day. Bro Hugh came in for dinner after we were through_ helping with the sheep this P.M. Bro David & Sister Mary here spending the afternoon. Bro David & Fannie & Fred rode up with papa to the [Sons] mill returned in Time for Supper. Jamie not so well again this [illegible]_ Joeann attending to business late a good girl_ Mrs Miller came up this eve _____ Bro Hugh her to night _____

21 Amy Wed. Quite pleasant_ Sister Jane came up this morning= Mrs Miller here doing her washing her family here for dinner Jamie in bed all day. Shetcher here at work. This afternoon Jane took the team and drove down to C- returned before dark= Bro Hugh took the team & drove out home this eve. Remained all night here. Bro Dan called this P.M.

22 May. Thursday. Joann helping on with the work_ Mrs Jones here washing= Jane around all forenoon. Bro Hugh Shearing sheep. Shetcher here [carpentering] after dinner Jamie took sister Jane down home_ from there drove out to [Sam] [Dallases] took supper there reached home after dark bringing sister Jeanette with him. About eleven bro Hugh drove over to John Johnsons returned this P.M. [Fae] Brown & George planting corn in the little field [beans] the house. I spent some time [addishs] by [Sallis] Jones planting beans. Fred quite Sick for awhile this P.M. with something like a chill.

23 May. Friday. Quite warm_ Joanna & Sister Jeanette helping Me= Shearing sheep to day. Abb Shetcher at the Carpenter work Till

noon. He & bro Hugh old George & Hughs Jim & heather Forbes & Jamie in for dinner_ This P.M. I called at Millers & at Jones by the Creek. Jamie over at John Johnsons there for supper= Came back before dark I put away my [fans] & the buffalo robe to day to keep from the moths. Hugh and Abb Shetcher drove down to C- On yes-terday bro David left on the eleven Oclock train on route for Minnesota.

24 May Sat. [Quite] warm. Joann & sister Jeanette helping me. Sheep shearing going on= Jamie bro Hugh Abb Shetcher Davie Little & Hughs Jim here for [dinner] Arthur Forbes here this P.M. [Haddle] here helping shear sheep. Those two with the ones who were here for dinner here for supper. Mrs Jones here ironing this P.M. Bro Dan at C- This P.M. As he passed up this eve he [repents] that bro John from Bloomington arrived on the eleven Oclock train. Arthur Forbes here till late. Joann down at Millers while this we- Jamie & Miller at C- to night sister Jeanette went down with them Mrs Miller & her children staid here till they came back.

25 May Sabb. Jamie down at Old Side church this A.M. he left Fred with Aunt [Illegible]. Miller went down with him& attended class at Methodist church= Joann went down to her sisters and came back with Jamie= Old George and Fannie & Harlan at home with me_ came up quite a heavy rain_ had to go out & bring in the sheep. After supper Jamie & Joann & I read through the books of Peter=

26 May Monday. Bro John [Mr] & Riley Caldwell called when passing up to London= About ten Oclock bro Hugh left with rams to the sheep pasture for Arthur Forbes. Shearing sheep some little to day. Jamie Abb Shetcher & Davie Little here for dinner. After dinner Joann finished up her work and done some stitching for me on the machine_ about three Jamie left for the sheep pasture; Nan Tracey called this P.M. Shetcher & Davie Little here for supper_ Old George out at the corn planting. About dark Hugh & Jamie returned took supper Here.

27 May Tuesday. Pleasant this A.M. Bro Hugh drove the carriage for Fannie Fred and baby Harlan and me ~~+~~ over to fathers_ left Joann at home to attend to buisness_ Abb Shetcher at the Carpenter work_ George at the corn Planting Jamie around home all day. All of the folk at home over at fathers. Sillas & Charlie Miller [cold] out at work_ gather in the house reading Cousin Bill still not well. Heavy rain all afternoon. Jamie came out late in Bro Hughs [Salley]= stopped a little and came home with us on the carriage= stopped at the gate with the girls when

coming through C- I [stopped] this morning a little as we went out. When we reached home_ Shetcher was keeping house. Old George had retired. Joann rode up with us from Millers.

28 May Wed. Quite_pleasant Mrs Jones here working and cleaning the pantry= Jamie around home & attending to the sheeps all day. Joann in the Kitchen & helping Me= Old George out with the men planting corn. Abb Shetcher here at work_ Between three and [four] went up to John [Wilders] took supper there. Willie Miller here helping with the planting here for dinner this eve Bro John [Mr] & Jeannie Caldwell called_ took supper at bro Dans. Mrs Miller & the children called to night. Shetcher went home.

29 May Thursday. Quite pleasant. Joean helping me_ Jamie & all his men out till noon planting corn. Bro John [Mr] & Jane Jeanette & Matt with bro Robert & sister Betsy here for dinner. Bro Robert returned on last night from attending the meeting of Synod at Pittsberg. Synod will meet on next year at our church in C- Harlan has been sick all day has had another chill_ Jamie out with the men at the corn planting this P.M. Arch here to day at work came in for dinner. This eve_ John & the girls with our Fannie went down with Robert and Betsey for supper= John took them down at two loads. Fannie went home with Aunt Jane to night Fred is quite lonesome. Jamie came into supper at dark.

30 May Friday= Quite cool_ not comfortable to be in a room without give= Jamie out with the men till noon= Old George in the wood shed all A.M. chopping Miller here for breakfast & dinner Mrs M- having the sick headache_ The Egg Man, As Fannie calls him, stopped this morning_ Sister Rachel here awhile this A.M. After dinner Lan Tracey & Taylor Arch and Willie helping to wash sheep. This P.M. Mrs Miller & their children called. In the eve Bro John & sister Matt drove up in the buggy and brought our daughter Fannie home. Fannie and Fred drove up with them to call on Bro Dans_ It is quite cold this eve_ Five in the back sitting room. Joeann down at Miller all P.M Making a table Jamie came in near dark bringing Tracey & Taylor in for supper.

31 May Sat_ Not quite so chilly to day. Men all out at the corn planting. About ten Jamie drove over to fathers taking Fannie & Fred with him to get seed corn returned shortly after dinner. Sallie Jones here awhile got sick with measles and went home. Arch here at work Hughs Bob passing came in with Arch for dinner= When Jamie driving down to the field I went as far as Jones stopped at Millers as I came back_ Rosey Jones here ironing awhile this P.M. Arch came in for supper with Jamie

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1 June Sabb Beautiful day. Mr Morton preaching in the old side church to day. But as it happened we could not attend Jamie waiting on a sick sheep this morning while he was out a swarm of bees came up & returned to the hive again leaving the [?] on the ground which was pitched up by a "by Stander" and left for one of the [locust] Trees in stead of going into the hive as was intended Joeann down at Millers this A.M- & this afternoon sick with a chill= This eve Bro Robert & Sister Betsey came up as they thought some of us must be sick. Aunt Mary Ann McMillan got her limb broken at her son Roberts a week or so ago.

2 June Monday warmer Men out at work= Joeann went down to her sisters with bro Dan this morning- [Margin: Jane called this morning.] Rosey Jones her finishing ironing. Jamie went down to C- at ten to mill [Illegible]. Bro John M^c & Sister Matt called this A.M. Joeann came back at noon- Father came up & staid for dinner= Jamie came back as we were through eating & took dinner= Father went away quite early- Bro John & Matt are to go out to fathers to take supper this eve. Mrs Miller left her baby her this P.M. ahile she & Middie visited the School. Jamie out with the men helping with the corn planting- did not come in till dark at which time they reportd corn planting ended.

3 June Tuesday Quite Warm. Old George helping Miller= Abb Shetcher called this morning so did Hughs Dave. Jamie out working with his bees all A.M. Hughs [Mattie] and [Nettie] Little visiting Lucy Tarbox & School to day Came here for dinner & returned to the School house this P.M. We have been quite busy churning scrubbing and baking this A.M. This afternoon A swarm of bees came up= Joann assisted Jamie hive [them]. This Eve J. C. McMillan called and spent awhile with us- Jamie not in when he came= John Johnson & his men here this A.M. Bright noon light to night= Jamie & Miller down at C- Mrs. Miller & her children here awhile.

4 June Wed. Showers now & then all day. Jamie bro John M^c Sister

Matt Fannie Fred & I went up to Springfield in the old carriage left Harlan with Aunt Jane & Jeannette. I done considerable shopping today= Papa fitted Fannie and Fred up with hats bonnets & slippers & this eve on the midst of a heavy rain called at [Dr] [Patters] office for medicine for Joeann. On last night Ludlow's machine shop was burned down_ We reached home town I mean town about dark took supper with the girls left Fannie & Fred. There all night. Sister Jeannette came down with papa & Harlan and me- We had quite a pleasant time to day. The Miller family here with Joann while we were gone- George out at work Abb Shetcher here at work & with us to night

5 June Thursday. The day beautiful Bro John M^c brought Fannie & Fred home this morning. Sister Jeannette helping us with work. A swarm of bees came off this morning Jamie and Joann hived them. J. C. McMillan Crissie & Emma & Mary & Bro John M^c & Sister Matt here for dinner. J. C. took a short ride up the pike this A.M. this P.M. Bro John Matt took a drive around by Sam Barbers to [Sell] [pictures] this eve they with J.C. & took supper at bro Hughs Jennette went with them. Aunt Ivie came up here before breakfast. Here all day washing. Joann had a chill to day.

6 June. Friday Warm. Bro John taking sister sister Matt [Ink Blot] around to sell pictures they stopped here a [Illegible] Little bit- Jamie over at sister Mary Little he and Miller taking hogs to pasture them. A swarm of bees came off to day. Abb Stecher hived them. Jamie returned about noon. I called at Millers & Jones this A.M. Aunt Ivie ironing to day. After supper Aunt Ivie went down home= All of us at home.

7 June Sat. Quite pleasant. Joann & old George at home= Abb Shetcher here till noon at which time he called his work done. Jamie and Fannie Fred & Harlan & I took dinner at sister Janes after which Bro John & Fannie Fred sister Jeannette & Jamie and I went to Xenia= Before coming out we looked at stoves. We came home the old [feddered] road reached C- before dark took supper & came on home. [Illegible] We had quite the pleasant time to day. Bro John was in fine spirits=

8 June Sabb. Quite pleasant when we were ready to go to church this morning Jamie was feeling like a chill & concluded to remain at home Fannie & Fred & I went in the old carriage [drove]. Attend U.P. Church had seromon R^{ev} Mr Waddle after preaching drove down to sister Janes and came on home= Jamie had a chill while I was gone. Joann down at Millers this [Inserted: eve] both Miller & his wife had a chill to day.

9 June Monday. Pleasant. A [swarm] of bees came off to day & was hived. A swarm came off the [James] [Illegible] hive [of Jeannette] & returned to there hive again= Joann white washing the ceiling of the Little room up stairs this A.M. Jamie went to [bed] [Illegible] noon & staid there most of the day. [Taylor] Shearing Sheep for Barber & Miller took a load of wood to Janes this A.M. This P.M. John and sister Jane came up this afternoon remained with us for supper. Miller at town this eve. Brought Aunt Ivie up to night. Old George working in the Garden all day.

10 June Tuesday. Raining most of the day= Jamie in bed most of the forenoon. [Illegible, 6 words] self busy in the Kitchen [Margin: Raining hard this eve.] Mrs. Miller Quite sick. Joann brought her baby up and kept it for her. Miller around looking after things. [Man] shearing sheep. Davie Little Dans Willie Taylor Bro Hugh & Silas Old George & Miller & Willie Mitchel & Jamie here for dinner. After dinner Silas went back home. Bro John M^e here spent the afternoon in the parlor talking over matters with Jamie he remained with us for supper. All the sheep shearers here Old George working in the garden.

11 June. Wed. Pleasant- Aunt Ivie washing. Joann & I attending to the other work. A swarm of bees came up the [itallion] hive of [Jame] [Illegible] and Lit up pn the highest branch of a Locust tree & wasnt down by Davie Little && Bro Hugh Willie Mitchel Davie [L.] Dans Willie Taylor & old George & Jamie in for dinner After dinner Joann making her [contains on the washing Mrs Miller here awhile. Bro John M^e & Joe Caldwell calling this P.M. Men in for supper about [six]. [Blank] called this P.M. on business.

12 June Thursday. Quite pleasant. [Mike] Nooning came on to the sheep shearing this morning - [Margin: Jim & Guss saddle here.] here for breakfast. Bro Hugh here a little bit this morning went back home again. Jamie up at Mitchels salting his sheep - he & Mike Nooning Dans Willie Taylor & old George in for dinner= Afternoon Jamie at C- returned in time for supper= Aunt Ivie & Joann busy in the kitchen. I have not been feeling well all day. After Supper Fannie Fred & Harlan & Middie Miller & I took & drive with papa across the rail road. While we were out Bro John & Riley C- called Mike Nooning here to night.

13 June Friday. I called at Millers & Jones this morning. Sheep Shearing [progressing]= Bro John & Sister Jeannette came up this morning- Jamie bro John Fannie & Fred went up to Mitchels for sheep returned about eleven. A swarm of bees came off about the time they returned. Bro Hugh Taylor [Dreh] Mike Nooning Davie

Little & old George in for dinner this P.M. Bro John & Jamie went Clifton to [Large Blank] on business. After four sister Jeannette took Johns buggy & went down home taking Fannie & Fred with her Joann went to her sisters at the Same Time= Jamie returned about dark bringing Joann and the children home. Taylor [Dreh] Bro Hugh Mike N- & Davie Little here for supper. Hugh here to night.

14 June Sat. Bro Hugh left before breakfast this morning. Old Mike Noonung completed the job of sheep shearing at nine this morning- Miller Brown & Old George out at the corn Taylor assisting Jamie in the Sheep Pen- Aunt Ivie ironing- Joeann helping with the other work= This P.M. Jamie drove up to Mitchels on a little errand Took Fred with him when returning it came up a heavy shower= Mrs Jones came at three this P.M. to iron but too Late. After Supper Jamie [Across] the rail road with Sheep= About dark Jamie & Miller at C- Took Aunt Ivie down home= Mrs Miller called this P.M.= The Children & I had retired when Jamie returned.

15 June Sabb. Quite Pleasant. A swarm of bees came off this morning and returned to the hive- Jamie and Fannie and Fred and I at church- left baby Harlan at home with Joann Mrs Miller and her children & [dutch] George- We were at the U.P. Church had Sermon by Rev M^r Taylor= J. Whitelaw Reid was at at church to day= When we returned from church we found Harlan quite Sick he had a chill while we were gone= MRS Miller & her children here for supper Joann down there this eve= This morning David M. Small died at Seven Oclock= he had been sick for a long time.

16 June Monday. Quite warm. Jamie around all forenoon. Bro Hugh came up this morning and went over to John Johnsons to Shear Sheep. Joann busy in the kitchen- Men out plowing. This morning Joann went down to Mrs Mrs Miller to help measure carpet= A Swarm of bees came off the hive of yesterday morning returned to the hive- in about half an hour they came out again but did not Settle Jamie removed their hive & [Sat] new one in its place the bees accepted it & went into it- at once= After dinner we left our house and all in case of Joaenn and Papa Fannie Fred and I attended the funeral of David Small we left Harlan with Aunt Jane & Jeannette Sister Matt went out with us- The funeral exercises were conducted by Rev [Boyd]. M^r Morton being absent on a visit to the west, Fannie Fred & Aunt Matt rode to C- with Sister Mary in fathers carriage- when Jamie & I were passing the R.P. Church we Stopped to see the repairs= When we [caing] to the girls we Stopped for supper. Rily C- came into see Harlan as he has been sick to day again with a chill= After supper we came

on home- A swarm of bees came off while we were gone Mrs Miller & Joann hived them.

17 June Tuesday. Warm. Wallace Wilson called this morning= Arch and others over at John Johnsons Shearing Sheep- about Ten Jamie drove over in the farm wagon for the work & Mrs Miller left her children here while she called at [Gallbreaths] - Abb Shetcher here working on the Little house- A swarm of bees came off the Hive which swarmed yesterday Shetcher came up & hived them. Our dear little Harlan had a chill to day again= A [picnie] from C- went over to the soldiers home to Dayton to day= Bro Dan & Sister Jane were there= they returned on the eight Oclock train= Jamie returned about dark- Bro Hugh & Abb Shetcher here to night. Joann down at Millers this eve=

18 June Wed. Old George attending to the Stable work this morning & Abb Shetcher working in the farm Jamie around home all Forenoon = Joann not able to do much with her sore hand. I have been quite busy all day. Mrs Jones here washing__ Harlan had A slight chill to day. Mrs Miller came up this morning. After noon Papa & Fannie & Fred went to town took supper at Aunt Jane's & from there went out to bro Johns. Came home about dark= Mrs Miller here this P.M. & done up the kitchen work to assist Joann. Mrs Copper from the Springs stopped to get subscribed for a paper. I called at Millers this eve took Harlan with me. After Supper Shetcher went away. On Last Saturday Bro John Mc went up to Circleville from there he has gone home=

19 June Thursday. Warm= Jamie around home all forenoon- Joann sewing for me. Abb Shetcher came at noon= Men out plowing= Jamie George & Shetcher in for dinner= after noon- Jamie & Shetcher up at the Saw mill= Came back in Time for supper= After supper Shetcher working at Carpenter work= Jamie across the rail road= The children and I down at Mrs Millers. This is the day of the Commencment exercises at Wilberforce University=

20 June Friday. Warm_ Shetcher working at jobs of carpenter work at the barn. Rosey Jones here ironing= A swarm of bees came off this A.M. & was cut from highest point of a locust tree by Shetcher & hived by Jamie= Father came up This A.M. and remained with us for dinner. After dinner he took Fannie home with him= Late in the of afternoon Jamie Fred & Harlan & I drove out there Maggie Henderson came there to day she had been attending commencement exercises at Yellow Springs= Hugh and Silas were over at bro Johns at the Sheep Shearing= After supper we came on home stopping at Aunt Janes A very Little bit as we came through C__

21 June Sat. Quite Pleasant. Abb Shetcher around all day doing a little of nothing- The men out plowing- Mrs Jones here cleaning the front bed Room and the back sitting room- [Margin: moved the bed from the front room to the little room up stairs.] Jamie down at C- this A.M. Joann went down with him- they did not get home till [?] This P.M. Joe Kyle called this A.M. Sallie Jones here helping awhile I am been very busy baking & so on all day. Eve Jamie down at C- again=

22 June- Sabbath. Warm= A swarm of bees came off this morning and were hived by the [Proprietor] & Miller and Joann Old George around home- Jamie Fannie Fred and I attended preaching at the U.P. Church had sermon by Rev Mr [Cowan]. After preaching we came on home bringing Maggie Henderson with us- after supper- Bible reading in the front parlor by Jamie and the rest of us. We read through the books of John and by Maggie H's suggestion the twentieth chapter of the Gospel of John. Had a light shower of rain this eve=

23 June Monday. Quite Pleasant= Men out at work_ Jamie looking after the state of his bees all morning= I spent the morning quite pleasantly with Maggie H- About ten Jamie took her down to C- from there she went out home with father. All quiet here to day Joann suffering & Old George in for dinner. Mrs Miller called this P.M. A man by the name of Charles Mason passing from Dayton stopped here this P.M. and varnished the parlor furniture= he was here for supper & with us to night_ Jamie returned [?] supper. Joann at Millers this eve.

24 June. Tuesday. Very warm_ Men all out at work- Our traveler Mason done some Little varnishing this morning after which he helped Jamie hive two swarms of bees which came off_ I went down to C- this morning alone and brought out some paint= Jennette Matt & Aunt Roseanna out at Mary Littles to day= I met Aunt Roseanna as I came home. When I came back sister Betsey and Jimmie Caldwell were here- they spent the day with us_ Lizzie Lake came up for her this eve= Jamie put in full day with the bees= It came up quite a storm this evening at dark- very heavy rain. Mason done some painting this P.M. On yesterday Mr & Mrs [?] Townsley celebrated the [fifth] Anniversary of their wedding=

25 June. Wed. Warm= Mason passed on up the pike this morning_ Mrs Jones here washing= Jamie around home all day. Joann attending to business at home. Mrs Miller and Fannie Fred and baby Harlan and I were down at C- this A.M. [Middie] and

[Aleathie] staid here_ Miller here for dinner_ I called to see Aunt Ivie_ When Mrs Miller got through with her shopping we went down to the girls and took dinner and came on home= Waddle here for supper.

26 June Thurs. Warm Jamie setting out plants this morning. Men all out at work. Taylor not here to day. Near noon Jamie Fannie Fred & Harlan and I went over home_ Jamie & the children took dinner at Janes. Matt went with us. From fathers Matt and Jamie went over to Xenia. Mary & Bell busy putting down their new rag carpet. [HM] Cooper there doing carpenter work. Jamie & Matt returned about dark took supper alone After which we came on home= after [sto]pping at Jane and Jennette a little bit. Joann was at Millers as we came home=

27 June Friday. Pleasant. Jamie around home all day. Joann doing part of the ironing the rest I sent to Rosy Jones. Miller here this morning for breakfast. Men all out at work= After noon Jamie fixing up the [wool] Came into supper at five had quite a heavy rain this eve=

28 June Sat. Warm= Baking something & so on in the kitchen dept. Jamie up at Mitchels at the Sheep Pasture= Mrs Miller went along & drove up to Smiths for plants= returned at noon_ Miller took dinner down home= After dinner Jamie drove over to Clifton. This P.M. Jamie and I were invited to Dr [Stuarts] to attend the twenty fifth Anniversary of their wedding as they are having quite a company invited in to celebrate the occasion= Bro Dan & Sister Jane left Jennie & [Effie] here while they attended the anniversary wedding= Miller down at C- this eve and brought up a stove for us from the depot. Jamie returned after dark from John Johnsons.

29 June- Sabb. Quite- Pleasant the Miller family staid here with George while Jamie Fannie Fred and I attended the U.P. Church- we left Harlan with Sister Jane Joann went down to her sisters to day. We had but one Sermon at U.P. Church by Rev Cain_ For the Afternoon- Jamie and I walked down with Matt & Jeannette to the Old Side church= Fannie & Fred staid with Harlan & Aunt Jane= We staid this eve at Janes for supper= Matt attending the [Col'd] Sabbath School as usual. When we Came home we fixed supper for Millers & George= Quite a heavy rain this eve- considerable wind.

30 June Monday. Rain most of the day. Jamie around with his bees all day. We had our new Tuscola Stove put up this morning- Joann quite busy in the Kitchen. H.H. McMillan called this morning=

Miller down at C- with a load of [rye]. Old George in the wood shed in the eve- Mrs Miller Lizzie Lake & Little Dave M^{rs} & bro Dan called. Bro Silas here for Supper=

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1 July. Tuesday. Quite Pleasant after the rain= Old George hauling out [manure] Miller at Mill for Ship [Stuff] this P.M. plowing= At one Oclock Sister Jane and Matt came here and took dinner_ they had been out selling [pictures] - they staid till four and went back home. Jamie & Jonathan Smith up at London at the stock sale_ Jamie returned after night_ [In] the [Joann] & the children down at Millers.

2 July Wed. Quite damp. Last night a storm came up & Jamie had to get up & go out and bring in the Sheep. Raining most all day. Sam G- & J. Allen here this A.M. Mrs Jones here washing. Joann in the Kitchen. Jamie around home. This P.M. Mrs. Miller here sewing on the machine Bro Hugh came this P.M. here for dinner. This eve Jamie over at [Jamisons] & rented his reaping machine returned in time for supper. About dark quite a storm came up.

3 July Thurs. Bro Hugh came up this morning Old George left on a visit- to Columbus. Heavy rain on last night. Jamie up at Mitchels at the sheep pasture. Mrs Miller went with him and went on up to Smiths. This P.M. Jamie around home= Sister Jane & Aunt Roseanna came up gathered around awhile & returned with us for supper. This eve quite a heavy Storm came up. Dans Jane & the girls came down and staid till it was over.

4 July Friday. Heavy rain on last night & still raining. Mrs Jones here, to day, ironing Joann around attending to business. Jamie around home all day. This eve old George came back. Papa Fannie Fred and Harlan & I went down to town took supper at Janes- Mr Morton boarding there since he has returned from the

west. Quite a storm & heavy rain this eve. When we came home we found that it had been very heavy here- quite a number of Apple trees had been blown down in the Orchard. This eve W[m] Reids & Little Son [died].

5 July Sat. Appearance of rain this A.M. Cold & damp. Jamie looking after the State of his bees. Jamie & George in for dinner. Late this A.M. Mrs Jones came and finished the ironing. After supper Joann went with Jamie down to C- did not get back till a little late. I was down at Millers a Little while this P.M. Mrs M- here to night.

6 July Sabb. Quite pleasant. We left baby Harlan Joann & old George at home the rest of us at church. Mr Morton preached in our church to day. It is not finished yet. Mrs. Miller & Middie went with us to church. Mr Morton preached two sermons.

7 July Monday. The weather still continued good. Jamie down at C- & brought Aunt Ivie home with him. Miller here for breakfast & dinner. Jamie around this P.M. seeing about cutting wheat. At four they started the reaper at [?]line Joann Fannie Fred & Middie & I took the supper to the men. They are cutting in the field across the creek. Jamie, Miller, Joe Brown & dutch George took supper in the woods- quite gloomy this eve a little rain fell about dark Jamie went down to C-

8 July Tuesday. Appearance of rain this A.M. Men out in the wheat. Joe Brown took sick & had to be taken home- Aunt Ivie, Joann & I busy in the kitchen. Jamie brought Waddle, Miller, [Col'd] Moses, & old George in with him to dinner. At five Joann Fannie, Fred, Harlan & Middie & I took the supper over to the men. The evening beautiful- after the me had eaten the children took supper & played in the woods awhile= I stopped at Millers [Illegible] came up. Mrs M- here awhile this eve.

9 July Wed. Men out at the wheat cutting- Aunt Ivie & Joann busy in the Kitchen. Sister Jane drove up this morning- here helping to day. Jamie brought Miller, Taylor, [Col'd] Jordan & Moses & Old George in for dinner= This P.M. Barber brought his machine & four men with it= In the eve we left Aunt Ivie to keep house while sister [Inserted: Jane] & Mrs Miller & her children & Joann & our three children went out across the creek with supper for the men- there were ten men to take supper. The evening beautiful everything very pleasant. When we returned sister Jane went back to C-

10 July Thursday. Quite pleasant. Mrs Jones here washing= All of us quite busy. Jamie & several of his men not well Some Ten [?] wheat cutters here for dinner. [Mussey] of Springfield here to buy wool this P.M. About three Oclock sister Jane & Jeannette drove up. At five Jane & Jeannette and Fannie Fred & Harlan & I drove out across the creek with the supper for the men- Old George at C- This P.M. All the other hands there= Had quite a pleasant ride home= When we return the girls went back to C=

11 July Friday. Pleasant Jamie and his sick men feeling better- near noon Mr Morton sister Jeannette & Matt drove up= They took their dinner with the harvest hands. Col'd Moses was dismissed from the field this morning- This P.M. Jamie got Willie Mitchel to come & help= Mr Morton, Matt & the children in the parlor all afternoon. Abb Shetcher called. This eve- we left Matt & Harlan & Joann at home. Mr. Morton, Jeannette, Aunt Ivie & I took the supper to the men across the railroad to the wheat field. Fannie & Fred went with us. This has been quite a pleasant day. The men in fine spirits- when we came back Joann had supper ready for us- late in the eve Mr M- & the girls returned to C-

12 July Sat. Men all out at the wheat cutting. Mrs Jones here ironing. Lizzie C- & Lottie [Pivoney] called Mrs Jones here ironing- Aunt Ivie & Joann busy. Finished cutting wheat at noon. Jamie and his men in for dinner- Clark of Springfield called to see the wool. This P.M. We left Aunt Ivie Mrs Jones & old George at home & took Fannie Fred & Harlan & Joann with us to C- went by way of Mary Littles to see Sam [G-] Joann went to her sisters- The children & I staid at Jones while Jamie went to Xenia- I got Fannies & Freds hair cut at the Barber Shop. Fannies hair was quite long & very pretty but as it required a great deal of attention we concluded to have it cut. Mr Morton still boarding with the girls= Jamie did not get back from X- Till late. Wm. Weymouth came up with him from X- Jamie took lunch came on home with Harlan & me- Fannie & Fred had both retired.

13 July Sabb. Pleasant. We left the house in Old Georges care, took Aunt Ivie down home & left Harlan with her. We went down to Janes & got Fannie & Fred and went to church- Mrs Miller & Middie with us at church to day. Mr Morton preached in the M.P church- had but one Sermon- Bro Johns wife took sick had an [?]ffection of the nerves & had to be taken home= After services we called at got our son Harlan & stopped for Joann & came on home- Bro Silas passing here this eve stopped a few minutes- Joann down at Millers.

14 July Monday. Pleasant. Jamie, old George, Miller, Taylor, & Brown putting the wheat away in the barn from across the railroad. I have been quite busy doing up odd jobs. Joann scrubbing. Mrs Miller here to day. After supper Jamie at C- when he came back. Appearance of a Storm- he brought the Sheep in.

15 July. Tuesday. Men hauled in two loads of wheat this morning when a rain came up. Cal Wilson here for dinner- Afternoon- Jamie & his men went back to the wheat again. Sister Jeannette stopped here this morning she & Matt & Mr Morton spending the day at Bro Robert Galbreaths= This P.M. Mr & Mrs Robert [Nustie] and Alice's Little daughter Bessie here= Mr [Nustie] drove up the pike on business. Came back in time for supper after supper appearance of a storm= We had quite a pleasant visit= Bessie is a real sweet Little girl= This morning John Bromegans received a son in to their family. Cal W- with us to night.

16 July Wed. Quite pleasant. This morning Mrs Miller & Fred and I called around at Mr Henry [Kyles] and Sam Barbers as Mrs M- was making application for our school we reached home at ten Oclock. Joann had attended to the work nicely= Men hauling in wheat this A.M. Cal W- working at his job of hand reaping. Afternoon men in the hay field_ Jamie drove up the pike this P.M. returned in Time for supper- After Supper papa Fannie & Fred & Harlan & I drove over to the hay field by the rail road- while we were there we called at Waddles= met Mr Waddle's Sister there= when we drove back from Waddles we went down to C- called around at John Bromegans. Stopped a very Little bit in C- when we came back home leaving Fred asleep at Janes Cal W. rode up with us= Appearance of rain- but all signs fail in dry weather and in wet too So they Say. Joann at Millers to night.

17 July Thurs. Pleasant= but warm Mrs Jones here washing= Jamie around all day= Cutting grass= Joe Brown, Miller, Taylor & George in the hay field Jamie Cal W- & George in with us for dinner= In the eve- Taylor came in for supper- Jamie at C- this P.M. Stopped at Janes got Fred and drove out to Fathers. Sister Matt and Jennie Little drove up this eve with Aunt Ivie- Cal W- here to night. Aunt Ivie occupying the front room up stairs= Papa and Fred came back before nine=

18 July Friday. Rather cool. Men all out in the hay field. Aunt Ivie washing bed cloths= Jamie, George & Cal w- here for dinner Joann attending to business in the kitchen. Sister Betsy & [Joann] drove up this P.M. went away before Supper= Jamie out with the men He and Taylor Cal W- & George in for supper. Eve I

called at Mrs Millers met Mrs Waddle there- The evening beautiful.

19 July Sat. Appearance of rain now & then= Jamie out in the hay field Taylor on the sick list to day. At noon Abb Shetcher came- he & Jamie Cal W. Old George and the two men who have rented our thrasher here for dinner- This P.M. Aunt Ivie sick- Joann ironing= After supper Jamie at C- Joann went with him to see her sister.

20 July Sabb. Quite pleasant Joann and baby Harlan at home. Papa Fannie & Fred and I at church had preaching at or in our church to day had two sermons by Mr Morton= After preaching Fannie being quite thirsty we drove down to Aunt Janes to get her drink. Had a nice shower this eve= Aunt Ivie went home [Margin: this evening]

21 July. Monday. Joann at Millers last night= Cal W- & Robert & Frank Mitchel here for breakfast= Busy stacking hay and running the mower Abb Shetcher, Jamie and the above mentioned ones here for dinner- Taylor & Miller and all the above mentioned ones here for supper. Joann down helping Mrs Miller this P.M. She was up at Allens this A.M. The weather quite pleasant.

22 July Thursday. All up quite early this morning= Joann took Mrs Miller & her baby down to the Seven Oclock train as she leaves for Xenia to attend the normal school for teachers. Joann came back in a Little while & took charge of the Kitchen Jamie brought Cal W- Shetcher, Old George and Little Robert Mitchel in to dinner- Miler at Mitchels at the thrashing machine- This P.M. finishing up the hay in the meadow by the railroad. [Spangle] from above Charleston called= Eve men in for supper- Fannie Fred & Harlan & I drove over to Mrs Waddles and made a short call. After we returned Jamie drove up to Mitchels Bro Hugh calling in to night=

23 July Wed. Warm= Shetcher & Miller at Mitchels at the thrashing= Jamie old George & Cal W- in for dinner= This A.M. Jamie writing to Arthur Forbes- Lizzie Lake called Jamie up the pike. This P.M. He and Fannie Fred and Harlan and I down at C- Jamie drove up to Springfield the children and I staid at Janes. Ellen Ewing there visiting- She and Matt went up to [?]Orrs for tea- I called at John Bromegans & Jennie C'S, Mortons. [Squire] [Fries] & Mrs McFarlands. Met bro John and his wife & Sister Mary in C- they had driven up here to see us while we were away. Bro John & Family leave on a visit to Stubenville tomorrow if

all are well. Jamie did not get home till late= Ellen Ewing with Matt to night. We left Fred asleep with Aunt Jane- Cal W- Abb Shetcher Miller & Old George with us to night. On the 14th of this month Mrs Alice Newcomb Caskey late of Cedarville died at Santa Barbara California, of consumption.

24 July Thursday. Miller & Shetcher at Mitchel till noon= Mrs Jones here washing= Joann in the kitchen= Jamie left by way of Cedarville for Springfield near noon- Father called a few minutes before he left- This P.M. Miller out at Fathers for a load of corn= Miller, Shetcher Cal Wilson with us to night= Jamie came after night- Stopped at Janes in C- for supper= Fred was asleep when he was there=

25 July Friday. Quite pleasant. Thrashing weat[sic.] at bro Dans to day four of our men there= Jamie around all day. Jane & Matt up at Springfield at the Machine Shop on an errand for Jamie reached here at one Oclock. Cal W- here for dinner= At Four the girls went back to C- Jamie out at the field with the men who brought the thrasher down. Old George and Miller in with Jamie for supper- late this eve Jamie down at town. Came back about nine brought sister Jeannette and Fred with him= Mrs Miller came up from attending the normal school at Xenia this eve= Came up with Jamie Abb Shetcher here boarding.

26 July Sat. Appearance of rain= Thrashing wheat here to day Abb Shetcher Arch & Hugh Jim running the machine= Sister Jeannette and Lizzie Lake here helping Joann & I with the dinner= Nineteen men here to dinner= About three this P.M. A heavy rain came up which stopped the thrashing in an instant. Sister Jane drove up about the time the rain came on with a basket of provisions for us- Sat a Little and went by way of Galbreaths home= Bro Hugh- Abb Shetcher & George here for Supper. After supper Jeannette went down home with Hugh= Jimmie Caldwell here all day.

27 July Sabb= Pleasant. Papa, Fannie, Fred & I at church left baby Harlan at home with Joann & George. Had two Sermons by Mr Morton. In the evening took sister Jeannette down home [or] I mean Sister Matt.

28 July. Monday. Heavy rain this morning= Joann down at Millers last night= Mrs M- called here quite early= Miller took her & Leathie down to the train in the carriage. Rain now & then all day= Father, Mother, Sister Mary & Cousin Bell here for dinner- brought me a [?]pr of knit hose. This P.M. brothers Silas came- here with us to supper. Old George down at town this P.m. he concluded to change his place to day So he could get work

consistently but with the assurance that he need never be idle here he concluded to stay four months longer= On yesterday the choir Sat in the corner pews on the left of the pulpit= John C- Stormont is their leader.

29 July Tuesday. Old George mowing the yard. Miller & Brown at C- at Harbisons Mill with wheat. They came back about three took dinner here and left with the second load. This P.M. Jamie and Fannie & Fred. Harlan and I at town- Jane & Jeannette at C- Matt keeping house. Sister Rachel there calling when we went- Jane & Jeannette home in time for Supper. About dark we came home. Leaving Fred asleep at Janes We in past Mary Little to C-

30 July Wed. Quite pleasant Jamie around up the pike & down the pike all A.M. Men hauling in wheat from across the Creek. Jane came up this A.M. and brought Fred & Aunt Ivie up. Sat awhile and went back to town on business for this firm. Abb Shetcher, Waddle, Miller, old George came in with Jamie for dinner. Jane came back when we were at the table- This P.M. Thrashing wheat across the creek. After five this eve- We had started with the supper to the men- When we met them coming home the machine having broke= We Sat the Supper in the yard- Jamie took a flying trip to the blacksmith shop. Came before dark. There were about fourteen men here- Abb Shetcher & Bro Silas with us to night- Jane went down home. This eve bro Hugh went with us= When Jamie returned from C- he & Fannie drove up to Mitchels.

31 July Thurs. Appearance of rain- Sprinkling now & all A.M. Men here thrashing= Aunt Ivie taking the whole responsibility of the dinner. Sister Jane drove up this morning= Finished thrashing at noon. Fourteen men came into dinner- others went home= This P.M. Jamie drove down to town returned in a short time- At four A heavy rain came up- Sister Jane went down home by way of Gallbreaths. Aunt Ivie began washing this afternoon all of us at home to night. Miller came in with Jamie for supper. Old George left this P.M.

Kelsey Shrum

August_ 1873

1 Aug. Friday Raining a little now and then all day_ Aunt Ivie washing scrubbing (etc.) Joam helping with the work in the Kitchen dept. [Mim?] out hauling in the remainder of the wheat_ [Arch?] quite sick this morning Dr Stuart came up to See him_ Jamie called this P.M. At noon Jamie Settled with Taylor & Joe Brown After dinner Jamie and Miller over at Mary Littles for the hogs. Joam went down with him to C- [Middie?] Miller here all day_ Old [?] Miller came back [from his tramp?], here for Supper_ after supper Jamie called to see [Arch?] and went down to C__

(in margin) Mrs. McMillan returned from Xenia tonight she [?] a certificate for 12 [mattes?]

2 Aug Sat. Jamie taking honey bo[nes?] [?] and writing to O.S. Balwin this A.M. Miller around attending to work_ [Rasey?] Jones here ironing Joam baking (etc.)_ This P.M. Jamie thought of going to Xenia but finally took Aunt Ivie down home and staid(sic) at C- he returned after dark_ he [?] Thomas Melvin and Jas. McEhoy in C- Maggie[Connard?] has come back to C- on a visit. Jamie is thinking about Selling his wool Clark of Spring field called to see it this morning.

Heavy rain this P.M.

3 Aug Sabb. Pleasant. Left Harlan at home with Joam Papa Fannie and Fred & I at church_ The house filled up with [H?] P.S. Had two Sermons by Mr. Morton [?] This P.M. "I am Alpha and Omega"_ All of fathers there to day but Mother_ This eve we had Bi[?] reading Joam read with us through the book of Micah. Quite cool this eve.

4 Aug Monday. Cool this morning_ Miller sick. Joe Brow[n?] here helping with the chores & hauling wheat into Ha[b?]son's mill_ Jamie around home all A.M. After dinner he & Fannie rode up to Mitchels pasture to doctor some sheep_ Fred and Harlan took a sleep while they were gone_ when they came back_ We all drove out to fathers, left Joam in charge of the house_ As we came through C- [Foose?] were there sacking the [Heymoth?] wool_ gave Jamie an offer on his_ when we reached fathers they had just eaten supper_ Joe took supper alone after which Jamie & [Silas?] drove out to [Doe Jobs?] _ When they returned we came on home_ Joam staying at Millers till we came_ As we came through C- Matt & Jennette had just finished papering their sitting room.

5 Aug Tues. Pleasant_ All things & every thing very quiet_ Miller and Brown doing chores (etc.) all day. Jamie & Sam [P-?] at London at the stock sale_ Jo[eam?] rode old Charlie to C- & spent this P.M. I called at Dans to [see?] [Arch_?] Matt Smalls staying there. Fannie Fred & Harlan and I all day alone_ This eve Miller rode down to C_ Mrs Miller & the children here_ Jamie returned after night_ before any of us had retired.

6 Aug. Wed. The day beautiful_ Happiness peace & contentment the order of the day. John Johnson called this A.M. & Jamie drove across the rail road with him to show him stock John[s?] says, [Cornel?] Joe Leifells wife was banished on Friday. I called to see Mrs. Miller this A.M. no one but [Joeam?] and our own family here for dinner_ This P.M. we left [her?] to look after our interest and the children and [?]'s drove out to bro Johns_ they returned from their visit to St[?] last week._ father came by way of Johns from Cedarville and took supper with us_ Mrs Rachel

Kyle spent part of the P.M. at Johns_ As we came home this eve stopped at Janes [gate?]. She gave Fannie a house plant_ We stopped and bought Aunt Ivie home with us _ Bright moonlight. quite pleasant.

7 Aug. Thurs. Pleasant_ Joe Brown at Littles helping to thans[h?]. Jamie and Miller in the sheep pen all day. Aunt Ivie washing. Joam attending to the other work. I have accomplished but little to day as I have been half [?] [packing?] to get to [Po Out Home?] all day. After Jamie & Miller across the rail road_ Aunt Ivie [called?] at Jones by the [Creek?] Fannie & Fred at Millers awhile Our three little ones retired early this eve.

8 Aug. Friday. Aunt Ivie washing bed clothes_ Jamie up at Mitchells at the sheep pasture this A.M. Mrs miller and her children here for dinner_ She & Joam picking the [Dueks?]. This P.M Sister Matt called [around?] she had been [around?] with her pictures_ Aunt Ivie went home with her_ This eve papa took Fannie Fred & Harlan a short [distance?]. with him up the pike_ came back and went to Sister Mary Littles to see Davie who is sick with typhoid fever.

9 Aug Sat. Quite warm. [Rasey?] Jones here ironing_ Joam attending to the other work and part of the ironing_ Miller around looking [at?] things. Joe Brown here this morning he & his wife going to C- Jamie & Sister Jane and I at Xenia went by way of home and left the children there_ Father went to Xenia with us_ Fannie seemed to be really heart-broken because here mama left her to day. When we came back to fathers found the children all safe took supper and came on home_ Sister Matt up at Littles to night with [Dani?]._ Sister Mary came into town with us and stopped at Mr Mortons. This P.M. we had quite a heavy rain here_ Scarcely a drop fell in Xenia

10 Aug. Sabb. Papa Fannie Fred Joam and Mrs Miller and I at church_ drove us past Aunt Ivie's room and left Harlan with here. Had two sermons by Mr_Morton_ This P.M. [?] "walk worthy of the vocation where with [you?] called" [etc.] When eve come home from church Jamie was stepping around meditating till supper would be ready when he unfortunately saw a s[?] of bees hanging out on one of the [?] and in [mercy?] [he lived them?] with the assistance of Miller & Joam (etc.) after which eve had supper and rested the Sabbath according to the commandment.

11 Aug. Monday. Miller and Jamie [began?] cutting in the old meadow this morning. Baking bread (etc.) all day by Joam and my self. This P.M. Jamie looking after the state of his bees_ About farm with mowing laid aside as a rain came up_ Jamie at home with his family this eve_ This P.M. Hugh's Jimmie called_ Bro Hugh around h awhile to night. He has been at Xenia to day and got [these?] teeth pulled_ Father Mother and Cousin Bell went to [Cliflton B.?] to day.

12 Aug. Thursday. Appearance of rain_ Joe Brown "Cutting This[tles?]" till noon_ Miller out with the [sythe?_] Jamie down at C- attending the meeting of [Bivle?] Society. Joam attending [to the?] work generally_ Fannie Fred and Harlan Around home_ Harlan had started out to walk on his own account to day_ all enjoyed to see him walk. He is quite a man now. Sits beside Papa at the table on his high chair and feeds him self in the most approved manner with a fork Fred is a little man too and sits on papa's other hand on a high chair. Our daughter Fannie sits by mama. And is a pattern of good behavior. Jamie returned in time for supper after which he went out to Brown and Miller to the hay field. About dark a storm * came up_ but little rain fell. Jamie [saw?] Mr [Mastie?] to day they got word from [Alice?] that his little child is dead and was

buried to day Mrs [Mastie?] left at once to take [Bessie?] home to her_ Jamie took dinner with his good Sisters to day. Mrs. Miller here this eve.

13 Aug. Wed. [Running?] the [mower?] and putting up hay. Bro Hugh here for dinner with Jamie and the rest of us. Jamie taking a [review?] of a hive of bees this A.M. and killed the Queen. "Accidents will happen to the "best" of people". So They Say. Mrs Miller here this morning [I?] was also there on an errand. Joam attending to the work like a good girl. This P.M. Our dear little Fannie went out to Grand fathers to see aunt Mary with [?] Hugh_ Jamie in the hay field brought Taylor in for supper. About dark Jamie rode down to Sister Mary Littles to see Davie_ I feel quite lonely with out Fannie.

14 Aug. Thurs Appearance of rain _ Miller here for [breakfast?]._ He and Fannie gathering up their force to go to the hay field. Papa up the pike at Mitchels_ Fred went with [?] they stepped at W[?] Smiths. I was down at Millers this A.M. Mrs M- quite sick. Mrs Jones here washing_ [Millie?] David & Robert Mitchel here for dinner_ bro Hugh here "Speculating" and for dinner_ This P.M. Fred went out with [Buch?] Hugh to [?] fathers Papa & Harlan and I went out in the express alone_ Stopped at the gate with Jennette & Matt as eve went out. This is the day of the [Kyle?] picnic Quite cool with P.M. and too windy to make much progress in the hay field. James [tow?] pike "speculating" If you would win- you must risk & sometimes risk "lots". Bro Silas at Littles this eve_ [Aunt?] Mary, Hugh & Silas there alone as the rest of the folk's are in [Clinton?] Co. Jamie & Hugh did not get back till nine took their suppers. After which we & our three children came home. Joam at Millers to night. Miller mowing this P.M._

15 Aug. Friday. Still cool. Appearance of rain. Stacking hay in the old meadow David & Robert Mitchel came in with Jamie to dinner_ This P.M. I have been quite busy [hel?]ping Joam with the baking and ironing. [?] still in the hay field. Mitchels Little boys came in with Jamie to dinner & supper_ Bro Hugh here this P.M. Mrs M- and the children here a little while_ [?] finished the ironing this eve_ After supper finished business in the hay field_ or p[?] [up so.]

16 aug. Sat. Jamie [started?] with Miller, Brown & [Tammy?] Jones in the hay field_ but a rain came pouring down which stopped business for the day_ Mrs. Jones called this A.M. Jamie left about eleven for Xenia stopped in town & took Jane with him. He attended a meeting of the [Agricultrial SOC?] at one this P.M. Miller around home attending to business It has cleared off [nicely?] this P.M. I have been quite busy sewing_ Jamie returned after dark_

17 Aug Sabb. Quite cool this morning_ Papa Fannie & Fred and I at church_ left Harlan at home with our good girl Joam. Had Sermon by Mr Morton this morning and by W.H. Reid this P.M. Alice [Charters?] and Sister Matt came out and took dinner with us. This eve Fannie Fred & Harlan Kept awake till after payers papa read the three last chapters in the book by James.

18 Aug. Monday. Quite Pleasant_ Jamie around all morning_ Miller out tossing or spreading hay. After sinner he & Brown & Jamie out stacking finished after five_ The harvest is past and. I might say the Summer almost ended_ Sister Jane called this P.M. Our little daughter Fannie had a took taken out to day_ Joam took it out for her_ A new tooth had come in at the back of it which is nearly ready for use_ Jimmie Allen here awhile to night. Bro Hugh stopped in to tell us that William Henderson and CO would not be here tomorrow

19 Aug. Thursday. Brown and Miller working the roads. Jamie around all A.M. up at bro [Dans?] for a little corn. Mrs Jones here washing_ Jamie not feeling very well to day. Joam walked down to C- to her sisters & spent the day_ She returned this eve. Sister Rachel & [Mathie?] here this morning for Crabbs. Mrs Jones done up the Kitchen work for me before going away. This P.M. Jamie over at Clifton called around at [W?]illers where they were [thrashing?] to see John Johnson took supper he and Johnson up at the Sparrow Sheep Pasture_ Jamie returned after dark.

20 Aug. Wed. Quite pleasant_ Brown & Miller working the roads. Jamie down with John Mitchel looking at his corn_ As they returned they brought [watr mellens?] with them_ Mitchel stopped in awhile_ Joam assisting Jamie with gathering Crabb-Apples till one Oclock We had dinner_ when they went out & finished their contract when papa Fannie Fred & Harlan and I went out to fathers. Sister Mary not a home_ being [over?] at Yellow Springs at A Sabbath School Convention with Sister Matt and "co"_ Clarence [McEhoy?] out at fathers this week. This eve [Mr?] Henderson & wife & son Earnest [landed?] at fathers & took supper with us_ Bro Silas at Sister Mary Littles to night sitting up with Davie. W[?] Henderson [drove?] in to C- to take out his brother [Hale?] and his wife who came in on the eight Oclock train. The eve quite pleasant.

21 Aug. Thurs. Pleasant. Jamie left at an early hour for Xenia Fannie Fred & Harlan and I went with him and staid at Janes. I helped Matt most of the day on a quilt. She had it up stairs in their little room. Jennette busy most of the day in the kitchen Johnny Bro[?] taking his meals there Bro

Johns wife & [Lizzie?] & Sammie called to see [me?] this P.M. while I was at Janes_ Jamie came back from Xenia while we were at the supper table I called at Mrs [McFarlands?] this eve and was up [town?] a little while_ Jamie Matt & Fannie & Fred went up to the eight Oclock train to meet Bro David M[c & Cam?]. but they did not come. when they came back from the train we came on home [Joeam?] at Millers to night.

22 Aug. Friday. Quite pleasant_ Jamie and Miller out in the sheep pen all A.M. Mrs Jones here washing bed clothes. Joam attending to other the work. I have been quite busy setting my house in [?] This P.M. Jamie writing to O.S. Baldwin & to bro John M[?]. Joam has got the hands & the [yard?] fixed up in good style . Late this P.M. Sister Matt and [Camron?] came up. he & bro David came on this morning train_ It is over five years since I have seen Cam he has changed [considerable?] he & Matt [remained?] for supper. Jamie did not get in till after they were gone he & Miller being across the rail road with sheep. Jamie at home with his family to night_ Every thing and every one very pleasant

23 Aug. Sat. Quite pleasant Jamie & Miller out with the sheep. Bro Dave M[?] & [Charlie?] called this morning Did not get to see Jamie As he was not in_ This P.M. they called around again As they were at Sister Betsys & for dinner_ this time they were successful in seeing Jamie As he was still in the house with his family_ Late this afternoon Jamie drove down to town_ Took supper with bro David at the girls_ Jamie returned after dark_ The children had retired when he came_ Miller rode horse back to C- to night_ Mrs Miller & her children around here awhile. Joam aranging(sic) our [?] Stran [ticks?] on the beds. This morning Martha Jane White did at four Oclock. Sister Mary Murdock & Ellen Little were with the family when She did_ Her

death was triumphant_ Her hope glorius(sic)_ for she had all her trust placed in her blessed Savior. Heaven is certainly fastly filling up_ Every day Same one is going home_ to that “blessed [casontry?], even the heavenly”

24 Aug. Sabb. Extremely warm_ Jamie Fannie Fred& & Joam and I at church. Left Harlan at Mrs Millers. Had but one sermon by Mr [Morton?]. After which we came on home_ Jamie not feeling well with cold_ Fannie & Fred recited their little questions to dear papa this eve.

25 Aug. Monday. Quite pleasant part of the time_ The rest of the time rain_ W[?] [Harley?] & daughter Mary from Xenia, up at bro Dans to day. Mrs Miller here washing_ Joe Brown white washing This A.M. Joam Johnathan Smith called & went with Jamie to C- on a little errand_ Jamie reached home about noon_ Father, Mother, Sister Mary & Cousin Bell here dinner they [attended?] Martha Whites [funeral?] at nine Oclock this morning. Quite a heavy rain this P.M. which stopped business. I was quite sick the greater part of last night. In bed part of the time to day. Father went back home late this P.M. Miller out at father for a load of corn_ Mrs Miller and the children here for dinner Joam quite busy talking change of things [?] As W[?] Harvey [&?] Daughter passed down they stopped home for supper. His daughter is quite a pleasant girl_ I like her much. Old Father [?] from Bloomingburg called to see Jamie and [contracted?] for his wool. Hugh here to night.

26 Aug. Tuesday Heavy rain this morning_ Bro hugh with us to morning he and John Mitchel [and Arch?] went with Jamie to Dan Stand to his [?]. Joam attending to business all A.M. Miller cutting [wood?] (etc.). This afternoon Joam rode down to C- Joe Brown here whitewashing this

P.M. About five O'clock a heavy rain came. Bro Dan called this eve_ Joam returned about dark_
Jamie and bro Hugh and little [Willie?] Harvey came after dark. Jamie was at Xenia a little while
this eve.

27 Aug Wed. Pleasant after the rain_ Joe Brown white washing Jamie and bro Hugh "Settling"
this A.M. Willie Harvey playing around with Fannie & Fred. Late this P.M. bro Hugh went back
home_ little Willie H- [?] Charlie down home as they bought him from Jamie [?]. Sister Jane
called this after noon_ Jamie over at [Mrs Thomas] at the [?] for [?]. I have been very busy all
day. Joam ironing_ Jamie returned at dark_

28 Aug Thursday. Quite [dark and disagreeable?] all day_ Jamie Sister Matt [Lizzie?] C- &
Joam over at Jamestown at the fair_ Joe Brown here whitewashing all day. Miller down at C-
this morning for [?] [hauling gravel?] from the old [spool?] house the rest of the day. I have been
quite busy b[?]ing_ Sister Betsy and Jimmie C- [?] spending this P.M. [They remained?] with us
for supper_ [Jamie?] & Joe [?] returned after dark.

28 Aug Thursday. Quite dark and disagreeable all day_ Jamie Sister Matt Lizzie C- & Joam over
at Jamestown at the fair. Joe Brown here whitewashing all day. Miller down at C- this morning
for dinner_ hauling gravel from the old school house the rest of the day. I have been quite busy
[bathing?]- Sister Besty and Jimmie C- here spending this P.M. They remained with us for
supper_ Jamies & [Joeam?] returned after dark.

29 Aug. Friday. Rather pleasant all day. Jamie not well with the cold_ near noon we left Joam in charge of things and Papa Fannie & Fred & Harlan I drove down to town_ We took dinner with Jane & Jennette_ Matt up at Littles as Jimmie is quite sick. About two O'clock to please our daughter Fannie She & papa & I drove over to Jamestown to the fair_ We left our boys with Aunt Jane Had quite pleasant drive Fannie seemed to enjoy it much. We reached C- before dark_ I went [?] with the rest of us for supper_ Sister Jennette up Littles to night waiting on the sick [?]. On last night old Mrs Heyworth died_ The funeral service [is?] tomorrow at twelve.

30 Aug. Sat. Quite pleasant_ Mrs. Miller called this A.M. Hugh's Jim came in also. Jamie and Miller busy all A.M. attending to sheep_ Jamie still not feeling well rested awhile to day. Joe Brown [?] at work to day. Joam & I both busy. This eve. Papa, Fannie, Fred & Harlan and I drove over to [Tom Crowford?] to a water[mission?] supper _ Bro Johns family & Mr & Mrs Waddle were there_ being Saturday night we returned at an early hour. Fannie & Fred behaved nicely. Harlan poor baby boy became tired and cried him self to sleep in papa's arms.

31 Aug. Sabb. Quite pleasant. Papa Fannie, Fred, Joam & Mrs Miller attended preaching_ Harlan and I staid at home_ Had [two?] sermon[s?] to day by Mr Morton. I have been wide wake all day_ have spent quite a pleasant sabbath. This eve when Fred was passing through the yard a bee stung him_ he seemed to suffer considerable. Papa bathed him off in soda & water which seemed to relieve him very much_ This eve after Fred & Fannie recited their little questions to papa_ he & I read four of five chapters in the of Ecclesiastes.

Martha E. McMillan Journal

September-December 1873

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1 Sept. Monday. The day beautiful. I gathered the Hogs this morning- Joann attending to business like a good girl= Jamie & Miller looking after hogs_ Mrs Miller here this morning Father drove up today- Took dinner with us- Jamie over at Tom C's & around & I did not get in Till late- Sam G stopped in to See Jamie this P.M. Joe Brown white washing- his wife here awhile this P.M. Evening all at home=

2 Sept. Tuesday= Quite pleasant_ Mrs Miller here washing= Joe Brown here white washing Miller farming= Joann attending to business generally= Jamie Fannie Fred and Harlan and I down at town took dinner Sister Jane Matt- Sister Jennette up at Littles waiting on the Sick folks- Bro Dan & Charlie around calling on their friends up the pike- After dinner Jamie met Hugh in town & they drove over to Clifton= they met J. Johnson in Clifton= Bro Dan & Charlie came back to Janes before Supper= Jamie returned just as we were at the supper table= he and Dave spent some time talking this eve- Jennette returned from from Littles this eve- Matt went back in his place_ Lizzie & Jennie are both quite sick. This morning as we drove down to C- we met K. S. Ushie and Son coming out to Sack the wool- but upon Consultation postponed it till Another day. On yester- day at three oclock Dr Andrew Hesson died aged 87 years. His funeral will take place tomorrow

3 Sept. Wed. Numbers passing up to Mitchell's Sale- Mrs Miller & Leathie rode up with Jamie- Father & Sister Mary drove up here from Dr-H's funeral & Spent the day. Bro John tossed up left Mary & Sammie with me= Lizzie is at School. Another F[orbes?] stopped in he has just returned from Colorado. This P.M. A heavy rain came on= We had dinner & Supper together Jamie Bro John and Hugh returned from the Sale= Hugh with us to night-

4 Sept. Thurs. The day beautiful- Jamie & Hugh down at town seeing Ushie Bro Dave & Charlie & Sister Matt here for dinner=

Joann taking charge of things= This Eve- Fannie Fred & Harlan and I down at Bro Hughs taking Supper with Bro Dave & Charlie= Jamie and bro Hugh did not stop but went [three words unintelligible] where- did not get back till late- The Dallas family visiting at Bro Dans this P.M. Mr Miller and Brown whitewashing the new barn.

5 Sept. Friday. Charlie M^c drove up this morning on a little errand- Bro Hugh went back home by day light- Miller and Brown still white washing at the new barn- Jamie up at Mitchels bringing his sheep home_ Mrs Miller took my [written above margin: sewing] machine down this morning to her house= On last Saturday night W^m B. Ritchinson the murderer of Fogwell hung himself on his cell in the Xenia jail- He Was under Sentence to be hung on the 17th of next month. This P.M. Jamie and Miller putting the lambs on pasture- W^m Weymouth and K.S. Ushie called-out with Jamie taking a view of the Sheep= Charlie M^c brought Harry up from the Sheep this afternoon= About five this eve papa Fannie Fred & Harlan and I drove out to fathers- Stopped at Janes a minute when passing through C_ bro Dave M^c & Sister Matt had been out at fathers calling this P. M. when we reached fathers Silas & Mary were just driving out, but they went back with us= After Supper we left for home- Came by way of William Harbison & and past Reids as Sister Mary came with us that far to Spend the night with Angie who has been or still is [?] sick with Typhoid fever. Bro Silas & [Carsin?] Bell attending choir meeting at S[am?] Criswells. Dr D.R. Caldwell's received A Son into their family today. It is quite pleasant tonight bright moonlight. Old dutch George came back tonight=

6 Sept. Sat. Pleasant- Joe Brown around this A.M. I think till noon- Old George & Miller digging potatoes & hauling wood all day. Jamie up at Springfield event by way of John Johnsons took dinner there Johnson & Newel's Son & Some other men went with him in other P.M. Springfield. Jamie returned by way of C. reached here after dark. Joann ironing all day. I attended to the other work. Mrs Miller here late this eve====

7 Sept. Sabb. Quite cool this A.M. Papa Fannie Fred & Joann and I at church- left Harlan with Mrs Miller- Old George Keeping house=

Had Sermon this forenoon of M^R Morton- this P.M. by [underlined with fancy flourish: Sam] Kamsy. Bro Dave M^e there- After preaching we drove down to Aunt Janes as Fannie and Fred were quite Thirsty & wanted a drink = Eve all at home=

8 Sept. Monday. The day beautiful. Papa Fannie Fred & Harlan and I drove down to Aunt Janes to spend awhile with bro David M^e before he went away. Sister Jane, Jennette & Matt are there After an early dinner bro Dave bid us all good by and left on the noon train for his home at Chattanooga Tenn. Papa Fannie Fred & Charlie went with him to the train= He had left Charlie here to attend School this winter. This P.M. we came home by Sister Mary Littles & took Jennette home or I mean took her up there - I went in to See the sick folks Lizzie and Jennie are both very sick- Davie just Able to Sit up a little. When we came home eve I found Joann with the house in the best of order= John Mitchell rode down with us to town & returned with us- he & Jamie down at his field of corn on Townsleys Place= Mitchel came back and took Supper with us tonight. This eve a gentleman from near Oxford took Supper & Stopping with us tonight. After dark Tom Little drove up for me to go to there place to wait on the on the Sick folks. Charlie M^e came up this eve to stay with Jamie & help take care of the children= D.R. Caldwell stopped in tonight= About nine I said good by to papa & children & left with Tommy for Littles. Bright moon-light- Rather cool.

9 Sept. Tuesday. Very tired and sleepy- I returned from Littles after [caught?]= Sister Jennette Hugh's [Nannie?] Clara Smith & I Sat up Till morning. Lizzie and Jennie quite restless - needed a good deal of attention- Papa Says Fannie Fred & Harlan behaved themselves nicely when I was away= Our traveller passed on this morning. Charlie slept on the lounge in our [Room?] & helped take care of the children= Mrs Miller here washing= Jamie Charlie M^e & Miller over at John Johnsons at his Sale= Miller returned before dark Jamie and Charlie did not get back till after night- bro Hugh came with them.

10 Sept. Wed. Pleasant Charlie M^e & Miller drove over in farm wagon to Johnson's for Sale Goods- Jamie & bro Hugh were over there too for what I don't know but guess on "Speculation"- Mrs

Miller here this A.M.. Old George began cutting corn this morning= he concluded that he must cut corn [sic: wheather] it was ripe or not- Joann sick this P.M. Charlie M^e returned between four & five took Supper Alone- Afterwards [Jamie?] & bro Hugh and Silas came- After Supper Jamie & Hugh went out home= bro Silas went down to Littles- Charlie M^e rode down to C- & came back after dark- Jamie & Hugh returned afterwards. Joeann attending to business this eve=

11 Sept. Thursday. [scrawled in left margin: Bro John called.] Jamie and bro Hugh took an early breakfast and left with Jonathan Smith and Son William in route for Mecanicsburg fair before daylight-they drove up in the express to Springfield, taking John Johnson with them from Clifton, And went from there on the train to Mecanicsburg. In the eve they returned on the train to Springfield and drove out with John Johnsons to Mr [Hellens? Wellens?] near Clifton & took Supper. [Wellens? Hellens?] servant girl & man were married this eve= Jamie & bro Hugh did not reach home till twelve o'clock. Charlie M^e around all day. He and Miller made some changes in the [Stuck?] this P.M. This P.M.- they went over to Johnsons for Sheep returned about sun setting. Fannie down at Millers this P.M. for half an hour. I have not been feeling well today. Joann taking change of things This eve Charlie M^e made a shot-call at town and home again.

12 Sept. Friday Pleasant Bro Hugh went back home Charlie M^e & Jamie around all day. Fannie had her Second tooth extracted today Joann took it out for her- This P.M. Fannie, Fred and I called at Millers left Harlan in his cradle taking his afternoon nap- After Supper Jamie took Charlie to C= left him with the girls- Bro Hugh here tonight. A [col. Man?] here for dinner who stopped to ask for work.

13 Sept. Sat. Pleasant. Miller here [Settling?]= Bro Hugh went back home= Old George out at his corn cutting= Bro John here this P.M. Charlie M^e came up he & bro John here for dinner- This P.M. Jamie & Charlie out with the Sheep- I went down to bro Robt Galbreath with bro John as he went home- Sam [G-?] and his Robbie are both Sick- I spent the afternoon with them= Sister

Betsy is not home from [Kily?] C's yet- Lizzie Lake is taking the full command. Nancy Ann is home now. This eve Charlie M^e drove down for me and brought me home= Waddle over here this eve= Jamie took Charlie down home- returned in a little while= Joann took nice care of the children, for [one or once?], while I was [j-?]

14 Sept. Sabbath. Quite cool. Papa Fannie Fred and I at church. Joann kept Harlan for me at home- Old George around all day- A church man from off the [pike?] stopping here today. We had two Sermons by Mr Morton- Mr Morton made the announcement that Ken W [?] Wilson D.D.L.L.D- pastor of the church of the Coverters in Cin- [?] died in said [?] on last Tuesday evening at eight o'clock- and was buried last Friday afternoon. All must die- God calls the great, as well as the mean men to his account= none can escape that call- "Be prepared to exact they God O Israel" Oh that we could all live near to Jesus and be ready to meet Him when He comes- [sic: wheather] He should come at midnight or at cock crowing or in the morning- Oh let us be ready! This eve Jamie called at bro Robt Galbreaths to See the sick folks= Joann rode down to town to See her Sister.

15 Sept. Monday. Quite cool- some little frost last night- Business brisk this P.M. Mrs Jones here washing= K.S. Ushie and Son Jack here Sacking good assisted by Jamie bro Hugh & Joe Brown- All in for dinner= Old George & Miller at the corn cutting- Two men from off the pike late from [T-?] & Kansas here for dinner & went to the corn cutting- Joe Brown drove the wood in to market Jamie drove down to town also- [Kee-?] for wool as follows: __ [?][?] U. J.[L.?] [Conover?] from Battle CO stopped here for dinner when returning from Mecanicsburg fair. Mrs Miller here this P.M. three [col.^d men?] who have come out to engage a lot of corn cutting here for supper and spending the night at the Browns- Old George and our two new men with us tonight- [Jamie?] returned after dark- Miller went on [job w-k?] this P.M.

16 Sept. Tues. Quite pleasant. We left our home in care of Joann and Papa Fannie Fred & Harlan & I went over to Fathers- Bro John came up this morning in his large Stuck wagon. Sammie came with

him John got some Sheep [unintelligible symbol]- and went back home leaving Sammie to go with us. We did not get there till late- After dinner Jamie and Father went to [Sister?] Mary and I quite busy ironing- Hugh and Silas cutting corn. Mother seemed in good Spirits. Jamie and Father returned about dark. After supper we came on home- we stopped at James when passing through C- When we reached home George & our two men had retired= We found Joann at Millers.

17 Sept. Wed. Pleasant. John [Kyle?] called to see [Jamie?] bought a Sheep from him. John Mitchel's Sr and John Mitchel's Jr left with all their [part-] on the noon train for the west= They have a farm in Iowa. Jamie went down to the train with John Kyle and saw them off & returned with [?] this P.M. Old George and our two men in for their meals - Evening all at home=

18 Sept. Thurs Very Pleasant. Old George and our two men at the corn cutting= This is the day Appointed to go to Phippers. At An early hour Bro John drove up with Mary, his wife, & our Sister Mary & Matt drove up to our place- Sister Mary and Matt staid here & kept Fred & Harlan while we were gone- Papa Fannie Bro John & wife and I drove up to Phippers went in Johns carriage reached there between ten and eleven. Found them all at home & a warm reception- near [our or one] [?] were invited out to a nice dinner had quite a pleas[ant: end of word squeezed between margins] afternoon- the men out looking at the stock- Fannie and their daughter Annie playing with the [?] lady [unintelligible symbol]. After Supper we came on home reaching here after dark- Mary and Matt went Back home with Johns= [?] got along nicely with the work today. Bro Hugh brought the champion five [?] from the defeat today which ~~was~~ is late from Washington Co. Pa.

[scrawled on left margin: Cousin Bell left for the city to the
[three illegible words]

19 Sept. Friday. Rain last night and this morning- It is quite [d-?] this morning. [Mr or Mrs] [Slow or Slon] to go to the corn cutting Old George not feeling well settled up with Jamie and concluded to go- made several starts. In the afternoon he made the final one Said good by and left but when he got as far as C- he concluded to come back & stay the winter with us= Jamie left

this P.M. for Cedarville & Country around took dinner out at Fathers- he returned late this P.M. with bro Silas [a-?]= both here for supper with old George and our corn cutters- Joann [?] horse back to C- This P.M. came back this eve.

20 Sept. Sat. Quite Pleasant- Jamie up the [pike?] & Around this morning- W [unintelligible symbol] Weymouth & Jack Ushie called to See him this P.M. Jamie & our three children and my self down at town took dinner with Jennette and Matt John [Brow-?] boarding there as they broke up house keeping- After dinner Charlie M^c went down with Jamie to Xenia- The Agricultural Board meets there this P.M. I intended to have gone on to Xenia but gave it up when I got to C= I called to See Mrs Ushie this P.M. their Son Edd is quite Sick= This eve Sister Jane returned from Littles & Jennette went back in her place= About dark Jamie returned from C- took Supper when we came on home Charlie drove up some hogs for Jamie there was Som[paper scratched away]ten head I guess they were brought into town this morning and were weighed and left there till this eve- Charlie rode back to C- tonight. Joann got along nicely today- Old George and our two men at work cutting corn [?]. Miller at mill this P.M.

21 Sabb. Sept. Mr Morton at Garrison holding communion. All of us at home- The day beautiful- Between three and [?] we took dinner and Supper= In the eve- Joann Millers= Our two men from Kansas & [Tenns?] and papa and our three children and my self out on the [frontstyle paper?] read several tracts to us as follows: - "[?] Our Immortal" & "To The Seeker After Christ" & "Procrastination." They were all very interesting and impressive- To remember the Sabbath day to keep it holy how much grace we need to enable us to do this- How careful we Should be to See that we do indeed honor Gods day. For when we honor it it we honor Him.

22 Sept. Monday. Quite cool- the S[-?] [?] hang heavily around- The [?] feel constantly= Our two boarders our expenses- Old George busy from morning to night he is sure of money. [Luther?] [Farbell?] called here for dinner- This morning papa Fannie & Fred up at Allens for tomatoes= This P.M. I took them with him to C- left them with Aunt [?] [?] C while he attended To Some

business- Warner our Kansas man went with them to C- & brought home the hog which has been missing since Sat. night- This we Jamie & Warner drove [Aerass] the Railroad. Did not have supper till dark=

23 Sept. Tues. Very Gloomy= Jamie around on duty all P.M. Men out at the corn hustling or cutting I mean= Mr Jonathan Smith called and left fifty dollars Joann Sick all A.M. I attended to the Kitchen my Self. This P.M. Mrs Miller here washing Jamie out with Miller & building [sic: fense]= Men in for Supper about dark. All at home this eve- Bro Hugh came, he & Jamie cutting a piece of Smiths beefs= Hugh with us to night.

24 Sept. Wed. Rather gloomy= Mrs Miller here washing- She and & Miller & the children here for dinner- Just as we were at the table Father stepped in and took dinner with us- Old George & our other two men here- Hugh went back home this morning= I finished canning Allens tomatoes this P.M. had 18 [?] Mrs M- left her children here and called at bro [D-] this P.M. This eve Jamie at C- he drove down after Supper= I am here alone with the children and our three men & Joann this eve all retired early- except my Self. Appearance of rain tonight=

25 Sept. Thurs. Quite a heavy rain last night and this morning We were invited out to Fathers today to take dinner with the Dallas, [Kamsy] and Morton families but could not attend- Bro Hugh here helping Jamie Set out his Show Sheep today= Mr Miller called this P.M. The men out cutting corn= This eve I left the children with Papa and [?] Hugh around the Sheep enclosure in the new barn. And I walked down to bro Robt Galbreath's Everything looking very nice there I stopped a little and came back home. Our three men bro Hugh & Jamie & all the [?] in for supper. At half past Seven this eve papa and Fannie walked down to bro Robt G's to witness the marriage of our friend Lizzie Lake and R[usk?] M [Collum or Callum] But they were just too late= Some others came in just as they did Fannie was quite tired when She and papa came back and a good deal disappointed that- she did not get there two or three minutes Sooner= but Such is life= This afternoon and evening it has been very pleasant= Rev J.K. Morton married them=

26 Sept_ Friday. Quite pleasant. Jamie around all morning- The men out cutting corn Bro John drove up and took Jamie with him to the Springfield Fair= Our two boarders out cutting corn- Old George [husking?] corn- [?] gathering the beans- Joann rode down home left here at ten and returned between three and four Late this P.M.- Fannie Fred and Harlan Mrs Miller and her two children went [?] one W[?] [Thurs?]- Had quite a pleasant ride- Jamie returned after dark- bro John [?] [on or in] [?] Jamie for Supper- [James?] scrubbing up [?] this eve- W[?] Wymoth called this P.M. It has been quite a pleasant day.

27 Sept. Sat. Quite pleasant- Rather warm= Charlie ^{Mc} here yesterday eve- took supper- rode back to C- returned and remained all night- and here this morning= he and Fannie & Fred drove down in the express and brought Aunt Jennette up- Charlie around all A.M. with Jamie looking after Sheep- Old Capt Gains & [Somi-?] Ian or something called and bought a "30 dollar" [Kam] Our two boarders, Old George and all the rest in for dinner= This P.M.- Aunt Jennette doing up my [?] [empress?] cloth of [six?] [year?] standing- It has changed its color to black= Joe in bed [ready or reading] all P.M. Charlie ^{Mc} took down a load of wood to town to the girls- This eve Jamie took Sister Jennette and Charlie home- Our two boarders & Old George retired early. On Thursday morning Sept 11th [by?] [?] J. F. Morton John [Willie] Reid and [Mils] R[erth?] John of Xenia were married.

28 Sept. Sabb. Warm- Old George & our two boarders keeping house= Papa Fannie Fred & Joann and I at church= left Harlan with Mrs Miller= Had two Sermons by Mr Morton- All of [Jathers?] out today= [Squeezed in margin: Rev] Samuel [Kamsey or Kamsy] & wife there- They leave this week for D[eransbury?] N.Y.- Papa heard Fannie & Fred recite their questions this eve= Jamie and I read the two last chapters of Lamentations to night.

29 Sept. Monday. Rain last night and this morning. Our two men out at the corn cutting. Old George half in the notion of change-ing his boarding this morning= Jamie doing the work of forty men looking after things= Joann washing to day I attended to the other work= Men all in for dinner this P.M. Jamie up the

pike. Bro Silas called and drove up after him= Both returned in time for Supper= J. Harvey McMillan called- Dan's girls here this P.M. Matt Small and her brother over at old Mrs [Fulk's or Falk's] M. D. this afternoon= I [port?] up our [beans?] this P.M. five [qts?] and a half in all. After Supper Silas went back home.

30 Sept. Tuesday. Quite Pleasant= Fannie Fred and Harlan and I down at C- I left the children at Janes while I called around at [Sue?] Caldwell's and Aunt Ivie[unintelligible symbol]- Left Fannie and [Harry] at the shop to be S[hod?]- John Jennette & Matt all at home- I met bro Johns Mary at C- She had been up at our place while I was gone- I reached home just as the men were at dinner= Bro Hugh here today assisting Jamie with the Sheep- This P.M. I put up 8 qts of tomatoes [?] cans. Joann ironing= Our two boarders and old George in for their Supper= Bro Hugh with us tonight=

October

1 Oct. Wed. Pleasant. Quite a heavy frost last night. Bro Hugh went back home before breakfast. Joann taking charge of things and cooking for corn cutters= Jamie at the fair today- left Fannie Fred & Harlan and I at Aunt Janes- All of them at home Charlie M^[e?] at School- John Bro[meghan?] taking his meals there= I took Fred around to the barber shop and had his hair cut- I called to see Aunt Ivie and paid her \$3.00 this P.M. I left Fred & Harlan asleep with Aunt Jane while Sister Jennette Matt and I attended the meeting of Presbytery at two O'clock. Presbytery opened with a Sermon by Rev J.S. Boyce of Cincinnati. Text "Flee O[?] of God these things &&[?]. Sermon very interesting= Mr H.M. McCollum Sr of Cincinnati there= After Sermon was over & presbytery [squeezed above margin: had] adjourned for a recess of half an hour Fannie and I went down home to Aunt Janes When we were at the Supper table Jamie returned from Xenia= took Supper after which we came on home= At noon today J.C. Mc[Millan?] and some widow lady from near Dayton were married- Reception at his house tonight- After which they leave on a wedding tour to New York.- thus verifying the proverb "That of all the fools Old fools are biggest fools. At seven O'clock this

eve John Kendal is to preach before presbytery. Jamie and Hugh out all evening & still out [pining?] to start the Show Sheep [squeezed underneath margin: to the fair.]

2 Oct. Thursday. Quite pleasant- All up quite early= Bro Hugh left with the sheep to the fair= Jamie at the fair also- he went in the [above margin: the] express- Sister Jane & Matt went with him- Our two corn cutters & Old George in to dinner. Mrs Waddle called this P.M. Jamie and Hugh returned after dark and took Supper= About nine O'clock Steph Phipper came=

3 Oct. Friday. The day very pleasant. Jamie & the children and I at the fair= Steph Phipper still with us- He and Jamie & Bro Hugh rode in his buggy from C- to the fair- Sister Jane & Jennette Charlie M^e & Frank M^c[Farland?] Fannie Fred & I rode in Mitchels carriage= Corn cutting finished at noon- Our two Boarders at the fair= Warner brought the Sheep & hog home this eve- Bro Hugh & Phipper returned alone- Jamie came with Silas. Charlie M^e quite Sick all the way home- Our darling little Fred was thrown from the carriage out on the ground in Xenia this eve- Came very near being killed How much need we have to pray keep one from Accident and danger- for in the midst of life we are in death Jamie & the children & I took Supper with the girls- After which we came on home- Joann had Supper ready for the others- Phipper eat and went on home=

4 Oct. Sat- Quite damp- Rain this morning. [Harvey?] Kyle called to see Jamie this morning Smith from the Springs here- Jaime and all the men out this P.M. All in for dinner- Joann in the Kitchen. This P.M. I drove down to C- attended to some little business and brought Aunt Ivie home with me- Spent the afternoon canning quinces and apples put up seven quarts in all. [Hank?] came up for Joann this P.M. As her sister is sick- Jamie took her home this eve when he took Aunt Ivie home-

5 Oct. Sabb. Quite cool. Old George Warner and W^m Harrison at home- Papa Fannie Fred and I at church- left Harlan at Millers Had two Sermons by Mr Morton. Text- "Go out into the highway and hedges and compel them to come in that my house may be filled He

said that heaven was not yet full, that there was still room= That there were mansions in heaven which has never been occupied- that there are harps there which have never been touched but are waiting for us. This eve as we returned from church we stopped to see the sick folks at [Tanks?]. After night Bible reading by my self and Jamie.

6 Oct. Monday. Business brisk this morning breakfast over early. Old dutch George settled up with Jamie and left for another situation this morning= Miller took a load of stock up to Phippers today. Mrs Miller called here this A.M. Warner & Brown plowing in the lot below the house- Jamie drove down to C- this morning in Search of a girl came back in a little while without any. Father Mother Sister Mary & Jennette here for dinner [illegible word; maybe crossed out] Jennette and Mary busy cutting & fitting new Suits for Fred and me- All went back home this eve=

7 Oct. Tuesday. Quite cool. Warner and W^m Harrison out plowing for wheat Jamie up at the Mitchel place with bro Dan killing a beef- Smith from the Springs called this morning thought of beginning to work but postponed it till another week= Bro John here= took dinner with us- Jamie brought Tom Spencer in to dinner just as we were through eating- After which the remainder of the day was spent with the sheep- After night= putting the beef away- Taylor & his brother [Ian?] called.

8 Oct Wed. Quite pleasant- Warner putting in wheat W^m Harrison hauling in pumpkins= [& S.] Jamie drove in past- Littles to C- from there drove over to Asa Johnsons- brought sheep home and put on pasture at Hanna Reids place= returned after dark bringing bro Silas with him took Supper after which he and Silas left for the Phippers- Mrs Miller here a short time this eve I feel very tired= Our three children and I will be alone in the bed Room to night- Our two men up stairs. Quite cool [under margin: to night]

9 Oct. Thur. The day beautiful- Jamie gone this morning alone here with the children & our two men= Miller here for breakfast

Mrs Miller here this entire day till late to night helping me= Miller family here for their meals. Tom Spenser here this A.M. AM [?] from [Grape?] [Grove?] here for a Sheep- Bro Hugh over at the Wilson's Sale drove over here for his dinner- Late to night Jamie and bro Silas has not returned yet I guess I shall retire to the bed room with the children as I am quite sleepy.

10 Oct. Friday. Fast day in our church- Mrs Miller here and gave me some assistance with my work. Warner and W^m Harrison out at work- I sat a cold dinner from them and papa Fannie Fred [crossed out: and Harlan] and I attended church left Harlan with Mrs Millers- Had Sermon this A.M. by Mr Boyce- This P.M. by Mr Morton- All of [fathers?] there to day. After preaching we drove down to Janes- Charlie M^c came up home with us here for supper- went back this eve= Old Jimmie [Shiff?] died in C- on last night- funeral services tomorrow morning in the Methodist church. On last night Silas and Jamie returned about midnight= Phipper quite sick for awhile in the evening which detained them. Silas with us last night. This eve Jamie & I read the two last chapters in the book of Luke=

11 Oct. Sat. Quite wet all day. Rained almost constantly. Papa, Fannie and Fred and I at church- left Harlan at Mrs Millers. Had Sermon by Rev J.G. Boyce After preaching we drove down to Sister Janes Got my black empress cloth suit from Jeanettes [?]- After which we came on home= It cleared off nicely this eve- the Sun shone brightly= William Harrison says he heard and old man Say that there was not three Saturdays in the year in which we do not see the Sun- I have been quite busy all evening.

12 Oct. Sabb. The day very pleasant. I left Harlan with Mrs Miller Papa Fannie Fred & I at church= Had Sermon this A.M. by Rev. J. Y. Boyce text- The last words of our Savior: "It is finished". Quite a number of [UPS?] & [MPs] there today. This P.M. the communion or the Lord's Supper was dispensed. Services very solemn and impressive. Mr Morton in one of his addresses remarked that the Savior was as really present as if we could behold him with the bodily eye. That this feast was given by our King and blessed Redeemer and if there were any petition or request we desired that He would surely grant it to us when

seated at his table- even to the whole of His Kingdom. If a Christian ever enjoys golden opportunities in this [above margin: world] it is while at the Savior's table. This evening bro Hugh and Aunt Ivie came home with us= At seven Oclock Rev J.Y. Boyce preached. Jamie and Hugh went down I remained at home for Reasons- Fannie sat up till Jamie or papa returned- Hugh went back home=

13 Oct. Monday. All up early. William H- & Warner hauling corn & soon. Aunt Ivie taking charge of the Kitchen and Harlan while papa Fannie Fred and I at church- Had Sermon by J.Y. Boyce- text "Follow peace with all men and holiness without which no man Shall See the Lord." After his Sermon Mr Morton made some earnest and heart remarks to us. There were quite a number of children baptised this morning. After preaching I called at Mrs Conleys- Jamie bro Hugh and the children and I took dinner at Sister Janes. As we came home we called at Mrs Tanks When we came home found Harlan well. Smith from the Springs had come, on, and gone to work in the cellar= Aunt Ivie helping me with the work= All around the fire in the back sitting Room to night.

14 October Tuesday. Quite pleasant= Smith and William H- working in the cellar- Warner at the potato digging- Jamie around over the plantation looking after things- went across the Rail Road in the Spring wagon this P.M. Nan Tracy here washing Aunt Ivie here helping me- neither She nor I very well S-o taking us both together we would make about half a woman- W^[m?] Wymouth & Harvey Townsley called this P.M. Joann came back this eve- After Supper Jamie took Aunt Ivie down home= I feel very tired and sleepy to night=

15 October. Wed. Very pleasant today. Smith and William H- in the cellar- Warner out at the potatoes and the corn husking. Joann in the kitchen= Sister Matt up at the pike circulating pictures left Sister Jane here this A.M. She & bro Hugh Tom Spenser John Wright Smith & Warner and W^m H- here for dinner= About two Oclock Sister Matt returned and took dinner= Late this P.M. She & Jane went back home= Eve Taylor here settling I guess. About four Smith went back to the Springs. [Eve?] all at home- I called at Millers this A.M. W^m Wymouth & daughter Minnie

here this morning. I notice among the marriage notices in the Torchlight one McMillan - Keece [or Reice?] - At Pleasant Plains Montgomery County Ohio, At the Residence of the bride's father, Mr S.A. Andrews, by Rev J.T. Pollock, assisted by Revs of S. Kemper and W.H. Cummins, Mr J.C. McMillan of Xenia Ohio and Mrs Mary E. Reece.- which marks the fourth wife for old J.C.- In heaven we shall neither marry nor be given in marriage - then poor old J.C- shall be at rest with Margaret, Crissie, Mary P. Holmes & Mary E. Reece=

16 October. Thurs. Smith from the Springs returned this morning he and William H. working in the cellar. Warner out at work helping Jamie with the Sheep part of the time- All in for dinner- This P.M. Jamie taking sheep across the Rail Road- Tom Spenser and some other men in the sheep pen- I spent the A.M. ironing this P.M. stitching up garments & writing bro David who is at Howard Lake Minnesota Joann taking charge of the kitchen- Mrs Galbreath and Mrs Miller here this eve- After Supper- Smith William H- and Warner at C- for Cement for the cellar- Jamie at home with his family. Charlie Houston and Julia Miller married tonight- wedding grand Some ones passing to it- they leave tonight at one Oclock for New York on a wedding trip.

17 Oct. Friday. Quite pleasant- Old W. Smith from the Springs finishing the cellar today- putting on the cement. W^m Th[orn?] here looking at sheep or a Sheep. Warner around at work- About eleven Oclock papa Fred and Harlan and I drove down to W^m Wymouths to See their new improvements which consists of a cellar - milk house & wash house- Wymouth and wife & daughter Mimmie were at home- had quite a pleasant time with them for a short time Reached home in time for dinner. This P.M. Jamie up the pike looking at Sheep- had a very interesting conversation with Mrs Allen- returned home and drove down to W^m Wymouths pasture= Reached home in time for Supper. After night all at home-

18 Oct. Sat. Raining this morning and more or less all day. W^m Smith left for Xenia and for his home at the Springs= A chair peddler passing this A.M. Sold us a Sett of Split bottoms for \$3.00. Joe Brown here for meat- stopped for dinner with us-

After dinner Jamie & Warner drove down to Xenia in Jonathan Smiths express. Agricultural Soc. Meeting in X- this P.M.- Smith could not attend as his wife is quite Sick with Typhoid fever- Miller at mill this P.M. [symbol] Jamie did get home till after dark- Charlie M^e went with him to X- today- both got [edge of page ripped: new?] coats- Among the marriage notices in the Torchlight this week I notice one - Miller - Rodgers - On the 14 in [ST?], by Rev. W.G. Moorhead, Mr Jacob Miller, of Cedarville to Mrs Eliza Rodgers of Xenia, Ohio. [Note: the line under Ohio is an artistic flourish]

19 Oct. Sabb. Cold- William H- and Warner at home looking after things. Jamie Fannie Fred and I at church- left Harlan with Mrs Miller- Joann at her Sisters and at church- Had two Sermons by Mr Morton this P.M. text- "And when he was come near he beheld the city. And wept over it, Saying, if thou hadst Knowen, even then, at least in this thy day, the things which belong to [written above margin: [my?]] [thy?] peace! But now they are hid from thine eyes." Abbie Seldomridge died this morning at Five Oclock at Mr Sam Dallasss where she has lived for fifteen years.- her funeral takes place tomorrow at two Oclock. After night Joann calling at Millers. Papa heard Fannie and Fred recite their catechism and say their prayers [note: Martha crossed out a mistake in "prayers" and wrote the "r" above the margin] after which they retired.

20 Oct. Monday. Pleasant- Joann at Millers washing utensils- She is washing today while I attended to the other work. W^m Weymouth here in the Sheep pen with Jamie= he took a review of the cellar= W^m Smith came from the Springs this A.M. Jamie not being Satisfied with his job in the cellar. Smith began again to try to give Satisfaction- he is plastering the walls assisted by William H- Warner out at work. Old Mr John Turnbull here in the sheep pen this P.M. I was down at Millers a little while this P.M. Sister Jennette drove up and staid a short time this P.M. Jamie and Jimmie Allen out at Hanna Reids at the Sheep pasture and out at fathers for Supper- Quite cold and winter like to night- Jamie returned after dark.

21 Oct. Tues. Quite a deep snow on the ground this morning- quite Rough and Stormy all day= Smith and W^m H- working in the cellar= Warner out at work- Tom Crawford called this P.M. Father here for dinner and most of the day. I have been busy Sewing all day our children's flannel shirts= Eve- Still raining a little and storming= Smith laid the hearth in the Kitchen this evening= Charlie M^e & Frank M^cFa[rland?] [under margin: called this eve]-

22 Oct. Wed. Moderated considerable- perfect for fair weather- Snow going off= Bro Silas came last night at a late hour here for breakfast this morning- Jamie left this morning in the carriage for Xenia took Sister Jennette & Matt with him from C- Jack [Ushie?] went with him Also. Old Smith down at C- for an extra half barrel of Cement- finished cementing and white washing the cellar about three this P.M. William went at that time and helped Warner gather the apples back of the new barn= William uncovered the well on the porch & threw some [Rock?] [of.?.] Sister Jane drove up here for dinner- [early] this P.M. She took Fannie Fred and Harlan with her to C- for Safe Keeping= Mrs Miller and Joann picked the duck P.M. Bro Hugh called this eve- Jamie returned after dark bringing the children with him=

23 Oct. Thurs. Raining last night and quite damp and disagreeable all day. Old Smith went home to the Springs this morning= Sam G- called this A.M. Warner & William around home- Aleathie Miller with us today as her folks left her in our care while they went to Xenia= William and Warner around home= After dinner Jamie attending the Allen & C[orrie?] trial concerning the the late house of Mitchels- returned home in time for Supper- Jennette and I quite busy all P.M. and till nine O'clock to night [canning?] apples. have up 24 quarts Joann busy all P.M. ironing= Millers returned after dark=

24 Oct. Friday= Rather pleasant Sister Jennette and I making apple butter today. [stray symbol or abandoned letter?] Have Smith from the Springs here making the well on the porch Rat proof. William assisting him. Warner around at work= Joann at bro David today= Jamie around home all day. About four Sister Jennette went down home in her buggy. Smith and Jamie around the

sitting Room fire talking= Our children playing around the Room=
Bro Hugh with us to night- =

25 Oct. Sat. Bright and pleasant- Bro Hugh left this morning for home- old Smith returned to the Springs- Warner & William out at the potato digging. Jack [Ushie?] called this A.M. Jamie down the pike in his express did not get back till two P.M. Bro Dan taking some pumpkins from our plantation home= Joann Sick most of the P.M. I have been quite busy assisted by Fannie & Fred doing up the work. Men in for Supper after dark after which Jamie drove down to town. Jamie wrote to Steph Phipper this A.M. Old pet papa is contem-planting a trip to Vermont if nothing prevents. Dr D.R. Caldwell called this afternoon for two sacks of corn= [rudimentary sketch of a hand pointing]

26 Oct Sabb. Raining some little= Warner and William at home- papa, Mrs Miller and I at church left Fannie Fred & Harlan with Aunt Matt= Mr Morton being Absent assisting J.Y. Boyce of Cincinnati with Communion we attended the U.P. church- had Sermon by some young Student= text- "The master is come and calleth for thee". After preaching we drove down and got the children and came on home Joann went down to her Sister this morning & could not come back as her Sister could not spare her. Raining quite hard this eve- Jamie reading [&ect?]=

27 Oct. Monday. Quite gloomy & Rather cold. Mrs Miller here washing- her family here for dinner Warner & William gathering apples and hauling in corn. Jamie left this morning by way of C- for Springfield taking Sam Galbreath with him= did not get home till after night- Bro Hugh here for dinner left- at two O'clock for Steph Phippers on an errand for Jamie returned at eight to night- Sister Jennette came home with Jamie- She and Matt were at M^cCollums this P.M. Old Mr M^cCallum from Preble County who has bought J.[?.] McMillans place died about week ago=

28 Oct. Tuesday Quite cold & stormy= Sister Jennette with us to day- William & Warner out hauling corn [?] About noon Steph Phipper came took dinner with us. This P.M. bro Hugh here- About three O'clock Phipper left for home. Bro Hugh & Silas and Charlie

M^e here for Supper- Hugh with us to night= Jennette sleeping in the lounge with me- Fannie Fred and Harlan sleeping with old pet papa.

29 Oct. Wed. Not so cold. Warner & William around at work. Mrs Miller drove down in our express to the noon train and brought her girl [space left here] from [Hocking?] CO- home with her- left Aleathie with me. [Henry?] Kyle here in the Sheep pen all A.M. Bro Hugh went back home this morning= W^m Smith from the Springs called this A.M. This P.M. Jennette and I quite busy baking & [symbol for etc] - had the Stove brought into the dining room- Jamie across the rail road - Davie Little called this P.M. Father here also a short time- W^m Harvey's Son James, from Xenia, here remained with us for Supper. After which Jamie and Warner went down with him to the train= Sister Betsy called this eve when returning from spending the day at bro Daves. Nan Tracy here this P.M. Sister Jennette bust till late to night- Our children all retired early.

30 Oct. Thurs. Cold -- Jamie and our three children and I out at "Home" took Sister Jennette down home as we went out. After dinner Jamie went to Xenia with Silas in his buggy Cousin Bell not at home as she is attending a musical convention n C- this week. Hugh went home- Jamie & Silas returned after dark- After Supper we came on home- William & Warner- Joe Brown & Miller husking corn & etc- Warner took a load of wood to the girls this morning= brought flour from Harbison's mill-

31 Oct. Friday. Quite a winter day. No corn husking. William & Warner hauling out manure. Jamie down at C- this A.M. took dinner with the girls- they are having a grate [part or port] in today in their Sitting Room= Fannie & Fred nearly Sick to get to go to Aunt Janes- but finally prevailed on them to stay at home and play Barley-bright Jamie returned late this P.M. I have been quite busy baking & etc. Had the pumpkins & apples brought into the cellar this P.M. Lizzie Lake M^cCollum called this eve- I am very Sleepy & tired to night.

November

1 Nov. Sat. Quite cool. Jamie out with Warner & William bringing in potatoes. Joann Collins came this morning for her things. Charlie M^e here nearly all day around with Jamie - Mrs Miller here all A.M. helping me- back again this P.M. My work all in good shape this eve- Fannie, Fred & Harlan retired early= Warner & William sleeping upstairs. Jamie and I around the fire enjoying life- truly there is no place like home= and no ones on earth like the loved ones there- God Bless Our Home.

2 Nov. Sabb. Pleasant- papa & Fred at U.P. Church- Mr & Mrs Miller and [blank space] went with him Middie and Aleathie Staid with Fannie and Harlan and me- William Ham's & Warner around all day. Had but one Sermon at U.P. church- Mr Morton hold-ing Communion at Utica today. Eve. Papa at home with us around the fire- he & I read some chapters in the book of Ezekiel to night-

3 Nov. Monday. Very pleasant- Jamie went down to town this A.M. I bought up Lizzie [L-?] to assist me with my work. She is an entire stranger to me- I like her appearance and rather think she will suit me= Smith from the Springs here for dinner- he stopped up some Rat hole in the cellar- & this P.M. contracting with Jamie for a cave- Ham's & Warner bringing apples & potatoes to the cellar- Lizzie Ivie attending to business in the kitchen for me. Harlan got two hard falls today when running & playing- Fannie & Fred hauling walnuts from the tree in the [sic: feild] near the house- After Supper Jamie drove down to Sister May Littles house and spent the evening=

4 Nov. Tues. Quite pleasant. William out at work. Warner helping to move Allens from Mitchels place to the woods. Lizzie L. washing- Sister Jane & Jennie Little here spending the day- I attended to the dinner- Jamie at bro Hugh M^c's at a barn raising- did not get back till this P.M. This afternoon Fannie went up with Mrs Miller to bro Dans. This eve Jamie out putting rings in the hog's noses. Mr Waddle giving him some assistance. Smith from the Springs here to night- After Supper- Bro John & family came & sat till bed time= it is quite pleasant tonight bright moonlight. On last Friday one Hugh [Ramsey?] refused to pay toll

when passing through the gate near C- & finally hitched his team to it & pulled it down

5 Nov. Wed. Very pleasant Old Smith & Jamie laid out the form of a cave in the back yard when W^m Ham's went to work at it and old Smith went back to the Springs. Jamie around all A.M. Heney Kyle out with Jamie in the Sheep pen looking at Rams. Came in with Jamie to dinner- Warner around at work= Heney K here part of this P.M. Bro Hugh came up, here for dinner. Two Col men from Plover's firm in Xenia here putting a grate in our front bed room- I have been busy making changes in the parlor- Lizzie L. ironing= This eve Jamie and his Staff butchered a hog- had it all disposed of before nine oclock. All bright and pleasant=

6 Nov. Thurs. Quite pleasant= Jamie in the Sheep pen most of the A.M. with a M^cDormant & c from Papa Prove= Smith from the Springs returned this morning he & Harris working at the Cave- warner assisting- Mrs Miller here and hung the blinds in the front bed room for me- Lizzie L. in the Kitchen- Mrs M- & Jamie with our three men in for dinner- This P.M. Lizzie baking & ironing & c- Men in for Supper at dark. Miller and Warner down at C- to night in the express. Jamie nursing Harlan & chatting with Smith- Bro Hugh called in to night took Supper & passed on-

7 Nov. Friday. Appearances of rain= Smith Warner & William working at the Cave- began putting in the brick this A.M. Jamie around here and there & every where. Sister Jane drove up this A.M. She & Fannie and Fred drove over to W^m Thorns for [-gan?]- returned a little after dinner. Fannie & Fred came back feeling very hungry- Seemed to enjoy their dinner very much= early this P.M. it began raining- Sister Jane looked around at the State of the poultry- quite a number of deaths from cholera- left medicine & went back home= Jamie down at C- this P.M. Warner down with the team and brought up cement & cc for the cave- both returned before Supper= Quite damp all P.M.- All at home to night.

8 Nov. Sat. Quite gloomy this morning= Bro Robert G. & Son Sam around this morning. Old Smith & William at the Cave= Warner out

hauling corn= Lizzie I. in the Kitchen- Jamie across the rail road. Messer Hagher & Dean called= here for dinner with the rest of the men Jamie did not get back from the sheep till we were through eating at that time bro Hugh had come he & Jamie came out to the Second table= Old Smith left for the Springs after dinner- William cleaned the yard for me or us and then filled the dirt around the cave= Hugh's Mattie & Della called this afternoon- This eve papa and Fred across the rail road in the Spring wagon- Lizzie scrubbing up things Bro Dan brought up flour & meal from Millers this P.M.

9 Nov. Sabb. Bright and pleasant= I called at Millers this morning & made arrangements for them going to church= papa & Fred & Mrs Miller and her cousin Fannie N. went to church= Lizzie I- went down with them to her brothers= Mr Morton preached but one Sermon. Fannie & Harlan & I at home= Warner & William around home= Lizzie I. came back with the folks from church- [Eve?] all at home=

10 Nov. Monday. Another pleasant day and thankful for it Smith returned this morning [Ive] and W^m Ham's working at the cave. Warner hauling Sand & E Jamie giveing[sic] some assistance Fannie & Fred out playing in the dirt. Lizzie washing I attended to the other work- A little after dinner Geo White stopped in W^m Harvey & daughter Minnie from Xenia came- I pre-pared dinner for them- they spent the P.M. with us- father drove up late this afternoon- he had been at the funeral of Mrs Crain, Mrs W^m Wymoths mother, the funeral Services were at the M.E. Church at two oclock this P.M. Bro Hugh here this eve for Supper= Father took a man of the pike home with [written above margin, squeezed bewtween words: him] this eve---

11 Nov. Tues. Quite gloomy. Smith and William at the Cave. Jamie down at town for necessaries for the cave- Warner out at work- Jamie returned in time for dinner= Snowing this P.M. John Williamson called to see Jamie I have been quite busy Sewing on Freds coatee or over dress. Eve All at home=

12 Nov. Wed. Quite rough and stormy. Bro Silas here last night with us this A.M. Old Smith & William finished the cave at noon- Fannie and Fred have had a faithful time playing in the mortar and building caves after their own fashion= After dinner Silas went back home. Hugh's Dave called this P.M. I have been quite busy ironing all morning. Old Smith busy stopping up rat holes in the cellar After which he left for his home at the Springs- Jamie around in his wagon looking after sheep = Fannie Fred & Harlan playing Barley-bright. Eve all at home-

13 Nov. Thurs. Cold- Lizzie [Ivion?] at home Warner & William down at C= delivering the car load of coal to the different parties= Fannie Fred and Harlan spending the day with Aunt Jennette and Matt while papa Aunt Jane Dr D.K. Caldwell & Charlie M^e and I were at Xenia- I got Fannie a bonnet & cloak- Fred a suit- "for nice". We reached town or C- about dark- took Supper and left for home= before we had got far up town Old Harry Stumbled on a lot of gravel which had been put out by some of the wise men of the city to improve the roads- Harry fell down & then Fannie Gr[?] down both were in one heap= it being quite dark it was hard to know just what to do- Jamie assisted by men who came to his rescue took charge of the horses- One of Martain Barbers daughters took Fannie & Fred back to Aunt Janes- I took Harlan with me into Mrs Pendletons & waited till Matt came when down home with her= finally we got started the second time for home- reached there in safety found Warner & William & Lizzie waiting for us with a bright light and a warm fire- had coal in our grate for the first.

14 Nov. Friday. Rather pleas-ant= Warner & William out at work. Jamie down at C- this morning and brought out George White & [Kep?] Paris to butcher a beef. Quite a number around all day. Bro Hugh called this A.M. Father, W^m [Couly?] Old Smith from the Springs- those two men from C- & Jamie & Warner & William here for dinner- [Couly?] with Jamie in the Sheep pen this P.M. Smith returned home after dinner- Father with us till this eve- Mrs Miller came up for me to go down- her Cousin Fannie is quite Sick= I called there this eve- Charlie M^e here for Supper- after which he went to C- with some of Dans. Jamie at C- tonight- Warner cut up one hundred & fifty nine lbs of beef for us= children retired early. Dr D.R. Caldwell out at Millers to See their Sick girl=

15 Nov. Sat. Quite pleasant= William and Warner out at work. Davie Little here this morning out with Jamie in the Sheep pen. Charlie M^c at Dans last night came down and took dinner with Jamie after which they left for Xenia= Jamie is to meet the agricultural Board at two this P.M. Dr D.K. Caldwell called to See the Sick girl at Millers this A.M. Came up here and left Bessie to play with Fannie & Fred & Harlan for the day= I have been quite busy [st-cking] up things all afternoon- This eve Bro Dans wife called= Sister Betty came up this eve for Bessie= Late this eve I called at Millers. The Sick folks convalescent- Jamie returned after dark. Lizzie ironing to night.

16 Nov. Sabb. The day beautiful- Lizzie I- Warner & William H- at home- Papa Fred and I at church- left Fannie and Harlan at Aunt Janes- Jennette & Matt at church= Quite a number of U.P.s there- had but one Sermon by Mr Morton- after preaching Jennette rode down with us. Matt & Charlie M^c at the old side church this afternoon- After the children all got a "[pick?]" we came on home= Spent the remainder of the day reading etc.= Aunt Susan McMillan has given us a book to read written by Rev Horace Hooker entitled The Child's Book on The Sabbath- which is applicable to either children or older parsons.

17 Nov. Monday. Rather gloomy this morning= About nine [?] Warner left with a load of potatoes to the Springs Jamie says he has already lost about three bushels by the frost- He says now that he has his cave made, that if he is in the potato business next year that he shall send out his boxes & [barrels?] to the [sic: feild] and have them put in [smudge] hauled home and put in the cave at once- even if they should not have to Stay there a week. [drawing of a hand with its finger pointing] This is the vow which he has made solemnly this the 17th day of Nov. 1873. Jamie and William out in the Sheep pen all A.M. Lizzie in the Kitchen attending to business- John Jimmason here for a Sheep this morning. Jamie & William in to dinner- This P.M. Old Mr John Turnbull here in the Sheep pen- I have been writing to Maggie Henderson & to Bro David at Howard Lake Minnesota Late this P.M. Jamie drove across the rail road- Tom Spenser called to See him= Mrs Miller in this eve- Warner returned this eve

from the Springs- Returns for potatoes were 26 bushels at 90 cts per bushel

18 Nov. Tues. Snow on the ground this morning- Quite gloomy and damp all day- Snow melting of- Warner throwing the dirt on the cave this A.M. William H- chopping in the wood shed= Sam G- & Jamie across the rail road with their guns= Lizzie I- washing= I attended to the other work. Bro Silas here for dinner Jamie did not get in till late- Waddle here this P.M. Jamie out the rest of the afternoon looking after things= I took the lounge up stairs to the little room and had William bring the bed down. Eve all at home- Warner & Harris settled with Jamie= Ike Kitchen here this A.M. for Sheep=

19 Nov. Wed. Light sprinkle of snow on the ground Quite cold. Sister Jennette came up with Sam G- as far as the creek- and walked up here arrived quite early. Sam G- taking his hogs into market today. Jamie assisted William with fixing up the cellar for winter quarters- William moveing potatoes ect. to it= I took my flint-cans and pickles [[symbols]c] to it also. Sister Jennette quite busy sewing on Fannies cloak= She and Jamie Bro Hugh & Silas, Ead Cowley and William & Warner & Old Smith from the Springs here for dinner= After a final settlement on his cellar etc. he took his departure for the Springs- Silas brought up calves[symbol]- & took home a load of Sheep- W^m Smith called this P.M. Dan Marshal here this A.M. to [buy?] pork. Mr & Mrs Miller at C- this P.M. in Waddles express. About four this P.M. Miller took Sister Jennette down home after he returned from C-. I called at Millers this P.M. Lizzie quite busy in the Kitchen= Afternight all at home around the fire=

20 Nov. Thurs. Cold. Bro Dan & Henry Kyle called this morning- I have been quite busy ironing= Jamie & William working with the Sheep- Bro Silas came in with them for dinner- Warner feeding etc.- Afternoon Mr Jonathan Smith called- he & Jamie spent Some time discussing sutiable(sic) men for candidates for officers in the G[?]Co. Agr. Soc. Jamie out looking after things all P.M. Lizzie attending to business in the Kitchen= Millers brought up their fruit & house plants to our cellar this eve= All at home around the fire to night= Aunt Mary Ann McMillan is dead. She

died at her Son Roberts near New Castle Pa. Her remains came to C- this morning and were taken to Sister Janes. Robert & his wife & daughter Fannie came at the same time- her funeral will take place tomorrow at ten oclock.

21 Nov. Friday. Bright sun-shine- it has moderated considerable- At an early hour we left for C- drove down to Aunt Janes= Fannie got her wraps from Aunt Jennettes- when she and & Fred & papa & I went up to our church to [written above in margin: attend] the funeral Services of Aunt Mary Ann left Harlan with Mrs McFarland. Rev K.Y.Y. Boyce of Cincinnati and a young Rev Robb from the U.P. church And Rev Boyd from the old Side church and Mr Morton conducted the funeral services. Her life was [written above margin: a] true and an earnest one- Her work was done and well done. God called her home to occupy a mansion in glory= And to be even with the dear Saviour= A blessed reward- the Christians reward= purposed for all those who put their trust in Jesus. [space] Sister Jennette and Fred rode with papa to the Cemetery- Fannie & Aunt Matt with fathers= Mother Staid at Aunt Janes. I Staid there & took care of Harlan- he was not satisfied at McFarlands & came over to Janes & Staid with old Mrs Gordon who Staid and kept house while we were at the church- She and our family there for dinner- After which we came on home Charlie Mc coming with us- Eve Jamie & Charlie across the rail road Lizzie, William & Warner attending to business for us to day= Jamie called at the Browns for pork this eve-

22 Nov. Sat. Pleasant. William & Lizzie at home- Charlie Mc & Warner drove the teams to Xenia for lumber. Jamie Fannie & Lizzie Galbreath and I went in the carriage- left Harlan with Mrs Miller & Fred at Aunt Janes. Done some little shopping and spent some little time with Crissie Moodie J.C. [nor or our] wife were not- at home being over at Dayton. About five we left for home Mrs Thomas Wyle coming with us to her home on the Xenia pike- did not reach C- till dark as we had to drive Old Charlie back & put Harry in the wagon Charlie being quite lame= Fred asleep when we reached Aunt Janes- took Supper after which we came on home leaving Fred asleep on Aunt Janes bed- stopped at Millers & found our dear baby boy wide awake and all safe- And everything going on well when we reached our home On the pike.

23 Nov. Sabb. Raining most all day. Papa Fannie, Fred and Mrs Miller and I at church Left Harlan at home with Lizzie & Warner and William- Had Sermon this morning by cousin Robert McMillan- Mr Morton was not out today as he is on the sick list- This afternoon had Sermon by one of our young ministers from Phil[?] Rev Mr Hunter. In the eve it was raining right down- we took Sister Jennette down home Hughs Jim rode with us to church this morning & home this eve= Had Oysters this eve for the benefit of our children- Had reading [c?] for their benefits also.

24 Nov. Monday. Quite damp raining last night & part of today. Lizzie and I quite busy all day= Not much doing by the "men folks" that I can see- just as we were through eating dinner John Johnson & his Cousin came= I prepared dinner for them. Sam G- here this P.M. he & Jamie across the rail road with their guns- Warner & William around at work. This eve Snowing considerable-

25 Nov. Tues. Snow on the ground= Jamie out the greater part of the A.M. looking after things- Miller and William down at C- at mill [c?]. Company here for dinner as follows. Cousin Robert McMillan- Mrs Galbreath- Jane and Matt- Sister Mary Little & Jennie- Rachel & her daughter Sallie= the day passed off quite pleas-antly= Bro Dan taking his hogs to market to day at four dollars. Eve all at home= [Written in tiny handwriting on on one line: Had prayer this P.M. in our little front parlor while the company was here- Sang the 133 psalm- Robert read the [scrip?]- Ephesians & led in prayer,]

26 Nov. Wed. Cold but pleasant. Jamie out with his staff building an enclosure- for his hogs in the [sic: feild] by the Creek- Lizzie washing= I attended to the other work my Self. Mrs Miller here this morning This P.M. Brock from Grape Grove was here looking at Sheep- Bro Dave & Riley Caldwell here- Bro Hugh in his farm wagon here for sheep= Staid with us for Supper after which he went back home= Eve all at home=

27 Nov. Thurs. Thanksgiving-day- Cold. Warner & William finished the hog enclosure- Lizzie at home attending to business. Left

Harlan at Millers. Jamie, Fannie Fred and I at church= Had Sermon by Rev Mr Hunter Text "O Give thanks unto the Lord: for he is good! For his mercies endureth forever". Mr Morton was at church today but not able to preach. We drove down to Aunt Janes after preaching- Sister Jennette came up home with us= had Supper after we came= Rev Hunter & Sister Matt out at fathers today for dinner- Hunter left on the four oclock train for his home in Philadelphia this P.M. All at home. Bright and happy to night- Sister Jennette sleeping in the bed room with the children and us to night. Amos Creswell's little child aged two months died this morning. Cousin Robert and family left for their home at New-Castle Pa. on the ten oclock train this morning=

28 Nov. Friday. Rather pleasant- but cold- Bro Silas came sometime in the night= He & Sister Jennette with us for breakfast this morning- Charlie M^c came up this A.M. he & Silas out in the hog pen giving Jamie & William some assistance= Warner feeding- Jennette working with pumpkins for butter- Lizzie attending to dinner= Fannie Fred & Harlan enjoying life as best they can- All in for dinner- This P.M. Charlie M^c & Dans Willie out with Our New Gem. Jamie & William attending to Sheep [c?]. Bro Silas went back home- Fred & I called at Millers on a little errand this eve- Fannie staid at home like a lady and took care of Little bro Harlan. Quite pleasant to night- bright moonlight- William, Warner & Miller at C- Joe Brown here Settling Sister Jennette & Charlie with us to night-

29 Nov. Sat. Bright Sun-shine= Jamie left this A.M. for Xenia Sister Jennette took Fannie & Fred down home with her to spend the day. Charlie M^c went down also. Warner feeding- William hauling out manure from the old barn-lot- Lizzie taking charge of the Kitchen. Harlan and I having a nice time by the fire in the back sitting room- He is so lonely that he will not allow me out of his sight for fear I leave him= I have been busy mending up old garments to day- and reading a little and writing a little. Jamie did not get back till after night- Left Fannie & Fred with Aunt Jane. Charlie M^c with Jamie at Xenia- Had a meeting of the Agricultural Society to day- elected new member T.P.J [husons?] elected president. David Bradford director instead [Y.J.?]G. Smith from Cedarville township.

30 Nov. Cold. No preaching at our church to day Mr Morton not being well. Lizzie went down to her brothers to day. Jamie & Fannie [space] from Millers at U.P. church- papa called down at Aunt Janes and got daughter Fannie and took her along. Young Mc Robb preached today. I staid at home with Harlan- William and Warner around all day. Had but one Sermon to day- papa brought Fannie and Fred home this eve- Fred has got a new [?] of [boates?] and Seems quite proud of them. I had dinner about ready when they came- Lizzie attending to the Kitchen work this eve.

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1 Dec. Monday. Quite damp all day_ Rain last night_ Warner feeding_ William around looking after thing &. Waddle called this morning_ Lizzie washing_ [?] the press in the back sitting room_ helped Fannie & Fred [?] up their play house (etc.) Abb [Stritchen?] called here this A.M. He & Jamie drove up to John Wildmans_ returned in time for dinner_ This P.M. Warner took the thrasher over to Waddles_ Jamie & [Sitrichen?] around all P.M. After supper_ Jamie at C- [Stritchen?] went down home there_ A [German?] sleeping in the barn to night. Jamie did not get home till after ten. He attended a meeting of the [trasters?] at the church to night I have been quite busy writing all evening.

2 Dec. Tues. quite gloomy all day. Abb [Stritchen?] returned this morning he was over at Waddles with Jamie and his staff helping to thrash_ Charlie M[c?] came up this morning to bring some things for Jamie Lizzie and I very busy in the kitchen all A.M. Jamie brought William, Miller and two of the [Shingledakers?] homewith him to dinner_ This P.M. All have gone back to to the thrashing_ Mrs Miller and her two children and Fanny Newton called to see me_ About four the men returned from the thrashing [the?] machine [hav?]ing broke__ Jamie at C- this eve_ Brought knives from [Bromyans?] [groceries.?] Warner &

Miller (etc.) went to Newton [Townshy?] for the power of Arches thrashing machine. Mrs Miller called to night again & spent a little while with me_ The two [Shingledakers?] and Miller in for their suppers this eve_

3 Dec. Wed. Rain the greater part of the day. One of the [Shingledakers?] here for breakfast_ [?] all over at Waddles at the thrashing_ Jamie brought Warner, William, the two [Shingledakers?], [D?]an [&?] Arch and Miller home with him to dinner_ This P.M. & evening the rain fell in [torrences?] which stopped the thrashing for the day. William helped me stir off pumpkin butter Lizzie ironing_ Jamie around here and there around here and there he was up at the new school house where there are putting down the new seats. Eve all at home. On yesterday [Connie?] from Springfield called_ made AJmie an offer on his hogs_ \$4.40 was his offer I believe Jamie did not [know?] wheather(sic) to say yes or no_ For my part I think I should have said no. Heavy very heavy rain this eve.

4 Dec. Thurs. Quite cold_ Isac Warner and son John here looking at sheep_ Jamie around all A.M. Miller came in with Jamie Warner and William to dinner This P.M. over at Waddles finishing up the thrashing_ got through about four Oclock. The two [Shingledakers?] here for supper_ On last night_ the wind blew

furiously_ One would almost feel like everything and [every?] body would be blown away.

5 Dec. Chilly. Jamie around all A.M. Mrs Miller began school to day up at out new school house_ Jamie predicts a failure_ Friday [they, say?] is an unlucky day Time tells all things_ Father, Mother, Sister Mary and Cousin Belle here for dinner_ Warner and William at the feeding_ Father had got Fannie a new dress_ a blue [?] cloth. Had fire in the back sitting room_ & in the front bed room in the grate. Had quite a pleasant day. Fred went home with father this eve_

6 Dec. Sat. Gloomy_ Bro Hugh stopped in some time last night when passing the pike from some sheep pasture_ he and Jamie has a little talk. This A.M. Charlie M[c Jimmy?] Little and bro Dan came in while_ Jamie left this A.M. for Xenia_ Lizzie in the kitchen Wanrer feeding_ William helping us stir off pumpkin butter this P.M. Every thing [quiet?] about our planation_ Mrs Miller called in this eve_ she taught school to day. Miller at Xenia went down on the rain.

7 Dec. Sabb. A little rain & sleet on last night till late_ he and Fannie Mrs Miller [Middie?] and Fanny [Noling?] at old side church to day_ As Mr Morton is not able to preach had two

sermons by Boyd_ Fred came home this eve_ Grandfathers bought him to Aunt Janes this morning. William, Warner, And Lizzie around home. Harlan and I here also. Eve all at home_

8 Dec. Monday. Gloomy. Jamie and William at C- this A.M. Jamie went on to Xenia with bro Hugh_ William bought_ the team home _ Warner at C- with A load of wood for the girls_ Lizzie [waddling?] I attended to the other work. This P.M. raining Jamie or I mean William went back to C- to mill. Quite dark and raining to night. Jamie and Hugh reached home after [nine?]

9 Dec. Tues. Quite gloomy. Lizzie attending to business around home_ Warner and Willian feeding. Jamie and Fannie and Fred & Harlan & I at Aunt Janes. The girls all at home_ Charlie at school Bro Hughs case came off to day or was to have come off_ Some of the lawyers came up this P.M. to C- [Dr?] C- has left town_ Sister Betsy staying with J[?] C- About dark Jamie came down for us to come home_ The trial did out come off. We reached home a little after dark_ Had supper with the rest of them here_ bro Silas came_ staying with us to night_ It has been quite gloomy all P.M. or I might say all day. This afternoon I called to see Lizzie [Galheath?]

10 Dec. Wed. Cold. Bto silas here all A.M. He cut Harlan's hair this morning_ father brought Sister Mary up this A.M. Jamie alone at the hog enclosure on the pike_ [started?] William & Warner to C- with 93 fat hogs_ he sold them to Lucas at Xenia for \$4.62 ¹/₂_ Jamie came back o=up and took dinner and left for C- Father went home this P.M. leaving Sister Mary with me_ Silas went home also. Mary & I alone all P.M. Lizzie in the kitchen. Fannie Fred & Harlan playing around the fire. This eve I called at Millers. Ajmie and bro Hugh came after dark_ I sat supper for them. On last night Dan [Dallades?] Little daughter Martha [E?] died with Scarlet fever_ will be buried tomorrow at ten oclock.

11 Dec. Thurs. Wuite gloomy. Raining a little. Warner & William out at the feeding_ Bro Hugh took Jamie with him in his buggy to Xenia. Mary and I quite busy sewing_ Lizzie attending to the kitchen and ironing_ This P.M. or evening_ Sister Mary Fannie and Fred called to see Mrs Miller. I done [considerable? fireing?] up in the bed room_ Millers brought my machine home this morning, Jamie & bro Hugh returned after dark_ here for supper Hugh with us to night. Sister Mary occupying the family bed room down stairs with the rest of us.

12 December Friday. quite gloomy_ constant_ rain all day. Bro Hugh went back home this morning_ Jamie around all day. Warner

and William around at work. Mary quite busing sewing_ Lizzie in the kitchen. I have been busy arranging. Our front bed room all day. Mrs Miller called this eve_ After night_ The children retired early. Jamie Sister Mary and I sitting by the grate in the bed room. Still raining to night.

13 Dec. Sat. Blowing and rather cold. Sister Mary and I sewing all A.M. Lizzie in the kitchen_ Jamie around home all day. Warner & William out at work hauling wood to the shed (etc.) This P.M. Bro Silas called while here a man came on with [coal?] [?] [nacks?] for sale_ Jamie and Silas both purchased one. Mary went back home with Silas late this P.M. Quite cold to night_

14 Dec. Sabb. Bright sunshine. Mr_ Morton still unable to preach. Papa and Fannie went to the old side church_ Fred went down to town and staid at Aunt Janes. William Warner and Lizzie around home with Harlan and me. Papa & Fannie and Fred staid at Aunt Janes for supper_ Mr_ Miller came in this eve_ Fannie and Fred recited their catechism to mama to night.

15 Dec. Monday. Quite pleasant. Lizzie washing_ I attended to the dinner_ Miller left this morning for [Lancaster?] to see his sister who is very sick. This P.M. Jamie around at Barbers and at different points [selling?] his sheep_ down at C-

[beforeing?] coming home_ took supper there_ Fannie and Fred busy getting ready for Papa's birthday tomorrow_ Fannie has baked a little pie and two apple rolls, as she calls them, for [a?] birthday present for him. Fred is helping to get pop corn ready for his present I believe they intend letting Harlan have a interest in that.

16 Dec. Tues. Quite pleasant bright sunshine_ very much like spring_ Warner and William hauling hay into the new barn_ papa Fannie and Fred left about eleven O'clock for Sister Mary Littles too dinner there and spent the afternoon_ talked some business matters over this P.M._ came home by way of C- reaching here in time for supper_ Fannie and Fred very much pleased with their visit I have been quite busy all day sewing_ Harlan playing around_ Lizzie in the kitchen dept Mrs Miller called in this eve_ Henry [Townshy?] Little [son Charles?] died this morning_ Fannie got Papa a little white rabbit for a birthday present_ leaving Fred& Harlan to give the pop corn_ & [hare?] pie & apple roll (etc.)

17 Dec. Wed. Quite pleasant a little like rain this P.M. Jamie not well with weak back_ did not get up for breakfast this morning_ Robert Wilson called to see him this morning. Warner & William hauling hay. Fred around with papa all A.M. Lizzie in

the kitchen dept. I put in another full day sewing_ have finished the [fourth?] apron for Harlan. Bro Hugh here for dinner_ Around at different points [selling?] his sheep this P.M. Jamie around home all day. Sam Howell's wife is dead. Will be buried tomorrow at one oclock Jamie around the lamp to night reading and [figuring?]- children retired early. Appearance of rain & rather warm.

18 Dec. Thurs. Quite pleasant all A.M. Jamie out with William & Warner hanging a gate Father and Sister Mary here for dinner_ a disabled soldier from the soldiers home Dayton Ohio here for dinner also_ he was circulating frames for photographs. This P.M. Sister Betsy Jimmy C- & Bessie here_ She & Sister Mary and I occupying the front bed room_ had a nice fire in the grate_ Father & Jamie in the back sitting room_ Late this P.M it began raining_ raining quite hard this eve and very dark_ Miller returned from Lancaster.

19 Dec. Friday. Some Little Snow & rain_ rather cold. Papa brought Sister Betsy up this morning_ After which he and Fannie & Fred in town_ Harlan spent the day in the bed room with aunt Betsy & me_ This eve bro Robert[G]_ called [?] Sister Betsy Jimmy C_ & bro Silas here for supper_ After night Jamie took

Sister Betsy & Jimmy C- home_ Warner & William hauling in corn
(etc.)

20 Dec. Sat. Cold and quite cloudy all day_ Jamie around home
all day Hughs Jim called this A.M. and took dinner with us_
Wilson from the lower took gate here this afternoon repairing
clocks for [w?] Mrs Miller came up and spent [some?] little time
with me_ Harlan seems quite lonesome without either Fannie or
Fred for company_ At seven Oclock this eve our darling son Homer
was received into our arms and home. A precious treasure which
our kind heavenly father has entrusted to our keeping to train
for him. For thee my dear boy I do not ask either wealth or
position "But oh [?] I do ask the Lord to keep Thy garments pure
and white and through the dangerous paths of life Direct thy [?]
night." Oh my He direct them safe through the heavenly gates
into the celestial city. Sister Betsy. Mrs Miller and bro Dans
wife here to night.

21 Dec. Sabb. Pleasant winter day_ Mrs Miller bro Dans wife
returned home after [?]. My dear Sister Betsy staying with me to
day_ Lizzie [Irvin?] here also_ Mr M[c?] went to church alone
returned gets sermon bringing Sister Nancy [?]orrence & Fannie &
Fred with him Fannie and Fred were quite delighted to meet their
little brother. Father Mohter Sister Mary & Cousin Bell came up

to see me & the baby this eve_ Near dark Bro Dans wife & MRs
Miller called.

22 Dec. Monday. Very Pleasant Sister Nancy with me to day_ Jamie
around home_ Charlie M[c?] came up this morning_ here for
dinner. Near evening Charlie took Sister Nancy down home and
bought Sister Mary up woth him_ [Davie?] little called here to
day.

23 Dec. Tues. Another bright day_ This is the day of our annual
butchering_ fifteen hogs have fallen_ Warner Wm Mr Miller Joe
Brown Davie Little & Charlie Mc helping all here to dinner
together with Father Mother & Eli Small & Sister Mary Mrs Miller
stopped into see me when returning from school_ Charlie bought
Sister Jennette up this eve_ Mr Joseph Johnsons house near
Clifton was burned down this morning.

24 Dec. Wed. This forenoon Sister Betsy and Sue Caldwell called_
Mrs Brow here washing_ Sister Jane here assisting Jennette Mr Mc
took her home this eve_ This has been a bright day_ Sister Mary
with one & baby Homer_

25 Dec. Thurs. Christmas Day. Bright & pleasant_ Papa
distributed quite [remember?] of Christmas pleasant among the

children did not even forget baby Homer (etc.) Mrs. [Torrence?] called when passing up to bro Dans this morning_ Sister Matt here and spent the day. Bro Johns called this eve_ The Miller family & Fannie Newton here for supper_

26 Dec. Friday_ Sister Jennette went down home this eve_ Sister Jane came back with the express and went down again this eve with Jamie_ Fred went home with his Aunt Jane & is staying there to night_ It is snowing this eve_ Sister Mary with me in the front bed room

27 Dec. Sat. Cold with a slight snow on the ground_ This has been another long day_ Fannie has been at home taking care of me & her little brother Homer_ Jamie took Mary with him to C- from there she went out home leaving Harlan at his Aunt Janes_ She & Harlan returned this eve_ with bro Dan_ Jamie stopped at the congregation meeting at the church this morning and this afternoon attended the Agricultrial(sic) Soc. at Xenia he just returned a few minutes ago_ Mr M[c?] returned hust a few mintues ago. Mrs Miller called to see me this eve_

28 Dec. Sabb. Cold_ Jamie & Sister Mary at church_ Lizzie Fannie and Harlan at home with me_ This evening Sister Mary reading in

the Sab School Times and telling Fannie the story of Mary & Martha Lazerous(sic)_ Mr Morton had that for his lecture to day.

29 Dec. Monday. Winter & cold. That Westerlin sheep man called this morning_ Jamie took Sister Mary to C- to attend the annual Sab School Association Father here & took dinner with us and remained till after Jamie & Sister Mary returned Fred came home with them_ Fannie Newton here this afternoon.

30 Dec. Tues. Pleasant. Jamie around home all day. The Westerlin sheep man here for dinner_ Sister Mary with me most of the time_ Mrs Miller stopped in when passing from school this eve_

31 Dec. Wed. Jamie called at Mr Wm Weymoths this morning_ I sent my washing away this morning. Bro Silas called here this morning_ He & Jamie Sister Mary Fannie Fred & Harlan [?] all around the grate in the front bed room where baby Homar and I are__ Lizzie Irvin and Wm & Warner in the kitchen the year eighteen hundred & seventy three, 1873 is nearly gone_ gone with its lights and shadows gone with its snows and disappointments_ gone to the eternal burying ground of the past_____ gone to passin review before us at the judgment day _____ we shall meet it again_ we shall meet it there__