

Faith Stewart

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1 June Thurs. Near noon came over another rain. Old gent Brock took Mr. Mc down to the noon train. Our mason here to day again. Our three men putting out plants this eve which with a little management might have been out a month ago. Harlan and I attended prayer meeting at Bro Dans this p.m. Mr. Morton & Mrs. there as usual. Mr. Mc and his two boys were out a fishing this eve. Rain most of the afternoon. Called over to see Mrs. Nattie Wright. She is suffering a great deal.

2 June Friday. Rain this eve. Sister Betsy and Lizzie McCollum here spending the day. Sister Betsy here till after supper. Mr. Mc at town nannie went with him. Bro Dan here and spent an hour with us. Fannie and Fred were out a fishing most of the p.m. We had a swarm of bees yesterday and two to day. Schrok from Xenia here with agricultural implements for sale.

3 June Sat. Rain this morning. Gloomy all day. Mr. Mc, John Johnson and his boy from the home at Xenia. Collin went with them too. W.H. Burns finished his work on the wool room. WFB and [L?M] planting corn. WM taking charge of the sheep. A swarm of bees came off this evening. Sam G here and helped with them. Mr. Mc did not get home till after dark.

4 June Sabb. Rather cool. Homer and the baby Clara with Mrs. [Bushie?]. Mr. Mc Fannie Fred and Harlan and I at church. Mr. Morton's text this morning now, remaineth faith, hope, charity but the greatest of these is charity. This afternoon his text "Who hath also sealed us and given the earnest of the Spirit in our heart" When the holy Spirit is applied to our heart it leaves its strength. The inscription it leaves is love joy, peace, long suffering, gentleness, goodness, faith, meekness, temperance. Where we find one of these marks it as an evidence that the others are there and will appear in due time All the joy and Spiritual happiness we enjoy here are but earnest of what the delights and joy of heaven will be they are but what the first shear is to the full harvest or what the first drops of rain are to the full shower. The earnest or impress of the Spirit which we receive is an evidence that the rest will be given. JB McMillan was at our church to day and read a letter from Rev. Hugh McMillan in India and one from Rev Mr. Calderwood. All at home this eve. WFB and nannie were at church today.

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5 June Monday. Pleasant. Mr. Mc called at S Smiths this morning. Mr. Escal from Clifton here for dinner this p.m. The baby and Homer and I at town. Mother and cousin Bell at Johns. Sister Mary there alone. She took supper with me at Johns. Everything quiet in town. Fannie at school. Fred and Harlan with nannie while I was gone.

6 June Tues. Very pleasant. Getting a little warmer. Mr. Mc attending to the bees all day. Bro Silas here for dinner. Mrs. Price here washing. Mr. Mc around at the Wildman pasture this eve. Mrs. B called this p.m. Nannie at the soap washing sheap shearing progressing on a slow scale. Not but one man in the [barn?]. We began plowing come to day. Fannie at school. After supper Mr. Mc drove up to Mr. Sam Howels to see Williamson and his men. I walked over to see Mrs. Nattie Wright. She is very low. As I came home I called to see Mrs. Waddle. Bro John & Sammie here to see Mr. Mc. Bright moonlight. Little folks out on the pike with their velocipede.

7 June Wed. Warm. WFB laying the floor in the wool house. Mr. Mc at the Wildman pasture making some changes. This afternoon he and [scratched out] in the sheep pen Cordal shearing. Fred, Homer and the baby with me at town. We took super at mothers. I called to see Mrs. Townsley Sr. She is very low. This world does not afford much attraction for her now. I started over to see Mrs. Nattie Wright but did not go farther than Waddles. On yesterday eve Jeanette and Matt attended Mary Carson's wedding. She married Mr. Evans from the west.

8 June Thurs. Pleasant. Two swarms of bees came off this morning and let me record here that Mr. Mc spent from twenty minutes of eight o' clock this morning till after two this p.m. in the bee department. The sheep having been standing in the pen since that time without a shepherd. Williamson and Cordal here shearing. This eve after school hours Fannie went to see Mrs. Nattie Wright. She is drawing near her last they think her dying. Mr. Mc and I are going over in a few minutes. WFB and Nannie were at town this p.m.

9 June Friday. On last night Mr. Mc and I called at Wrights. He staid till eleven and left me to stay till this morning. Mrs. JA Barber and HH McMillan and I sat up the entire night. And what a long doleful night it was. She was not rational, and the latter part of the night was in spasms. WFB left for Hocking Co this morning. Mr. Mc took him to the train. Miss Cambell closed school for today. She having gone with the

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excursion to Dayton. Sister May went too with the Cedarville folks. Sister Betsy called this morning. Fannie called at Mrs. Wright this eve. She is still living.

10 June Sat. Quite warm all day. Our three shearers here today. This morning I took Homer and the baby with me and called to see Mrs. Wright Mr. Morton and others there. From there we went to C-. [Frank Huffine?] called around and drove Harry and Fanning Grant around to his shop and spent some time putting on their shoes. We took dinner at Mothers She and Mary and Bell there alone. This eve Mr. Mc at the Wildman sheep pasture and at WM Smiths I called at Sister Betsy. Met Lizzie Lake there. Mrs. Nattie Wright died this afternoon at three o'clock. On yesterday Mrs. WM Julia Perry Cooley was buried. Fannie at school today. Mrs. WM Milburn rode up with me this p.m. She is visiting up the pike.

11 June Sabb. Very warm Mrs. [?] here with Fannie and helped take care of the baby. Homer Mr. Mc, Fred, and Harlan and I at church. Had lecture by Mr. Morton this morning and sermon by John Kendal this morning. Text Remember the Sabbath day to keep it holy. If we would be happy in time and in eternity we should be very careful to obey God's commands. Christ said if you love me keep my commandments. John Kendal has been called to Ryegate VT and will be settled there in a very short time. I have been spending most of the evening with the children. Nannie has been gone all day and has not come yet.

12 June Monday. Very warm. Mrs. Price here washing. Mr. Mc and the baby and Homer and I attended Mrs. Wrights funeral at one o'clock this afternoon. Mr. Morton conducted the exercises. We went to the Cemetery took supper at sister Janes. I notice that R. Orr is changing the location of his barn and fitting it up in the [?]. Fannie at school. Fred and Harlan at home with nannie. The men's room filled up tonight. Charlie Williamson & our Jasperman here in addition to WM and [?].

13 June Tues. Warm. Mr. Jas Barber here this morning. Fannie at school. Our sheep shearing progressing as usual. Our borders keep about the same. This afternoon Jane and Jennette here. Staid for supper. Sister Betsy and Lizzie Lake called this eve. Fannie at school. Mr. Mc at town this eve.

14 June Wed. Heavy rain this morning. Sister Betsy & Co at Bro Dans today. Mary Caldwell at school with Fannie. Mr. Mc not feeling well. Dave Little here at the shearing. Bro Silas here for dinner. John Johnson called this p.m. Our [six?] men here

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for supper. Mr. Mc feeling very tired and worn out this eve. Needs rest certainly.

15 June Thurs. Very warm. Our [four?] men at the shearing. WM mowing the yard. The other men busy plowing. Mr. Mc and our three sons at the Wildman pasture for sheep. Fannie at school. This eve Mr. Mc out at Hoppings. Fannie went with him to town. I am just waiting for Fannie and her father to come. All have retired everything quiet.

16 June Friday. Quite a pleasant day. Our sheep shearing ended. Our men gone. Miss Bell Cambels school closed today. Fannie has got along nicely with her studies. Mr. Mc has been at home all day.

17 June Sat. Gloomy most of the day. [?] hauling corn from Hoppings WM putting the walks in order. Fannie rode down to town with Mr. Jonathan Smith this p.m. She will stay to night her new hat and dress at Aunt Janes is the attraction. Mr. Smith was talking politics today. They have nominated gov Hayes of Ohio for a candidate for the presidency at the convention at Cincinnati yesterday that is the Republicans have. Mr. Mc has been looking after two lost sheep today. Miss Holmes here making application for our school this morning. Nannie has attended to the work well today. I am now by the lamp. The children have all retired. We had a nice shower this eve.

18 June Sabbath. Cool. We have been at preaching all day. Mr. Morton lectured this morning. A woman gave us a lengthy appeal in behalf of the Salors and poor mans mission, This p.m. Mr. [Smiley?] preached text "The Lord is my portion saith my Lord, therefore will I hope in him." This portion is a [?], [?], sufficient, necessary and an everlasting portion which can only be attained through Jesus Christ. We are to trust and hope in him for all things. Fannie at church today and went back to grandmother Murdock tonight. Mr. Mc and Fred & Harlan and I at church. Homer and the baby at home with Nannie. WM at home too. At half past five this eve John Kendal preached but none of us attended.

19 June Monday. Pleasant but still cool. Alice Price here washing. Mr. Mc and WM working with the sheep. I left Fred & Harlan with nannie. Homer and the baby and I at town. Took supper at grandmothers. Fannie still left in town. She is to go to uncle John's tomorrow with grandmother & Aunt Mary. Mrs. [?] here this p.m. Bro Dan here this eve.

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20 June Tues. Showered now and then all day. Mr. Mc drove down to Xenia this afternoon. I have been busy putting things in order up stairs. Our three boys with me they helped take care of their little sister. I wish Fannie was home again. It is now after night. Mr. Mc has come and is reading the paper. We are having fire in the grate it is quite cool.

21 June Wed. Mr. Mc at the Wildman sheep pasture this a.m. He and WM in the sheep pen this p.m. Fred and Harlan around with them. This p.m. Homer and the baby and I at town. Met Bro David there he came in on the four o' clock train from Garrison road this evening. I had but a short stay in town. We were home again in time for supper. Have been very busy getting ready for company. Mr. Mc at Sam g's this eve.

22 June Thurs. Very warm. Mr. Bigham Harbison called this a.m. WM getting the finishing touch on the yard and on the walks. This afternoon at two o'clock Mr. Mc and I attended Mrs. Robert Tindal's funeral. The services were held in the [gravel?] church and conducted by Rev Tibbets. She leaves a husband and six children the oldest or the youngest a son three months old whom they call Robert. This eve Mr. Mc and Fred and Harlan around at Sam G's. I have been busy till late tonight making preparation for our company tomorrow. Sister Betsy came up this p.m. after we were gone to make a little visit.

23 June Friday. Quite pleasant most all day till this afternoon when we had a little shower. Our company here as follows: Mr. and Mrs. Morton, Mr. & Mrs. Sam Galbreath, mother, bro David, sister May, cousin Bell, Silas and Jennie & Walter, sister Jane and Matt. Mother and Mary and David went away early as David left on the four o'clock train for Darlington Pa. The rest of the company remained for supper. Everything seemed pleasant all seemed to enjoy themselves. Calie Morton here today with the little folks. Fannie came home this morning. She has been in town since Saturday. Mr. Mc took some of the folks down home this eve.

24 June Sat. Quite pleasant this morning. Mr. Mc holding a consultation on the pike with Mr. Johnathon Smith and Henry Kyle John Johnson and bro John. This a.m. Mr. Miller here and had a private chat with Mc and me. Still with us for dinner. For the afternoon he rode down with Mr. Mc to town. Mr. Mc at Xenia this p.m. Sister Jane going with him. I have been very busy making preparation for the Sabbath. Bro Robert's daughter Nancy [?] came from the city yesterday.

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25 June Sabb. Very warm. Had a shower this morning. Mr. Mc, Fannie, Fred, Harlan, Homer, and I at church left their little sister Clara at [?] [?]. This is the first day Homer has been at church since he was baptized. He behaved nicely. Sermon this morning by John Kendal text "Lord teach us to pray." This afternoon sermon by Rev Mr. Smiley text "There are they which follow the lamb whithersoever he goeth." Mrs. [Swamie?] died yesterday and is to be buried this eve at four o clock. Colored Dollie Smith received into our church this week. She can not live long. A collection was taken up for her today and for other needy ones. The children all here this eve.

26 June Monday. Very warm. Mr. Mc and WM in the sheep pen. This afternoon Rev WR Pardons who resides near Columbus and has charge of the ME church at Spring Valley and Alpha called here when passing to this home. Mary Alexandra from Spring Valley was with him. He took quite an interest in our little folks. Mr. Bigham Harison and JD. Williamson here this p.m. Harison brought his wool. JD remained with us for supper. He is in a splendid humor. We had a shower this eve. WF Bond and WM Blosser arrived from Hocking Co tonight.

27 June Tues. Pleasant all day. Mrs. Price here washing. Nannie gathered the [?] today. Mr. Mc around home. Much to my happiness W.P.B. and Blosser took up their hats and went out to seek employment in some other harvest field. When I awoke this morning and thought perhaps they would stop here. I felt burdened beyond all endurance. I did not see how I was to live under it. Effie and [Jennie?] here this afternoon. Mr. Mc over at Henry Kyle's this eve.

28 June Wed. Mr. Mc out at Mr. JD Williamsons, Fred, Harlan, and Homer went with him to town to spend the day. Fannie & her little sister Clara and I here alone. Nannie and [?] at their different duties. We had a shower this p.m. It is now after night. Quite pleasant. Mr. Mc and Harlan and Homer have just returned. Fred staid with his Aunt Janes. Mr. Mc took dinner at J.D. Williamsons and supper at Mr. [?] Cambells.

29 June Thurs. Pleasant. Mr. Mc and WM busy all morning in the sheep pen. [Mr?] [?] here with his wool. At noon Sister Betsy came. Spent the remainder of the day with us. Mr. G at Charleston for Lizzie Lake. Late this eve they drove up for Sister Betsy. Mr. Mc took the children with him to the Wildman pasture late this p.m. When he came back he drove down to town. Brought Fred home.

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30 June Friday. Gloomy all day. Two of our men at Mr. Waddles harvesting. Mr. Mc and WM in the sheep [?] all day. Rain late this p.m. I have been cutting carpet rags. The children all around us. Mr. Mc at home all day.

Martha McMillan Transcriptions

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1 July

Sat. Warm Mr Mc has been away all day at town and out at Mrs Johns(?). Fred went with him and [one word] this eve with A [two words] from [two words] . Mr Morison(?) and Mrs Kelly called this morning from out at Mr [one word] this a.m. This eve I called at Sister Betsy's Another week has gone, and what is our Decom(?)

2 July

Sabb. Mr Mc and Fannie Fred Harlan and Homer and I at church. Mrs Bruster(?) kept Clara. Fannie rode down with us to church and here the remainder of the day. Larry(?) at Mrs Mortons lecture today was about Davids farewell and charge to the people this a.m. Then this p.m. "Be not afraid, only believe" A large measure of Gods grace will remove all fear. What are we to believe? We are to believe in the incomprehensible fastness of the love of God. We are to believe that God's grace is able to Save any Soul. With this glorious faith we can overcome sin, temptation and every hurtful and foolish lust. Faith is the victory that overcometh the world. In every trial and disappointment called upon to endure Jesus saith [one word] be not afraid only believe. Believe what? believe that these trials are all under Gods control and some of the things we consider the worst are the best things for us. Trials are Gods messengers and are doing Gods work. Never give up any good [two words] in Gods [one word] difference from dark and discouraging the hour. Rest in God and patiently wait for his Salvation and Blessing. Cassie Reid [one word] of died at her home in New York. Thursday [one word] her seminars are to come to Cedarville this evening, funeral tomorrow after two Oclock. Rain this p.m.

3 July.

Monday. Hector(?) here this a.m. finished at noon. N.F.B. and Bruster returned their tour throughout this great country and have quietly taken their seats at our table again. Mr Waddle here for dinner with others, Mrs - and her children here for dinner this p.m. Mr Mc gone(?) - Tindales and Oliver Smiths.

Homer and the baby and I at town hall supper at Janes. Fannie assisting Sammie with the work, busy till late Tonight making preparation for the "fourth" tomorrow, Sammie Smiths little daughter dead is to be buried tomorrow at three O clock. Mr Matthews looks Mr Matthew Cooks Son in Law died last week while on a visit to the Centennial.

4 July

Tues. This is the great "Centennial Fourth" which has been talked of and dreamed of since New Years day and for many a day before that, Our nation is a hundred years old, A hundred years O what A history. Will(?) and Laura at home Mr Mc Fannie Fred & their Aunt Matt at Xenia, W.F.B. and Sammie at Xenia too. Harlan, Homer and little Clara and I at mothers. Fannie and Walter there to. Bro Johns and Silas and Cousin Bill are at Xenia. Johns left Robbie at Matthews. Cedarville very quiet, All the business houses closed. - I could not help but think of father more than usual today, perhaps the reason was that he had talked so much about this day during the winter, and looked forward to it as being a great day in the Centennial year, but today we think of him being in that heavenly land where Centennial years are unknown, Mr Mc and our three boys took supper at Aunt Janes Our two daughters staid with me at mothers, we reached home this evening in reasonably good time having spent a gloomy solemn pleasant happy day.

5 July

Wed. Our washer woman Mrs Price failed to come hense we have had an unusually busy day, busy from early morning till late to night. Sammie at the washing I attended to the other work. Our four men in with Mr Mc to dinner & Supper, and all here tonight As usual. Mr Mc has been at home all day, he went out to H. H. McMillans and contracted for his wool this eve, I do wonder if he will prosper in his wool buying I cannot but think he will. Bro Silas here for dinner. Colored Dale Smith died this morning, she seemed to have her trust in Jesus.

6 July

Thurs. Heavy rain this morning, business suspended. Mr Mc and our five children and I attend black Dales funeral. Mr Morton conducted the services. Sister Mary rode with us to the

Cemmetery. I took dinner at Mothers. Mr Mc and Fannie at Aunt Janes. Mother quite sick with head ache, not able to be up, we returned home early this p.m. Mr - Wright called and sat an hour or so with us. Mr Mc drove out to Matthew Wilsons this eve, Fannie Fred & Jimmie Caldwell went A fishing after supper.

7 July

Friday. Tom Crawford H.H. McMillan came in with wool this morning This afternoon Mr Mc at Xenia, I have been busy helping on with business to keep Sammie in Spirits. Heavy rain this p.m. which drove our five men in from hay field. Mr Mc did not get home till after night.

8 July

Sat. Excessively warm Sister Betsy here all day and until between eight and nine tonight waiting for Lizzie Loach(?) to come from Charleston Sister Mary Little sent her wool in this morning, Mr Wilsons came in today with his Bro John and called this p.m. Mr Mc around home all day. Bro Dan here awhile this p.m. Bro Hugh called when passing down from Marion, he came by way of Mrs. Sons(?). he has not been home since father died till this eve.

9 July

Sabb. very warm windy Lizzie Loach(?) kept baby Clara for me to day at sister Betsys. Mr Mc our three sons and Fannie and I at church, Had but one discourse today, Marrie(?) and her father at the M.E. Church. Took dinner at Mrs Mc(?) as they came home, I spent the evening with the children.

10 July

Monday. Appearance of rain all day. Mr Mc up at the pasture this morning. Bro John called, left Sammie here to spend the day. A German School teacher worked on the walks till noon for his dinner. Mr Mc our farm regular men and Willie (?) & willie Mc and Debbie and Sammie M, all here for dinner, Jimmie(?) assisting in the hay field and in with all the others for supper. The wheat was brought in this morning. Bro Hugh with us to night, Mr Mc called at J. Johnsons.

11 July

Tues. Mrs. Price here washing, Marrie(?) at the soap making and in the kitchen. I have been without left(?) all day to, it does seem like the work is on the increase. Our farm regular men are here for dinner. Weaver from Springfield called and gave me some assistance on instruction on the machine. (?) the Great Star of Springfield has made an assignment. Old Hugh McMillan here for tea, Bro Hugh here tonight, Mr Mc has been around home all day.

12 July

Wed. I have been away helping with the ironing all day. Near noon came on a heavy rain, business stopped for the day in the hay field. Mr Mc and John Johnson over at the Johnsons near Springfield this afternoon. Our farm men still present with us in the dining room three times a day. Harlan fell from off the gate past this week sent for bro Dan he and sister Jane both came. his wrist is badly sprained but not broken as we feared at first. It is now after night Mr Mc has come and Harlan will now be comforted as he has been anxious to see his father.

13 July

Thurs. very warm. Continues pleasant. Mr Mc at the Wildman pasture this morning, after and early dinner I took our five children with me to mothers left Marrie(?), to wait on our four men and Mr Mc at home I met Mary Carson and her husband and Hannah C. at the girls, Mother and Mary there alone, Cousin Bell out at bro Silas's this week to assist with the work. I did not get home till supper. Fannie and Fred stopped off at Aunt Rachels till I came back. Bro Hugh here tonight. The men out till late making everything safe in the hay field.

14 July

Friday. Rain on last night and heavy rain today. Work stopped bro Hugh around all day. John Wright Sam and T. Crawford and Bro Dan around this morning. This p.m. Mr Pool here, he and Hugh with us for supper.

15 July

Sat. The day pleasant. Marrie(?) has been off duty today, and I have had a double duty to perform. Our farm men and little Willie Mc here for dinner and supper. It is now eleven Oclock my work is finished at last. This is bro Johns birthday, forty years old.

16 July

Sabb. The day beautiful. Mr Mc got stung this morning with a bee and had to remain at home. Fannie staid home too and helped him take care of the baby Clara. She was four months old last Tuesday. Marrie(?) still in her room sick . Our three sons went with me to church. W. F. B. and Mrs Bushy(?) rode down with us and attended M. E. Church. Bro Hugh came down from Mrs Linsons to church this morning and passed us this evening. Subject of Mr Mortons lecture this morning was the furnishing of Solomons temple his [one word] this p.m. come now and let us reason together saith the Lord, though your sins be as scarlet, they shall be as white as snow, though they be red like crimson. they shall be as wool." I had a short hour with the children. I notice in the - that the old Dr, Crawford is ded. he died on the twelfth of June in the 84th year of his age.

17 July

Monday. Marrie(?) has given me some little assistance today. our four men and Willie Mc and - in the hay field. Fannie doing what she can to lighten my burden. This eve Sister Janette came Lizzie C brought her up. We were invited down to Mothers to meet Mrs - this eve. She came at noon on her way home from Pa. Mr Mc and Aunt Janette and our three boys rode down in the express. Fannie and the baby and I rode down in the buggy. The evening beautiful, Bro John and Silas there this eve too. Mother not at all well Mrs Reid and Angie left on a visit to the west today.

18 July

Tues. Mrs Price here washing. Marrie(?) at her best again. Bees still swarming It has been very warm today - a heavy rain this p.m. Men had to desert the hay field. Five men came in with Mr Mc to dinner. Mrs Kelly and her men at work in the woods below the farm. Sister Jane and - went over to see Sister Mary [one word] at Wilmington. Jimmie Tarrence called this eve. Fannie rode down with him to stay with Aunt Janette while they are gone. They drove Harry in our buggy.

19 July

Wed. the day very warm. Mr Mc at Selmas at [one word] & sons Mr Mc returned shortly after dinner, we have had seven men for dinner and supper. We miss Fannie Sister Betsy and Lizzie - McCollin up at Sallie Lakes funeral this p.m. after supper Mr Mc and Marrie(?) at

town. The children and our boarders here with me. Mr McWeymouth called this p.m.

20 July

Thurs. Harvesting the order of the day. All of our men of yesterday here for dinner and supper. Mr Sam Mateul(?) here to see Mr Mc. Bro Hugh here here for supper. Mr Mc around home most of the day. Hugh left for Marion Co. this evening Mr Mc up at the Wildman pastures this eve.

21 July

Friday. The day beautiful. Sister Jane and Matt returned from Wilmington yesterday evening Martha and Sister Mary came up in their convenience this morning and spent the day. All of our men yesterday here today again. Mr Mc at Xenia this p.m. went from [one word] with McFarland. This eve I took Mother and Mary home. Our three boys and Clara went with us. Fannie came home with us it is now dark Mr Mc has just come.

22 July

Sat. This day has been beautiful in the extreme. The pike alive with people passing to Selma to a temperance [one word] had it not been Saturday. Mr Mc and I would have gone up this afternoon. Our men here today gain, some of our men at 6 tonight.

23 July

Sabb Much cooler. Mrs Bushy(?) kept Clara for me, Mr Mc and Fannie and Fred Harlem Homer and I at church. Had a lecture this morning by Mr Morton and this pm sermon by Rev Williamson text "Having therefore brethren boldness to enter into the holiest by the blood of Jesus, by a new and living way which he has consecrated for us. The only acceptance with God and all the Salvation that is for any soul is only through the blood of Jesus it is blood that washes away every sin. W.F.B. and Marrie(?) and Mrs Bushy at Selma today & Bushy's sister. This eve Mr Mc walked down to see Mr Robert we are having a fire in the bed room this eve, as it is quite cool. I am not feeling well this eve.

24 July

Monday. Cool today again. I was quite sick most of last night but am feeling better today. Mr Mc at Selma with fathers carriage today and not yet home till this p.m. Mr R(?) Tindale called and took him with him to the Wildman sheep pasture, Bro Dan here this p.m. Fannie and Fred called at Mrs Waddles and Aunt Betsys this p.m. Our harvest men of last week are here today, Willie Turner staid with us tonight. Mr John Crawford and Mr John Anderson here with Mr Mc awhile this eve. Having fire tonight again.

25 July

Tues. The day very pleasant. All of our men here today again. Sister Betsy here for dinner. Fred around with Jimmie C. fiddling - they were across at Hughs. times hard. sales not many. Mr Mc at the Wildman sheep pasture and around all day Mrs Price here washing. J.H. McMillan here with Mr Mc for supper. Effie and Jimmie Mc here with Fannie this p.m. this eve the seven oclock train passed down fifty of our sheep were on the track and ran for a considerable distance in front of the train but finally escaped without injury.

26 July

Wed. This has been quite a pleasant day. I left Marrie(?) in charge of the kitchen and Fred and Harlem with their father and Fannie Homer and the baby and I went down to town this am. took dinner at mothers and this afternoon we went to bro Silass we met Mr McCall[one word] and his sisters there staid and took tea with them. Walter seems considerably better. I am out at the old home place but seldomly now yet notwithstanding as it defects and deteriorates it seems very clear to me. John Berth(?) and an Insurance Agt. Here for supper with our farm men.

27 July

Thurs. Pleasant. Mr Henry Kyle brought his wool in this morning or this p.m. Bro Silas here for supper. Our four regular boarders to with W.F.B. - and Lauren and Blasser and men with Dudley & Willie Turner all with us. Mr Mc been around home most of the day.

28 July

Friday. Heavy rain last night and heavy rain today. Laura and Effie - and Debbie Mc called this morning Fannie could not go with them to bro Dans as we are having company at home. Mrs Conley and her two

girls. Marry and Marrie(?) and Sister Jane here and spent the entire day. Near noon the sun came out beautifully. the remainder of the day pleasant. This eve Jane took Mrs Conley a riding up to the pike. Mr Mc at town this eve. Bro John quite sick, had Dr. Hadden out today.

29 July

Sat. Robert Mc called this morning men at work in the hay field our regular crowd in for dinner. This afternoon a heavy rain came on the hayfield - soon I began reading Julia Reid today the sister of the sainted Esther Reid both written by Parsey. Late this eve Mr Mc called out at bro Johns. This evening I called at mothers.

30 July

Sabb. quite pleasant. Mrs Bushy kept the baby. Mr Mc Fannie Fred Harlan and Homer and I at church. - rode down with us and attended her Had sermon this morning by Mr Morton text "all things work together for the good of those who love God for those who are called according to his purpose." What is it to love God, it is to love the truth, holiness, the Bible the Sabbath, the house of God the prayer meeting, [one word] , if we love these things we know that it is his Spirit which worketh in us God promises is spiritual and eternal good if we love him. The good which God sends makes us wiser, holier, and better. And what was our need prosperity he sends that, if it - adversity he sends that. Everything which takes place in a link in the grand chain of providence which - this end. There is a blessing wrapped up for the Christian in every trial and in every tear. Had sermon this p.m. by Mr - Mr Morton said in his explanation of the Psalm this morning that there was no way which we honored God so much as when we came to him in the hour of sorrow and disappointment for for his comfort and blessing and guidance. We have had quite a pleasant evening with the children. Mr Wallacr preached on the street of C[one word] this eve.

31 July

Monday. I have had quite a pleasant day. Our three boys Willie Turner and Dudley and Fred & Berth in with our farm men for dinner and supper. This afternoon Mr Mc and the baby and I took a little drive out he left me at mothers and went out to cousin Hugh McMillans took supper there. Bro John and Silas came into mothers for supper.

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1-Aug. Tues. Pleasant. John Wright called at an early hour and took breakfast. The farmers home insurance agent called this a. m. So also did old Mr. Miller and others- this afternoon Fannie Homer and the baby and I drove out-to Dan Halsey for Ellen, she came home with us. Mr. Mc called around at Jack Wades [?] this p.m. Fred not with him, came home by way of C- took supper at Aunt Janes. Fred staid there tonight. Harlan at home this p.m. with Fannie and the men. Mrs. Price here and put out the washing- I finished reading Julia Reid this morning and if there is one thing which impressed me more than another in that book was that when the Spirit of Christ comes into a heart it goes out in love to a lost world and seeks to lead others to Christ.

2 Aug Wed. W.F.B. took Nannie and the Bushie family to the train this morning for their [sort?] to Hocking Co. Fred came home with W.F.B. Ellen has taken her place in the kitchen J.A.M^c called this morning and went with Mr Mc to the Wildman pasture. Mr Muggy from Springfield here for dinner. Jas[on?] came in with Mr Mc to dinner when they returned. Bro Dan and Mr Miller around this p.m. Ellen and I have been busy ironing-W.F.B. - & Laura and Wm Still with us.

3 Aug. Thurs. Three masons here at work finishing off the carriage house and in with our three men for dinner and supper. Our crowd looks enormous indeed- Bro John called. Our prayer meeting at Robert Wilsons but my getting to it is out of the question, In spite of my self I could not help feel worried and perplexed beyond measure with our house full of men, today, but was wonderfully relieved this eve when they and Mr Mc concluded to disagree and our masons left for an other boarding house. Mr Mc at Selma this a.m. and at C- this afternoon. They are haveing company at mothers this eve- Mr Wm Youngs and others. This is most a beautiful night Mr Mc and children all at home.

4 Aug. Friday. Quite Pleasant Mr Mc up the pike this morning. Our three regular men Mr Mc and sister Jennette here for dinner. Jennette with us this p.m. Did not go down till after tea. Mr Mc at J. Johnsons and J.W. McMillans this morning and evening.

5 Aug. Sat. W.F.B. & Laura off duty. Mr Mc and J. Johnson at Xenia this afternoon This afternoon I called to see Mrs Waddle The children are haveing a gay day playing. Ellen out with them. I wrote to bro David this p.m. He is now preaching in Phil [aa?] in Mr Kerrs church.

6 Aug Sabb. Rain poured down all morning. Mrs Moesby kept Clara for me. Fannie Fred Harlan & Homer with Mr Mc and I at church. Mr Mortons

text "Woe to them that are at ease in Zion"- Those who are at ease in Zion are those who do not give the powers of their mind, the faculties of their soul and the affections of their heart to God. Personal consecration to God is what we need. Are we active earnest and devoted in bringing souls to Christ: Do we lead our children right to the saviour and implore his salvation and his saving their immortal souls: Do we stop short of pointing all souls who are out of Christ and with whom we come in contact to the Saviour. Do we who are church members pay more for taxes for the support of the government that [sic] we do for the church and the cause of Christ if we do it looks like we are at ease in Zion. After preaching we waited at mothers and at Aunt Janes for Ellen. Mr Mc and Fannie took supper at the latters and our three boys and I at Mothers. Eve all of us at at home.

7 Aug. Monday Pleasant. Our three masons John Booth and our three regular men and bro Hugh and Sirous Linson and Mr Mc here for dinner. Heavy rain this p.m. All these men here for supper. At another table at a later hour Mr John [?] of Xenia and Mr Armstrong of New York City and Mr Mc were served with supper. Every thing passed off nicely. But O I am tired. Too tired to sleep. To tired for hopeful views of anything. I do feel like there must be a change. Life is a burden with these men to provide for. O for a change. For a change before breakfast tomorrow morning. Hugh and Linson here to night.

Aug 8 [crossed out] Tues. This morning when I almost despaired of life and thought. I must drop my burden and sit down and our house men had been breakfasted Mr Moorman and a man from Charleston came out and were waited on at the breakfast table word came that Waddle Little died was not expected to live and for us to come and in a few minutes word was sent that bro Hugh McMillan was near his last. Mr Mc took me to Waddles and went to see Hugh. I staid till three this p.m. Mr Mc returned a little while later. Our two masons & John Booth and our three men here to day. Bro Dans wife called this p.m. Alice Price here and washed. Mr Mc and John Booth at Walkers school house taking dimensions of the carpet. I went with them and stopped at Waddles. Several there to night. When they came back we went down to bro Hughs sister Mary and sister Matt there to night. Bro Hugh was laying very quiet seemed to be sleeping Ellen and Fannie and the baby and all the rest asleep when we came home.

9 Aug Wed. I took an early breakfast and went over to Waddles this morning staid till Mr Mc called for me when he went down to Hughs-he was dead when we went he died at seven no one there but the family and sister Mary Little and Matt when he died. His last words were Jesus, Jesus, Jesus - and with this he passed away. Bro Robert brought me home near noon. Mr Mc at C- and at the cemetery did not get home till late this eve- Fannie took care of her baby sister while I was gone. She has certainly done her part well. Fred Harlan and Homer have been good too which makes me very glad. This afternoon I took the little

folks with me to Matthews to see Uncle Hugh Walker and cousin Nannie but they were out at bro Johns Mother and cousin Bell there too none at home but Mary. I did not stay with her but came back home at once- We drove into Mrs Waddles as we came home Willie Seems a great deal better-Our three men and the Reynolds mason here today.

10 Aug. Thurs. Quite damp and gloomy! Rain most of the p.m. W.F.B. at the cemetery this morning and at the funeral this p.m. Services at two this p.m. Sister Mary Eliza came on the noon train. When we returned from the cemetery this eve we stopped at Mothers to see Uncle Hugh and nannie. Bro John and sisters all there for supper. Uncle Hugh went on the seven O clock train home left Nannie to make a longer visit. I called to see Sister Mary Eliza Mr Morton there too. Our men and the Reynold masons are here to night. Our place is beginning to look like the working man's home. I am both tired with the reality and appearance.

11 Aug Friday. Ellen and I very busy setting our house in order for company this eve. Our Reynold masons and our own men here for dinner. Mr Mc at town took dinner at the girls and brought the three sisters Jane Jennette and Matt out with him this p.m. Had some rain this a.m. But it cleared off nicely this afternoon. Sister Mary Eliza Bro David & Sister Nancy Torence and Lisa and Bro Robert & Sister Betsy. Sister Mary Little & Nellie and Bro Dan and Sister Jane all here for tea. Sister Rachel and Sallie were invited but they did not feel like coming. Mr Mc took Jennette Matt and Sister Mary E- down home. Fannie went with them to stay till Sabbath. Our company Staid with us till the lamps were lighted- We had a pleasant evening one that will be pleasant to think over in the years to come. Our masons completed their work in the roof and carriage house and much to our comfort left at an early hour. None but our house men to wait on at the sitting of the third table.

Sat 12 Aug. The day beautiful. W.F.B. and Lenn working on the roads under the supervision of Henry Kyle. Lenn went with Mr Mc to town or to Xenia. J.D. Williamson here this eve with his wool. We took it in on Williamsons [?] This eve I called at Sister Betsys. Mary E went home to day.

13 Aug. Sabb. We left the baby at Mrs Moesbys. Mr Mc and Fannie Fred, Harlan Homer & I at church. Ellen rode home & returned with us this eve. Mr Morton lectured this morning this afternoon text wherefore, beloved, seeing that we look for such things, be diligent that you may be found of him in peace, without spot, and blame-less" Robert Nesbit preaches on the streets in C- this eve. W.F.B. and Lenn attended the M. E. Church to day.

14 Aug Monday. Mr Mc around home all morning. Ellen and I busy as normal. This P.M. Mr Mc at Selma- brought the carriage home from Tindals shop. Bro Silas here for supper- He and Mr Mc attended Mr

Maston's lecture on Sec Societies at our church this eve- I called to see Mrs Waddle.

15 Aug Tues. Very warm. Mr Mc and I attended the Bible Soc. at ten this morning- Homer and Clara went to town staid at Aunt Janes. Fannie Harlan & Fred at home with Ellen-Rev Robt Nesbit- Turnbull & R.D. Williamson spoke & we took dinner at Sister Janes made but a short stay in town- Bro Dan and S.A. Galbreath brought their wool in this eve- Will Townsley and Mr Maston left an Organ for us to day on trial.

16 Aug. Wed. Mr Mc and Sister Matt in Xenia attended Carrie McMillans funeral at two this p.m. Mrs Price here this day and washed. Lizzie & Mary Caldwell called this eve- Mr Mc returned at an early hour- Everything Pleasant at our home.

17 Aug. Thurs. An excursion went over to Dayton this morning- the trains passed here loaded-Matthew Mary and Cousin Nannie here to day. Sister Jane called this morning-Bro John here this eve took tea with us. He took mother down home- Mary and Nannie with us to night-Mr Mc here this eve and at home all day. Mr WW Townsley called this morning. John [?] returned from Hocking Co. to day. Lizz D- came with them Lenn met them at the train.

18 Aug. Friday Lenn went away on a visit this morning to Hocking Co. Nannie and Sister Mary went home this morning. Lizz D-called here- John Booth here trying to contract for farther work. Fannie Fred Harlan and Homer at home with Ellen- I took the baby with me to C- this p.m. Expected to have gone out to see Jennie but heard she was better- Mary Cousin Bell and Nannie taking supper at the girls I staid and took supper at mothers- As I came home I called to see Sister Rachels and drove into see Mrs Waddle- I met Mr Mc on the pike driving over to John Johnsons and Crawfords.

19 Aug Sat. This has been quite a pleasant day. Sis Rachels & Sallie & Nannie here for tea this eve- Mr Mc here with us- they staid till the lamps were lighted- Sallie played for us on the Townsley organ.

20 Aug. Sabb. Very Pleasant we rode to church to day in fathers carriage- Mrs Bushy kept-Clara- the rest of the children with Mr Mc and me at church. Ellen went and returned with us. Mr Morton lectured this morning This afternoon text the parable of the barren fig tree Christ asked that it might be spared another year- This he also asks for each one of us. Perhaps the reason we are alive today is because Christ intercedes for us. He does this by his word, his gospel, his providence and in various ways- His prayer is but alone this year-he does not ask that we may never be cut down- fret not now- He says but him alone this year till I put him in a place where he shall be taught by sickness, disappointment, and bereavement as he has never been taught before that he may put forth fruit to the glory of God- But

after all this if he does it he refuses to yield his heart to God. Then cut it down- This eve we heard the childrens lessons.

21 Aug Monday. Mr Mc and John Booth at town this morning. Mr John Anderson and Fred with an organ [?] called here. Mr Mc & Booth here in Time for dinner. Booth putting up the bannister in the woolhouse. Mr Mc & Wm in the sheep pen this p.m. Fannie and Ellen drying corn.

22 Aug Tues. Warm. Alice Price here washing. Ellen attending to the kitchen. Mr Mc and Wm in the sheep pen. Booth at the Bannister. W.F.B. on duty to. Fannie and Clara and I at town. I left them at mothers and attended the Greene Co. Sabbath school association at our church. I took dinner at mothers. Cousin John Walker came yesterday. He and Fannie both at mothers. [?] and his sister and Silas all there for dinner. Mr and Mrs J. B. Adams took dinner at the girls- Fannie there too. The meeting very interesting this pm. Rev [?] address on Parents and their Work or Home Help for the Sabbath School very interesting- The closing session at the church this eve- but none of us attended.

23 Aug Wed. The day pleasant Mr Mc at town this morning and brought out Sister Mary and Cousins Bell, John and [?]annie Walker- mother not feeling well remained at home. Bro Silas here for dinner- John and [?]annie making their good by visit- They go to Silas' to night and from there to Xenia in the morning. Bro John & Family left on a visit to Mr Samuel [?] [?] Bellefontaine Ohio this morning. Fannie went with them home to go down with there cousins to the cliffs this p.m. Mr Mc took his three sons with him to the Wildman Pasture this eve. Bro Hugh here tonight. Booth & McFarland here at work.

24 Aug Thurs. Rain this morning near noon Booth and McFarland came they are rebuilding the sheep house Sister Betsy and Jimmie C- here and spent the day. This p.m. Danie Mc came and went with Hugh to Mrs [?]. It has been gloomy all day. Sister Betsy here for supper- [?] here to night.

25 Aug. Friday. Cloudy most of the morning remainder of the day clear Mr Mc and Ton Crawford attending the Springfield fair-Our two carpenters and W.F.B. on duty. Our three boys with me helping take care of the baby. Fannie still in town Ellen getting along nicely. Dani Mc returned from Madison this a.m. here for dinner. Mr Mc returned about dark from the fair.

26 Aug Sat. This has been a beautiful day. Our two carpenters here to day again. This afternoon Fred and Homer and baby Clara & I drove down to town- Met Crissie Moodie at Mothers. Made but a short stay came home to entertain sister Jane & Uncle Gavins John and Jennie [?] they were with us for tea- Mr Stephen [?] called-he seemed to be feeling unusually sad for some reason. Mr Fred Smith left an organ this eve. We have we have two now. Fannie & Ellen are both playing.

27 Aug Sabb. Mr Mc & Fannie Fred, Harlan & Homer & I at church. Left Clara with Mrs M[?] . Mr Morton lectured this morning. Rev R. D-Williamson preached this afternoon text Behold what manner of love the father has bestowed upon us that we might be called the Sons of God. Ellen here as usual. Our own children all around us.

28 Aug. Monday. Pleasant John Booth here alone. This p.m. Mrs Waddle & Sister Jane and Nora Torrence called I have been quite busy all day. This eve Mr Mc at town- O how much grace and strength we do need for the conflicts and duties of every day life. On last week Mr Wellers house was burned down.

29 Aug. Tues. The day has been beautiful. Mr Mc & Fannie Fred Harlan and Homer and I attended a picnic at the Cedarville cliffs to day given in honor of Mr & Mrs Pidgeon and there two little ones Katy and Ralph the company assembled were Mr and Mrs Morton and their little folks Mr & Mrs Croford Stormont [?], Miss Ellen Ewing [Erving?]and her girl. Bro Johns & Bro Silas' families, entire. Sister Matt & Mother sister Mary & Cousin Bell, The baby Clara staid with Aunt Jennette-Clementine W. still boarding there- Mary & Sister Matt went with the Pidgeon family to the Clifton cliffs this p.m. Before leaving town I called up at Mr Mortons place- Sue McMillan and her children came up from X- this eve and are stopping with the girls- Mary Bratton came home with Fannie this eve. Ellen taking charge of things while were gone Booth & McFarland here.

30 Aug. Wed. Rain to day. W.F.B. and Wm on duty. Mr Mc around at the sheep pastures. Ellen and I both very busy putting the rooms in order and baking this p.m. Laura & Effie Barber here with Fannie & Mary Bratton this eve after dark. Mr & Mrs Pidgeon and Ralph and Katy came- here for tea. It is pleasant to see Maggie again it is pleasant to meet Mr P it is very pleasant to meet Georgea's little children sister Matt and Cousin Bell attending John Henry McMillans reception this eve and [?].

31 Aug. Thurs. Quite a Pleasant day indeed -Mr Mc & Mr Pidgeon Fannie & Ellen and Jennie Bratton attended the Jamestown fair to day- Ralph & Katy here with our three boys. Mary Bratton went home this morning W.F.B. & Wm here. Maggie and I here by our selves most of the time talked over the past present and future. The children retired early. Supper waiting for the folks when they returned from the fair. We have had a pleasant evening and most a delightful day. Sister Mary came home with the folks and is here to night.