

January 1890

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“O January; first of this new year.
What scenes are hidden in the coming hours;
We greet thee with mingled joy and fear,
And as we blindly meet each new born day,
We ask for guidance o’er the untried way.”

“Welcome New Year; Faith bids each hear be strong,
For God will order all that comes with thee
To Him we leave it, glad to march along,
Feeling that what is best alone will be,
And as we onward pass, kind wishes fall
That this may prove a happy years for all.”

Raining some to day. Wm Nye feeding. We are having only two days of vacation in our School. Christmas & New Years – Hence School suspended to day. Mr Huntington remained with us. Jennie Morton came here Monday evening and is still here with Clara. Noah Best husking corn – He has been here since last fall. Uncle Joe C- still with us. On last night Homer went to Uncle Silas’s – and is spending the day with Walter. He returned this eve – Jim Little has spent most of his holidays with us. To day he and Fannie & Harlan and Clayton spending the day with Aunt Nancy. Charlie Galbreath took dinner there too. This Eve Clayton stopped of with Charlie G- to make a little visit. Our family rather small – Jason at home – Mr Mc around home all day. Clara and Jennie M- had a nice day playing. On yesterday Mrs Dasy Oldham Miller, wife of Robert Miller died, and was buried this P.M. at two Oclock. On yesterday at the same hour her sister was buried – both of these deaths very unexpected – This Eve all at home – Jim L- here – Mary Lancaster busy in the kitchen all day. This has been a quiet day at our house. Mary L- and Mrs Peters at Selma to night.

2 January. Thursday. Quite a gloomy day after the rain yesterday. Fannie at C- this morning on a little errand. Jim L- went down with her and stayed with his Mother. Fannie not feeling very well to day. Jennie here with Clara. Mr Mc and Harlan and Homer taking hogs to Selma – 75 head – to Mr Robert Tindal – This afternoon I took Uncle Joe to town – he has a bad cold. He will not be home till tomorrow. I met Uncle Silas and his family at grandmothers. Uncle David and Aunt Nettie returned from their visit to the city yesterday Eve. I called to see Mrs Warnock. I made but a short stay in town. Uncle John Murdock and Annabell came home with me this eve – they were here to tea and with us to night. She and Jennie and Clara having quite a time.

3 January. Friday. Quite a mile day – but quite gloomy. Fannie took Uncle John and Annabell to town this morning and she and Uncle Joe and Jim Little and Mary C- went to Aunt Jennettes & Uncle Bighams to day to dinner. Mr H- at his teaching. He excused Clara to day and she and Jennie remained at home with Mary L- Jason at School. Clayton at C- yet. I am afraid it was a mistake keeping him out of school. Harlan and Homer around home. Mr Mc and I, after an 11 O'clock dinner, left for Springfield – I did not get through with my shopping till near dark at which time we called to see Mrs Stuart and completed our arrangements for Harlan to go there on Monday -- & to be ready to begin his course in Commercial College – Mr Mc called to there to see the Proffs to day. We did not get home till after eight. Homer at a spelling match at [illegible] to night – He put in an application for Fannie in Selma School this eve. Uncle Joe came home with Fannie this eve.

4 Jan. Sat. Rain today. Mrs Pigg and Mr Peters here this morning Uncle David Torrence here on Thursday morning and on yesterday also. This morning Mr Mc and Fannie left home expecting to go to Springfield – but finally came back home after calling to see the School board at Selma. Harlan at Harbisons mill for our flour. Homer & Uncle Joe around in the rain. Mr N- busy. Noah at the corn – Mary L. busy. I have been busy putting Harlans wardrobe in order. This Eve Uncle Joe went to C- with Mr N- He took Jennie Morton under his wing and took her home – and put Clayton in Wm Ns care and sent him home – He has been away since Wednesday. And I guess we will all stay at home now – Mr Mc around home all day. Robbison putting the tile in ditch in lower meadow – Fannie making taffy to send to Fred with Cal Morton Monday.

5 Jan. Sabb. Quite a dreary day. Harlan Clara clayton and Jason at Sabbath School. Mr Mc and I at church. Fannie & Homer and Mary L- at home Noah absent. Mr Mortons text “I press towards the mark of the high calling of God in Christ Jesus.” If we would be successful we must press forward – bend all our energies put forth our best effort to our work. Christ is the prize – the treasure that is set before us to obtain. There is nothing so cheering so animating amid all our hardships than to look up and see our Saviour ready to help us. If we would be successful in bringing men and women to Jesus we must set the Lord before them. We must show them Jesus – Hold him up in all of his loveliness. Again Immortal souls is the Prize we are to reach. Not only to find Christ our selves – but to bring others to Christ. What is it to bring them to Christ. Its is to bring them to the church. Again Heaven is the prize that is set before us. If we would win Christ our selves – or win souls for him we must be mightally [sic] in earnest. We must make this the business of life – What we need is more devotion – more consecration – Like Paul we must “press toward the mark of the high calling of God in Christ Jesus.” Bro David preached at the U. P. Church to day. Uncle John and Annabell there. Mr Mc went down to grandmothers and brought Uncle John & Annabel out They were here to dinner. This eve it rained to hard for Fannie & co. to go to the young folks meeting hence all stayed at home – Uncle John and Annabel with us to night. We had Bible reading – we read the 8 : 9th chapters of the Gospel of John. Raining very hard.

6 January Monday Rain most of the day. At an early hour Uncle John and Annabel left us they went down with Clayton to C- and Uncle Joe came back with him. Near noon Mr Mc and I drove out to Uncle Silas's and took dinner with Uncle Ervin & Aunt Bell and Fern Grandmother & Aunt Mary. Uncle David and Aunt Nettie & Uncle John and Anna Bell and Blanch Ervin and Mr Hanna from Idaville [?]. This was Uncle Johns last meeting with us. He told us all good bye as he and Anna Bell will leave for their home in Bloomington Ind in the morning. Grandmother rode in to town with us – and Mr Mc stopped in C- to attend to some business. Fannie and Harlan were in C- Fannie made a chocolate & a Fig cake to day for Fred and she brought them in to Cal Morton to take with him – He leaves this evening at six O'clock for Monmouth to College again Harlan and Uncle Joe around home – Noah cutting wood. Wm N- took hog home to Mr [illegible]. Homer at Selma School. For the first since vacation. Jason Clayton and Clara all at School this morning. I hope they will renew their energies and be more faithful than what they were in the past. Mr H- and all here to dinner and with us to night as usual. Uncle John read at worship this morning the ninety second Psalm. I came home with Harlan this eve – and left Fannie to come with Mr Mc. Jim L- came out with them – here for tea and with us to night.

7 Jan. Tuesday. Almost constant rain last night – and rain to day again. The country around almost a flood of water. This morning Jim Little us all good bye and Fannie took him to C- as he leaves this Evening for St. Louis to take a position there – about ten O'clock Harlan told us good bye and Mr Mc took him up to Springfield to take the course in Commercial College. He will room for the present with [illegible] Armstrong and take his meals at Mrs Stuarts – I feel like I always do when these parting days come – sad – very sad. Mr Mc did not get home till eight O'clock. This forenoon Aunt Bell and Fern and Aunt Mary Murdock came and spent the day – they were here to dinner. Mr H- and Clara Clayton and Jason at School – they were here to dinner also – Uncle Joe and Homer around all day. Noah absent to day. Wm N- feeding. This P.M. Aunt Bell and Fannie at Selma. I was in bed till nearly noon I was not feeling very well – This P.M. Aunt Mary helping me with the serving. This Eve Fannie went down home with Aunt Mary & Bell – she took tea at grandmothers – and attended the Congregational prayer meeting or the Union prayer meeting at the hall – this being the week of prayer – After tea Uncle Joe took Mary L- to town Fannie came back with them.

8 January. Wednesday. Windy to day but not much colder. Homer turned over a new leaf this morning He got up and took the lantern at an early hour and went to milk and made an effort to get to Selma in time for School. And this evening for a marvelous change also he has been hard at his lessons also. Clara Clayton and Jason & Mr H- all at their School. Mr Mc around home all day till this afternoon when he made a call at Sammie Smiths. We are missing Harlan to day. Uncle Joe around. Noah absent. Wm N- feeding Mary L- in the kitchen Fannie putting things in order and repairing dress. I have accomplished but little to day. This Eve all at home around the fire.

9 January. Thurs. Quite a gloomy day – much cooler – but not cold. This is a Fast day appointed by our Synod. None of us at church but Mr Mc and I. Homer at Selma School. Clara Clayton and Jason at Mr Hs School. Fannie at home with Mary L- Noah came last night and went away to day again. Mr Pigg around this morning. Uncle Joe around to day. I feel like we have done all wrong not to keep this day sacredly – We certainly need one day out of the year to keep for God – and more than this if we would take them Of course I know I have tried to keep this day – but it was Joshua that said “as for me and my house we shall serve God.” Not I shall serve him – but we shall serve him – my house. Mr Morton was wonderfully in earnest to day – his text “He that covereth his sins shall not prosper; but whoso confesseth and forsaketh them shall have mercy.” The only way for an individual to be prospered is to confess and forsake his sin. It is folly to try to hide or to cover up our sins – for we will not succeed in covering them – we will be found out – and more than this our peace and comfort will be gone. Next the wisdom of confessing and forsaking our sins – the promise is we shall have mercy – Let us not forget that confession and pardon are inseparably connected – so also is pardon and prosperity. So let us also not forget that this is way to individual and spiritual prosperity. This is also that way that the church is prospered. Notice some of the sins of the church – Our prominent sin is negligence and another is conformity to the world. Often this deadness and coldness is because there is some Achan in the camp. Often some secret sin that is covered up that is eating out the vitals of the church. Often the Lords host meets with apparent defeat because of this. The only way for an individual or a church or an nation to be prospered is first to find out what their sin are – then to confess their sin – then forsake their sin. After the close of the meeting the congregation had a meeting – Mr Mc and I remained for it after which we came almost directly home. This Eve all at home around the fire.

10 Jan. Friday. Warm and cloudy. Homer not well with cold and at home from School to day This morning he rode down with Fannie to the post office. Mr Mc left this A.M. for Xenia He did not reach home till dark. He met Fred Smith and Mr Y. C. Mc and others in Xenia to day. Mr H- and Clara Clayton and Jason at School. All home to dinner this Eve Mr H- walked to Charleston. Homer in bed this P.M. Fannie put the house in order and went up to Selma to the four Oclock train and brought Mr McKenzie down. He was here for tea and with us to night. I have been busy on Harlan’s clothes to day. I have taken cold and feel almost sick this Eve – Wm N- and Uncle Joe bringing in hay.

11 Jan. Sat. Damp this morning but pleasant this P.M. Mr Mc left for Springfield this morning with things for the Stuart house and a supply for Harlan. I would like to have gone but concluded it the best to stay at home Wm N. feeding. Uncle Joe, Homer Clayton and Jason around. Clara helping Mary in the kitchen. Mr McKenzie here to dinner – This Eve He and Fannie called to see Nettie L- He went back to X- on the six Oclock train. Mr Mc did not get home till dark – Harlan has been on the sick list most of the week. Uncle Joe went down with Wm N- this eve.

12 Jan. Sabb. This is a balmy spring day – could almost believe it was the first of April. This morning Fannie Clara and Clayton at Sabbath School. Mary Lancaster rode down with them and attended our church. Mr Mc and I at preaching. Homer and Jason at home alone. Mr Mortons text “Be not afraid, only believe. Faith is the subject of the text. Strong unwavering faith is the great panacea or cure of all of lifes ills. Jesus says to all anxious inquirers – to all sinners who are deeply concerned about salvation Be not afraid only believe. My poor desponding brother and sister don’t wait until the burden is removed but come at once to Jesus and have it removed. Don’t wait till your sin is less but come to Jesus for pardon and forgiveness. Jesus addresses this language to all weak and doubting Christians and to all afflicted Christians and to all dying Christians. What we need amid our every day trials and discouragements is strong unwavering faith. Faith that will lay our burdens and sorrows at the masters feet – and triumph over the world the flesh & the devil. This P.M. Clara went from Church with Aunt Jane. All the rest of us at home. We had bible reading We read the 10 chap of John – Jason read with us this eve for the first time – Clayton has got to be a good reader. Very windy this eve.

13 Jan Quite a winter day. Yesterday morning it was spring –towards evening began blowing – It blew a hurricane all night – and still blowing to day. Mr Mc came back last night – Charlie Peters came this morning to help Homer night and morning with the milking – will board with us and attend School. On yesterday Noah Best was taken to the Infirmary by the trustees – Mr H- Clayton & Jason & Charlie P- all here to dinner – Mr Milton Robbison here also. Homer at Selma School. This P.M. Mr Mc took the clothes to Mrs H- and Fannie went with him to attend a business meeting of the Christian Endeavor at Mrs Brattons. Mr Mc came back alone – did not even bring Clara home – but left her to stay with Jennie Moton. This Eve the rest of us all at home.

Tuesday 14 January. Cold last night Frozen up things a little. Cold to day. Mr H- Jason and Clayton and Charlie P- at School, all home to dinner. This morning Mary Lancaster went to C- this morning & brought Fannie and Clara home. Fannie stayed last night with Aunt Janes. Dinner nearly ready when they came – Fannie not feeling well. Clara at home working on her Arithmetic – this afternoon and evening. Jessie Barber called this morning. This eve Mr Mc at C- home in time for tea. Mr H- Uncle Joe and Charlie P- with all of our family around the fire.

15 January. Wed. Quite a gloomy day – cold. Mr H- Clara, Clayton and Jason at School & Charlie P- all of them home to dinner. Mr Mc around this A.M. Mr [illegible] called – here to dinner – and went with Mr Mc to Wm Stuarts this afternoon – Mr Mc returned near dark. Homer at Selma School to day. this afternoon Uncle Joe and Fannie at C- This Eve all of us at home. This is the twenty Third Anniversary of our marriage day, just 23 years this eve since Mr Mc and I were married. To look back over the way – over the long miles to that evening away back yonder – back over the sunshine – back over the Snow – back over the graves – back over the sorrows – and back over the cares – back to that place where all the world was bright –it looks like a very long road. And yet a year how short. “How quickly come – and how soon gone” –

Often we feel we have not sufficient time for the work we are called upon to perform – Duties press – Every day brings its trials – and each year its changes. It is not a year that seems so long – but the years that lengthen out so far when one year is added to another stretching back over the past –

But Oh!

“The present mingles with the past,
And silently steals away –
While the deeds of our lives with hopes and fears
Are stored away with the garnered years;
To reappear at the eventide,
When the sunset gilds the lea,
And a backward look reveals how brief
Is life; Ah, me, Ah, me!
But there is unending life and song,
And eternity is long, so long.”

16 January Thurs. Bright sunshine but cold – Homer at Selma School. Mr H- Clara Clayton Jason & Charlie P- all at school and home to dinner – Mr Mc here helping remake apple butter. Uncle Joe around – Wm N- feeding. Mary L- finished the ironing I attended to the dinner. Fannie baking. This Mr Drew from the St Louis Range co. called. Mr Mc at C- later in the afternoon. This eve Mary C- very unexpectedly went up and got old Mr P- take her to C- The rest of us at home.

17 January. Friday. Still cold. Mr Allie Barber here to see Mr Mc this morning. About ten O'clock Uncle Joe and Fannie left for Springfield. Mr H- Clayton Jason and Charlie P- at School. All home to dinner Clara at home helping me as Mary L- is still absent. Homer at Selma School – Near noon Mr J. Harnars of Xenia stopped and remained with us for dinner – and spent most of the afternoon chatting with us. A man from off the pike here to dinner also. This P.M. Jack S- called Mr H- went home this eve. Mr Mc at C- a few minutes. At seven O'clock Uncle Joe and Fannie came – bringing Harlan with them. Clara helped me nicely to day.

18 January. Saturday. Quite gloomy. Mary L- still absent. Fannie and Clara faithful in the kitchen. Homer and Charlie P- making the work disappear – they brought in corn this P.M. This P.M. Mr Mc at C- this eve Uncle joe went home. Homer attended one of the lectures – of the course, at the Quaker church at Selma – One of the Proffs of Essen [?] College spoke – The rest of us all at home Everything quiet here to day.

19 January. Sabbath. Gloomy and cold. Harlan, Homer, and Clara and Jason at Sabbath School. Mr Mc and I at church – Fannie and Clayton at home alone – Mr Mortons text “After this I beheld and lo, a great multitude of all nations which no man could number – and kindreds and

people, and tongues, stood before the throne, and before the lamb, clothed with white robes and palms in their hands." Subject of the text the Heavenly Word. Notice the great number of the inhabitants of heaven. Heaven is a densely populated place – and all nations will be represented there – Notice the exalted position of the inhabitants of heaven – they stand before the throne – Notice the spotless purity of the inhabitants of heaven – They are arrayed in spotless or in white robes. They are all victors – they have triumphed over sin and the world they have palms in their hands – A palm is an emblem of victory. This eve rain – all of us at home – this afternoon and eve – We had catechism & Bible reading – Jason reads with us this evening.

20 January. Monday. By no means warm – This morning Mr Mc and I took Harlan back to Springfield – We got to S- after eleven – Harlan and I took dinner at Mrs Stuarts. Mr Mc took dinner up town. Harlan went back to the college – I was up at Murphys store and around a very little while – Mr Mc and [I] took tea at Mrs S- We left Harlan there – did not get home till after eight. Clayton was at C- this morning and brought Uncle Joe out. He is to serve on the grand jury this week. He went down home this eve when Homer took Fannie to "Y" meeting – It met at Mrs Dr. Stuarts. Homer at Selma School. Proff Smith has taken charge of Homers room as Proff Wildman's health have way. Mr H- and Clayton and Jason and Charlie P- at School Fannie and Clara kept house – They sent the washing to Mrs P- this morning.

21 January. Tuesday. Cold. On last night Mary Lancaster came back from Dayton – she helped us till this afternoon when Clayton took her to C- to go back on the first train to Dayton as her daughter is very sick – she will be back as soon as practicable. Mr P- here to day and put the meat up for us to dry. Clayton Jason & Charlie P- here from school to dinner Homer at Selma School. This Eve Homer took Fannie to Rosa Stormants on a Committee meeting. It is quite cold to night John Thomas here this P.M. Wm N- feeding.

22 January. Wed. Fannie and I at the work. Dave Mc called this A.M. Mr H- Clara Clayton Jason and Charlie P- home from School to dinner. Homer at Selma School. It is quite cold. This afternoon Mr Mc and Fannie at C- they called at Grandmothers Uncle David and Aunt Mettie still there. Uncle Ervin & Aunt Bell at Cincinnati this week – Mr Mc & Fannie home in time for supper – All of us at home this eve.

23 Jan. Thurs. Still cold – snowed last night. Everything quiet here to day. Mr Mc at C- this morning with stock for Nooks. He is shipping some to day. Mr Mc home at noon. Mr H- home for dinner. Clara Clayton Jason & Charlie P- took their dinner with them. Clayton came home after dinner as his feet were cold. Homer at Selma School. This Eve he and Charlie P- took the satchel with Harlan clothes for Uncle Dan to take up to Springfield to Harlan tomorrow. Matt [illegible] has been very sick and he goes up to see her – The boys made a short stay in town – We done the ironing this P.M. Fannie and I have been busy to day.

24 Jan. Friday. Cold. Mr H- at his School. Clara Clayton and Jason and Charlie P- all at school. They took their dinner with them – Mr H came home – no one here to dinner but him – and Mr Mc and Fannie and me. Everything unusually quiet Homer at Selma School. Mr Mc at C-this P.M. – Uncle Joe came home with him as he does not have to go back to X- tomorrow All in for supper – Charlie P- and Homer went out skating awhile to night.

25 Jan Sat. Cold. Mr Mc and Homer at Xenia to day. Homer getting a suit for church. Uncle Joe taking care of things. Wm N- feeding – Clayton & Jason and Charlie P- doing chores & hunting & a little of everything. Charlie went home this Eve – Mr Mc did not go away till this A.M. Fannie and Clara helping with the work. This P.M. Fannie and Clayton at town. Old Mrs Jennie Orr died this morning – Uncle Joe went down with [me to] town – Mr Mc & Homer home for supper – Mr Bazel called this morning. Mr James Dunlop died this eve at six O'clock.

26 Jan. Sabb. Quite a nice winter day. Homer – Fannie Clara and Clayton at Sabbath School. Mr Mc at church alone – he met Mr Samuel Little there. Jason at home with me. This Eve catechism and Bible reading. This Eve Fannie and Homer & Della Mc at young folks meeting. They called in to see Mary Orr & Mrs Hamilton as they came home.

27 Jan. Monday. A nice day. Mr H- here this morning. He and Clara and Clayton and Jason at School. All home to dinner – Clara stayed at home and took care of the kitchen. Mr Mc and Fannie at Mrs Jennie Orrs funeral at one O'clock They had their exercises to day – and will have a private funeral tomorrow. Wm N- sick. Homer and Charlie Peters attending to the work. Mr Mc and Fannie made a few calls –This Eve all at home.

28 Jan. Tuesday. Quite a beautiful day. Wm N- still absent. Homer and Charlie at the feeding – Mr H- Clara and Clayton and Jason at School. All of them home to dinner. This P.M. Mr Mc and Fannie at Mr Dunlops funeral. Rev Mr Morton & Rev Warnock & Rev Shannon conducted the exercises. On tomorrow his remains will be taken to the city for interment. They were back home again before four O'clock. Clara at home this P.M. – She and Clayton went to Selma to the four O'clock train and brought Mr McKenzie down – He was here for tea and with us to night. All of us at home this eve. Mr H- not feeling well. We rec'd a letter from Fred at Monmouth this eve and from Harlan at Springfield – both of them are well.

29 Jan. Wed. A gloomy damp day. Fannie took Mr McKenzie to the eleven O'clock train and brought Mary Lancaster out with her. She came over from Dayton at nine this morning. Mr H- Clayton & Jason at School. Clara at home in the kitchen this A.M. and at School this P.M. Homer and Charlie at the work again in Wm Ns absence. This P.M. Mr Mc at town a little while. This Eve all at home.

30" January Thurs. Quite gloomy. Mr H- Clara Clayton and Jason and Charlie P- at School – and all home to dinner. Homer at Selma School. Wm N- resumed work again Fannie on the sick list

– She has been around the fire all day. This morning for a change of scene I went down to town and spent the day at grandmother Murdocks – Aunt Mary and Uncle David and Aunt Nettie [?] all at home – I was there for dinner and till after tea – I had a very pleasant day. Mr Morton went to Pittsburg to day to meet a committee from the Old Side church and ours to discuss union. Father at Selma this P.M. & Eve.

31 Jan Friday Quite a mild day. Mr H- and Clara and Clayton and Jason and Charlie P- at School -- & all home to dinner. After an early dinner Mr Mc and Fannie left for Springfield after an early dinner. Fannie will remain at Mrs S's till Monday. Harlan came home with Mr Mc this eve. They had refreshments at Mrs S's this Eve. Homer at Ervins Corn Mill this A.M. and this P.M. – went back to Alexanders Shop to get some work done and this eve went to Selma church to attend a lecture – The Lecturers failed to come – lecture postponed till tomorrow. Mr H- with us to night.

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1" Feb Sat. It snowed last night— and has been drizzling rain all day. Wm N- at his feeding Harlan and Charlie P- & Clayton and Jason around. Homer at town a little bit on an errand. This p.m. Mr Mc and Clara attended Mrs Joe Frazer Barbers funeral— she died Thursday night at midnight— Homer cut Clayton and Jasons hair today Mary L- busy. I spent the day—stitching on repairs— this Eve Harlan & Homer at Selma at that lecture.

[**Transcriber note:** the following written in the left margin] Mr Mc took cow to Charleston.

2 Feb. Sabb. Quite a gloomy day. Harlan, Homer Clara & Jason at Sabbath School. Clayton at home with Mary Lancaster— Mr Mc and I at church. Mr Mortons text— “Fear thou not; for I am with thee; be not dismayed; for I am thy God; I will strengthen thee; yea I will help thee; yea I will uphold thee with the right hand of my righteousness.” This text gives a panacea for all the ills of life— for all the sorrows and trials of life— Notice some of the reasons why Gods people should not fear. One reason is because of Gods gracious assurance— As soon as any of Gods children comes out of Satins kingdom God draws near to that individual and never leaves him till he is passed safely over into the promised land. Next the relationship of God to his people— fear not for I am with thee— He strengthens his people— he imparts grace and strength and courage as it is needed— Helps his children His promises grow sweeter the farther we go— Last of all he promises to uphold us with the right hand of his righteousness. This Eve all at home— we had Bible reading.

3 Feb Monday. Damp this morning— at an early hour Harlan left to be ready to go to the college in time this morning— at Springfield. Clayton went with him to come back with Fannie. Mr H- came last night— Jason with him at school— Charlie here this morning & at school too— Mr H- home to dinner as usual. Mary L- busy in the kitchen. Clara at home to help us with my part of the work. Bro Dan called this morning Clara at C- and brought uncle David and aunt Metta and grandparents out to dinner. He and Mr Mc in the parlor all afternoon— Aunt Metta & the rest of us in the sitting room— this afternoon Fannie and Clayton came. This eve Mr Mc took the folks down home— Homer & Charlie P- at the Opera house— at a “Medical Entertainment” — Mr H- took our conveyance and went to Charleston this Eve.

4th Feb. Tuesday. Very mild day. Clayton at C- with washing to Mrs P- and brought Uncle Joe out— he also got the New Book his father subscribed for him— “The Pathway of Life” by Talmage. He does not need it now— but will in the future I hope— Fannie looking over her books. Mr H- & Clara & Jason & Charlie P- at school— all home to dinner—Clayton at school this p.m. Mr N- feeding— When Homer went to Selma School this morning Mr Mc went with him to the nine O'clock train and went to London— This was sale day. He went out to Mr Phipers[?] to dinner and left this P.M. with P- came down this eve at six— Homer waited till their train came in, and they came home together. Uncle Joe has to go to the grand jury tomorrow again— Fannie and Charlie P. took him down home this eve.

5th Feb Wed. Mild to day again Homer at Selma School. Charlie P. Clayton and Jason and Clara at school— took a lunch with them Mr H- home to dinner. Mr Albert Townsleys son and Mr Borman from Carlie [?] here for dinner also. Mr Mc at home. This afternoon he and Fannie at the Congregational prayer meeting reached home about dark. We rec'd a letter from Fred this eve— Mary L- faithful to day.

6 Feb Thurs. Quite a beautiful day Mr H- at his school. Clara, Clayton Jason & Charlie P- took a lunch to day again— Mr H- home to dinner Homer at Selma School. Mr Mc and I took dinner at Uncle Ervins with Uncle Silas's family and grandmother & Aunt Mary & Uncle David and Aunt Mattie. This Eve and called to see Aunt Roseanna. Fannie and Mary L- at home alone. This Eve Uncle Joe came out with John Mitchel— he and Mr H- and all around the fire.

7 Feb Friday. A terrible day, Raining and sleeting & cold— towards evening snow. Mr Mc around the fire all day feeling as gloomy as the weather. Uncle Joe around a little— back and forth to the barn— Clara Clayton and Jason and Charlie P- at school. Mr H- home to dinner Homer at Selma School— did not come home but he and Lotts son at an entertainment at Charleston to night— Mr H went home this eve— Mr J. S. Brown here this eve— Fannie having tooth ache— Mary L- in the kitchen.

8 Feb. Sat. Cold and disagreeable— Mr Mc and Fannie left for Springfield this morning— Fannie finished her course before the board of Education— but came short a little. Fannie took dinner with Harlan at Mrs Stuarts— and Mr Mc dined with Mr Eberly, they did not reach home till after dark. Fannie suffering most of the day with toothache. This afternoon Jason and I went through the cold to see Mrs Dr Homan [?] She finished fitting my wrapper— I scarcely stopped in town. Homer and Charlie P- took wheat to Starets — and brought coal home. Clayton took dinner at Peters and Lane and Henry Shepherd went with him to J.H. McMillans for ducks. This eve Uncle Joe went down home with Wm N- On yesterday morning Mr George H Crabbe of Xenia died. John McMillan adopted son of Hugh McMillan was fearfully burned yesterday morning. His recovery doubtful. Mary faithful Wm N- feeding. We did not forget this was Fannies birthday.

9 Feb. Sabb. Moderated— Homer Clara and Jason at Sabbath School. Fannie and Clayton at home— Mr Mc and I at church— Mr Mortons text “wait on the Lord; and keep his way, and he shall exalt thee to inherit the land” — The subject of the text how to reach the promised land. What is to wait on God. It is to wait patiently quietly & believingly. It is with this help to do our duty and leave the whole results with God and rest satisfied. One of the hardest lessons we have to learn is to meet discouragement and losses and to wait and be patient— And the most important duty—the highest attainment any one can make is be patient and wait and trust and depend for God even amid the clouds and discouragements. To be able to reach heaven we must attain to what is commanded in this text. No matter how hard we are pressed—how hard the walk we must confidently & believingly trust in him. No matter what your trial— what your walk in the family— a voice—says—look up look to God and he shall help you— How are we to wait on God? We are to wait actively and keep his way. We are to obey his command. The great lesson that God is teaching us is obedience. The final promise—when the lessons all are learned — He will exalt -- He will lift us up to a higher and holier and purer atmosphere— He will lift us up closer to the throne— he will receive us into heaven. This Eve Homer and Fannie and Clara at the Young folks meeting— Clayton and Jason read the 15” chap of John with me. We had catechism. Mr H- came this eve—Mary L- at town came back with the folks to day. Mr Mc around the lamp this Eve.

10” Feb Monday. Moderated a very little. Mr H- Clara Clayton & Jason and Charlie P- at school. Mr H- home to dinner. Mr Mc at John Thomas’s this A.M. and this afternoon took Fannie to C- to the dentist Dr Homan extracted a tooth and she staid at Aunt Bells to night to be ready for him to put in fillings in the morning in teeth that are needing [?]. Mr Mc home before dark. This afternoon Uncle Dan called. Lane and Della Peters here while this eve.

11" Feb. Tuesday. More pleasant— Mr H- Clara Clayton Jason & Charlie P- at school. The boys took a beef over to Nooks at Aunt Mary L-s old place this morning. Homer at Selma School yesterday and to day. Mary L- busy to day. Mr Mc at C- this afternoon and brought Fannie home. Mr McKenzie here for tea and with us to night— He rode down with Homer from Selma— Fannie got ten teeth filled at Dr Homans office to day.

12" Feb— Wed, Quite a nice day. Mr Mc made a business trip to John Thomas's came home and took Mr McKenzie to the train and brought Uncle David and Aunt Mattie out to dinner— Mr H- and Clara home and dined at an earlier hour— The boys took their lunch to school. Homer at Selma School and this eve at School dismissed the scholars all went to the M.E. church nearby to hear Rev Tufts address to the school children— A revival has been in progress there for some time— Homer home before our company left us— Clara and Mr Mc took them down home. Mary L- and Fannie were all busy to day, and are the rest of us.

13 Feb. Thurs. Quite a nice day— Mild and Clear— Mr H- and Clara Clayton and Jason at School— Charlie with his father— Mary ironing. Fannie prepared dinner— Mr H- and Clara home. This afternoon Mr Mc at C- at McDills mill. Fannie at her books this P.M. She also wrote to Aunt Mary Eliza. This Eve all at home—One of the calfs sick.

14" Feb - Friday. One of the gloomy very gloomy days— not one ray of sunshine. Mr Mc & co doctoring sick calf— Dr Henry Owens here and John Mitchel but in spite of all it died this afternoon – A stock man and a peddler from Pitchin here this P.M., late, Mr Mc and Fannie at C- they brought Blanch E. home with them all here for tea. Mary busy as usual. This Eve all around the lamp.

Transcriber: Alan Perry - 2022
February 15-28, 1890

15" Feb. Sat. Bright sunshine all day. Fannie and Clara and Blanch called to see Mrs Renshaw, Mr Peters daughter. She is in the dress making business in Columbus. I finished putting the dresses in the sitting room in order & Clara & Blanch having quite a large day. Wm N- bringing in hay assisted by Homer and Charlie P-. This Eve Mr Mc and Fannie at C- they took Blanch home. On last Monday Mr Thomas Mevin [?], formerly of Cedarville was buried, in Xenia. Homer at Selma to night at a lecture at the Old Quaker church.

16" Feb. Sabbath. Quite a nice day. Homer Fannie Clayton & Clara at Sabbath School. Mary Lancaster went with them and attended our church. Mr Mc at preaching alone. Jason at home with me. Mr Morton preached to day as usual. This Eve Fannie did not get to go to the "young

folks" meeting- but she and Mr Mc and Homer and Clara attended a Gospel Temperance meeting at the Hall- by Mrs Ellis. Mary L- and Clayton and Jason and I here alone. This P.M. we had Homer's and Clara's questions. Claytons and Jason's also - This Eve Clayton and Jason and I read the 16" chap. of John.

17" Feb. Monday. A mild day. Fannie nearly sick with cold. Mr Wm [illegible] called this morning. Homer at Selma School. Clara Clayton and Charlie P- at school - Mr H- and Clara here to dinner. Mrs Barber visited the school to day. This after noon Mrs Strecher called. Mr Mc and Fannie at C- Fannie took tea with Uncle David and Aunt Mattie at grandmothers- and attended a "Y" meeting at [illegible] Alexanders. Homer and Charlie P- at the revival at the A. M..E. church and brought Fannie home- Mr H- calling at Mitchels to night. We sent the washing to Mrs P-

18" Feb. Tuesday. Quite gloomy all day. Homer at Selma School- Fannie nearly sick with cold- Mrs Kelso here making Fannies black skirt- Fannie working on a plaid blouse- Mr John Harnard [?] called. Mr Milton Packer & Jack S- here with our sewing woman and Mr H to dinner- Mr Mc arrived home Clara home to dinner. She and Clayton Jason and Charlie P- at school- On yesterday Jason at home and went to town with Mr Mc and Fannie- Mrs K- finished her contract at a late hour this eve- Homer took Mary L. and me to C- this eve- I went to tell Uncle David and Aunt Mattie good bye- They were taking tea at Mrs Curries- I called there they will go to their home on thursday morning.

19" Feb. Wednesday Gloomy to day again. Homer at Selma School- Mr H Clara Clayton Jason and Charlie P- at school. Clara and Mr H- home to dinner At a later hour Uncle Silas and Uncle Joe called and dined with us & made a brief call. Uncle Joe goes back to the jury tomorrow again. Mr Mc and Fannie at C- to tell Uncle David and Mettie good bye- Fannie went to Xenia on the six Oclock train to be ready to go with Bay Carrey & Company tomorrow Eve to Springfield to attend the State Contest at the College. Rain this P.M.- and quite a heavy rain this eve.

20" Feb. Thursday. A very decided change in the weather. Blowing and cold to day. Homer at Selma School. Mr H Clara Clayton Jason and Charlie P- at school. Mr H & Clara home to dinner Mr Mc around home all day. Mr Clemens called this P.M. This Eve Jack S- called- Mr H rode to town with train. Mary L- busy as usual

21" Feb. Friday. Cold but pleasant. Mr H- Clara, Clayton Jason and Charlie P at school. Homer at home to day. Mr Mc and I spent the day at Aunt Nancys with Mr Harrison and Aunt Jenette- Aunt Roseanna & Terzah and Louisa Bratton and Miss Matt from Xenia. Mr Mc brought Aunt there and took her home this Eve. Aunt Bell in Xenia to day and will bring Fannie home with

her. Mary Bell came with this Eve to visit Clara. On yesterday morning Uncle David & Aunt Mettie left on the morning train for Bloomington Ind- and from there to their home in Howard Minnesota. Willie Forbes here this eve -- & remained with us for tea. Mr Huntington on hands too. A gentleman from Monmouth called this P.M.- and was entertained by Homer in our absence- This Eve Mr Mc and all around the fire. Mary L- busy as usual.

22" Feb. Sat. Quite a winter day. Noah Best called this morning Uncle Ervin sent Fannie home in their conveyance this morning. Blanch & Aunt Jane coming along. Mary Bell went back with Aunt Jane and Blanch this eve. This P.M. Mr Mc and Clayton at Jack S- Clayton is a quest of ducks- Mr Peters called this P.M. This Eve Homer at the post office- It is snowing this Eve. It seems like mid winter to night. Huntington went to Sabina to day.

23" Feb. Sabbath. Moderated- Very gloomy but not very cold. Homer Clara and Jason at Sabbath School. Mary L- at our church. Fannie and Clayton at home- Mr Mc and I at church- Mr Morton's text "Be not deceived, Evil Communications corrupt good manners.' or good morals. Good morals are corrupted by evil company and by evil examples at home- and by impure literature and by the sins of iniquity in and amongst us. This afternoon- spent with Clayton and Jason in particular- This Eve- Fannie and Jason and all read the 17" chap of John- None of us at the young folks meeting.

24" Feb. Monday. Very hard rain last night- all of the creeks filled to over flowing. A great deal of lightning last night. Homer at Selma School. Mr H came over from Forbes's this morning he and Clara came down from School to dinner Charlie P- Clayton & Jason at School too. Mr Murry called- Bassel also. This Eve Homer & Fannie at C- with clothes for Mrs P- Fannie at her books most of the day. She is not feeling very well these days. We rec'd a letter from Fred. He has just passed an examination in Latin- he done fine.

25" Feb. Tuesday. Another heavy rain last night- A great deal of thunder. Mary L- at her work. Wm N- at the feeding. Mr H- & Clara Clayton Jason & Charlie P- at School. Jack S- came in with Mr Mc to dinner- Mr H and Clara here too- This P.M. Jack rode down with Mr Mc to C- It rained very hard this afternoon- Fannie not feeling well- Homer at Selma School- Mr McKenzie came to Selma on the four O'clock train- and came down with Homer this Eve- He was here for tea and with us to night- Charlie P- and Homer at an entertainment or 'Show" at the Opera house given by the "Home Talent" of Cedarville.

26" Feb. Wednesday. The ground damp- but otherwise the day mild and beautiful- Mr from Monmouth , who is wanting to get items for a history of the early settlers of Greene Co, called this morning and spent an hour Homer was so interested that he failed to get started to School

in time- consequently at home helping Wm N- Fannie took Mr McKenzie to the 11 O'clock train- she was back in time to dinner- This P.M. Mr Mc took Fannie to town, to grandmothers- to be ready to attend the District Convention of the "Ys" that meet in C- tomorrow and Friday. Jack S- here this P.M. here this eve and took supper- Mr H- with us around the fire.

27" Feb. Thursday. The beautiful day of yesterday passed. To day we have rain clouds & gloom. Mr H and our three children and Charlie P- at School. Homer and Wm N- at Xenia- Charlie Holms called to see Mr Mc this morning- Mr Mc at Wm Marshals sale took dinner there- Only Mr H- & Clara with Mary L- and I to dinner. Young Mr Harper Solicitor for the Springfield Market house called to day- for the first. Raining this Eve- but not cold. Mr Mc and Clara attended the Open meeting of the District Convention of the "Ys" at the Opera house to night. Fannie presided- Music & Declamation & [illegible] the Order of the Evening- Fannie still in C-

28" Feb. Friday. Another change in the weather- it is quite cold- Mr Mc took an early dinner and went to town expecting to take Fannie to S- to meet the board of education that meets in Springfield tomorrow- but Fannie not feeling able for the trip- they did not go- but attended the Convention of the "Ys" this P.M. They reached home near dusk as the Convention adjourned this Eve- Mr H- went to Selma in time for the train this eve. Clara Clayton Jason & Charlie P- at school. Homer at Selma School. Clara called at Mitchels this Eve- Mary L- busy as usual. Mr Wm Gee here and traded horses this morning. Wm N- at C- this Eve. Very Cold.

March 1890

Transcriber: Adam Caldwell – 2022

March 1-16, 1890

1st March. Saturday -- Wm N- left on his trip this morning. Homer and Charlie P- taking charge of the stock -- Fannie in bed most of the day. This P.M. Mary Lancaster and Clara at C-- It is quite cold. Mr Mc around home -- and all the rest of us.

2" March. Sabbath. Cold -- Charlie P- here to day with Homer -- Fannie & Jason and Mary L- at home also. Only Mr Mc Clara and Clayton and I at church -- none of us at the Sabbath School. Mr Morton's text "For the Lord will pass through to smite the Egyptians; and when he seeth the blood upon the lintels, and on the two side posts the Lord will pass over the door, and will not suffer the destroyer to come in unto your houses to smite you." Subject of the text -- Gods method of salvation It is by the shedding of blood -- when I see the blood I will pass over -- In case of the Iseralites [sic] it was the sprinkling of blood upon the doors and in our case it is the sprinkling of blood upon our hearts and consciences [sic] -- The blood of christ is the ticket of

admission to the church and to heaven. By the shedding of blood & by our interest in this Saviour is this the only way of being saved -- It is complete and all sufficient -- Lastly is it satisfying it brings a feeling of safety & security in the day of sorrow of darkness and death. This afternoon all at home & this Eve. Charlie read with Fannie down to Jason the 18 chap of John. The childrens catechism this P.M. On last night at nine O clock John Chapel McMillan died -- very suddenly.

3" March Monday. Moderated considerable -- Charlie & Homer at work all day. This P.M. they took the clothes to Mrs P- and brought a load of coal home. Mr Mc around home all day. Mr H- here in time for breakfast -- He and Clara came down to dinner. Clayton & Jason at school. This Eve all at home -- Mary L- & Charlie at a supper this Eve. I sent a letter to Fred & Harlan to day.

4 March. Quite a winter day. Mr H- and Clara & Clayton & Jason & Charlie P- at school. Mr H- and Clara home to dinner -- After an early dinner Mr Mc went to John Chapel McMillans funeral -- Exercises at two O'clock. at his late residence. He and Mr J.C. McMillan there he would like to have come here to night but it was not convenient for us to have him. Mr Mc here in time for supper -- Jack S. here to day -- he and Homer at Clemens's for hay this A. M and feeding this P.M. Fannie around the fire to day & this eve -- not feeling to well. On yesterday afternoon Uncle Dam here awhile. This Eve Mr Huntington at C- and took Florence Forbes over home -- Homer and Charlie P- at Selma at the office this eve -- I got Freds letter -- He has been sick This P.M. A man off the Pike here for lunch -- and done two hours work in the yard.

5" March. Wed. Quite a cold winter day. Mr P- and Clara and Clayton & Jason & Charlie P- at school. Mr H- & Clara down for dinner. Homer at home. Wm N- came home last Eve -- & resumed work this morning. He went away Saturday morning. This P.M. Mr Mc & Fannie at the Congregational prayer meeting. Father called in to speak to Aunt Mary L- -- They have rec'd word from the Asylum from Dave -- he is in a very critical condition. -- not much hopes of his recovery. It is cold & snowing & blowing this Eve. All at home.

6" March. Thurs. Bright & clear but cold. Homer at Selma School for a change. Mr H- & Clara Clayton Jason & Charlie P- at School. Jack S- here all day making stock comfortable. Uncle Ervin Aunt Bell and Fern & Aunt Mary here to day This afternoon Aunt Bell & Fannie at Selma to see the dress maker. Mr H- & Clara came down to dinner -- Fern went back with them to School -- Aunt Mary repairing Fannies dresses. This Eve all at home.

7" March. Friday. Quite a winter day. Jack S- here -- Homer at home -- Mr H- and our three & Charlie P- at School. Mr. H- & Clara home to dinner. Mr Mc & Uncle Silas at Xenia -- Mr Mc went home at dark. This Eve Wm H- went home -- Clara invited with Blanche & Mary B- & Jennie

Morton and others to spend the evening etc at [illegible] Carsons -- Fannie took her down to be ready to go out with the Crowd and brought Mr McKenzie from the four O'clock train. He was here for tea and with us to night. Mr Mc home at dark and here for tea also -- A lecture at Selma by Willets to night-- but none of us there. Mary finished the ironing this Eve.

Saturday, 8" March. Wm N & Charlie & Homer at the work. Mr Mc took Mr McKenzie to the 11 O'clock train. Clara is staying in C- to day. This afternoon Uncle Silas and Mr James Andrew called and spent an hour or two with Mr Mc & the rest of us. Jack S- around and came in to dinner -- This Eve Homer at C- and called at the U. P. parsonage to see Mr Rev. W. P. White -- and invite him out during his stay in C- but it will not be convenient for him to come. Mary L- and all of us busy to day.

9" March. Sabb. Moderated. Fannie Homer & Jason at Sabbath School. Mr Mc at church. Clayton and I at home. Mary L- at home also. Mr Morton preached to day as usual. Fannie went down with Aunt Janes and stayed for the young folks meeting -- This afternoon I spent with the children -- This Eve Mr Mc & Homer at the U. P. church to hear Rev Mr White -- Fannie there and came home with them. Amanda here this eve --

10" March Monday. Snowed last night and Snowing to day. Homer at Selma School. Mr Huntington here in time for breakfast Charlie P- and Clara Clayton & Jason at School -- Mr H- & Clara here to dinner -- Mr Mc around the fire most of the day, Jack S- here awhile this P.M. This Eve Rain. Mr Mc looking after Daisys coat [sic]-- Fannie at her books. Uncle Silas called this P.M. Homer writing to Harlan this Eve.

[Transcriber note: Starting with March 11 below through March 13, the handwriting changes. Fannie is keeping the journal while Martha is staying for a visit at Grandmother Murdock's in Cedarville. At the end of each entry, she writes "Fan Mc M."]

11" March Tuesday. It has rained nearly all day and is raining hard this eve. Father went to Xenia to day and mother went with him as far as Grandmas to spend a few days -- Homer home from school today helping around with work The rest of the children and Charlie Peters at school. nothing of importance happened today kind of a go easy day with no callers. Father got home about eight o'clock in time for his supper. -- Fan Mc M.

12" March Wednesday. Another gloomy day. It has rained all day again. Uncle Silas came and went with father to Mr George Wilson's sale. Homer at home again helping with the work. The children and Charlie Peters at school as usual. Mother still at grandmas We are getting along very nicely altho Mary would rather have her for boss. Jack Stretcher called at the door a few minutes this evening We had a nice letter from Harlan this evening. He is getting along very

nicely Yesterday was Clara's birthday but am afraid she wasn't very well remembered – F. Mc M

13" March Thursday: -- Very gloomy this morning but it came out nice and bright this afternoon. Father went to Selma and around that country this morning. Got home about four o'clock this evening. After he got his dinner he went to town for Mother. Homer at the "Demorest Medal Contest" this evening. Father and Mother got home from town about eight o'clock. Fan Mc M-

[Transcriber note: Martha returns to keeping the journal on March 14]

14" March. Friday. Pleasant this A.M. but cold towards evening. I came from my visit to grandmother Murdocks yesterday Eve. I had quite a nice time. I met Mrs Jas Cooper who is visiting in C- -- Proff White and others came from Xenia yesterday Eve to act as judges on the Contest. Mr H- and Clara Clayton Jason & Charlie P- at School yesterday & to day. Mr H & Clara home to dinner. This eve Mr H- went to Mrs Forbes. This P.M. Mary Lancaster and Fannie at C- Fannie took tea with grandmother and Aunt Mary. Aunt Janes have rented part of their house for the first this week -- to Mrs Little and Cody. They are moving in. Near noon Mr Mc went to Springfield – returned after dark bringing Harlan with him. He will go back to the college Monday. They took supper with Mrs Stuart. We were glad to welcome Harlan home – this being his birthday – He is eighteen. Fannie busy at the books these days.

15" March. Sat. Quite a change in the weather -- Snowed last night and cold and blowing this morning -- After a special breakfast Homer called at Aunt Bells to tell her Fannie would not go with her to Xenia as they had planned -- on acct. of the cold. He also called at Uncle Silas -- home again at noon. This afternoon Mr Mc at C- a short time. We have had a quiet day -- too cold for anything else. Wm N feeding Charlie Peters -- Homer & Harlan assisting now and then. Mary finished the ironing. Clayton & Jason taking care of the geese. Clara baking ginger cakes -- Fannie at her books. On yesterday Eve -- Homer & Charlie P- took a load of this & that to Aunt Janes.

16" March. Sabbath. Cold. Fannie Harlan Clara And Clayton at Sabbath School. Mr Mc at church. Homer and Jason and Mary Lancaster and I at home. Mr Morton preached to day as normal. Mr Mortons text "While we look not at the things which are seen, but at the things which are not seen: for the things which are Seen are temporal; but the things which are not seen are eternal." Dave Little died at the Asylum at Dayton last night at twelve. Lizzie & Jas Orr there when he died. Fannie stopped at Aunt Mary Littles -- and took dinner at Will Mcs. His remains were brought to C- at four O clock -- and then from the train to the cemetery and layed away to rest -- Mr Mc and Fannie and Clara & Harlan at the funeral. Nellie L- rode with our folks. Homer

& Clayton & Jason taking charge of things -- Mary Lancaster here. They were home from the funeral about dark.

Transcriber: Olivia J. Murray – 2022

March 17-31, 1890

17" March. Monday. Gloomy and cold. Mr. Huntington here in time for breakfast – Jas A Mc took Harlan with him to Springfield this morning. Harlan will resume his studies there. Clara & Clayton & Jason at School. Charlie P - there this P.M. Mr H & Clara here to dinner. Wm N. feeding. Homer busy. His last day at- Selma School was the tenth of this month - It is too bad for him to fall out of his class. Fannie working on Aunt Jennette's Shawl. She went to Aunt Mary Eliza to day. This P.M.- as school closed Mr Mc & Mr Huntington at C - home for supper. Homer & Charlie P- at Selma on an errand. Uncle Dan called this P.M.

18" March. Tuesday. Quite a nice day. Clara & Clayton and Jason at school- Mr. H- and Clara home to dinner. Jack S- here too and at work this P.M.- Mr Mc around home all day. Mary L- and all busy. This P.M. Clara came home from school and went to C- to the four O'clock train for Mr McKenzie. He was here for tea and with us to night- Jack here for supper too. This Eve all at home.

19" March. Wed. Mild & gloomy. Mr H Clara Clayton and Jason at school. Mr H- and Clara home to dinner. Charlie P. at school too. Clayton took Mr McKenzie to the 11 O'clock train. Jack S. came in with Mr Mc to dinner Mr. Bazel called this A.M. Mr Jefferies here also he expects to move from the late Nattie Wright farm this week. This afternoon Mr Mc at Selma. Fannie and Mary Lancaster at town. Fannie called at Aunt Mary L [?]. We received a nice letter from Fred this Evening. Jack here to supper- Mr. H- and all around the fire with Mr Mc to night.

20" March. Thurs. A lovely day. Clayton took Fannie to the 11 O'clock train this A.M. to go to Xenia to attend [blank space]. at the Opera house with Bay Carrey & co. Homer rode Prince to Mr Wm Brysons Sale - near Xenia - Near noon Mr Mc & Jack Stretchers up near Selma at a Sale - Wm N - helping Mr Jefferies move - Mr H and Clayton and Jason and Charlie P at School. Clayton not there till this P.M. Clara at home to day helping with the work while Mary L- ironed. Aunt Jane came home with Clayton and rode down with Mrs Stretcher this P.M. This Eve all at home. This is Claytons birth day. Clara made him a "Snow Cake" and this eve he treated the family to a slice Mr H- & all. He is ten to day.

21" March. Friday. Rain last night - damp this morning - but the sun came out & the day was beautiful. Charlie P added a star to his crown by leading out in taking up the sitting room carpet and putting it in perfect order - clean from top to bottom. Clara at the nine O'clock train for Fannie and was at home for the rest of the day. Mr H- Clayton & Jason at School. Jack S- here resetting trees. Mr Mc around home all day until this Eve - He and Mr Huntington at C- Mr Mc at mill. Mr Charlton one of our poor church brothers buried to day. So also was Mrs Bruer - Mr Harbisons niece. May & Fannie Mitchell called this Eve - Homer there on an errand also - Lance

Peters have with Charlie to night. An agent called & sold us the New Economical method of preserving fruit.

22" March. Sat. Rain last night. damp & cloudy this eve & in fact all day- near noon Clayton took Mary Lancaster to C - to have her teeth filled - he returned in a short time Fannie and Clara and I attended to the work. Charlie P cleaned the dining room from head to foot - taking up carpet and putting it down - Fannie finished hem stitching Aunt Jennettes shawl. This afternoon Aunt Bell & Blanch called or I mean Fern called- This Eve Homer & Charlie P at C- and brought Mary L - home and the weekly papers.

23" March. Sabb. Quite a nice day. Fannie Homer Clara and Jason at Sabbath School. Mr Mc at church. Mary L- and Clayton and I at home Rev Wm Campbel, late M.P. pastor of Clifton preached to day for Mr Morton - Mr Morton there too. This P.M. Clayton & Jasons lessons heard. This Eve Fannie and Homer at the young folks meeting. All the rest of us around the lamp.

24" March. Monday. Quite a beautiful day. Mr H here this morning in time for breakfast H and Clara Clayton and Jason and Charlie P. at School. Mr H and Clara home to dinner- Near noon Mr Mc at C- and went from there to Xenia. This P.M. Uncle Dan and Uncle Joe called - Fannie and Della called to see Idah Creswell- She is home this week from Delaware spending her vacation. This Eve Fannie and Clara and Homer at a Christian Endeavor Social at Mr J.D. Williamsons. They had quite a large meeting. Mr Mc home near dark - All of us busy to day.

25" March. Tuesday. Rain this morning - Bright sunshine all day. Mr H- Charlie P. and Jason at school. Clayton at C - this morning and brought Aunt Matt out - we expected Aunt Jane but she did not come- Aunt Bell and Fern brought grand mother and Aunt Mary out. They are sewing cutting Carpet rags and upholstering a rocking chair for us to day. Mr H- here to dinner- Clayton at School this P.M. Clara at home to day. Homer around. Mr Mc here all day. Wm N feeding Mary L- busy. Fannie took some of the folks home this Eve. Mr Mc around home all day. Jack S- came in with him to supper. After tea, Mr McKenzie drove up and is with us to night.

26" March. Wed. Bright sunshine but windy. Mr Mc attended the late John Chapel McMillans sale. Mr H- and Clayton & Jason at School. This afternoon Clara at School and Jason came home and went with me to C- Fannie and Mr McKenzie took a drive to Selma and around. Homer at C on an errand today. I made several calls around we rec'd a letter from Fred- he is suffering with a carbunkle on his neck. This is examination week too. This Eve Homer went with Fannie and Mr McKenzie to C- they called to see Nettie Little. Mr Mc and Mr H- around the lamp.

27" March. Thursday. Rather pleasant this A.M. but this Eve it is quite disagreeable and most of this afternoon- Mr H & Clara Clayton at School. Charlie P - & Jason working in the yard this A.M. and this afternoon they were at school. Homer at C- this A.M. on an errand - and this afternoon, late, he and Wm N At town for coal. Mr Mc away all day at the Y. Springs and at J.R. Hills for dinner- he had quite a disagreeable ride home through wind and rain. Mr McKenzie still with us.

Quite a good deal of rain this eve – and a good deal of lightning. Mr Mc and Mr H- and all around the fire.

28" March. Friday. Very stormy all of last night - and it has blowed a hurricane nearly all day with out any intermission. Mr McKenzie told us all good bye and went to Xenia this morning - The Seminary has closed this week and he expects to leave in the morning to be gone to some point in N. Y. most of the summer- This is our fast day previous to our communion- It has been such a terrible day that none went but Mr Mc & Fannie and Clara- Homer at home- Clayton and Jason with me - Fannie stayed at Aunt Janes. This Eve we read the [blank space] chap of John. Mr H- and Charlie P- at School. I have tried to keep this day- too. Mr H- with us to night. Mr Crowford preached to day.

29" March. Sat. Bright sunshine this morning. Homer went to Springfield for Harlan - reached C- in time for two Oclock services at our church. Mr Mc Clayton & Clara at our church too this P.M. Mr H- here till after dinner when he went home- Wm N- and Charlie P- looking after things- This Eve Della Stretcher called- her father is sick- Mary L busy to day. This Eve snowing right down- On Thursday Eve a terrible tornado swept over Louisville –hundred of lives lost – and property destroyed. Rev Mr Crowford preached to day again

30" March. Sabb. Bright Sunshine. Harlan Homer Clara and Jason at Sabbath School. Mr Mc at church- Clayton and Mary L- and I at home. This is communion at our church - Rev Mr Crowford preached to da. In the P.M. the communion Services. Our folks did not get home till near four Oclock. This Eve Rev Mr Crowford preached at our church- Harlan there- Clara went to Aunt Janes from church this P.M. and came home this Eve with Harlan- Fannie at Aunt Janes these days. Mr Crowford stopping there. We had catechism this P.M. Bible reading to night.

31" March. Monday. Snowing & blustery this morning. Cloudy all day. Mr H- & Son Willie here last night and with us to day. Mr H- Clayton Charlie P- and Jason at school- Clara at home to help with the work. Mr Mc and Harlan at church- they brought Rev Mr. Crowford and Fannie home with them Fannie has been away since Friday. Rev Mr Crowford here for dinner and for tea. This Eve Willie H- took Fannie to Christian Endeavor meeting at Dasy Grays. Mr. Crowford went down with them. This Eve Harlan went back to Springfield on the four Oclock train- Mr H- went at the same time. Willie took them to Selma. This P.M. Mr Mc and Homer at Xenia with horses to show to Crowford, the horse buyer- who is stopping there for a short time. We certainly had a pleasant time with Mr C- Mary L- very busy to day Charlie P- went home this Eve - It is lonely here since so many are away.

April 1890

Transcriber: Caroline Rose Stanton – 2022

April 1-12, 1890

1" April. Tues. Most a beautiful day - only a very little chilly. Mr H - returned this A.M. and went to his school. Willie H still with us. Charlie P - working in the yard this P.M. Homer around home - Clara Clayton and Jason at School. Mr Mc at C - this P.M. So also were Mary L- and Fannie Mary came home alone - Fannie remained to go with Mr Crowford & co - to a Concert. Mr Mc at Jack Stretchers this morning & this Eve again - As he has been very sick. Clayton busy with his geese - he has been gathering in Duck eggs too - to set. Homer at C- at the Concert to night - Fannie will come home with him.

2" April. Wed. A nice day again. Mr H - at his School. His Son is still with us. Mary L- ironing. Clara and Jason at school. Clayton and Charlie P - at the yard. Mr H- home to dinner. We expected Mr. Hill and his Son in law here today but they failed to appear. This P.M. Mr Mc at C- Fannie went with him to be ready for the C.E. Society - meeting to night - she took tea at Aunt Bells. Homer and Willie H - and Clara at the meeting too. Fannie came home with them. One of the Special features of the meeting was the presentation of a "Gold headed Cane" to Mr Morton & the Young folks - quite a number there. Rev Mr Crowford there to night. The Ohio Presbytery meet in C- at our church today. Bright and Pleasant to night. The meeting was at Mr Morton's this Eve.

3" April. Thurs. Another change in the weather - Clouds & gloom & Rain. Mr Mc and Clara & Jason at School. Mr H - home to dinner. Charlie P - and Clayton at home - but could accomplish but little in the yard. Willie H - with us. Sammie Smith called. Mr Forbes here and came in with Mr Mc & Mr H - to dinner. This P.M. - Mr Mc and Mr Forbes called to see Jack S - after they came back Mr Mc went over to see the Young Dr Stuart. After he came home and had supper - he went over to stay with Jack - He drove the pony over in the buggy. Had not been there long when both were missing - he came home and found them both - from the appearance of things the pony had been most of the way home and had turned things around considerable. Homer and Willie H - went back to Jacks a little while. Lawn Stretcher will stay with them to night. Mr Huntington away 'till late this Eve -

4" April. Friday. Rain last night and gloomy this morning. Mr Mc and Fannie at Jack S's - not any change for the better. After an early dinner Mr Mc took Fannie to Springfield to be ready to meet the board of education tomorrow and make a little visit at Mrs Stuarts - Homer at C - on an errand for Jack. This P.M. Clayton took me over to see him. He is certainly in a critical condition. He regrets so deeply his misspent life - He could live without a Savior - but how hard he finds it to die without a Savior. Mr H - went to C- this eve will be gone 'till Monday. Willie H - went with Homer and Clara to the Demarest Contest - this eve - Mr Mc did not reach home 'till after nine. Harlan will not be ready to come home before next week sometime. He remembers

that this is our darling little Florences birth day - If she had lived she would have been four. But they do not count days or months or years in heaven.

5 April. Sat. A lovely day. Clara & Mr Mc at Jacks this morning - he is about the same. Homer at C- for some things he needed this A.M. Charlie P- & Clayton in the yard. Near noon Daniel Oxley {?} from off the pike stopped and agreed to stay for a few days and white wash for his board. This afternoon, Mr Mc and Homer at C- to see Rice, Barbers son in law. Gertie & Dan Marshall & Mitchels girls here playing with Clara - Clayton and Jason. This is our son Jason's birthday. He is eight. Clara finally remembered him by making him a Snow cake - and in turn he remembered the rest of us by treating us all to a share of it. Mr Mc over at Jacks this evening again. Homer and Charlie up the pike to attend to some business - Mary L- busy today. I have not been feeling well.

6" April Sabbath. Easter Sunday. Quite a bright pleasant day. Homer Clara and Clayton at Sabbath School. Mr Mc at church. Jason and Mary L - and our new man at home with me. Uncle Joe came home with the folks from church - After dinner He and Homer went over to see Jack Stretcher were only away a short time as they did not get in. The P.M. spent with Clayton and Jason this Eve Clara has taken in - We read the last chap of the book of John. Homer at the Young folks meeting. Uncle Joe & Mary L - went with him to C. This Eve Mattie Reid Spencer died - suddenly, of heart trouble. How I pity her poor children for they have not much of a father to be left with. Mr Mc around the lamp. Rev Mr Crowford preached for Mr Morton today.

7" April. Monday. Most a lovely day - Day of our spring election. Mr Mc at C- this A.M. I sent Fannies donation to the "Y" - they are giving a lunch today. Mr Mc home for dinner and at C- this afternoon again. Homer & Willie H - and Wn N - and all are there 'till this Eve - Charlie P - left alone to serve me - he finished cleaning the yard - Our "Saturday's man", at the white washing. He is doing fine. Fannie still at S - Harlan there too. We had a postal from Fred - two more boils to nurse - This Eve Rev Crowford - & Rev Campbel, late of Clifton, gave a Temperance talk at the hall. Mr Mc did not know it till he came home and it was too late to go. Homer & Willie H - there. Mr Mc at Jacks this eve - He is very weak - and not half taken care of.

8" April. Tuesday. Very unsettled the weather - A little rain - sunshine & windy. Mr Mc at town this A.M. I wrote a letter to Fannie Fred & Harlan, each, this morning. Mr Mc at home to dinner. Our new man Dan Oxly [?] at the white washing. Wm N and Charlie P plowing This P.M. Homer at Mill - Mr H - and son with us - Willie went away this P.M. to be gone till tomorrow. This Eve Mr Mc and Clara at Jacks's - He is much better -

9" April. Wed. Blowing & Cloudy most of the day. Mr Mc around the home all day. Wm N - and Charlie P - plowing. Willie H - came back this morning - Mr H - at his teaching - here for dinner. Our new man making the place look grand with his white wash Cousin J.H. McMillan called this P.M. Uncle Silas here also - here for tea - Mr H - left directly after school hours for Springfield. Homer & Willie H at C- for the clothes. Clara Clayton & Jason at School to day - they are at their Speeches to night.

10" April. Thurs. Snowing and melting disagreeable & much colder - Mr H - returned from his trip near ten this A.M. Willie around - Dan O - at the whitewashing. Wn N - plowing This P.M. Homer & Charlie bringing hay from Stretchers - Mr Mc over in that direction and called to see Jack - he is convalescent - but very weak. Clara got the dinner to day. Mary L -ironed. She was at School this P.M. Clayton and Jason at School. This P.M. after ten clock Harlan came to C- from Springfield - He finished his last term at the Commercial College and came around on the train. Fannie still visiting there. Harlan at Aunt Jane's as he has not come out home yet. Charlie P - and Clayton at C- and brought Mrs Walker out this Eve. Homer and Willie H - at Selma and at Charlie Holoways this Eve.

11 April. Friday. Bright Sunshine. Old Mr Peters here sowing seed. Charlie P - and Dan Oxley at work. Willie Huntington at C- Harlan came out with him this morning. Mr Huntington only taught until noon. Clara Clayton and Jason there. Mr Wilson and Mr McKay here from St Paris - to see Mr H - all here to dinner. Mr H - sold them one of his fine horses. Mr Mc here - Mary Lancaster in the kitchen - This Eve Mr Arther [?] Forbes called and took Mr Huntington with him to Morgans near Reesville in Clinton Co. This eve Homer and Willie at C- Mrs Walker with us to day. At noon on this 11" day of April 1890 - our darling son Paul came to our home a wee mite of helpless humanity yet destined to live through all eternity. "Stupendous thought!" And may thou great unchanging One, who knows no change watch over all his changing years. In this great world of sin O keep him under the shadow of Thy wing safe from all harm. O Thou Great Almighty One grant that our darling boy may be "Made for thy self, O God: Made for thy love, thy service, thy delight; Made to show forth thy wisdom grace and might; Made for thy Praise, whom veiled archangels land; Oh, strange and glorious thought that "he" may be a joy to thee." Oh "keep him undefiled; Unspotted from a tempting world of sin; That clothed in white through the glorious gates of light May with Joy and triumph enter in", How blessed to know that we have a father to whom we can come - and bring with us our loved ones and leave them in the care of a covenant Keeping God. And O "what Joy to feel His guiding hand, To trust, if not to understand, - To rest through change and toil and tears, On Him, whose grand eternal years In every living youth are new, And cry, he leads me hither to."

12" April. Saturday. Windy. Charley and Will H - at work. Dan Oxley getting out potatoes. This after noon Aunt Mary Little and Nellie called. Grandmother Murdock and Bell and Blanch and Fern called also. Mr Mc around home - This Eve Homer and Will H - at town - Mary Lancaster in the kitchen - Mrs H - here as normal.

Transcriber: Hanna Elizabeth Smith – 2022

April 13-30, 1890

13" April Saturday A beautiful day. Harlan and Homer Clayton and Jason and Willie H- at Sabbath School. Mr Mc at church – Clayton and Mrs W- here with me Mary L- went with the folks to C – Mr Morton preached – some of the M. E. breathern [sic] were there – Rev Tufts made a short speech. Clayton and Jason began studying the shorter catechism this eve - Homer Clara and Willie went to the young folks meeting. Clara read to me to day.

14" April Monday. A gloomy day cold. Father at C - when he came home - he called at Mitchels - they are entertaining a washing machine agt from Charleston Mr Huntington at his school. Willie left this morning for New Paris. Clayton and Jason at School - Charlie P- and Wm Nye and Homer and Harlan all busy. Dan Oxley getting out potatoes – Mary L- at her work - Mrs Walker busy. Having a School meeting at the School house this eve. Henry Kyle elected - Clara busy this Eve - Homer and Charlie P- took clothes to Mrs P- this Eve.

15" April Pleasant Mr Mc around all A.M. All other men of yesterday busy. A high toned gardner [sic] here to dinner. Mrs [illegible] called. Mr Huntington at-his school and here to dinner with all of our crowd. Mr Mc here too. Clayton & Jason at School. Homer at town this P.M. Laura McMillan died last night - All of us home this eve Mrs W- with us. Mary L-in the Kitchen.

16 April Wed. Bright Sunshine- All of the men busy. Mr H- at his School Dan Oxley began white washing along the pike this morning. A man from the home here to dinner. So also was Mr Forbes & his brother Mr McClintic. A perfect thorough wore here all day. Mr Mc and Clara at our church at Lauras funeral- Clayton went with them and stayed at Frank Orrs. Uncle Silas's and Aunt Mary called this P.M. Willie H- returned this eve - Mrs W- and Mary L- busy

17" April. Gloomy Old Lucys coalt [sic] sick - Mr Mc brought Dr Owens here - but there is but little hopes for it. Mr Peters boarding here and sowing seed. All of the men busy. Dan O- at his white washing Mrs Sallie M- and Mrs Morton called this afternoon- Mr H- at his teaching. Jason at School. Clara and Clayton at home these days-

18 April Friday. A lovely day. Lucys coalt[sic] died. Wm N- Charlie Peters Harlan Homer and Dan Oxley all busy. Jason at School. Clara and Clayton at home. Mr Mc and Mr P- sowing seed- some of the others plowing. Wm N- here as usual to dinner – Mr Matthews the Horse buyer and Edd Linson here to dinner. Four or five more men from Springfied drive up in time for dinner but passed on when they saw our crowd. Mr H- forgot to go back to School – the children stayed around the School yard all P.M. – and finally came up here to see the baby. Mr H- and Mr

Matthews left for Morgans in Clinton Co this afternoon Willie H- still here - Old Mrs McClellen and Mrs [illegible] Jones called this afternoon. Mr Mc brought Edd Linson in to see baby Paul- Homer at C- Mrs W- here-

19" April Sat. Bright Sunshine. East wind blowing. All of our men busy - plowing white washing. Mr P- not here - Mr Mc at X- Homer at Selma this morning. This after noon Clara & Mary L- at town. Willie H- here - One of Mr Battis [?] boys accidently shot him self yesterday. Willie P- and Homer took Mrs W- home- her Mother is sick. Cold this eve - Mr Mc home after dark. He took dinner with grandmother at Uncle Silas's. Uncle S- with him at X-

20" April Sabb. A beautiful day. Harlan Homer Clayton and Jason at Sabbath School- Mr Mc at church - Mary L- Clara and Mary L- at home- Dan O- around. Clara talking care of the baby. Mr Morton preached to day as usual. This P.M. Clara heard Clayton and Jason's questions. and read to them. My head is hurting [illegible] Homer called to see Jack S- He was also at the young folks meeting and brought Mrs W- back.

21" April Monday. Bright All of the men busy. Clara busy until noon when she went up to play with the School children at noon. Mr H- came last night and is at his School to day. Clara spent the afternoon fishing with Jason and Fannie Mitchel. This Eve Mr Mc and Clara at town to make arrangements about going to Spring field tomorrow. I sat up awhile this Eve for the first. Clayton at school to day.

22" April Tuesday. Quite a beautiful day. Clara left - at an early hour for Spring field. Aunt- Jane went with her from C- They took dinner at Mrs Stuarts. Fannie came home with them - she has been there since the 4" of April. We were glad to see her home. Mrs W- and Mary L- both busy to day. This P. M- Mr Mc in the vicinity of Clifton- Willie Hunting came at noon and is with us to night - This was the last day of our School. Mr Huntington having some exercises. Clayton and Jason both had speeches. I was sorry Clara could not be there.

23 April Wed. A beautiful day. Harlan, Wm N- and Charlie P- plowing. Homer looking after sheeps. Dan Oxley whitewashing. Mr Huntington & Willie here - Willie drove up home. This after noon Mr H- told us all good bye and Mr Mc took him to C- and he went up home on the train. Mr Huntington has boarded with us since the school opened in the fall - Clayton went with his father to town too - and from there his father took him out to Uncle Silas to make a little visit. Clayton said next week his ducks and gooses would be hatching and he could not have time to go then. Aunt Nancy and Lide called this after - noon - they brought us peach trees to set out. Mr Mc took tea at Uncle Silas's Mrs W- and Mary L- busy. Fannie around.

24" April Thurs. Gloomy. Rained a little - Mr Mc around home all day. Clara at C- and brought Aunt Jane out - She has not been well to day. The good sisters at C- away at Alpha at a W. C. T. U. meeting. This Eve Uncle Erwin and Aunt Bell called - this is Mrs W-s last day with us. This Eve Fannie took her and Aunt Jane home. It is very gloomy. Our men all busy to day.

Friday 25" April Pleasant – Wm N. Charlie P- and Harlan plowing. Dan O– putting the raspberries in shape - Fannie and Clara putting the [illegible] in order. Mary L– busy in the Kitchen – Fannie began repairing my black dress to day. Mr Mc at C- and took dinner with the sisters. Homer at Charleston to day. Harlan and Will N- at C- this Eve-

26" April Sat. Rain last night – gloomy to day. Work suspended Homer at C- this morning and brought the Lott horse home – and at the Y. Springs this P. M and brought the Linson horse home. Mary L- busy - so also is Fannie and Clara - Laura S- called this afternoon. This Eve Aunt Bell and Uncle Ervin called as they passed down from Selma - Mary Bell stopped off here and is staying with Clara to night. Fannie made a flying trip to C- this eve – All of us at home.

27 April Sabb- Harlan and Fannie at Sabbath shool. Mary Bell went with them and attended their own church- Mr Mc and Jason at church. Homer Clara and Clayton at home with the baby and me– Mary L- and Dan O- around home. This Eve Fannie and Harlan attended the anniversary exercises of the Society of Christian Endeavor in our church – They also attended the U. P. church bro Warnock preached. Mary L- went with them to C–

28" April Monday. Quite a nice day. Fannie busy until near noon when she went to C- with Uncle Dan- She is to stop with Aunt Bell to give some assistance about Sewing. Clara and Mary L- busy. Near noon Mr Rose of Spring field called. Wm N. Charlie P- Dan Oxley and Harlan and Homer all busy. Mr Mc around all day. Clayton and Jason fishing. This P.M. Clara working in Fannies place. Harlan at C- for Fannie She attended a Y. meeting in the Y parlor this eve - Mary L- went to C- this eve to be ready for the morning train for Dayton - Mr Mc at Browns this eve.

29" April. Tuesday - Pleasant. Fannie and Clara in charge of the Kitchen - Della P- here to day assisting with the work. Old Mr Brown here helping Homer with the Sheeps - all of the other men and boys busy. Mr Joshmer Woolf called to day. This P.M. Fannie at C- on an errand. This Eve all at home

30 April Wed. Quite a beautiful day. Wm N- Charlie P- Harlan Homer & Dan Oxley- Clayton & Jason & Mr Mc all busy plowing - getting out potatoes and looking after Sheeps. This P.M- Mrs Sallie Mitchel and Aunt Mollie and Aunt Mary called. This Eve Fannie at C- for Mary Lancaster but she did not come. Aunt Jane came home with her - Clear to night. The boys out a fishing. Della P- here to day again.

May 1890

Transcriber: Lynn A. Brock – 2023

1" May Thurs. Damp and gloomy. Mrs Sallie W- here and ride to C- with Clara and Aunt Jane. Grandmother and Aunt Mary came out with Clara. This afternoon Amanda Stout called and took Mary Lancasters trunk away. I tried to bear it patiently. Mrs Carrie Little called and stayed and took tea with grandmother Murdock and Aunt Mary. I went out and took tea with the folks

for the first for a long time. Clara and Clayton took the folks home. Fannie rec'd a vase of flowers from the east [?] this eve. Aunt Mary finished the ironing. Homer at Charleston this P.M. Willie Huntington came home with him.

2" May Friday. A lovely day. A gentleman here in prosecuting [presenting?] the Album of Green & Clark Co. Fannie Clara and Ella P- at the work. Willie H- here last night and until after dinner today. Our men busy getting out potatoes – plowing—and working with the sheep. Clayton and Jason fishing. & Mrs S- called this Eve.

3" Mary Sat. Quite a nice day. Harlan Homer Wm N- Charlie P- & Dan Q- and Mr Mc all busy. Ella P- here until noon. This P.M. she and Clara fishing. Mr Mc and Dan Q- planted most of the garden this afternoon. After supper Mr Mc and Fannie at C- awhile Clayton and Jason washed the dishes.

4" May. Sabb. A nice day. Mr Morton at Cincinnati to day. No preaching at our church. Rev Smith of Xenia preached at the U. P. Church. None of us out to day. This eve Fannie and Harlan attended at Social Purity meeting at the hall. The childrens Psalms and questions heard. A heavy shower this P.M.

5" May Monday A heavy shower near noon – All of our men busy. This P.M. Mr Mc and Fannie at Xenia – Fannie spent most of her time with Bay C- they did not get home till late. This Eve Harlan and Charlie P- took the clothes to Mrs Della P- and Clara at the work. Walter her to night.

6" May Tues. A little sunshine but in the main dreary. Homer went with Walter to Charleston and from there with Mr Mc to London sale. Mr Mc and Homer took dinner at Mr Phipers with Annie and her husband and Mr Blaine. Homer went up town to the sale and Mr Mc put his time in with Mr P- and Mr Kemp. They were at Mr Ps for tea. Harlan & Charlie P- and Wm N- at Paddys crossing for corn. Fannie expected to have gone to C- this P.M. but "old Nedd" was at Jack S- and Mrs S- took advantage of it and went in Fannies place – Della here to day again Clayton in charge of the sheep and lambs. Aunt Mary Little and Nettie and Ethel P- her awhile this afternoon.

Wed. 7 May. Dreary. Harlan and William Nye hauling hay from Jack Ss. Homer and Clayton at mill this A.M. This Eve Homer and Uncle Silas's Walter came home with him and is here to night. Dan Q- white washed the eave [?]. Mr Mc around home all day Mr Spenser and Mr Wilson called this afternoon. Della P- here – she and Fannie finished the ironing.

8 May Thurs. Bright sunshine but cool. Homer and Charlie P- plowing. Harlan and Wm N- hauling hay from Jacks. Dan Q- whitewashing. Mr Mc and Jason at Jim Hills this forenoon. Mr Arthur Forbes here to dinner – and awhile this afternoon. Fannie at C- this eve. Walter here to night again. Clayton taking care of his ducks.

9" May Friday. Gloomy and cool. Our me all busy. Walter and Homer at Paxtons getting the sheep ready for pasture – Della P- here. Clara at C- & brought Aunt Jane and Aunt Matt out to spend the day. Mr Huntington and Uncle Silas here to spend the day too – All here for dinner and supper. This Eve Fannie and Clayton took the folks home and brought Blanch out with them. Fannie got the promise of a girl this eve.

10 May Sat Rain last night – damp and dreary to day. a shower this P.M. Della P- here to day. The men all busy. Mr Mc at C- this A.M. Jack S- here this afternoon for the first time since he has been sick. He is very weak. Fannie brought his supper into the room to him. A soldier from the home here for supper and with us to night. This Eve Fannie and Harlan took Blanch home.

11" May Sabb. A Pleasant day. Fannie Harlan Homer Clara and Clayton at Sabbath School and church. Mr Mc at church – Mr Morton preached as usual. Jason at home with the baby and me. Dan Q- around. Fannie Homer and Clara at the Young folks meeting.

12" May Monday. Quite a nice day. Harlan Wm N- Charlie P- plowing Homer looking after things. Mr Nooks and Charlie Barber and Allie called this morning. This morning Clayton took the jaggar [?] to C- and stayed there while Aunt Jane and Mrs Moosly went to four miles on the other side of the Y. Springs for Amanda Ramsey to come to live with us this summer. She and Clayton reached here this eve. Della P- her to day. This Eve Fannie and Harlan and Homer at a Y. social held in the Y. parlor.

13" May. Rain last night and damp to day. The men plowed until noon. Amanda Ramsey began work for us this morning. Mr Charlie Tindal called. Edd Linson here to dinner and most of the afternoon. It rained near noon & work is stopped. Uncle Silas around. This Eve Fannie made a short call at Cedarville.

14" May Wed. Rain this morning Uncle Silas called. The men plowed until noon – Will N- here to dinner this afternoon he and Homer loafing around. Charlie P- and Harlan cutting potatoes – Wm N- out with a coalt [?] This afternoon Mr Mc and Fannie at Springfield. They took supper at Mrs Stuarts and brought Harlans photos home.

15" May Thurs. Pleasant. Jack called this morning. Mrs John Thomas died quite suddenly last night. Mr Mc and Homer and Charlie P- washing sheep. Wm N- & Harlan plowing. Dan Q- finished up his whitewashing. Amanda at her work. Mr Jacobs her to dinner – Fannie at Aunt Bells with Miss Roadarmer of Selma. Miss R- is making Aunt Bells black silk and helping Fannie with her black and white plaid cashmer [sic] dress. Fannie did not get home till dark. Alvie Orr and Walter called. Harlan and Charlie P- at town.

16" May Friday. Pleasant. Fannie here all day. Harlan Wm N- and Charlie P- plowing. Mr Mc & Homer & co washing sheep. At four this P.M Homer left for Selma. The Commencement Exercises there to night They have three graduates – and they are colored. Harlan there also. Amanda at her work. Dan Q- went to Charleston and returned this eve.

17" May Sat. Mr Mc and Fannie at Xenia all day. Fannie met the Board of education there – Wm N- began planting corn. Harlan & Charlie plowing. Dan Q- chopping till noon and cleaned the barn lot this afternoon. Clayton taking care of his ducks. Jason busy too. Amanda at her work – Clara taking care of her brother Paul. Homer at Charlie Wrights.

18" May Sabb. Rain this morning. Fannie Harlan Clayton and Clara at Sabbath School and church – Amanda went with them and attended the all day and evening service at the A. M. E. church – Homer and Jason at home with me and baby Paul. Mr Mc at church – Mr Morton preached as usual. Dan Q- here – Harlan & Fannie attended the Young folks meeting Amanda came home with them.

19" May Monday. Gloomy. Fannie at C- this A.M. The men plowing Homer at Uncle Silas's shearing sheep – Dan Q- cleaning the cellar. Clayton and Jason around the duck pen – This afternoon Fannie around. Edd Linson called. Uncle Bigham and Aunt Jennette here for tea. Harlan and Charlie P- took the clothes the Mrs P- This is Freds birthday. He is twenty – we all remembered it.

20 May Tues. Gloomy and damp. Mr Mc and Fannie at [illegible] Hills and vicinity to day – Came home took supper and went out to see the School board at Uncle Bighams. Clara took Aunt Jane to Xenia Aunt Matt and Aunt Jennette there too. Homer came from Uncle Silas's this morning and has been around all day. Harlan and the two men plowing. Dan Q- cleaned the wool house putting it in complete order. I have been around a good deal to day and feel almost like a chill to night.

21" May. Wed. A gloomy cold day. Mr Mc at C- and reached home at noon. Willie H- here to day. The men all at work. Mr Ort Carry and his sister Bay here to dinner – Mr Carry went home

and left his Sister to make a longer visit – This Eve Mr Mc and Fannie and Bay at town. I have been in bed all afternoon.

22" May Thurs. Bright sunshine. Mr Mc around all A.M. He took Jack L with him for the ride to Clifton and Y. Springs – he called to see the school board there -- & called at Forbes as they came home – Commencement at Cedarville Schools this eve – Irma Williamson & Pearl Jackson among the graduates – Fannie and Clara & Bay C- Harlan Homer and Charlie P- all there – Clayton & Jason in the duck pen to day. Amanda at her work.

23" May. Friday. Clayton and Jason took me and Clara and baby Paul to town this morning to spend the day with grandmother Murdock and Aunt Mary. Mr Mc at Xenia to day and we came home with him this eve – Fannie and Bay drove down this eve and brought Clara home. Aunt Mary not well. A heavy rain this afternoon.

24" May. Sat. Rain last night too wet for the men to work. Wm N- at Springfield. Homer and Charlie P- put up the screens. Dan cutting weeds in the garden. Homer and Charlie P- at C- and helped Aunt Mary put down their carpet and mowed their yard. Fannie and Bay working on my black dress. This afternoon Mr Mc and Fannie at Mr Dan Deans and put in an application for their school. Harlan took Bay to the office this eve – Amanda went at the same time to be gone until tomorrow eve – O but I am tired this eve.

25 May Sabb. Rained and blowed last night but is pleasant to day. Mr & Mrs Morton at the meeting of Synod in Pittsburg. No preaching in our church. Mr Mc Harlan Fannie and Bay C- at the old side church – for the morning service – A minister from Iowa preached. Having Communion service there this P.M. This Eve Fannie and Bay C- and Harlan at the Young folks meeting and at the old sides again. The questions heard this eve.

26" May Monday. Too wet for the men to go to the field Homer at Dave Mc shearing sheep. Fannie and Bay working on my black dress. This Eve they took a drive to C- and made arrangements for Aunt Bell to go with me to Springfield tomorrow. M Mc and Henry Townsley and Henry Kyle having a school meeting at the school house this eve. Dan Oxley left this morning.

27" May Tuesday. Quite a bright day. After so long a time I left for Springfield went by way of C- for Aunt Bell – We had a pleasant day. Mrs Gowdy retrimed my bonnet with the mahogany. I reached home about dark. Fannie and Clara and Bay had taken good care of baby Paul. Mr Mc had been around all day. Clayton and Jason took it on themselves to trade carts with Earl Jimson when they were returning home with theirs Harlans horses took fright and ran off

breaking up his [illegible] considerably. Uncle Joe came back at noon to day after a long absence – he went back to town this eve – expecting to come back tomorrow. Homer shearing sheep at Aunt Rachels do day.

28 May Wed. Bright & pleasant. Harlan Wm N- Charlie P- all busy. Mr Mc at C- and at Uncle Silas's. Home again in a little while. Fannie working on her black dress. Bay C- at her lace. Willie Huntington here to dinner. Homer Clayton and Jason around home. Clara helping to take care of the baby. Clayton at C- and brought the clothes we finished the ironing. This eve Homer at Uncle Silas's. Fannie and Bay C- at town they called to see Mary Orr – Mr Mc at the School house – they are having a School meeting.

29 May Thurs. Most a lovely day. The men at the corn planting. Homer at the shearing. Clayton at Uncle Silas's harrowing. Clara and Jason at town. Uncle Joe came out with them. Mr Mr around all day. Mr & Mrs Wm [illegible] from Springfield here for dinner and supper. Uncle Joe took Fannie and Bay C- and Jason with them to Clifton to the Cliffs. They took a lunch with them and took supper there – Amanda and all of us busy to day.

30" May Friday Quite a nice day. The men at the corn planting. Homer shearing. Clayton came home last night and went back to Uncle Silas's this morning. Clara at C- and brought Aunt Jane out to spend the day. This is Decoration day. None of us there. This eve Amanda and Clara took Aunt Jane home – Clayton came from Uncle Silas's. Fannie at her dress – and Bay at her lace. Mr Mc at another School meeting this eve – Lawn Stretcher got the School. I have been feeling so bad that I have hardly been able to keep up to day.

Sat. 31 May. A nice day our men all hard at work – they finished planting corn to day. Homer at the sheep – Poor Clayton was so tired – but he went back to his work again at Uncle Silas's. He has left Jason to take care of the ducks. Fannie finished her dress – She and Bay at Selma the eve to see Miss Rodermer. Mr Mc around home all day. I have been on the sick list to day. Homer at C- this Eve.

June 1890

Transcriber: Alexis Chandler – 2022

June 1-15, 1890

1" June Sabbath The first day of Summer . Most a lovely day. Mr J.C. Mc went with Harlan Clara and Jason to the Sabbath School at church. Homer rode horse back – Mr Mc and I there – Fannie and Clayton and Amanda and Bay C – at home with baby Paul. Mr. Morton text – “Stand

ye in the way, and see and ask for the good old paths. This eve Fannie and Harlan and Bay at the young folks meeting – Amanda went to town with them and attended her own church – Mr J.C. with us the catechism heard.

2" June Monday. A lovely day . Clayton at C- this morning Clara rode horse back to the office – Some of our men in the truck patch – John R- here helping Homer with the Shearing. Clayton & Jason busy with the ducks and fishing. Wm Ilif here taking the census. Mr J.C. and Bay Carrey around. Mr Jacks – and the Clifton [illegible] called. Bright and beautiful to night. Fannie Bay C. and Harlan at town this eve.

3" June Tuesday. Another beautiful day. All up and break fast over a little after six Wm N- and Harlan at the patch – Clayton at C- with the clothes for Mrs P- and brought Uncle Joe out. Clayton took Charlie Ps place at the harrow and let Charlie come to the garden. Mr Brown and John Kyle here helping Homer with the Shearing. Amanda and Clara and I busy. Fannie at her books. Bay at the sewing. This P.M. she and Fannie at the Presbyterian church at Clifton at the installation of Rev Moore. Mr J.C. and Jason took Uncle Joe home and went to mill. This Eve Fannie and Bay called to see Mr. Haines and Mr Rife – They reached home near dark. Harlan and Homer at C-

4 June Wed. Mr Brown & John Kyle here helping Homer with the Shearing all day. Jack S- here until after dinner when he took sick and went home. Wm N- Charlie and Harlan busy planting potatoes. Mr Peters worked in the garden 'till noon . This P.M. the Clifton man called. Mr Mc and Mr J.C. Mc and I at the congregational prayer meeting Subject – “He that over cometh shall be clothed in white raiment” I called and bid Aunt Bell good bye She and Blanche and Mary Bell leave in the morning for Bloomington and Yorktown And we reached home in time for tea. This Eve Bay and Fannie took Clara to town to see Blanche and Mary off in the morning. Uncle Bigham here for hogs – Mr Forbes here for tea.

5" June Thurs. Quite warm – Mr Brown and John Kyle and Homer at the Shearing. Harlan at the Shearing this afternoon – The rest of the men at the potato planting – Mr J.C. Mc cutting potatoes – This Eve Fannie and Bay at C- and brought Clara home. The ironing finished. Walter here to night. What a busy day we have had.

6" June Friday. Not so warm – At an early hour Homer and Walter left for Paxtons to shear sheep – Mr Mc Harlan and Clayton took sheep to C- to ship. Clara Jason and Bay C at the office — All the folks home to dinner Mr J.C. Mr Mc around. This P.M. Harlan Wm N- and Charlie planting sweet corn. Mr Mc around Clifton looking at wool – He did not get home till dark. here for Supper.

7" June Sat All up at an early hour. Bay and Fannie left at seven O'clock for Xenia Fannie met the Board of Ed – She dinner and tea with Bay – both home at dark. Clayton took Mr J.C. to the train this morning. We have had a pleasant week together Homer in the sheep pen all day. Jim Rice [?] and others called – A few parties bringing in wool. Mr Mc at home all day. Harlan at C- this eve –

8" June Sabb. A beautiful day. Fannie Bay C. Harlan Homer and Clayton at Sabbath School and church. Clara and Mr Mc at church – Jason at home with Paul and me. Amanda at Church all day. Homer at dinner at Grandmothers – He and Walter attended Alice Beamers funeral at the M. E. church at two O'clock this P.M. She was a member of the "Ys" . This Eve Harlan & Fannie and Bay C. attended the young folks meeting. Amanda came home with them. Clayton and Jason recited their catechism.

9" June Monday Clara took Aunt Jane and Matt to Xenia – The Greene Co Prohibition Convention met there this afternoon. Mr Hugh Huntington stopped with us for dinner. This P.M. Mr Mc and Fannie & Bay C- at Springfield – they were not long gone until it began drizzling rain – and continued most of the P.M. The men busy. Homer took the clothes to Mrs P- this P.M. Amanda in the kitchen – It is now after ten – the folks have just come – it has been one constant shower for the last two hours and very dark – but they reached here in Safety. We rec'd a letter from Fred he has taken a position in Monmouth in the paper – Commencement there this week. Fred has been in the College there all year and we have been expecting him home – Now that hope is gone. Riley Little among the graduates – Fannie got a present for him and Ella Rodgers to day.

10" June Tues. Quite a nice day. All of the men occupied as they were yesterday. Clayton and Jason and Clara around helping take care of Paul. This morning Fannie and Bay C- at the office – Mrs Walter & Willie Marshal here this A.M. Mrs W- stayed 'till near noon – and Willie remained with us to dinner. I left Paul with the girls and Jason and I at C- we took tea with Grandmother Murdock and Aunt Mary. We drove out to Uncle Silas's and I left Jason to stay all night and come up with Mattie in the morning.

11" June Wed. A nice day. The men all busy plowing & replanting Lane P here helping to day. Mr Mc at C- Clara went with him and staid to see Uncle Toms Cabin to night on the street – Mr Mc home to dinner. Ralph & Walter and Willie Huntington here to dinner. Jason came home this morning. This Eve Heavy rain which prevented Fannie and Bay C- from going to Selma. Harlan & Homer at Uncle Toms Cabin.

12" June Thurs. A nice day after the rain. Mr Mc at Charleston & took dinner at Mr Huntingtons – The men sitting out plants and plowing this P.M. I made the first step toward house cleaning to day – but a very short step indeed. Homer and Clayton at C- Clara came home with them. Bay rec'd a letter telling of the sickness of her little neice – after an early tea Fannie took her to the Six O'clock train in time to be too late – They came back and Fannie took her to Xenia – and will stay all night – Mr Mc came home before they went away. Mr Smith here looking at horses. Homer at Selma on an errand. This is Commencement day at Monmouth. Riley Little Mary McMillan and Hattie Irvin among the graduates.

13 June Friday. Quite a nice day. Wm N- Charlie and Harlan plowing. Homer around. Clayton & Jason around. Mr Mc around. Fannie reached home near noon. This P.M. Uncle Dan called. Mr Mc at C- Fannie and Clara and Amanda and I put in a good half day trying to put the up stairs in order – We are going to try to dispense with the regular cleaning for the present. Editor Winans of the Cedarville Herald died Tuesday night Truly his lamp went out in the dark – shrouded in the darkest night. Homer at Elders at a young folks "gathering" this eve. W.B. Stoddard called this morning.

14" June Saturday – A warm day. Rain last night and too wet to plow – Mr P- here mowing the yard Clayton and Jason hauling of the grass. Having a general putting of things in order. Fannie and Harlan washed the Surrie. Clayton took Amanda to the evening train She goes to the Y. Springs at a later hour Fannie & Harlan went to C- to call on Riley Little & his friend John Maxwell – They came from Monmouth to day and Cal Morton also – Poor Fred remained at his work in M- and did not come marching home with the rest – I am tired to night and so are all the rest.

15" June Sabb. Warm. Fannie Harlan Homer Clara and Jason at Sabbath School and church – Mr Mc at church. Clayton here with me helping take care of baby Paul. Mr Morton preached as usual. Our young College friends are out. Fannie went home to Grandmother Murdocks with Aunt Mary. This Eve Harlan and Clara at the young folks meeting. Fannie led this evening. Charlie P- here this eve – he and Homer & Clayton and Jason at the Bible reading – [illegible] Psalms. Harlan and Clara and Fannie at the U.P. church.

Transcriber: Claire M. Wood – 2022

June 16-30, 1890

16" June Monday a lovely day. Wm N - Charlie P – and Harlan at the plowing. Homer looking after things. Clayton at C- and brought Aunt Jane and Amanda out – Fannie came from the Springs at nine O'clock. Fannie & Clara and putting the house in order - This eve Homer at Jim

Hills and C- Claire Clayton and Jason took the clothes to Mrs. P- and took Aunt Jane home Fannie and Homer painted the yard seat – this P.M. This eve Mr. Mc at Selma at Calverts Fannie went with him to see Miss Rodermer. Mr. P- here to day working in the yard.

17" June Tuesday. Quite a nice day Wilson Stretcher Jim Hill here with wool. Homer at Mr Robt Tindals this forenoon - Harlan Charlie P- and Wm N- plowing. This P.M. Fannie and Homer went on a flying trip to C- Fannie not very well this eve – Clara took Aunt Matt to Clifton and around to sell dry goods. They took tea at Aunt Jennettes They brought a letter from Fred he is at his post in Monmouth. This P.M. Uncle Silas and Walter and Ralph & Jack S- and Mr Huntington here – the latter here for tea. This was the day of Rileys picnic No Cards

18" June Wed. Most a lovely day. Harlan Wm N and Charlie P- plowing. Wm N around home all day – so were all the rest of the family – old & young – Fannie at C- and brought Riley and Nettie L – and John Maxwell out to spend the day. They were here to dinner – The Xenia pump men and Willie Huntington and Charlie P- and all of our own around here to dinner besides. Our company here for tea. Fannie and Jason took them home this eve – Everything nice every body pleasant I do not take the pleasure in entertaining company I did – it is a burden now and a weariness – Harlan went by way of Mr Mortons to the Contest at Wilberforce this eve – Wm N- Charlie P- and Homer there. Fannie and Jason took Aunt Mary L- and Nettie a riding and did not get back till after dark. Amanda is expecting to go early in the morning as she was disappointed this eve. John McElroy and Miss Cline married to day.

19 June Thurs. A beautiful day of an early hour Clayton took Amanda to C- to be ready for the Wilberforce Commencement to day. Grandmother Murdock and Aunt Jane came back with them. They came early and stayed till late – Clara and Homer at Wilberforce – Carrie Little went with them and Dasy Grey rode home with them. Wm N – Charlie & Wm N – plowing to day. Fannie and Clayton took Aunt Jane home and brought Amanda back with them. Arther Robbins here with Clayton and Jason to supper so also was a tin man from off the pike. He is stopping with us to night –

20" June Friday. A nice day. Harlan Wm N – and Charlie plowing Homer waiting on Boyd who is building fence through the old meadow – Mr Mc at Xenia this afternoon – Fannie went with him – She and Bay C- called to see Mary McMillian and Hattie Irwin who have just returned from Monmouth. They graduated there this year. Fannie took tea at Bays. They met Walter McMillian son of the late Dan'I Mc in Xenia to day.

21" June Sat. Warm. Young Mr Negley called to see Mr Mc again this morning. Our men and boys all busy. Fannie, Clara and Amanda and I employed too. The bees swarmed. Mr Mc at C- this P.M. This eve Wm N- and Charlie at C-

22" June Sabb. Warm- Homer, Fannie Jason at home with the bees and baby Paul. Harlan & Clara and Clayton at Sabbath school and church. Amanda went with them to the church – Mr Mc and I at church too – Mr Mortons text – "By their fruit ye shall them. Clayton and Jason at

their catechism and Psalms. The bees swarmed this afternoon – This eve Harlan and Fannie at the young folks meeting – Harlan at the U. P church – Fannie did not go.

23 June Monday. Pleasant Homer and Clayton at Jacksons lumber yard Charlie Galbreath came home with them. Boyd at his fence, Wm N – Harlan and Charlie P- plowing & replanting. Mr Mc went by way of Uncle Silas's to Xenia Aunt Mollie went with him. This eve Allie B- called. Fannie and Harlan at C- at a "Y" meeting – Riley L- came home with them. I done the sweeping for the first to day – Clara watching the bees. Fannie working on her black and white plaid – Charlie P- here with the boys.

24" June Tuesday. Very warm – Riley here – Fannie working on her dress. Mr Mc around all day. Charlie G- here with Clayton and Jason – we began cutting grass to day. This was Boyds first day with us – he was here for dinner and supper – Wm N- Charlie P- and Harlan plowing and working in the hay. This eve Homer and Charlie P- at Aunt Janes with a load of stuff from the wool house. Clayton and Charlie G. at Mrs Ps with the washing. On Sabbath Mr Morton said that sometimes there was more religion in a loaf of bread than in a Bible. To practice this religion I sent a loaf of bread to Mrs Webster and a lb of butter – she has been sick for some time. Riley with us to night again.

25" June Wed. A very warm day. Men all busy mowing and plowing. At an early hour Mr Mc and Fannie left for Springfield. Clara watching the bees and talking care of baby Paul – Riley L- with us until this afternoon when he went home – Amanda and I finished the ironing – Wm in the hay field. Boyd Mr P. Crowferd and Jack S- called. It is now late the folks have not come yet. They are home at last - Father was entertained to day by Mr Wm [illegible] – Fannie at Mrs Stuarts – what detained them so long was Mr Mc and Mr H- attended a Prohibition meeting in a tent near Springfield.

26 June Thurs. Warm Clara put in another day watching bees. Fannie put in another day at her dress. This P.M. Homer at C- Mrs Mary Lancaster called to see us. This eve Fannie went in the surrie to C- and took Riley and Nettie with her to a party at Mrs James Barbers. Harlan took Miss Ella Lott there. Men into supper after seven. Boyd here today.

27" June Friday. Quite a warm day. Riley came home with Fannie last night and is home to day. At an early hour Mr Mc left for Xenia. Baby Paul and I went with him as far as C- and stayed at Grandmother Murdocks till he came back this eve – The baby & I called at Aunt Janes – Aunt Roseannas and Mr Mortons. Aunt Bell and Blanch and Mary returned Tuesday from their visit to Bloomington – Yorktown & Muncie Ind. Aunt Bell and Fern spent the day with me at grandmothers to day. Mrs Currie and Mrs Foster called to see at grandmothers. Harlan and Charlie P- plowing. Homer at his work. Boyd and Wm N building stacks in lower meadow. Clayton and Jason and Charlie P- hauling the shocks for them.

28 June Sat. Warm Mr Mc at town Uncle Joe came home with him and was here for dinner and supper – Dave Mac called This eve Fannie at C- on a "Y" Committee – Uncle Joe rode home with her & so did Riley L- Harlan at C- with Wm N Charlie Galbreath went home with him after

a weeks visit – I have not been well to day. Amanda busy Mrs Stretcher called this evening. We have had quite a nice shower. They began cutting wheat in field by house.

29 June Sabbath Warm & dry. Harlan at home with Clara and Baby Paul & Clayton, Fannie Homer and Jason at Sabbath school and church. Amanda at her church. Mr Mc and I at church. Mr Mortons text For I know whom I have beleived [sic] and am persuaded that he is able to keep that which I have committed to him against that day. This eve I heard the questions and Psalms. This Eve Fannie and Homer at young folks meeting Amanda came home with them.

30 June Monday. We had new beans last week for dinner and peas to day. Boyd helping Homer in the wheat Wm N running the binder – Charlie and Harlan plowing. Mr Mc around home all day. Ada Creswell called & took Fannie away on “Y” business this P.M. Mr ChrIs Maric [?] and Mr Armstrong called. John McElroy also. We had a light shower this eve – Harlan at C- this eve and brought Fannie home – Uncle Joe came with them. Boyd and “his friend” have to supper –

July 1890

Transcriber: Julia Swain – 2022

July 1-16, 1890

1” July Tuesday Warm. Boyd and Wm N and Homer in the wheat. Harlan and Charlie plowing. After an early dinner Mr Mc and Uncle Joe at C- to meet Charlie Kyle of Xenia. Mr Mc and Aunt Matt drove out to Aunt Jennette’s this eve - Mr Mc and Uncle Joe came home about dark. Homer took Fannie to C- to attend another committee meeting this eve. Uncle Dan called.

2 July Wed. Warm. Wm N- Harlan and Boyd at the wheat. Homer and Charlie P- plowing. Mr Huntington here and spent the day. This P.M. Mr Mc and I at prayer meeting - we left the care and the baby with Fannie Clara and Amanda. Subject today. “There is a river the streams whereof shall make glad the city of God” Mr Mc and Aunt Jennette at Aunt Janes for tea and stayed with grandmother Murdock & Aunt Mary. This eve Uncle Joe and Fannie called to see Mr Wm Haines.

3” July Thurs. Nice weather for the harvest. Wm N- Boyd and Harlan at the wheat. Homer and Charlie plowing. Amanda Clara and Fannie and I busy we finished the ironing. Mr Mc at Xenia that day. Amanda and Clara took the supper to the wheat field - The men are trying hard to be ready for the 4”. This Eve Harlan at C- Clayton there and Blanch came home with him.

4” July Friday. This is the “glorious 4” The wheat finished early this morning the men stayed for dinner. Work suspended - all the forces scattered Harlan and Homer at X- Mr Mc Fannie and Amanda and Uncle Jim and baby Paul at home I took Clara and Clayton and Jason and Blanch

with me to the Cliffs As we passed Grandmother Murdock's Aunt Mary came and went with my us - Quite a "thorough fare" there today - people there from far and near. We reached home after six - Clayton stayed with Charlie Galbreath. Blanch came home with us.

5 July Sat. Cool last night Boyd absent. Wm N- and our own folks hauling in the wheat. Blanch here with Clara. This A.M. Jason and I at C- I took poor Mrs Webster some things - we reached home at noon - This eve Fannie and Harlan took tea at Mr & Mrs Curries - a young lady from Greenville there visiting. They called at Orrs to see Jennie Hamilton as they came home.

6 June Sabb. Quite a beautiful day Fannie and Harlan and Jason and Clara at Sabbath school and church - Mr. Mc and I at church. Mr Mortons that "Beware of covetousness". Clara went home with Aunt Janes - Homer and Clayton kept Paul for me under the trees in the front yard. This eve Fannie and Harlan at the young folks meeting and Clara there too - Amanda in C- all day and came back with them to night.

7" June Monday. Warm - Clayton at C- for Uncle Joe. Boyd and Wm N- Charlie P- and our own folks at the plowing and in the hay. Mr Mc at Selma and brought a german home with him to help through harvest - This P.M. Mr Mc at C- Ada Creswell here and Fannie went out with her on Y work - and staid in town for their meeting to night. Harlan took the clothes to Mrs. P and brought Fannie home.

8" July. Tuesday All of our own force & Boyd Wm N Charlie P- and german at the plowing and harvest. Fannie at C- she and Ada Creswell out on the "Y" business Fannie sent the buggy out with Blanch and Frank - Amanda and Clara and I busy. Mr Mc at C- this P.M. Blanch and Frank Ervin went down with Harlan this eve when he went after Fannie. Fannie at C.E. meeting to night.

9" July Wed. Pleasant Wm Nye Boyd our german Charlie Peters Harlan and Homer at the plowing & the harvest field. Uncle Joe with them too Mr Grimes passed down Mr Mc went with him to C- and he stopped with us to dinner when they came back. Clayton at C- Mr Huntington here to dinner with the above mentioned ones with us this P.M. and here to tea. This Eve Fannie and Clayton went in the surrie to C- and took Mrs Currie and her friend from Greenville out a riding. We finished the ironing. Clara and Fannie got the dinner.

10" July. Thurs. A lovely day. Mr. Mc & Fannie left at a very early hour for C- Fannie stopped most of the day with grandmother Murdock Aunt Mary & Matt went Mr. Mc to C- to attend the W.C.T. Union at the 2" U. P. Church - about [illegible] took at Mrs Wians [?] Mr Mc took dinner with Mr Fred Smith and took tea with the sisters in C this eve - and stayed around town

as it is quite a large evening there - Being the evening of their Gipsy [?] encampment Harlan Homer and Charlie P- there Clayton took Clara and Amanda down to it. We had a lovely day here - Harlan and Wm Nye at Shepherds and John Mitchels at the thrashing. Homer plowed alone. Uncle Joe Charlie P- and the german and Boyd hauling in hay. A man off the pike here for lunch.

11" July. Friday A nice day. Fannie at C- this morning and brought Clara Aunt Matt and Aunt Mary out. Boyd and our german Charlie P- and Homer all busy. Harlan at Shepherds across the the rail road this forenoon - This afternoon thy brought the machine here & thrashed the eighteen acres by the old Crawford home. We had with our own men twenty men for supper - we took the extension table down and had the table set in the woods. Fannie and Aunt Matt and Clara and Amanda and Uncle Joe went with the supper. Aunt Mary and baby Paul and I here alone took a little supper by ourselves - A man from off the pike here for lunch. Everything passed off well - we were "marvelously helped" - The baby is three months old and weighs thirteen lbs.

12" July. Sat. Another warm dry day. We have not had rain for so long we are beginning to feel serious about it. Mr Mc at C- Harlan and Wm N taking the wheat to Ervins. Charlie P- plowing. Homer bringing home a load of corn. I have been in bed nearly all day. Amanda busy. Fannie and Clara around. Uncle Dan called. This eve Uncle Joe went home. Fannie and Homer and Amanda at C- Amanda will not be back until tomorrow.

13" July Sabb. We had a light shower this morning - the first for several weeks which made us hope - and feel we were not forgotten Fannie sick last night - she and Homer and Jason at home with the baby. Our german around. Harlan Clara and Clayton at Sabbath School and church - Mr Mc and I at church - Mr Mortons text "O Zion that bringest forth good tidings get thee up into the high mountains" see Isaiah 40:9 - This eve only Harlan at the young folks meeting Clara and Clayton began reading for themselves this eve -

14" July Monday. No more rain. Clayton and Jason at C- and brought Uncle Joe and Frank Orr out Amanda came out early this morning. Homer running the mower in the field next the railroad - Mr Mc around home all day. The rest of the men and boys busy. Fannie not well. Homer took the clothes to Mrs P- Frank Orr went down home with him.

15" July. Tuesday. Homer running the mower. Harlan and Charlie P- plowing. Wm N- Uncle Joe and the german in the hay. This afternoon Mr Mc and Homer at C- Dr Oglesbee took a tooth out for Fannie. We had quite a little shower this eve - Fannie still on the sick list - Amanda busy Clara taking care of the baby - Paul.

16 July Wed. We had quite a little shower yesterday eve - Amelia and Wm N- our german, Fred Sanders, Charlie P- Harlan Homer and Clayton and Jason all in the hay field. Mr Mc around home. Fannie at C- and took Aunt Mary Little and Nellie with her to Mrs Georges for Anna Ralston but she can not come until this evening. Fannie brought a letter from Fred - he is still at his work in Monmouth. Amanda ironing. We have been very busy. This eve Fannie and Clayton brought Miss Anna Raston out to be ready for her sewing in the morning. Amanda went with them to C- to be ready for their picnic tomorrow.

Transcriber: Nicole G. Gordon – 2022
July 17-31, 1890

17" July. Thurs. All of our men and boys at the harvest – They finished the hay at noon – A shower stopped the work in the oats. Fred Sanders our german passed on this afternoon – We expected to have gone for Sadie Stuart to Springfield but will go tomorrow This Eve Fannie and Miss Raston at the office – Amanda came back with them – Miss Leary, the dress maker, died to day. We have had a busy day here –

18" July. Friday. Quite a beautiful day. Wm N – Charlie P- Harlan and Uncle Joe working at the oats and finished this eve – Uncle Joe and Jason took the supper to the fields. Miss Ralston at the sewing all day up stairs by her self – As Fannie and Mr Mc left at an early hour for Springfield – and returned this eve bringing Sadie Stuart with them. Amanda and Clara and busy from morning until night. Homer and Clayton at the sheep – Homer at C- to day on an errand – With all we had on hands the baby – Paul – demanded his free share of attention.

19" July Sat- A lovely day Harlan and Wm N away for corn – Homer and Charlie P- at Wilson Stretchers [illegible] the thrashing machine – Mr Mc took Clayton and Jason with them to Uncle Silas's. As he came through C- he called to see Ervin and took dinner there He has not been feeling well to day. Clayton and Jason stayed at Uncle Silas and hauled hay shocks – when they came to town this eve they came up with Aunt Bell and her children Clara Jason & Sadie S – took Uncle Joe home. Fannie & Anna R – busy all day on Fannies white dress. Annie Ralston with us too night –

20" July Sabb- Very dry. Homer rode horse back to Sabbath School – Fannie took Miss Anna Ralston and Sadie S – and Jason with her – Mr Mc on the sick list – I left the baby with Clara Harlan and Clayton. Amanda went this morning and will be back this eve – Mr Mortons text "It is a faithful saying and worthy of all acceptation that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners" This afternoon – we had the questions. This eve Harlan Sadie and Fannie at the young folks meeting Miss Anna R- read with us the 14: 15 chapters of John –

21" July Monday Very dry & dusty. Fannie and Annie at the sewing – Harlan and Charlie P- at Wilson Stretchers most of the day finishing out their thrashing. Mr Mc and Homer and Clayton

at C- Uncle Joe came home with them – back in time for tea. Sadie S- here – Mr Tindal called this afternoon – The baby – Paul – not very well.

22nd July. Tuesday. Very dry and dusty Wm N- and Charlie P- at [illegible] at the machine. Uncle Joe and Harlan at C- for lumber. Working on [illegible] this afternoon Homer at Aunt Jennette's by request for black berries but was superceeded by John Bromegam. Homer there for dinner and at Hugh McMillans for supper as he came home. This afternoon Sadie and Clara at Woolford's shop to get work done came home in time for Riley and Fannie to go to Blanch Collins – quite a little company there this eve – Annie Ralston at the sewing all day. Uncle Dan called – Mr Mc at Selma this P.M. It is 28 years this eve since Uncle John and Aunt Mary were married.

23rd July Wed. Mr Mc Uncle Joe Wm N – Charlie P- Harlan and Homer Clayton and Jason at the oats. Riley here he came home with Fannie last night. As they came home Mr Hoppings barn was burning down. Our men all into supper at dark. The harvest ended to day – the last sheaf disposed of – Annie R- and Fannie busy at the Sewing – Sadie around. Sadie and Annie Ralston and Fannie took Riley home – and brought a letter out from Fred – he is going right along with his work in Monmouth.

24 July. Thurs. Sprinkled a little rain – but it was not long until “the clouds passed by”. Uncle Joe and Homer at Springfield Dr Ramsey filled Homers front tooth – He also sat for pictures at Bomgardners This afternoon Mr Mc at B. Harlan and Charlie P- cutting weeds Wm N. around this Eve Fannie and Sadie S- and Miss Ralston at C-

25 July Friday. Dry & warm. Clayton at C- and brought Aunt Jane and grandmother Murdock out. Aunt Jane picked Claytons ducks. Harlan at Tarboxes's for cider - put it in at Aunt Jennettes – Mr Mc around home all day until late this P.M – he was away – came around to Uncle Bighams in time for supper – Edd Linson here to dinner. Fannie & Annie Ralston at the sewing. This Eve Fannie & Sadie S- took grandmother and Aunt Jane home – Mr Mc did not get home until after dark. Wm N- plowing. Uncle Joe & Charlie P- and boys around to day.

26 July Sat. Dry & dusty. Mr Gordon here for break fast – Mr Mc and sons helped him with the boys to Selma. Sadie S- and Jason and the baby, Paul – and I called at Uncle Silas's – Sadie took dinner at Aunt Bells with their city boarders. Charlie P- took Jason with him to dinner and I stopped with grandmother Murdock's. Fannie and Miss Ralston stitching away all day until this eve when Fannie took her home to Mrs Georges – Amanda went to C- with them.

27 July. Sabb. Still very dry. Fannie Sadie S- and Jason at home with the baby. Harlan Homer Clara and Clayton at Sabbath School and church. Mr Mc and I there. Mr Morton's text “I can do all things through Christ which strengthens me” Christ is the great source of strength the never failing and all sufficient Savior. With Christ what can we not over come – without him we are weakness – and sin. This after noon we had the usual exercises. This Eve Harlan, Fannie, Clara and Sadie S- at young folks meeting at our church – then at the Epsworth league at the M. E church – Anna R- came home with them to night.

28 July. Monday. It has been forty days and forty nights since we have had rain. Clayton at C- Uncle Joe not well and did not come. Harlan hauling corn from Selma. Charlie P. cleaned the parlor and hall. Mr Mc around home. Homer took the clothes to Mrs P- this eve John Mitchel called. Clayton at C- and brought Aunt Matt and Aunt Mary out to help Annie R- and Fannie with the Sewing. Charlie P- cleaned the bed room – Mr Mc around home all day. Harlan and Homer at C- on an errand. Aunt Bell and the children here with their “city boarders”. Miss Verna Munce and Clara Farrant. Lulu & Jennie Morton and Dasy here to see Sadie S- also – Clayton took Aunt Matt & Mary home. Harlan and Homer at a Social at the U.P. church in Clifton.

29 July. [Transcriber note: No entry]

30” July Wed. Very dry not a sign of rain. One of the Finneys called Mr Mc and Uncle Silas at Xenia – Wm N- and Clayton taking wood to Aunt Janes. Harlan hauling manure Homer and Clayton at the sheeps. We had new corn for dinner – Charlie P- cleaned the sitting room. Clara and Sadie taking care of the baby, Paul. Fannie and Miss Ralston making a brave effort to complete the Sewing to day. Amanda ironing. Jason helping me. This Eve Miss Anna Ralston bid us good bye after a stay of two weeks and Fannie and Sadie S- took her to town

31” July. Thurs. No rain. Harlan and Wm N- hauling out manure. This afternoon Mr Mc and Harlan around at Jack S’s – Clayton and Sadie S- at C- this morning. Homer at the mill Charlie P- gave the dining room a complete cleaning. Fannie Sadie S- and Clara at Mr Mortons for tea – Uncle Joe came home with them Amanda and I very busy.

August 1890

Transcriber: Lynn A. Brock – 2023

1” Aug Friday Very warm. Wm N- here looking over accts. His time is out. Harlan and Homer at the manure till noon. This afternoon Mr Mc Harlan Homer Clayton and Jason at Jack Stretchers at the thrashing – all there for supper. Charlie P- white washed and cleaned the kitchen. Fannie putting the up stairs in order Clayton at C- this morning – Uncle Joe suffering with his eyes – he went back home this afternoon. This Eve Homer & Charlie P- at C- on an errand.

2 Aug Saturday. Very dry and warm. Mr Mc there awhile at C- till noon. This P.M. over there again Jack came home with him and here for tea. This Eve John McMillan [?] and son Herbert came out and are with us to night. Fannie Sadie S- Clara and Amanda at C- Amanda did not come back. Homer took Jack S- down Charlie P- going on with the house cleaning and helping put things in order What a busy day we have had.

Aug 3" Sabb Dry & dusty. Fannie Harlan Homer and Jason at church and Sabbath School Mr Mc and I there Cousin John and Son went down this morning and at church. Sadie Clara and Clayton at home with the baby Paul. Mr Mortons text "Come unto me all ye that labor and are heavy laden and I will give you rest." Our elder Mr James Harbison buried this afternoon None of us there. Fannie Clara Sadie S- and Harlan at the Young folks meeting this eve. Clayton and Jason had their Psalms and catechism heard.

4 Aug Monday. Fannie and Sadie S- at C- for Uncle Joe. Mr Peters here looking over his & Charlies acct. Homer at C- this afternoon with the washing. We had quite a nice shower this afternoon. Very cloudy this eve. It is 47 days since we have had even a shower. Charlie gone Just our own boys here. Mr Mc around home. Amanda busy.

5 Aug. Tues. No more rain. Charlie P- and his father at Springfield. All of us busy. Harlan & Uncle Joe in the gravel pit. Homer Clayton and Jason around. Fannie and Sadie at C- they drove out to Uncle Silas's. Mrs Ridgeway is dead. Her funeral this morning Mr Morton conducted the exercises. Fannie is putting the house in No. 1 order. Mr Mc at C- they met Riley.

6" Aug Wed. Charlie P- here helping with our house arrangement. He was faithful to the last. Fannie and Amanda finished ironing. Sadie and all at work. Harlan & Uncle Joe hard at work at the gravel pit. Mr Mc and I at prayer meeting. Quite a large attendance. The burden of prayer was for rain. After the meeting Mr Mc and Riley L- and I drove to the four O'clock train for Bay Carry. She and Riley came out with us. Homer donated \$1.00 for glasses. Fannie had a nice tea ready for us. Eve Mr Mc over at Stretchers.

7" Aug Thurs. Cloudy all day. Most a lovely evening. Uncle Joe and Harlan busy. Homer at the Kyle picnic at the old Kyle School house. Sadie and Clayton at C- this P.M. At a later hour Riley at the train and brought out Miss Grace McMichal of Monmouth and Miss Blanch Collins. Aunt Bell and Blanch brought Miss Verna Munce and Miss Carrie Farrant out – Mary Orr & Miss Jennie Hamilton of Monmouth – Della Mc and Miss Ada Creswell here – and Nettie Little here. Miss Edith Pollock and Miss Effie Barber could not come. Riley L- and Bay and Sadie S- here – We had tea at six O'clock – Table set in the back sitting room – Everything passed off grand. Mr Mc at C- but did not get home till after tea. Grace McMichal Blanch Collins and Bay Carry and Sadie S- with us to night. Riley went back to C- Homer and Charlie P- at C- this eve.

8" Aug. Friday. Our company up at a late hour to breakfast. Fannie and Bay C- and Sadie S- & Grace took Blanch C- to the 11 O'clock train. Were home again in time for dinner. Amanda and Clara and I busy. Uncle Joe and Harlan at the gravel pit. Mr Mc at Jacks – and around home all day. After an early tea Fannie and Grace McMichal and Sadie S- took Bay C- to the six O'clock

train and after the train went out they made some calls around town and at Uncle Silas's did not get home till after dark.

9 Aug. Saturday. Another very warm day. Uncle Joe and Harlan at the gravel pit. Grace McMichal and Sadie S- with us. At noon Amandas bro came – her mother is sick. When she went away I felt so tired and such a burden I was almost sick too. This afternoon Fannie Sadie S- and Clara and Miss Grace McMichal took their supper and went to the Cliffs and spent the afternoon and evening. Mr Mc around home all day. Jack S- and man here taking their wheat out. Jason helping. Clayton & Jason around.

10" Aug Sabb. Dry & dusty but cool. Fannie Sadie Stuart Grace McMichal and Clara Clayton Harlan and Homer at Sabbath School. Mr Mc at church. Mr Morton preached as usual. Jason at home with me and the baby. A nice dinner awaiting the hungry crowd when they came. I heard Claytons & Jasons questions this eve – This eve a union prayer meeting at the hall to ask God to send us rain. At six O'clock Homer Clara Sadie S- Fannie and Grace McMichal at the Young Folks meeting – and at the U. P. church to hear Mr Lyons of Bloomington Ind preach.

11" Aug Monday. Dry and dusty. Mr Mike Scott Sr called. Grace McMichal and Sadie with us. Clayton at C- and brought Uncle Joe out. The folks into an early dinner Harlan & Homer helping on the roads – and also Jack and his man away with the wheat. Grace McMichal took her last dinner with us and she told us good bye and Fannie took her to C- to meet Blanch C- & co. and go home with them. Sadie still with us. Uncle Joe went home this afternoon. Pearl Robbison came to our help this afternoon which lifted the burden a little. She will be here for a few days while Amanda is away. This Eve Harlan Homer Sadie S- and Clara at the Demarest Contest at the Opera House. Lulu Morton – victor – she gained the Silver Medal. Clara and Sadie Stuart stayed at Bells with Blanch to night.

12" Aug. Tuesday. Very dry but a little cool. Homer at C- and brought Uncle Joe Sadie S- and Clara out. Mr J. M. Flanagan with us to day for dinner. He and Mr Mc took a drive among the sheep men and reached C- in time for Mr F- to take the four O'clock train. I attended the Bible Soc- at the Old Side church. Rev Joseph Kyle gave the Address followed by remarks from the Rev John Merall [?] Kyle – returned missionary from Brazil. Mr J. C. McMillan at the meeting and came home with us. Clayton and Jason at C- at the mill Jason was detained and Homer went for the clothes and brought him out this eve. Mr Mc came out with Mr J. C. and me – Riley L- expected to have come but it was not convenient. Pearl busy. Sadie S- here with Fannie and Clara – they kept the baby – Paul – I called a little while with Grandmother. I called to speak a little with Uncle Robert Galbreath.

13 Aug Wed. Uncle Joe sick. Harlan and Homer at the roads. Mr Mc at Matthew Wilsons this A.M. This afternoon at Clifton & at Mr Forbes's. Pearl with us. Fannie Clara & Sadie S- and Mr J. C. McMillan and all the rest of us around.

14" Aug Thurs. Dry & very dusty. Harlan & Homer at the Jamestown fair. Uncle Joe at C- this morning This afternoon he and Clara took Sadie S- home to Springfield. It is four weeks tomorrow since she came. Uncle Joe suffering with his eyes. Mr Mc and Mr J. C. Mc and Fannie at town – they called at Orrs Jennie Hamilton there – She goes home tomorrow – they told her good bye. Mr John F. Frazier buried to day. Riley came home with Fannie Clayton and Jason taking care of the baby and helping with the work. Pearl busy.

15" Aug Friday. Uncle Joe and all of our boys busy. Riley L- here with Fannie. Mr J. C. around. This afternoon Mr Mc took Fannie to Xenia to spend a few days with Bay C- Riley helped to pack her things and went back with them to town. Mr J. C. and Homer put a floor on the front stile. Pearl and Clara and [!?] busy.

16" Aug Sat. Another dry warm day. Mr J. C. away all day at Mrs Marion Reids and at old Hugh McMillans. Jack S- called to tell us that the Dean and Rife School had elected Mr Phillips for their teacher. Uncle Joe and boys busy. Pearl and Clara helping me. We finished the crabb jelly. Mr Mc at C- Harlan took Uncle Joe home.

17" Aug Sabb. A light sprinkle of rain this eve. Mr J. C. Mc and Harlan and Jason at Sabbath School Homer Clara and Clayton at home with the baby. Paul. Mr Mc and I at church – Mr Morton's text "O the hope of Israel and the Saviour thereof in time of trouble – why shouldest there be as a stranger in the land, as a wayfaring man that turneth aside to tarry for a night" – When God is a stranger among us or at our home we should pray fast and weep and implore God to remove the sin that separates him from us and to restore us the joy of his salvation and grant us his presence – his forgiveness and loving favor. This Eve Harlan and Clara at the Young folks meeting. Amanda came home with them after a weeks absence. I heard Claytons and Jasons Psalms and questions. Mr J. C. with us.

18 Aug Monday. Warm & dry. Clayton at C- for Uncle Joe – Amanda began work this morning again. Mr J. C.-around. Jack S- here to dinner. This afternoon he and Mr Mc at the pasture. Aunt Bell and Mary & Fern called Mr J. C. McMillans after a weeks stay left us. Clara took Fern with her and took him to the train. Fannie came up on the four Oclock train from X- and came back with Clara --- She has been away since Friday noon – She attended the Teachers examination while in X- Jack S- here to supper. All of us at home. Uncle Joe and boys working on the roads.

19" Aug Tues. Very gloomy all day. Uncle Joe Harlan and Homer at their work on the roads. Jack S- here in the fig dept all day – here with Mr Mc to dinner and supper – Fannie Clara and Amanda and I busy all day. This Eve Clara and Clayton at C- and brought Mr McKenzie out from the train. This is his first visit here since last March when he left the Seminary at Xenia. We had the first rain this eve of the season – a heavy rain while it lasted. Mr McKenzie with us to night – all at home.

20" Aug Wed. Pleasant after the rain. Clayton at C- and brought the clothes. Jack S- here and came in with Mr Mc to dinner Mr McKenzie with us also. Uncle Joe and Harlan and Homer at the gravel pit. This afternoon Mr Mc and Jack in the vicinity of Clifton took tea at Mr Jacobs. This eve Fannie and Mr McKenzie at C- and brought Riley out on his final visit. Everything has gone on nicely to day. Riley expects to go to Alleghany to the Seminary.

21" Aug. Thurs. Heavy rain Mr Mc breakfasted with our company at a late hour. Clayton took Riley and Mr McKenzie to C- as they go to Xenia this afternoon. Jason and the baby and I went at the same time spend the day with grandmother Murdock and Aunt Mary. Aunt Mary not very well. Mr Mc at C- this afternoon – Clara came with him and took tea with the Currie and Foster family at Aunt Bells. Mr Mc at grandmothers Jason went home with him and Homer came after me at a later hour. I bid the Carrie & Foster family good bye – they go tomorrow to their new home in [illegible]. I also bid Riley Little good bye – he leave tomorrow on his way to the Theological Seminary in Alleghany. Fannie and Amanda kept house to day. The Agt called and left the [illegible] of Greene Co. It is quite a production. Business at a stand still to day on acct of the rain.

22 Aug Friday. Heavy rain this morning. Cleared off about noon. Walter here to dinner Uncle Joe in bed most of the day. Harlan at Xenia to meet Willie McMaster he was there at ten – but did not come to five – they did not get here until evening – Fannie at C- this P.M. to meet Lizzie Murdock she has been attending the Institute in Xenia. She came from Bloomington last week. She and Willie McMaster with us for supper and here to night. It is so cool this eve – that a fire is needed if we had it. Wm West called. Uncle Joe and Homer getting ready for Springfield tomorrow.

23 Aug Sat. Quite cool this A.M. Sunshine most of the day. Uncle Joe and Homer at Springfield at market. Lizzie Murdock Fannie and Willie McMaster at C- to tell Riley L- good bye. Riley stepped on the same train that Mr McKenzie got off – He came back with the folks – all here to dinner and for tea this eve -- This eve Mr McKenzie and Fannie took Lizzie M- down to grandmothers Harlan & Willie McMaster took Uncle Joe home.

24 Aug Sabb A lovely day. Although every thing seemed to be against us yet we got to Sabbath School and to church in pretty good time. Fannie Harlan Homer Mr McKenzie and Willie MacMaster at Sabbath School. Amanda Clara Clayton and Jason and the baby – Paul – at home. Mr Mc and I at church. Mr Mortons text “One thing I have desired of the Lord that will I seek after.” The great business of life is to be prepared to meet our God. Our friend led us in prayer. The reading [?] words Lord bless and pity [?] us. This afternoon I heard Claytons and Jasons questions. Clara and Amanda at the evening meeting a little earlier to accommodate Aunt Mary & Matt with a conveyance to visit Mr Atwood who is very near death. Fannie, Harlan and Will McMaster and Mr McKenzie at the Young folks meeting.

25” Aug Monday It sprinkled rain and is very cloudy. Mr McKenzie went with Clayton to C- and stopped to see Nettie Little. Uncle Joe and Matt came back with Clayton – he and Jason took Aunt Matt out to canvas with her corset – they came back in time for dinner – Near noon Mr McKenzie walked out and was here along with Edd Linson Willie McMaster and Jack Stretcher. Uncle Joe Harlan Homer Mr Mc and Wm West who began work here this morning. All here to tea again with the exception of Edd Linson. Amanda and all of us very busy. Heavy rain this eve again. Will McMaster & Harlan took Aunt Matt home.

26” Aug. Tuesday. Rain nearly all day. Homer and Jack working on sheep. Homer not well this eve. Clayton took Will McMaster to town to spend the day. Clara not very well Amanda and I busy. Mr McKenzie with us.

27” Aug. Wed. I am not well to day. Have been in bed most of the day Mr Jacobs & wife & little son with us to dinner – Mr McKenzie here – Uncle Joe & Harlan Homer and Wm West & Jack S- busy. Willie McMaster came back this morning. All here to dinner after our company was served. Mr Mc at home all day. We were invited to Aunt Bells to dinner – also to tea – but could not go – This afternoon we had a congregational meeting of prayer & Thanksgiving for rain – but our company kept us from going. This Eve Fannie and McKenzie and Will McMaster at C- Lizzie Murdock and Nettie Little went a riding with them. Aunt Bell and co at Aunt Bells for ice cream. She was disappointed they were not there for tea. We rec’d a letter from Fred he has been quite sick.

28” Aug Thurs. Bright & warm Wm W- and Harlan plowing. Near noon Mr Mc and Jack at the late John Allens sale near the Y. Springs. Clayton at C- Willie McM went to Sam Ps to spend the day. Aunt Jane came back with Clayton and he took her back this afternoon – Harlan & Wm W- plowing. Homer and Uncle Joe around. I have been in bed most of the day. Clara not well. Mr McKenzie with us.

29" Aug. Friday A beautiful day. Our men breakfasted at an early hour Harlan and Wm W-plowing. Jack S- here all day. Homer and Uncle Joe around. Mr Mc here – Clayton & Jason helping Clara take care of baby Paul. Aunt Bell & Fern brought Grandmother Murdock and Mrs Lide Walker Watson of Muncie Ind, our cousin, to spend the day. Clayton and Mr McKenzie at C- Clayton at Uncle Silas's. When Clayton and Mr McKenzie came they brought Blanch & Mary Bell & Willie McMaster with them. Uncle Silas & Aunt Mollie and the children all here to dinner along with the rest of the crowd. Pearl Robbison here helping Amanda – I have been in bed part of the time. This afternoon the entire company assembled in the yard and Mr McKenzie took a picture of the [illegible]. Life seems very real to me these days. Everything hurrying us on – Mr McKenzie with us to night again. Clara went home with Blanch.

30 Aug Sat. A bright day. Lizzie Murdock came here from Henry Kyles this morning. She will be with us to day. Mr Mc at C- Mr McKenzie went with him to the eleven O'clock train Mr Mc back to dinner. Fannie and Lizzie gathered the grapes for butter. Amanda and I very busy. Our cousin went away on the five O'clock train this morning. She came to grandmothers Tuesday Eve. Uncle Joe around. Willie & Homer at mill this P.M. Wm W- Harlan putting in a full day plowing at Jacks. This eve Fannie and Clayton took Uncle Joe and Lizzie Murdock to C- and brought Clara home Mrs Gains Turnbul died to day – a widow of the late Wm T- Willie Mc with us to day & here to night.

31 Aug. Sabb. A beautiful day. Fannie Harlan Homer Clara Clayton and Willie McMaster at Sabbath School & church. Mr Mc at church. Jason at home with me and the baby This P.M. the questions heard as usual. Mr Morton preached to day. Fannie Clara Homer and Willie McMaster at the Young folks meeting.

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1" Sept Monday. Quite a lovely day. Wm West Jack and our four boys busy at the Townsley ditch. Clayton at C- Uncle Joe suffering with his eyes and did not come. Willie McMaster here – After an early dinner Mr Mc and I left for Springfield – we hoped to have seen John Maywell as he passed through to Monmouth to the College but found that he had gone through this morning Mr Wm Uleric [?] with us quite a while – Mr Mc suppered with him and Mrs H- stopped with Mrs S- They leave for their new home in California Friday. Bright moonlight we had a nice ride home – Fannie Clara and Amanda kept the baby – Paul – for me. This Eve Fannie Harlan & Willie McMaster at a "Y" meeting at the "Y" parlor – Jason & Willie took the clothes this A.M.

2 Sept Tues. Quite a lovely day. Clara at the nine O'clock train and brought Mr McKenzie out this morning. Mr Mc at C- home in time for dinner. Jack S- Wm W- Harlan Homer at the ditch. Willie McMaster here. This afternoon Fannie and Mr McKenzie went by way of C- and took Lizzie Murdock and Nettie L- with them to the cliffs – had supper there. Came home past Aunt Jennettes. Lizzie came home with them. Mr Mc out with the men all afternoon – all into supper at dark.

3" Sept. Wed. Quite a beautiful day. Mr McKenzie and Fannie spending the day at Bay Carrys in Xenia. Mr Mc around home all day – Clayton at C- and brought Uncle Joe out this morning. Willie McMaster here – Wm W- Jack Uncle Joe Harlan Homer and all at the ditch & into dinner & supper. Robbison called and took dinner. Jason and Clayton around This eve Clayton at C- and out at Uncle Silas's took supper there – Walter here getting ready for the London fair tomorrow. It is the first fair they have had. Amanda and Clara and I busy.

4 Sept. Thurs. Cloudy. At an early hour Harlan and Willie McMaster Homer & Walter left for the London fair. Here for breakfast and had a lunch to take with them At a later hour Mr Mc and Clara left for the Xenia fair. Pearl Robbison came to help keep the baby for me to attend a Prohibition meeting at Selma but I did not go. Pearl her till this eve. Mr McKenzie with us. Jack S.- Robbisons and Walter and Wm West at the ditch all here to dinner and Jack and Wm W- her to supper – Uncle Joe and Clayton at C- Mr McKenzie got word from his place in Pine Bush he will start for there in the morning. He and Fannie at C- this eve – he called around to tell the folks good by. Mr Mc and Clara home after dark. The boy[s] home at a later hour. They took tea at Mr Phipers and were grandly entertained. [In margin: Amanda busy all day]

5" Sept. Friday. Mr McKenzie told us good by and left for his home in N.Y. Mr Mc left at the same time for the fair in London. Clayton and Jason took them to the train in Selma. At a later hour Clayton left with Uncle Joe to see the Dr in Springfield. Walter went home this morning. Willie McMaster resting. Jack S- Robbison Walker Wm W- Harlan and Homer at the ditch – all here to dinner. Near noon it began pouring rain – and rained constantly all the rest of the day. Jack S- here all P.M. Homer and Willie McMaster at mill – This Eve Harlan and Fannie at C- to meet father. He came at six O'clock. And they all attended the "Y" entertainment at the hall. Aunt Mary read a paper and Miss Bertha Collins gave some piece in elocution Lizzie Murdock came home with Fannie – Uncle Joe and Clayton came at dark. Uncle Joe feeling very despondent about his eye. Just what his feelings are we can not realize until we were in his place.

6" Sept. Sat. Very damp indeed We had the heaviest rain of the season yesterday. Fannie and Lizzie left at an early hour to meet the Board of education in Xenia to day. Willie McMaster still with us. He and Homer at C- this afternoon. Near dark Fannie came along leaving Lizzie in C- Harlan took Uncle Joe home. Amanda and Clayton and I very busy to day with the work and looking after baby Paul. Wm W- off duty to dark and so were the rest of the strikers.

7" Sept. Sabbath. Very warm. Fannie Harlan Clayton Clara and Willie McMaster at Sabbath School and church. Mr Mc at church. I stayed with grandmother Murdock. She was very sick yesterday Homer and Jason took care of the baby. I came back with the folks from church. This Eve Fannie Harlan and Willie McMaster at the Young folks meeting Amanda away all day and came back with them. I had but little time for the Sabbath lesson.

8" Sept. Monday. Very warm. Fannie at C- and brought Uncle Joe out – He is in a helpless condition with his eyes. Now is our time to be kind to him. Mr Mc out with the men – no one at work but Robison he was here to dinner. At noon began raining which stopped the work for the rest of the day. This Eve Harlan took the clothes to Mrs P- Amanda went to an entertainment at the hall. Fannie went along and stayed with Lizzie Murdock at grandmothers. Lizzies School opened to day.

9" Sept Tuesday. Quite a dreary day. Clayton took Clara and the baby and me to C- and took the carriage back home. I called to see Aunt Mary Little and Aunt Nancy this morning and then spent the rest of the day at grandmothers. Clara at school with the girls and to dinner at Aunt Bells. Mr & Mrs Morton called to see me this afternoon. Clayton came for us this eve. Harlan and Willie McMaster at town this morning. Jack and Robbison at work this P.M. Uncle Joe still an invalid. Mr Mc and co around home. Fannie and Amanda here.

10" Sept. Wed. Heavy rain last night and it has rained most all day. Mr Mc at town this afternoon Uncle Joe and Willie McMaster here. Fannie working on lace. It has been a dark cloudy day. This eve all at home.

11" Sept. Thurs. Rain last night and this morning. Clear the rest of the day. Homer went with Jack to the Springfield fair – Mr Mc went up alone and brought Maggie Stuart home with him. They did not get home till late. We had a nice tea ready for them. Mr Mc was at the fair a short time this afternoon. Fannie called to see Ida Creswell this afternoon, but she was not at home. Raining again this eve – and dark. Willie McMaster at Aunt Rachels this afternoon & to night. Clayton at C- this P.M.

12" Sept. Friday A dark dreary day. Harlan and Willie McMaster took Uncle Joe to the Drs in Springfield and were at the fair. Mr Mc and Fannie and Maggie S- at Charleston this forenoon and were home in time for a two O'clock dinner. In an hour Fannie and Maggie S-- at C- they made but a short stay. Ada Creswell & brother and Dick N- and Calie M- here to spend the evening. Fannie had refreshments in the parlor – Uncle Joe & co returned home after dark.

13" Sept. Sat. Quite gloomy. Fannie and Maggie S- Harlan and Willie McMaster at Aunt Jennettes to dinner. Clayton took the baby and me to see grandmother Murdock – we were there until after dinner. She had another [illegible] but seems better. Lizzie there with Mary. Uncle Joe around all day. Homer & Willie McMaster took him home this eve – Maggie S- with us to night.

14" Sept. Sabbath Quite a lovely day. Fannie Harlan Homer Jason Willie McMaster and Maggie Stuart at Sabbath School and church Clayton stayed with grandmother Murdock – Clara at home with the baby – Paul – Amanda here. Mr Mc and I at church – Rev James Foster preached. Text "Ye are my friends if ye do whatsoever I command you." This eve Fannie and Harlan and Willie McMaster and Maggie S- at the young folks meeting and at a later hour at the Union Services at the hall. Mr Mc and Clara there too. Homer and Clayton and Jason at home with me and the baby.

15" Sept Monday. Quite a gloomy day. Mr Mc and Fannie took Maggie S- to Springfield – Clayton at C- and brought Aunt Jane out to feed [?] the ducks. Clara took her back this eve and brought Uncle Joe out – Our School opened to day. Lawn Stretcher teacher – Clara and Jason there – Rained a little this eve – Mr Mc and Fannie home in time for Fannie to go with us to the Temperance meeting at the Opera house – Rev James Foster and others addressed the meeting Harlan and Willie and I there. Mr Mc at home. Clara kept the baby. Fannie stayed with Lizzie Murdock to night.

16" Sept Tuesday. Gloomy in the morning but bright this afternoon. Aunt Bell and Fern brought Fannie home as they went to Selma – I was not well this morning and Fannie dressed the baby and they took him with them. They stopped and came in with Fannie to dinner. Clara Clayton and Jason at School Mr Mc over at Cellars an around to day. Our boys busy. Homer and Willie at Cellars for seed wheat. Amanda busy. I took the baby with me and went home with Aunt Bell and spent the evening with grandmother Murdock. They are having a meeting at the Opera house to night to awaken a sentiment against repealing the Prohibition law in the ordinance. Clara came with them and she and [illegible] and Jennie Morton kept Paul for me while I attended the meeting Mr Mc and Harlan there. Had addresses by Rev Joseph Kyle – Prof Patterson Rev Tufts and blind Milburn. Mr Brown in the chair we had a grand meeting.

17" Sept. Wed. Bright sunshine Harlan and Homer sowing wheat by the rail road. Uncle Joe in bed most tall day. Young Mr Hadler from X- her to dinner. Amanda busy. Clara Clayton and Jason at School. Mr Mc at Selma this afternoon. Fannie and Willie at C- We rec'd a letter from Fred – he is at work in the Advance now – They run a weekly and a daily both.

18" Sept Thurs – Most a beautiful day Willie McMaster took Mr Mc to Selma to the train this morning to go to Columbus to the State fair – When he came back he took Fannie to C- and brought Aunt Jane and Mrs Walkemillar [?] out to help with the “apple butter” Fannie took dinner with Aunt Bell and went with her to Xenia in the afternoon. Harlan and Homer at the wheat sowing. Uncle Joe and Willie around. Oliver Anderson here and remained for dinner. Clara Clayton and Jason at School. Willie took Aunt Jane home and he and Fannie called at Aunt Nancys – and met father at the train. Quite a large crowd at the fair. Mr Mc seems to have had a delightful time. Mrs Walkemillar here to night helping with the apples – we have had a busy day.

19" Sept Friday. Not so pleasant. Fannie and Homer and Willie gathering the apples of the lower Orchard – Mrs Walkemillar at the butter – Mr Mc at Alex Kyles for wheat – took dinner at Uncle Silas's. Harlan Homer and Willie at the wheat. Clara Clayton and Jason at the School. Mrs Walkemillar with us to night. The boys at a Temperance meeting at the Opera house.

20" Sept. Sat. A pleasant day. Clayton took Uncle Joe to Springfield to the Dr. Mr Mc went up on his own acct for the “Todd pig” [?] he found it at the depot as promised – he also met Mr Todd this evening. All returned from S- a little after dark – Mrs Walkemillar and I had a faithful day at the butter – we finished at dark and Willie took her home. Homer at Uncle Silas's for wheat. Fannie on the sick list do day. Clara Clayton and Jason busy. [**Transcriber note:** the bottom five lines of the page are cut off]

21" Sept. Sabb. A nice day. Fannie and Jason and Uncle Joe and baby Paul at home. Willie McMaster Harlan Homer Clayton and Clara at Sabbath School and church. Mr Mc and I at church. Mr Morton's text “Godliness with contentment is great gain,” After preaching Harlan & Willie stayed at Aunt Janes until the Young folks meeting Clara took Uncle Joe down and attended the meeting and the boys came home with her. Amanda went to C- with them this A.M. but did not return this Eve. Clayton and Jason recited their Sabbath lesson.

22" Sept Monday. A beautiful day. Harlan Homer and Willie at the wheat sowing. Wm West at the corn cutting – he boards himself – Sarah Haggard [illegible] and little ones called this afternoon – Harlan Homer & Willie at a meeting at the hall. Clara Clayton and Jason at School.

Fannie at C- and brought Uncle Joe out. She was not feeling any better when she came back. This has been one of the wearisome day – Just alive – thats all.

23" Sept. Tuesday. A bright pleasant day. Harlan Homer and Willie at the wheat sowing. Clara Clayton and Jason at School. Near noon Amanda returned. Uncle Joe looking after the baby – Paul. Fannie in bed most of the day. Mr Mc at C- and Dave Williamsons this afternoon – After School Jason went with me to town to see grandmother Murdock. I also called to see Mrs Conley. This Eve Harlan Homer and Willie calling to see friends in Selma.

24" Sept Wed. Pleasant All busy. I was sick this morning – but crept around all day. Uncle Joe and Fannie on the sick list – Father at Selma this A.M. and out at Cousin Hughs and Uncle Bighams – took tea at the latters – This Eve Homer took Willie Mc to Torrences and went from there to Uncle Silas – Harlan and Hattie Mary Mc at Torrences too this eve – Quite clear this eve.

25" Sept Thursday. Clayton and Homer all day at Mr Jimmasons going over the [illegible] sheep. Harlan and Willie at the wheat. Mr Mc at Charleston at Judge Jones sale – Uncle Joe and Fannie kept Paul while I attended Mrs Murrays sale – Revs Morton and Warnock conducted the exercises – she was 87 years old – A native of Ireland. A true Reformed Presbyterian. I stopped to see grandmother. Clara & Jason at School. Amanda busy. Fannie not well yet. This has been a very gloomy day.

26" Sept. Friday. Rained most of the day. The W. C. T. U.s having a meeting at Old town to day Aunt Mary there – Clayton took Fannie to C- to stay with grandmother Murdock – and brought Aunt Jane and Mrs Conley out to help peal apples for the butter. Clara Clayton and Jason at School. Mr Mc around home all day. Uncle Joe here sick. Wm West around this A.M. Clayton took Aunt Jane home Mrs Conley with us to night.

27" Sept Sat. Sprinkled rain a little. Clayton at C- this morning. Mr Mc there this A.M. home in time for dinner. Clayton Jason and Willie Mc around. Mrs Conley helping with the butter Homer took her home after dark. Uncle Joe went down then too. Amanda went to C- to stay to night. Fannie came back with Harlan. She took dinner at Aunt Bells with grandmother Aunt Mary & Lizzie Murdock. Old Mrs Wm Reid died to day at her daughter Carrie Harbisons.

28" Sept Sabbath. Quite a nice day. Willie McMaster at home with Clara Jason and baby Paul. Fannie, Harlan, Homer and Clayton at Sabbath School and church. Mr Mc and I at church. Mr Morton's text -- Search the Scriptures for in them ye think ye have eternal life. This P.M. I

heard Claytons & Jasons questions The children at home read the three last chapters of John. Fannie and Harlan at the U. P. church.

29" Sept. Monday. Quite cool. We had a slight frost last night. Wm Nyes moved out of our house to day—they have been here for two years. Amanda came back this morning. We were canning apples to day. Mr Mc and Harlan & Homer & Willie McMaster at Rye sowing. Clara Clayton and Jason at School. Fannie at Selma at Miss Roadarmers this A.M. This Eve Mr Lawn Stretcher and Mr Lawn Houston both called. This Eve Clayton to the "Y" meeting they had an open meeting Fannie was on select reading. Uncle Joe came back with them. Harlan & Willie at the meeting.

30" Sept. Tuesday. Quite a beautiful day. Fannie left at an early hour by way of C- for Springfield and took Aunt Bell with her. She did not get home until dark. Blanch came home with her. Wm H- on a strike but finally went back to his corn cutting. Cavender moved into our tenant house to day. Uncle Joe around. Mr Mc and sons & Willie at the rye sowing. Homer at Uncle Silas's. Clara Clayton and Jason at School. This Eve Howard Thomas here and completed his coat [sic] and hog trade with Clayton. They exchanged stock this eve. Amanda and I busy to day.

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1" Oct Wed. Quite a nice day. Fannie took Blanch back in time for School – but did not reach home until near noon. Boys busy. Mr Mc at Cousin "old" Hughs for seed wheat. I attended the Congregational prayer meeting – and at the close attended the "Womens Missionary Society" This is the one I have ever attended although I have always paid my dues and a member. I called to see Grandmother Murdock. Within the last few weeks Uncle Hugh have rec'd a daughter into their family – and Uncle Davids a son. Harlan at C- this Eve – Homer and Willie McMaster at Selma.

2" Oct. Thurs. A beautiful day. Harlan, Homer and Willie MacMaster at the wheat sowing & taking care of the sheep. Uncle Joe went with Dave Mc to Springfield. Mr Mc took Aunt Jane and Matt to Xenia. Baby Paul and I stopped at Aunt Nancys and spent the day. Mr Mc and Aunt Jane & Matt there for supper. I had a very pleasant day. Clara Clayton and Jason at School. Fannie sewing on Claras jacket. Amanda at the work. Eve all at home.

3" Oct Friday. A lovely day. Harlan Homer and Willie MacMaster at the work. Uncle Joe here on the sick list. Mr Morris here with Mc to dinner & looking over the wool. Clara Clayton and

Jason at School. This Eve Uncle Joe and Fannie at C. Mary Bell and Frank came home with them.

4" Oct. Sat. At an early hour Aunt Mat and I went to Springfield. It came in ran and rained most of the day. We reach C- about dark. I was home in good time. Frank and Mary Bell here to day. Fannie and Willie McMaster took Uncle Joe and them down home.

5 Oct. Sabb. Damp and gloomy Willie MacMaster Harlan Clara Clayton and Jason at Sabbath School and church. Amanda went with them to her church. Fannie and Homer at home with baby Paul. Mr Mc and I at church Mr Mortons text "Woe unto the world because of offences." This afternoon spent with Clayton and Jason. This Eve Harlan Fannie and Willie McMaster at young folks meeting. Amanda came home and Fannie stayed with Lizzie Murdock She is sick at grandmothers.

6" Oct. Monday Quite a nice day. Willie Mc and Homer at Uncle Dave Torrences and Uncle Silas this A.M. Mr Mc and Harlan at home. Clara Clayton and Jason at School. This afternoon Willie took the clothes to Mrs P- and brought Uncle Joe out. Fannie can not come until after the Committee meeting. Riley McMillan was invited here this eve but could not come. Harlan and Willie at C- for Fannie.

7" Oct Tues. Quite pleasant – Harlan Homer and Willie husking. Uncle Joe around all day. Mrs Hugh McMillan called. Fannie and Jason at Selma this P.M. to see Miss Roadarmer. Clara and Clayton at School Mr Mc at Voces [?] and vicinity. Amanda at her work. I have certainly been busy. This Eve Harlan and Willie took Fannie to a business meeting of C. E. Soc. at Orrs. Homer at Sammie Smiths and around.

8" Oct Wed. Most a lovely day. Clayton at C- this morning. Harlan at Cellars plowing. Homer and Willie looking after things. Near noon Mr Mc Fannie and Clara left for Springfield. Clayton and Jason at School Uncle Joe at C- this P.M. This Eve Homer at C- on an errand. Mr Mc and daughters took tea at Mrs Stuarts – Amanda and I busy as usual.

9" Oct. Thurs. Most a lovely day Clara Clayton and Jason at School. Harlan at Cellars to day plowing. Homer and Willie working on sheep. Fannie sewing. Mr Mc around home all day. Young Mr [illegible] here on a trade. This Eve Uncle Joe and Fannie at C- Mr Mc and Homer at the hall at a Prohibition speech delivered by Logan. Harlan and Willie McMaster at Selma. We have been very busy to day.

10" Oct Friday. Pleasant. Fast day. Lawn Houston called this morning. A company of men working on the telegraph wires. Their boss asked us to dinner fifteen of his men – but were obliged to decline on account of the day. Fannie Harlan Homer Clara Jason Willie McMaster Uncle Joe and Mr M and I at church. Clayton and Amanda kept the baby – Paul. Rev Mr McKinney preached text “And ye shall know the truth – and the truth shall make you free.” The truth teaches us what to believe about God – about man – and about immortality. It gives political moral and mental freedom and it also gives freedom from sin. Clara at Grandmothers – Willie McMaster at Aunt Janes. Harlan and Fannie at the Young folks meeting. Willie and Clara came home with them.

11" Oct. Sat Warm. Mr Mc Fannie Clayton Harlan Homer Clara and Willie McMaster and I at church. Uncle Joe and Jason and Amanda at home with the baby – Paul. Rev McKinney preached. His [text?] “Weary yet persevering [?]” I did not take notes of the sermon to day. The preaching was at two this afternoon. Young Tommy Hoglin was rec'd into the church to day. After preaching I called to see grandmother Murdock a few minutes. Mr Mc and Fannie remained in town awhile. Fannie was with Lizzie Murdock at Grandmothers. Willis McMaster at Aunt Janes to night. Certainly surrounded with work this eve. Fannie and Amanda called at Peters Della will come here tomorrow to stay with Amanda.

12" Oct Sabb. Almost as warm as summer. Della Peters here with Amanda Clayton at home too with the baby. Mr Mc Fannie Harlan Homer Clara Jason and I at church. Mr McKinneys text “And a man shall be as a hiding place from the wind and a covert from the tempest.” Christ is a hiding place in the day of earthly disappointment and affliction. There is no darkness or sorrow that the Lord can not lighten. Often too our patience is hard pushed by many fretting annoyances and it is then that the Lord gives patience. Christ is a shelter in the day of Almighty wrath. He is a refuge in the day of life and of death. We live just as long as God pleases and dies when he appoints. Beyond this life stretches a sky that no cloud can darken for its light and glory the full splendor of the sun of righteousness. This afternoon we had our communion services. We reached home at three. Clara went to grandmother Murdocks – and Willie McMaster came home with us. Della Peters here with Amanda to dinner. This eve Mr Mc and Fannie Harlan Homer Willie McMaster and Amanda at church. I was here with Clayton Jason and the baby. Clara came back with them. Mr McKinneys text “Am I my brothers keeper.”

13" Oct. Monday. Another warm day. Harlan at Cellars all day plowing Fannie and Amanda home. Homer Clara Clayton Jason Willie McMaster and Mr Mc and I at church at the closing exercises of our Communion. We took Paul with us to day and had him baptized – He is about six months old. Ray Kendal Dallas and Josephine Orr were baptized to day too – both of these about the age of Paul. Rev Mr McKinneys text – Then Jacob said unto his household and all that

were with him Put away the strange Gods that are among you, be clean and change your garments; And let us arise and go up to Bethel; and I will make there an altar unto God, who answered me in the day of my distress, and was with me in the way which I went.” Family reform or family government. The Subject Let fathers and mothers be careful to teach their children well in the Bible and the way of Salvation. Make their soul salvation the great work of life. Hold with a firm and steady hand the lines of family authority. If parents fail to this all is a failure. After preaching we called to see Aunt Nancy she is not well. Mr Mc and Jack S- at Charleston – they took tea at Mr Huntingtons. Rain this afternoon.

14” Oct. Tuesday. Clayton at C- with clothes for Mrs P- Uncle Joe came out with him. Clara Clayton and Jason at School. Mr Foster Houston with two men finished sacking the wool at ten Oclock this A.M. Homer drilling wheat at Uncle Silas’s. This Eve Uncle Joe and Fannie at C- She met Aunt Mary E- at C- and took tea with her at Aunt Janes. Fannie attended the Old Side Missionary Society at their church – “The Ladies” a number of delegates their [sic] from a distance. Mr Mc and Jack S- at Charleston – and were here to supper this eve.

15” Oct. Wed. Quite a lovely day. Uncle Joe at C- and brought out Aunt Mary Little – At a later hour Mr Mc brought out Aunt Mary Eliza and Aunt Jane and Matt. We expected Aunt Rachel and Sallie but were disappointed. Jack S- and Wm H- at a ditch -- & here to dinner. Aunt Mary E. here to night – Uncle Joe and Clara took the rest of the folks home – Harlan at C- this Eve. Mr Huntington with us to supper and with us to night.

16” Oct. A damp gloomy day. Work suspended. Fannie took Aunt Mary E. to C- to visit there and returned in a short time to help with business here. Mr Huntington here until after dinner when he and Mr Mc attended the late Jas Harbisons sale. Jack S- here to dinner too. Quite blustery – Uncle Joe took Fannie to C- Aunt Bell invited her to take with the Prohibition Orator – Becamp. Mr Mc and Harlan Homer and Jack S- and I attended the lecture at the hall. Fannie there with Aunt Bell. The speech especially grand. Quite a large audience. Clayton and Jason Clara and Uncle Joe and Amanda at home with Paul.

17” Oct Friday. A pleasant day. Fannie and Amanda at home taking charge of affairs – While Mr Mc and baby Paul and I spent the day at Aunt Jennettes Aunt Jane and Mary E- and Aunt Mary Little and Nett and Aunt Matt all there. It has been the first time I have been there since Mr Crowford went us April 1888 – Florence was with us that day. Fannie busy putting the house in order. Wm H- & Jack S- at the ditch and in with Uncle Joe and Harlan and Homer to dinner Clara Clayton ad Jason at School. This Eve Fannie Harlan Homer and Clara at C- to tell Aunt Mary E- good bye. Harlan Homer and Clara at an open meeting of the “Y” s – Fannie stayed with Aunt Mary E- She goes in the morning.

18" Oct. Sat. Quite gloomy Rained a little this eve – dark and blustery. Mr Mc took Fannie to the 11 O'clock train this morning to go to Xenia to visit Bay Carrey. She had a pressing invitation to spend a week – but she can only stay until Monday morning. Mr & Mrs C. are away on a trip. Uncle Joe busy all day. I have been chopping pickles. Harlan hauling in corn. Homer & Clayton at Voces at the sheep. Mr Mc home in time for dinner. This Eve Mr Owen Brock [?] stopped on acct of the disagreeable weather – and stayed for supper – Harlan took Uncle Joe home – Amanda went also to stay to night. Willie McMaster came back with Harlan He has been away since Sabbath eve.

19 Oct. Sabbath. A nice day. Harlan Homer Willie McMaster Jason and Clara at Sabbath School and church. Mr Mc at Church alone. Clayton at home with me and baby Paul. Clayton has begun to read on his own acct altogether He began reading "Line upon Line" to day This Eve we heard their question. Harlan and Clara at the Young folks meeting – Willie at Aunt Mary Littles for dinner and came home with them.

20" Oct. Monday. Quite a nice day. Mr Mc at Selma and brought Miss Roadarmer down – Fannie had the front room up stairs all ready with the sewing layed out – and Fannie came on the 8 O'clock train and Sammie Mc[illegible] brought her and Aunt Bell and Fern out. This afternoon Aunt Bell and Fern went back to C- with Mr Mc as he went to Mr Wm Brysons – Mr Mc home to supper at a late hour. Harlan and Willie McMaster took clothes to Mrs P.

21" Oct. Tuesday. Quite a nice day. Aunt Bell called this morning to see Miss R- Mr Mc and Jack S- at Charleston – They met Mr Wm Bryson there Mr Mc dined with Mr Lawn Houston and attended a sale at the Bell mansion this afternoon. Mr Mc here for a late supper to night again. Jack came in to supper with him. This afternoon Uncle Joe took me to Selma to see about a girl. Fannie and Miss R- busy until late to night at the sewing. Harlan Homer and Willie McMaster hauling out manure. Clara Clayton and Jason at School. Homer at C- on an errand. This afternoon Aunt Mary left with others of the W. C. T. U. delegates to attend the State Convention at Chilicothe. [sic] She will be away most of the week.

22 Oct Wed. Quite a gloomy day. Fannie took Miss R- to Mr Marion Wildmans to fill her appointment there. After she came back she spent the day finishing up her dress. Wm W- Willie McMaster Harlan and Homer hauling out manure. We expected grandmother Murdock to day but the weather was not favorable. Mr Mc around home all day. This eve he and Homer at the hall at a Prohibition Speech. Harlan & Willie McMaster at Wylies at a party. All the rest of us at home. Clara Clayton & Jason were at School.

23" Oct Thursday. Rain last night – very damp to day Work suspended. Fannie sewing in the front room up stairs. Amanda at the work. Clara Clayton and Jason at School. Uncle Joe took the boy, Paul, and I to spend the day at grandmother Murdocks – Aunt Mary not home yet – Aunt Bell and Fern spent the day there with us. Uncle Joe and Fannie came down for us near dark. Mr Morton called to see me. Mrs Morton still at Sparta. This is the night of Andrew Creswells reception – Mr Mc and Harlan Homer and Jack S- attended Wm Wildmans sale this P.M.

24" Oct. Friday. A bright day. Clayton at C- and brought Mrs Walkemiller out. Fannie at her sewing Wm W- Harlan and Homer at the manure hauling. Clara Clayton and Jason at School. Uncle Joe on the sick list. Mr Mc and Jack S- at Mr Wades and took dinner there. Home in time to be served to a late supper. Homer went to the office this Eve. At a late hour Fannie at C- & Lizzie Murdock came out with her. Aunt Mary returned from the Convention which was held at Chilecothe [sic] this week. "The State W. C. T. U. Amanda and Mrs Walkemiller and I busy at the apples for the butter. Harlan & Willie McMaster at town this Eve.

25" Oct Sat. Gloomy. Fannie & Lizzie M- and Aunt Bell at Springfield to day. Harlan Homer Willie McMaster and Wm W- hauling out manure. Clara Clayton & Jason around home. Clara taking care of Paul. Amanda in the kitchen. Mrs W- and I finished the butter this eve – and Harlan took her and Uncle Joe home . Lizzie came back with Fannie and is with us to night.

26" Oct. Sabb. Gloomy. Fannie Lizzie Homer and Clayton & Harlan at Sabbath School and church. Willie McMaster Jason and Clara at home with Paul. Mr Mc and I at church. Mr Mortons text – "For ye are bought with a price; therefore glorify God in your body and your spirit which are Gods. This Eve Harlan Homer and Willie at Young folks meeting. We had Catechism & Bible reading.

26" [**Transcriber note:** should be the 27"] Oct Monday. Pleasant. Clayton and Jason at School – Clara at C- and brought Aunt Jane and Matt out. Aunt Matt assisting with Fannies dress Homer at Herman Colis. Mr Mc called at Jimmassons Harlan Jack and Willie hauling corn. This Eve Clara and Jason took Aunt Jane & Matt home. Uncle Joe came back with them. This Eve Mr Mc and I & Jack S- Harlan Homer and Willie McMaster at Mrs Perkins lecture. Amanda went to C- with us and came back I spent awhile with Mrs Perkins at grandmothers She is stopping there with Aunt Mary. Uncle Joe and Fannie kept Paul. Clayton and Jason at School. Clara at home until noon.

27" [**Transcriber note:** should be the 28"] Oct Tuesday. Appearance of rain. Clayton brought Mrs Sanders out to sew. Harlan and Willie McMaster hauling corn. Clara Clayton and Jason at

School. Mr Mc and Jack away some where to day. Homer and Alvie Orr at Xenia to select a wedding present for their class to present to their teacher Miss Ada McMillan tomorrow eve. This afternoon Clara came home and took care of the baby for me – Uncle Joe and I at town. I attended Mrs Palmers meeting at the “Y” rooms this afternoon Her theme the Triumph of faith. It is raining. A meeting at the hall to night. A prayer meeting at Aunt Bells in the morning. Mr Mc at the Opera house to hear [illegible] Smith. Clara went with him and went to hear Mrs Palmer at the hall. Harlan Willie & co over at Clifton to a meeting with their friends – Mrs Sanders at the sewing all day and with us to night.

28” [**Transcriber note:** should be the 29”] Oct. Damp and Gloomy. I have not been feeling very well – but have been making a brave fight to keep up. The boys around home. Mr Mc at C- this P.M. This afternoon I attended Mrs Palmers “Mothers meeting at the “Y” rooms. Subject “Social Purity.” Clara Clayton and Jason at School. Mrs Sanders busy all day and evening at the sewing. Jack S- here this afternoon. Uncle Joe took care of baby Paul for me. This Eve. Harlan Uncle Joe and Willie McMaster at the hall to hear Mrs Palmer. Mrs Sanders here with Fannie. Homer with the Sabbath School class, at Ada McMillan’s and Anderson Collins wedding.

30” Oct. Thurs. Damp and gloomy Fannie and Mrs Sanders at the sewing. Mr Mc and Jack at Cooks sale near Selma. And brought Aunt Mary Es donation from the depot. Amanda busy. Clara Clayton and Jason at School. Harlan & Willie McMaster at Aunt Rachels at the Thrashing. This afternoon Uncle Joe kept baby Paul and I attended Mrs Palmers Bible reading at the hall – Subject “Faith made strong by difficulties.” I learned much by being there. This Eve Uncle Joe and Harlan at the Opera House to hear a Republican – I went with them and went to hear Mrs Palmer at the hall – After our meeting Lizzie Murdock and I went across to the Opera house to hear their Speaker.

31” Oct. Friday. A beautiful day. Harlan and Hoer hauling in corn. Willie McMaster at Selma – at the office. Aunt Mary Es package of shirts there for Paul – Mr Mc and Jack at Mrs J. [?]'s sale. This Eve Mr Mc and I and Homer Jack S- and Willie McMaster at Mrs Palmers closing lecture. Her Subject “The two spirits. The Spirit of Wine and the Spirit of God. One leads up – the other down. This afternoon late she met with the girls at the “Y” rooms – Fannie and Clara and Amanda there. Mrs Walkemiller walked out this morning and has been peeling apples all day. Mrs Sanders with us. Harlan at Selma.

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1 Nov. Sat. A gloomy blustery day. Harlan and Willie McMaster at Cooks for goods. Mr Mc and Homer at [illegible] at the sheep. They took dinner at Aunt Jennettes. Fannie at Selma but failed to see Miss Roadarmer – Clara taking care of Paul. Clayton and Jason on the go all day. Amanda busy This Eve our apple butter finished I took Fannie to the train to make a visit in Xenia. I also took Mrs Sanders and Mrs Walkemiller down home. I called to see Prof J. H. McMillan out at this mothers and came home alone in the dark. This Eve Homer took Uncle Joe home & stopped in at the Opera house to hear their Republican speaker – what a busy week we have had.

2" Nov. Sabb. Quite a gloomy day. Rained a little Harlan Clara, Clayton and Willie McMaster at Sabbath School & church. Mr Mc and I at church. Mr Mortons text The three children in the burning fiery furnace. He showed us the value of true religion. What it enables us to do. This afternoon Clayton read the story of Joseph to Jason. This eve we heard the questions. This eve Homer Willie McMaster and Clara at the young folks meeting. Amanda came home with them. Homer and Jason kept Paul to day.

3" Nov. Monday Cold – The wind blowing Clayton at C- and brought Uncle Joe out. Mrs Walkemiller walked out and we finished the pumpkin butter and apple butter and Uncle Joe took her home this eve. Wm Voce called. Homer at C- and at Mrs Bell Q McMillans this P.M. Amanda busy. Mr Mc Harlan and Willie McMaster at Springfield to day. & did not get home until late. It is quite winter like to night.

4" Nov. A bright day but cool. Clara Clayton and Jason at School. Harlan Homer & Willie gathering corn. Wm W- and Cavender husking. This A.M. Mr Mc at C- at the election. Uncle Joe there this P.M. Mattie Wylie called. Clayton at C- & bright Mrs Walkemiller to help me with the remainder of the apples and took the clothes to Mrs P- . We took up carpet in front room up stairs and began cleaning. Mr Mc took dinner with the sisters – home at dark. Uncle Joe took Mrs W- home. Homer Harlan and Willie McMaster at C to night to hear the votes counted.

5 Nov. Wed. Bright and pleasant. Jimmie Harbison died this morning. Mr Mc and I at the Congregational prayer meeting this afternoon and after the meeting Aunt Matt went with us out there. Several of the friends there. Uncle Joe around home. I left the baby at home. Amanda here – This A.M. Willie McMaster & Homer at C- for lime's this P.M Wm W- began laying a rock walk – and covering the cave—Harlan and Cavender at the potatoes – Clayton and Jason at School. Clara not feeling well and is at home.

6" Nov Thurs. Quite a nice day. Clara Clayton and Jason at School. Clayton at C- early for Mrs Walkemiller but she was sick. Mr Mc went with Mr Pigg to Mr John Atkinson sale & came back

with Silas. I cleaned the bed room to day. Amanda busy. Uncle Joe at Springfield with Dave Mc. Harlan Homer & Willie McMaster at the potatoes. Wm W- at the stone work. Fannie still absent.

7 Nov. Friday Quite blustery. Jack S- and boys getting ready for the thrashing. Wm W- at his work. Uncle Joe here. Clara Clayton and Jason at School. Mr Mc and Aunt Matt at Jimmie Harbisons funeral He was in C- for awhile and did not get home until evening. Jack here until after supper. Wm W- finished his stone laying at noon. Mr Lawn Stretcher called.

8" Nov. Sat. A damp day. Rain this A.M. Shepherd and his men here trying to thrash – we had fourteen men here to dinner. Uncle Joe brought Aunt Jane out. They progressed so slowly they gave it up this afternoon. This Eve Homer took Uncle Joe and Aunt Jane home. Amanda went with them to C- Jas Cavender on a strike. We rec'd a letter from Fannie she had taken tea with Mr & Mrs Prof Mc at Charlie Kyles and at Mrs Crabbs – and has been attending the Whittle meetings all week.

9" Nov. Sabb. Raining most all day. Mr Morton at Pittsburg No preaching at our church. Harlan and Will McMaster at the U. P. church and at the Young folks meeting there this eve. Amanda came home with them. Clayton reading to Jason this P.M. We had our Sabbath exercises.

10" Nov. Monday. Gloomy Homer at C- and brought Uncle Joe and Aunt Matt out – Shepherd and his men here and finished the threshing at noon We had fourteen men again to dinner After dinner Clara and Paul went with Aunt Matt to Robbisons. Clayton & Jason at School Clayton & Clara took Aunt Matt home. A dreary day. Harlan Homer & Uncle Joe, and Will McMaster at the Opera house at an entertainment to night. Isaac Hoglin came and began work here this morning. Amanda here – What a busy day we have had.

11" Nov. Mr Mc and Jack S- at J. R. Hills sale – did not get back until dark. Will McMaster and Homer took old Don and went a hunting to day. Will McMaster not feeling well and did not stay out very long. Harlan and Isaac hauling corn Clara Clayton and Jason at School. This afternoon Clara at home and stayed with Amanda – Uncle Joe took Paul and me to Cedarville I stopped with grandmother Murdock. Aunt Bell there She and Ervin leaves in the morning for the World W. C. T. U. Convention that meets in Atlanta Ga. This is a very dark dreary evening.

12" Nov. Wed. Clara, Clayton and Jason at School. Isaac busy. Homer and Jack at Stills for sale goods. This A.M. Harlan told us all good bye and Mr Mc and Willie McMaster took him up to Mrs Stuarts to Springfield to finish his course in Commercial College. Harlan came home from

there the 10th of April and pulled off his coat the next day and went to work and has scarcely had it on since until this morning. Homer around all day. Uncle Joe at C- Amanda and I busy. Mr Mc and Willie home after dark.

13th Nov Thurs. A damp day. Near noon Mr Mc and Jack at a sale near Charleston. Uncle Joe and Isaac put forty bushel of potatoes in the cellar – Why should we not have a Thanksgiving day. Homer and Willie took sheep to Wades – Clara Clayton and Jason at School. Amanda putting the kitchen and vicinity in order. Homer and Willie at the Social at the “Y” rooms to night. Mr Mc home near dark.

Friday 14th Nov. A beautiful day Mr Peters here and white washed the ceilings of the kitchen & the girls room. Amanda busy. Vince Iman called. Jack S- here to day helping with the potatoes. Clara Clayton and Jason at School. Mr Mc around home all day. This eve Uncle Joe and Clayton brought Fannie from the four O'clock train after a stay of two weeks in Xenia.

15th Nov. Sat. Gloomy Rain. Amanda Fannie Clara and I busy. Uncle Joe Jack S- Will McMaster Kerner Clayton and Jason at the potatoes – Mr Mc here. This afternoon Amanda Ramsey told us good bye and Fannie and Jason took her & her trunk to C- She has been with us since the 12th of May and has been a good girl. It rained so hard Uncle Joe did not go home.

16th Nov. Sabb. Damp and gloomy. Fannie Homer Clara and Willie McMaster at Sabbath School and church. Clayton and Jason here with me and the baby – Paul. Mr Mc at church – Uncle Joe rode down with him. Clayton finished reading his first book “Line upon Line” – I hope he will develop into a careful thoughtful reader. Clara went home with Aunt Jane from church and came back with Fannie Homer and Willie from the Young folks meeting. It is two years to day since Florence died – she died on the 3rd Sabbath of Nov. [**Transcriber note:** Florence McMillan, born April 4, 1886; died November 18, 1888 from a “burning fever”] She is gone but not forgotten. Not lost but gone before. Not dead but only sleeping to awaken with us on the grand resurrection morning.

17th Nov. Monday. Not very pleasant. Homer and Willie McMaster started up to our own School to Lawn Stretcher with Clara Clayton & Jason to School. All of them home to dinner. Mr Mc at Silas for dinner and he and Silas went to Haglers. They called at Pollocks as they went down. Heavy rain all afternoon. Willie and Homer at Aunt Nancy for books. Fannie making a corn pone. Mr Mc home after dark.

18th Nov. Quite a gloomy day. All of the crowd at School and all home to dinner. Isaac at C- for coal and bringing in corn. Mr Mc at Xenia. Fannie and I busy all the day long.

19" Nov. Wed. A beautiful day. Clayton at C- for Mrs Walkemiller at an early hour. She cleaned the sitting room & dining room Mr Peters here white washing. Clara at home taking care of Paul – he is not very well – all the rest at School – and home to dinner. Will took Mrs W. home this eve. Uncle Joe came out with him – Mr Mc at C- & around this P.M.

20" Nov. Thurs. Another bright day. Clayton brought Mrs Walkemiller this morning. She finished the rooms up stairs. Mr Mc at C- and Uncle Silas's for dinner. This P.M. he took sheep over to old Mr Stretcher. Blanch & Jennie at the School & called here. All of our crowd there to day & all her to dinner. Mrs Walkemiller rode down with the girls this Eve. Uncle Joe here. Mr Mc and Fannie at C- this eve. Mr Mc called to see Sam G- he has been sick for two weeks. Paul not very well to day.

21" Nov. Friday. Most a lovely day. Clayton brought Mrs W- out this morning. She washed blankets and has been hard at work all day. Homer Willie & Clara Clayton & Jason at School and here to dinner A german trimmed the raspberries and here to dinner also. Uncle Joe around Isaac hauling in corn. Mr Mc at Pollocks this A.M. for [illegible]. This eve Willie & Homer at a "Surprise party " – Mrs W- went home with them. Clara at her map drawing.

22 Nov. Sat. A beautiful day. Homer at C- and at Uncle Bighams. This afternoon he and Will went a hunting. Clayton Jason Frank and Fred Stretcher and Arthur Robison went also. Uncle Joe cleaning the leaves off the yard. Mr Mc and Jack S- took sheep to Clifton in wagon – home at dark – and were here to supper. Willie took Uncle Joe home – and Homer took Fannie to Mrs Rs and attended an Alliance meeting at the "Friends Church" We rec'd a letter from Harlan.

23" Nov. Sabb. A nice day Fannie Homer Clara Clayton Jason Willie McMaster at church. I kept the baby – Paul. Mr Morton preached. The Sabbath exercises this eve. Clayton began reading his second book "Precept upon Precept" to day. Fannie Homer & Will McMaster at the Young Folks meeting. They went to the U. P. church and heard John M. Kyle the returned missionary.

24 Nov Monday. Nice day. All of the crowd at School but Clara. She stayed to take care of Paul. Fannie and I busy. Uncle Joe came up this morning – and went back with Mr Mc as he went to Xenia. Wm West and Cavenders trial on hands to day. Homer and Willie there this P.M. Isaac there too. At two O'clock Fannie at Lizzie McIntires funeral. It was held in the old side church. The "Y" attended in a body. Fannie went to the four O'clock train and met Della Scott. She came out with her to stay with us for awhile. As Mr Mc came from Xenia this

Evening the bridle [sic] fell off Polly at Aunt Janes and she started like a streak of lightning through C- the fire flew at her feet. It seemed like there was not anything but death awaited him. At the sudden turn at Sam Irvins corner he was thrown out against a wagon and was taken to Dr Orié Stuarts office thinking that he certainly must be seriously injured – but instead he had been marvelously preserved. The Angels were given the charge over him. Joe Shepherd followed Polly and the wreck home to tell us of the disaster. Homer and Willie went at once and Fannie went back with Joe Shepherd and when I could not stand the suspense any longer, Isaac went up and told John Mitchel and he came down and started with me to C- we met father and Fannie coming in Uncle Ervins buggy. It was a fearful ride and to be saved through it was like life from the dead. “In the midst of life we are in death.” Clear moon light.

25” Nov. Tues. Quite a bright day. While Mr Mc was not seriously injured yet he was bruised up a little. He has been in bed all day. He did not sleep but a little last night. Ben Irvin came back from Colorado last week and called this morning. So also did John Mitchel Bazel and Uncle Dan. At two Oclock Fannie at Mrs McMillans funeral – and took the Surrie for Uncle Joe & the girls – Clara at home to day with Paul. Clayton and Jason at School. Will McMaster took Uncle Ervins horse and buggy home and went to the cemetery to help dig the grave – and came home with Fannie this eve – Della and I both busy to day This Eve Mr Phillips called. Uncle Silas came and remained for supper. Homer busy all day.

26 Nov Wed. Cool to day. Fannie & Willie McMaster at Springfield. Homer attending to business. Mr Mc got up and dressed this morning and has been Clara at school. Jason there until noon. Isaac at the work. The corn husking going on by out side men. Ben Irvin among the number. After dinner Clayton and Jason left at an early hour with load of ducks and geese for Cedarville market – but they met with a very dull sale. Clayton stuck to business all the way through. I felt sorry for him to day – for he had a cold ride. After dark Fannie and Willie came home bringing Harlan and Charlie Stuart with them. Homer at C- and brought Lizzie Murdock out to spend Thanksgiving.

27” Nov Thurs. “Thanksgiving day.” Union services at the U. P. church – Rev Warnock preached. Harlan Homer Willie Fannie Lizzie and Charlie Stuart all at church After preaching. All of these went to Aunt Nancys to dinner but Fannie and Lizzie and Aunt Mary and Aunt Matt came out with them. Clayton brought grandmother Murdock and Aunt Jane out Uncle Ervin & Aunt Bell and the children were here. Clayton donated a goose and a duck for dinner. And should we not have a real Thanksgiving day when we review the deliverances and mercies of the week. Our company went down in the Surrie and all of the boys came home in it. Uncle Ervins here until after dark. Our boys came home and went to the M. E. church at Selma to

night – We rec'd a nice letter from Fred to night – he is still going on with his paper work. We did not forget that our boy was missing to day.

28" Nov. Friday. A beautiful day. Harlan took sheep to train to reship to Flannagon. Homer and Willie looking after the stock. Isaac hauling corn Uncle Joe hauling leaves of the yard. Charlie Stuart around Fannie at C- and Mary Orr and Mary McMillan out to spend the day. Fannie and Clara took them down this evening – Mr Mc around home to day. Della busy. Harlan Homer Willie McMaster and Charlie S- at Selma this Eve.

29" Nov Sat. Quite a nice day. Two of Mr Haglers sons here and went a hunting with our crowd – All here to dinner. They did not get in until nearly dark. Fannie and Clayton took Uncle Joe home this Eve. Mr Mc around home all day. Harlan Homer Clayton Jason Will McMaster and Charlie S- all at home this Eve. Della and all of us busy to day.

30" Nov. Sabb. Pleasant. Harlan Homer Clara Clayton Jason and Charlie S- at Sabbath School and church – Fannie and I at church – Mr Mc not feeling well and at home with Paul – Willie & Della here. "This is the victory that overcometh the world even your faith." was Rev Sam"l Ramseys text. This afternoon our Sabbath exercises. Harlan Willie & Fannie at the Young folks meeting and at the U. P. church to hear Rev. Wilson or the Irishman – Uncle Joe came home with them.

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1" Dec. Monday. Gloomy most of the day – and kept getting colder towards evening. Mr Mc and Fannie took Harlan & Charlie S- back to Springfield. Homer, Willie Clara Clayton and Jason at School and home to dinner. This Eve Willie & Homer took the clothes to C- and called at Aunt Marys.

2" Dec. Tues Much colder Homer & Willie at Cellars this A.M. – and at School this P.M. Clara and Clayton there – Jason at home till noon helping take care of the baby – Paul. Mr Mc around home all day. Uncle Bigham & Aunt Jennette & Sallie and Dave Mc here to dinner. Aunt Rachel not well enough to come. Della and Fannie busy. Uncle Joe and Isaac working on a bridge – Homer and Willie at C- this Eve. It is getting cold.

3 Dec Wed. A very disagreeable day. Rain this morning and cold. All of our crowd at School – Uncle Joe Isaac and Della keeping house. The children all home to dinner – Mr Mc Fannie and baby Paul and [I] at Mr Haglers to dinner They were having a family reunion Their daughter

Mrs Livingston at home to day. We had a sumptuous dinner – and a pleasant time. Mr Hs have a nice family but I learned by seeing and hearing them that those children could be no greater than what their Mother allowed them to be. Della Mc called while we were away. Uncle Joe at C- to day. We rec'd a letter from Fred telling us of his sickness. We can not help but feel uneasy. Della had supper ready when we came home.

4 Dec. Cold to day. Willie & Homer at the pasture did not get to school until this afternoon. Clara Clayton and Jason at School. Mr MC at home all day. Isaac feeding. Della and Clara keeping house. Paul and [I] at grandmother Murdock while Uncle Joe and his girls went to Xenia – he did not get back until after dark. Aunt Mary & Matt at a W. C. T. U. meeting this P.M. Mr Morton called. Lizzie Murdock at grandmothers this eve. We rec'd another letter from Fred – not much change – Fannie and both wrote to the poor boy to day.

5 Dec. Friday A beautiful day. Mr Mc Uncle Joe & Isaac Willie McMaster at Xenia at Wm Wests trial. Wm W- was set at liberty and came home with the folks He is with us to night. Isaac is absent. Homer at home to day looking after things. Clara Clayton and Jason at School. Della busy. Fannie and Paul and I around the fire. No letter from Fred.

6" Dec Sat. Cloudy & cold. Bailey from Jacks & Frank here helping Uncle Joe Wm W. Homer & Will MacMaster and Clayton & Jason at the turnips Isaac home at noon all here to dinner – This morning Clayton at the office but no letter from Fred. This Eve Willie and Homer took Uncle Joe home – No letter from Fred. We will comfort ourselves that no news is good news. Della Fannie and Clara and all of us busy.

7 Dec. Sabb. Pleasant but cold. Homer Will McMaster Clara Clayton Jason at Sabbath School & church. Fannie and Della at home with Paul. Mr Mc and I at church. Mr Mortons text, It was but a little that I passed from them but I found him whom my soul loveth; I held him, and would not let him go." Subject The midnight search for Christ. It is true that the Saviour is always near his people but he sometimes withdraws himself, either because of our sins or else to strengthen us in our Christian life. No one who truly loves their Saviour need ever become discouraged no matter how dark things may seem – no one that leans on the almighty arm can be disappointed – trust on hope on wait on and He will come and bless us. No matter what the trouble is pray on work on and struggle on and the victory will be ours. Our father would have us exercise strong faith persevering faith. Trusting and believing when all is dark. After preaching Clare went home with Aunt Janes and came back with Fannie Della & Will McMaster from the Young folks meeting. We had Bible reading and Catechism This Eve cold.

8 Dec. Monday. A deep snow fell last night Homer & Will Clara Clayton and Jason at School. The afternoon Homer & Will went a hunting. Mr Mc around home all day. This Homer & Will took the clothes to Mrs P- in the sleigh and brought Uncle Joe out with a letter from Fred written by his room mate. He has had a relapse and is back in bed again. Of course we can not help but feel uneasy. Della busy. It is real cold – sleighs passing in on every side. So much stock and feed so expensive. It is cold enough for the snow to day all winter. Mr Mc at the Smith place and brought sheep home on acct of the snow – all of the crowd at School and home to dinner. Isaac feeding. Uncle Joe around. This P.M. Uncle Joe at mill and brought another letter from Freds roommate, McDonald, He is still in bed. Fannie writing to him to night It is cold and dreary.

10" Dec Snow looks as though it might pass off this morning. Willie and Homer have begged to go hunting to day while the snow is on the ground. Homer & Will at the office with Freds letter – Fannie with them to stay for Miss Jessie Morgans meeting this P.M. & evening. Homer and Will out with their guns the rest of the day. Mr Mc Uncle Joe and Isaac around home. Mrs Hoglin called. We rec'd another letter from Monmouth this morning written by Fred. He keeps pretty much the same. He seems to feel very much discouraged and very lonesome Clara Clayton and Jason at School. Clayton sold his ducks and geese to day. He is a happy and proud boy over his sale. This Eve Homer and Will at C- on an errand.

11" Dec. Thurs. it has moderated considerable. Snow going off fast. Uncle Joe took the jaggar down for Fannie and Uncle Joe met with the appraisers at the late Frazier store – Fannie spent most of the A.M. with Nettie L- until the mail came but no letter. This afternoon I left the Baby with Fannie and Della and I went to C- Gregg Weymouth rode most of the way with me. I took a letter to the office for Fred asking him to come home as soon as it would be safe to come. I took my carpet rags to Katy – and made a very brief stay in the C- Most of the good folks at Jamestown to a W. C. T. U. quarterly. Uncle Joe came out with me – a letter on the evening train from Fred – he is still in his room Will McMaster at Mrs D Barbers at a party. Homer writing an essay. He & Will Clara Clayton and Jason were at School to day.

12" Dec. Friday Quite a nice day. Mr Mc around home all day. Homer and Will took the buggy that was in the wreck and a load of provision for Mrs S- W. West at Mitchels helping with the butchering. He and Voce Jack S- Uncle Joe and Isaac all in to dinner. This P.M. They began butchering here. Clara at School. Clayton & Jason there till noon. Word came to C- that Willie Nesbit is dead. He died at his home at Louisville with a cancer. Jack & W. W- here to supper. Walter Murdock here to night.

13 Dec Sat. A nice day. Clayton at C- and brought Mrs Walkemiller out – She and Mrs Hoglin and Mr Peters here Wm W- stood around all day on a “strike.” We finished all of our work in respectable time. Fannie Della and Clara all busy. Mr Mc around home all day. This Eve Fannie and Jason took Uncle Joe home & Mrs Walkemiller. Walter here and out with our crowd a hunting. They all came home tired. We rec’d a letter from Fred he is still in his room.

14” Dec Sabb. “A nice Sabbath day” Fannie Clara Clayton and Jason at Sabbath School and church. Homer and Willie on the sick list. They kept Paul. Della at home. Mr Mc and I at church. Mr Mortons text “Ye shall receive power after the holy ghost is come upon you and ye are my witnesses” If ye would have power seek for the baptism of the holy ghost. Tarry at Jerusalem – Tarry in your closets until you revive power from on high. Humanly speaking the destiny of the world depends upon the testimony of Christians. Clayton read the Sabbath School paper through to Jason. Their questions heard this evening. This Eve Fannie Dellie and Will at the Young folks meeting. Jas Hill called to see Della. Evans and Douglass at our church to day.

15” Dec Monday. Homer still on the sick list. Clara Clayton and Jason at School. Will at C- with a donation for Aunt Mary Little. Uncle Joe came out with him. Fannie with me and Paul around the fire. We rec’d two letters from Fred he is still in his room. This Eve Clayton & I took the clothes to Mrs P- Wm W- began work her to day and with us to night.

16” Dec Tues. Homer Will & Clayton Jason and Clara at School. Wm W- and Isaac & Uncle Joe and Mr Mc all around home. This P.M. Mr Mc at C- he called to see Sam G- Fannie sewing. Della busy I put the ward robe and room up stairs in order.

17” Dec. Wed. Snowed last night. Mr Pigg and Mr Thomas Spenser called this morning. Wm W- and Isaac feeding. Uncle Joe making a gate. Clara Clayton and Jason at School. Homer and Willie got there near noon. This Eve Homer and Willie at the office and with a donation for Sam G-

18 Dec Thurs. Moderated Homer at C- and brought Aunt Mary and Fern Ervin out. She helped to sew all day. Wm W- at the husking Isaac feeding. Uncle Joe around. Mr Pollock called this A.M. This afternoon Mr Mc in the vicinity of Clifton and at Uncle Bighams and took supper there. Fannie and Clayton took Aunt Mary home. All of our crowd at School to day.

19 Dec Friday. A bright day at an early hour Mr Mc Fannie & Clara left for Springfield. Clara Clayton and Jason at School. Home and Will there this P.M Mr Fowler & bro from Enon called & also did Mr Cara. Uncle Silas and Walter here awhile to night but left before the folks came.

Homer and Walter at Selma at a School entertainment to night. Uncle Joe at C- and brought out the carpet from Katies. Fannie and Clara took dinner at Mrs Stuarts – they were home after dark – and had supper with us.

20" Dec. Sat. Pleasant. Homer & Willie drove a jersey down to Crouses. Clara and I took charge of the kitchen and Fannie and Della made the carpet for sitting room and put it down Mr H- here and helped most of the P.M. This eve Homer took Uncle Joe home and Willie helped the girls put down the carpet. All busy to day. This is Homers birthday – we do not forget that he is seventeen to day.

21" Dec. Sabb. A gloomy cold day. Clara at home with the baby – Paul. Della here. Fannie Homer Willie Clayton and Jason at Sabbath School and church – Mr Mc and I there. Mr Mortons text "Be Strong in the Lord and in the power of his might." Fannie Willie and Della at the Young folks meeting. Clayton read to Jason. We had our Bible reading and Catechism.

22" Dec Monday. Quite a nice day. Mr Moses Hagler here for dinner. Clayton at C- for Uncle Joe – they brought the beef from Crouses. This afternoon Mr Mc and Jack at Charleston. Uncle Silas and Mr Forbes called this P.M. Fannie and Della put the dining room carpet down – Mrs Hoglin here and helped. Clara Clayton and Jason at School. Mr Mc home and brought Jack with him to supper.

23" Dec Tues. Cloudy & cold. Isaac Uncle Joe and Will Mc Master around. This afternoon Mr Mc and Jack S- at C- They met Uncle Silas there. He expects to go to Indiana in the morning. Clara Clayton and Jason at School to day. This P.M Homer at C- at the mill. Willie McMaster at the four Oclock train and brough Mr McKenzie out. He is attending the Seminary at Princeton N. Y. this winter.

24' Dec Wed. A cloudy day. Mr Fowler and Mr Ramsey of Enon called. Mr Robert Wilson buried yesterday. Mr Hagler and son Frank here to dinner along with Mr McKenzie and the rest of the crowd. At two Oclock Mr Mc and Will McMaster left for Springfield to bring Harlan home. This afternoon Jessie Townsley called he and Homer visited Olla Lotts School and went to Charleston on an errand for Mr Mc After an early supper Fannie and Mr McKenzie called at Will Torrences to see their cousins from Monmouth They also called to see grandmothers and Aunt Janes and Aunt Bells. Della and I have been busy all day and O how tired I am to night. Maggie McMillan and Thomas Tarbox married this eve.

25" Dec Thurs. Christmas. Snowed last night and snowing to day. Winter quite a winter day. Cold and blustery Willie at C- and brought Aunt Mary and Aunt Matt out – none of the rest

would venture out. We had a pea fowl and everything that was nice. We had just these two and Mr McKenzie and Uncle Joe and Will McMaster with Father Fannie Harlan Homer Clara Clayton Jason and Paul and I all here to dinner. All here but Fred. We always miss him on such days. This Eve Harlan took Aunt Mary and Matt home. Mr McKenzie gave me a nice Christmas present. It was so dark and gloomy this afternoon that we had to light the lamps. I felt almost as sad as the day "I was pleased but yet was sad." Della Scott and Isaac Hoglin here.

26" Dec Friday. The snow quite deep – we were driven into winter quarters to day without much ceremony. We have had a quiet day. The greatest difficulty is to get the stock feed the snow is so deep. Mr McKenzie with us to day. Mr Mc Uncle Joe Isaac Will McMaster and our all around. Homer at Selma this afternoon. This Eve He and Harlan and Will there in the sleigh to night.

27 Dec. Sat. A snowy day. Harlan took Mr McKenzie to the train this morning to visit friends in and around Xenia Harlan stayed in town and took dinner at Aunt Bells. This afternoon he went to C- to get tickets for the Esquimane [?] lecture Monday night. Aunt Bell and the children drove up for a sleigh ride this afternoon. Della washing this P.M. She and Fannie ironed to night. Will and Homer took Uncle Joe home

28" Dec Sabb. Cold. Fannie, Harlan Clara Clayton and Jason at Sabbath School. Willie went with Mr Mc – all went in the sleighs – Homer and Paul and I at home. Willie went with Aunt Nancys from church – Harlan at the Young folks meeting Willie came home with him we had the Sabbath exercises this eve.

29" Dec. Monday. Cold – but pleasant. Homer and Jack S- at Charleston for corn. Harlan and Clayton at C- for coal. Edd Linson and his father in law here to dinner. This P.M. late Clayton took Fannie to town to Aunt Bells. Clara Mr McKenzie and Lizzie came up from Xenia at four O'clock train and were at Aunt Bells for tea. The Esquimane [?] & her waiting maid there for tea – Uncle Joe came out with Clayton when he was there this eve. Mr Mc Homer Harlan & Will McMaster Clayton and Jason there at Opera house to hear the Esquimane [?]. After the meeting Mr McKenzie Fannie and Lizzie Murdock came out with the folks. Clara will remain in C- with the girls for a day or two. Paul not very well. Isaac, Della and Uncle Joe here this eve Jack S- did not get back with his corn until a late hour.

30" Dec. Tues. A beautiful day – moderated considerable. Sleighs still passing Uncle Dave Torrence called early this morning and was here at worship. Homer and Will at Charleston for corn. Harlan Uncle Joe and Isaac attending to business. This afternoon Mr Mc at the annual church meeting. Mr Mc Kenzie and Lizzie with us to day. This afternoon Mary Orr and Nettie L-

drove up to the gate – Nettie very cheerful. Della busy all day. Clayton taking care of the baby – Paul – in Claras absence – This Eve. Fannie and Mr McKenzie took Lizzie over to Rule [?] Kyles in the sleigh. Homer at Selma to make arrangements for the party tomorrow Eve.

31" Dec. Wed. The last day of 1890. A very gloomy damp day. Near Noon Mr Mc left for Xenia. Jack S- around and came in with Uncle Joe Harlan Homer Clayton Jason and Isaac to dinner. Mr McKenzie here too. Harlan at C- this afternoon. He called to see Aunt Rosanne. This Eve Homer went by way of Mr Kitchens to Mr John Warners to a party. Mr Mc returned after dark from Xenia. Della busy. Clara still absent. Paul receives a good deal of care from Clayton. Mr McKenzie with us to night.

[**Transcriber note:** the following was written on the inside of the back cover of the journal.]

“Only Christ can influence the world; but all that the world sees of Christ is what it sees of you and me” Lady. H. S. 1892

“We grow through the sunshine of happy days and the pressure of sad times, until our lives are made happier than ever dreamed they could be.”

“Never touch a drop of anything that will intoxicate. Beware of the first glass. If you never take the first the first you will not take the second. Give your heart to Jesus while you are young and he will be your best friend and save you in the hour of temptation.”

“The darkest corner of earth is heaven to him who is living the life of God therein.”

“Faithfulness in small duties always leads to larger work and and to greater opportunities” The best use of what we have is the only [way?] to more.

“We do pray for mercy, and that prayer doth teach us all to render the deeds of mercy.”