

May - June 1910
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May.

1" May Sabbath. Rain last night and quite a shower this P.M—
Potter so tired her did not go to church Clayton and Edith and
Clara and Jeanette there. Isabel and I here with father. I did not
feel well enough to go—Isabel had a nice dinner awaiting them when
they got back. This afternoon Potter out at the Sabbath School.
Hendersons had Prof Allen out to give the talk. A Miss Shannon
there and played the organ ~ A dark cloudy evening.

2" May Monday. Pleasant
after the rain = Ben absent = Davis and Marion han[?]ing & Potter
busy. and Clayton. Mr. [?]ammond called this morning. Isabel and
Jeanette here—She has been Sewing & She made one a present of light
frecal[?] afrom—Clara and Edith busy. This evening Clayton and
Edith at town.
MR MC around all day.

3" May. Tuesday. A heavy
rain last night. Everything at a [At Claytons at the old Home. May
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Stand still. Marion han[?]ed out Timothy seed out of the farm
this P.M. Clayton put in a full day at Uncle Hughs—and the farm &
put in a full day without him here. This afternoon Potter took
father to town to the barber shop—& c Isabel and Jeanette and Edith
and Clara on the program all day. The chickens are my work=

4" May Wed. A nice day
but cool= Clayton busy Potter out at Uncle Hughs helping and
brought a hog home. Isabel and Jeanette and Clara and Edith around.
Father out and in all day. Davis a Marion at Arthurs at the barn
raising this afternoon= This Evening Clayton & Edith took Isabel
x Jeanette and Clara to the train one going to Springfield—the
others to Columbus.

5" May. Cool—Davis and Marion
[illegible] &s. Potter at Arthurs until after dinner helping finish
the barn raising. Clayton busy all day. Men here this morning
introducing some kind of sleek rein[?]is. [illegible, 2 words]
here most of the P.M—looking over the bees. This afternoon MR MC
and I at town. I was busy all forenoon with the chickens—I have
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6" May [?]ite a bright day.

Davis and Marion x Potter all busy and Clayton. They began Handing corn this P.M. ~ This afternoon Clayton and Edith and I at Mrs Mary Dallas Ramseys funeral at our church—Service Sc[?][?]ted by Prof McKinney and Rev John Kendal—Father stayed at Aunt Jeannettes when we came along he rode with Clayton and me and Aunt Matt to the Cemetery Edith called at Mrs Pollanders & others when we came back from the cemetery Edith went with me to Aunt Bells to call. Homer is coming tonight [At Claytons at the old Home May 1910. Martha's Header] To Columbus to see [illegible] but can not come down as he has to go back tomorrow.

7" May. Saturday. [?][?]nite a change in the weather—On sunshine gone—Cool x cloudy. David [illegible] came until awhile after dinner when the rain came on Marion off duty to day = Potter around with Clayton at the work. Edith busy. I have been busy with the chickens—Father out and around most of the day. This Evening Potter at town on an errand. It is certainly a bad disagreeabl Evening.

8 May Sabbath. Rather a nice day after the rain. Potter at home Clayton and Edith and I at church. MR MC went with us and stayed at Aunt JeannetteS. Rev Taylor has been at Chicago the past week at the Laymens Convention. He gave us a [?][?]ve picture of the meeting. This afternoon at three Oclock Ross He[?] preached up at our School house—he had quite a house full. All of our folks there but MR MC and me.

9" May Monday This A.m—Clayton at C- and brought [illegible] Shrodes out—he was here on repairs and here to dinner. This afternoon Potter took him home— and took the clothes. A telegraph from Homer he was at Columbus. he will be down this evening or later Clayton met him at the train. Fred x Clara are in Columbus—they are Heading to take Paul [South?] I am to go up with [illegible] in the morning to See him. ~ I am too nervous to night to Sleep. Davis began H[?]ing late this P.M— and finished the field up the house.

10' ` May Tuesday. [?][?]nite a [At Claytons at the old Home. May 1910. Martha's Header]

A nice day. This morning Potter and Father took Homer and me to the train. Clara came down and went out with them.

Fred met us at the train in Columbus and went out with Homer and me to the hospital Paul still in his tent - he is still makeing a little progress. This evening on H[?]t and Home [rewritten in pencil with different handwriting] left for Ashville N.C - to look up [illegible] for Paul. Homer and Fred took dinner at Dr Hunts—I had dinner at the hospital—This evening Miss Brown went with me to the Station & we met Fred there - he came down home with me.

Clayton and father met us at the train. I would like to have stayed longer with Paul but was afraid of takeing cold. Marion came back last night.

While I was away father and Edith took care of the chickens At noon Clayton called at Robinsons and brought Lucy Weekly out = she commenced work. Clara packing and getting ready to go with Paul when the call comes. She and Edith have had a busy day.

11" May Wed. Clayton took Fred and Clara to the train. They go back to Columbus. Clara will remain with Paul until they start to Ashville. Fred would leave at eleven Oclock for Boston. He wants to be back to go with Paul & co.

Edith on the sick list and is in bed today ~ Lucy wisely at the work - Potter and Marion on the program. We have had one damp day. Began rain-ing in the night. Ral[?] M. here this P.M. here for supper and took six hives of bees home a donation.

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12" May Thurs. A nice day-but too damp to plant. This morning MR MC and I took Clayton and Edith to the train-they went up to see Paul and spent the day with him = Isabel came up yesterday and went home this evening Thy ve & a telegram from Dr Hunt and Homer. They have arranged for them to start to Ashville tomorrow with Paul. Lucy W - at her work - Potter busy in yard - This evening Marion went to the train for Clayton & Edith. I have been busy with the chickens - We have 220 - quite a little flock.

13" May. Friday. What a day this has been in my life. This morning MR MC and Edith took me to the train - I went up to see Paul once more when I reached the edge of Columbus there we a [illegible] freight on the track our train came to a stand still finally we walked across the car line and the passengers took their different [illegible] = I went to M[?]ion Station and from there to hospital - Clara had gone to Station but missed me. I was glad to get to see Paul once more. Dr Hunt and Homer returned from Ash-ville at noon haveing completed arrange-ments for Paul. Clara took dinner with Miss Brown. I eat at the Hospital-Homer came to the hospital this P.M. Near four the ambulance and men called for Paul. Miss Brown and I rode with him to the Station - Dr and Mrs Hunt and Homer and Clara st[?] - At four We told our dear Paul good by and the men carried him to the State room prepared for him - and Dr H - and Homer and Miss B - and Clara left with him for Ashville N.C. Paul was anxious to go - he feels con-fident he is going to be better. [At Claytons at the old Home. May 1910. Martha's Header] We know he needs a change.

For this climate this spring is enough to make well folks sick. Mrs Hunt visited with me until my train came in. I met Mary [illegible] and a [illegible] of women from here & there along the line who were visiting Mrs Adams in London today. Aunt Matt came out with father and Edith and went back when they went to the train for me -

Fred did not get back from Boston as he expected to go with Paul.

14" May. Saturday It is nineteen years this morning since Fannie was married—and yet the world moves on. Davis and Marion at the corn planting. Potter with Clayton Lucy busy all day in the kitchen. Edith around. Clayton at town this A. M 0 father went with him and to our joy they met Ben Irvin in town - he will be out Soon. I have had a lonely day. My thoughts have been on the [illegible] at Ashville. This Evening Marion took Lucy Weekly home. This has been a Pleasant day.

15" May Sabbath. A nice day - Marion away all day. Potter here ~ Clayton and Edith and I at church. Prof J.R. Dill spoke on National Reform. The old sides at our church today. A mission Service. Rec Ramsey & daughter and Nellie Anderson and daughter there. This afternoon Potter and Clayton at the School house at the Sabbath School - they had a good meeting. This evening Clayton and Edith at the Opera House Rev Taylor from [illegible] the Baccalaureate Sermon before the class of the High School. Lucy came home with them.

16" May Monday. A cloudy day. Ben came back last night and [At Claytons at the Old Home May 1910: Martha's Header] has been busy to day. Davis and Marion and Potter getting ready to plant corn in the lower fields. Lucy busy in the kitchen. Edith making Curtains Mr Mc around in the buggy with Clayton this afternoon. Uncle Hugh around awhile. This afternoon Potter and I on a flying visit to town. Cool and cloudy this evening.

17" May Tuesday. The men were stopped in their planting by a rain this A.M—and it has kept up almost constantly all day. Clayton and Edith call up Isabel and made arrangements for a visit in Springfield—and make these attempts to start—but finally were driven back by a shower and gave it up. This afternoon Potter and Marion and Clayton at the primary election. Ben looking after the chickens for us. Lucy busy washing Curtains and cleaning the kitchen. Edith busy. Mr Mc nervous as usual. Another letter from Clara—they reached Ashville

safely and nice quarters awaiting Paul—he stood the trip better than they expected. We had a letter from Homer. Ruth and the baby have the measles. They are expecting Mrs Hunt.

18" May Wed. It cleared off yesterday evening and has kept clear to day. Potter, Dans & Marion at the corn planting - Ben cutting potatoes Clayton around. This P.M - he and Edith took a hasty trip to C-. Mr Mc around all day. Lucy busy. This is a pleasant evening ~ A letter from Clara - they are expecting Homer the last of this week at their quarters at Ashville N.C [fancy sideways ~ sign]

19" May Thursday. A nice [At Claytons at the Old Home May 1910: Martha's Header] day= Potter and Davis and Marion at the corn planting. Ben around. Moorman and Frank Townsley here this morning. Mr Mc and I made a hasty trip to town. This afternoon Clayton and Edith at Xenia to meet Helen Rankin = Lucy busy all day long getting ready for the company tomorrow.

20" May Friday. Tonite a rain this morning work [?]ended Marion absent. We had Rev. S. McRamsey and daughter Martha and Mrs Nellie Anderson and daughter Gertrude and Mr & Mrs Dan Dallas and daughter Trippie here to dinner I was especially glad that Mr Mc enjoyed it as much as he did = We had a nice dinner and a delightful time. At eleven this morning the rain stopped we had a nice afternoon but this evening a pouring rain again—Marion at town this Evening sec a,, letter from Clara—news a litter more favorable = Ralph here for supper-

21" May. Saturday. Too damp for work - near noon Mr Mc went with Clayton to Uncle Hughs— They met Mr Brock there all there for dinner. This afternoon Mr Brock here to look at stock. Potter at the Y. Springs this afternoon [fancy sideways ~ sign] Ben busy on the yard and here tonight== Marion around he took Lucy home this evening. Late this afternoon Clayton and Edith at town—they took supper with Aunt Mary K = As they came home they saw the long looked for comet.

22" May Sabbath. Rather a pleasant day. Edith and Clayton and I at church. Rev Taylor at Cincinnati at the meeting of our L[?]od - Dr Joseph Kyle in our pulpit. text "Let us seen[?] [At Claytons at the Old Home May 1910: Martha's Header] with patience the race that is Set before us— looking unto Jesus [fancy sideways ~ sign]

Rev Ramsey in the audience and made the closeing prayer - he is cer-tainly a beautiful Christian. Mr Mc stayed with Aunt Jeanette.

Irvin at town and home again this Evening. Marion here all day. This afternoon Potter and Clayton and Edith at the School house Prof Allen heard the B['ve?] Clars-[?] Mr Morgan at the Organ-- & singing[?] a [?] there. This Evening Potter at church and brought Lucy out. Potter saw the comet as he came home.

23" May. Monday. A damp cloudy day. Work still at stand still since the pouring rain Friday night. Potter at [?] this morning--and at Stuellys for the chickens rations--Marion a Clayton & co building [wise?] fence. Lucy busy x so was Edith = Irvin put in a full day with the Lawn mower Ralph put it in fine shope Saturday. A letter from Clara and Homer - Home arrived at Ashville on Friday - away Sabbath and will be back there to day. They have changed DrS - and have settled now on Dr Battle.

24" May Tues. Another damp day-- Sprinkleing rain = Marion left for Pike Co - concluded to take advantage of the wet weather. Work at a stand still. This afternoon Potter took father to town to have a visit with the Sisters. Edith busy Lucy at her work. This evening Clayton and Edith called at Uncle Silas's.

25 May Wed. Rather a gloomy day--but the rain kept on all day. Clayton x Davis and Potter building [wise?] fence. Ben began white washing. He set out tomatoe plants this evening. Edith and Clayton expected [At Claytons at the Old Home May 1910: Martha's Header] to have gone to Springfield but were prevented by Frank Townsley calling to see fat cattle. Uncle Hugh here this afternoon. This Evening Clayton and Edith at town brought a letter from Ashville. Clara writes that Pauls temper-ture is normal and that he is gaining ground fast. He wants all his magazines and papers sent to him.

26" May Thurs. Bright sunshine this morning--bright x clear. After our joyful news from Ashville yesterday evening--a letter came from Atlanta from Homer he had [? 2 words] a long distance telephone message from Ashville--and he sent its content to us--as follows--"Paul is dying"--Homer left for Ashville last night--at [?] night = Uncle Silas and Aunt Mollie and Aunt Mary brought the message to us thing morning and made a little call. Clayton and Edith had to go to Springfield for father and me made a hasty trip. This afternoon Rev Taylor and Mrs Taylor called--to direct us to the right place to help us bear our burden = They were not gone long when a telegram came from Homer saying they would be here at 10:30 in the morning. Mr Taylor said he prayed for Paul every day and at the prayer meeting they

remembered him. I know many prayers have gone up that he might be well= but now we know they have been answered in a higher and better way than we are able to understand until it is revealed to us in the light of eternity ~ and while our hearts are breaking may we be helped to say God thy will be done for this is not any happiness aside or away from him.

Eva Arthur called this P.M Potter and Mr Mc at town.

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27" May Friday. Bright sunshine but cool. Mr Henry Kyle called. Also Mr Sl. Sl. MacMillan and daughter Luella. He gave us talk and had prayers—Every one busy here this morning. Uncle Silas and [illegible] Arthur at the train and brought Homer and Clara and Miss Brown from the 10.30 train—The undertaker J S. Ule there with his horse to bring all that remains of our dear son Paul [fancy sideways ~ sign] = Aunt Mary and Aunt Belle and Uncle Hugh and Uncle Joe and Stuart and Eve Arthur were all here and most of these for dinner and Aunt Matt - just two weeks ago I rode with Paul in the ambulance when leaving for Ashville - but what a short stay he had - for he had all his plans for liveing when death came suddenly to him and he was gone. He died Wednesday evening the 25' of May at five minutes of twelve Oclock. Clara and Miss Brown called Home up by long distance telephone - that Paul was dying Homer received and answered the telephone. While Paul was still there = They left Ash-ville yesterday afternoon and reached here on the eleven Oclock train this. [ul.] Saelie Mc called this afternoon. Eva Arthur has been here to day helping. Potter at C- this afternoon at Walters Shop = Later Homer took Aunt Matt home and went to the 7 Oclock train and brought Fred Harlan and Isabel and Jeanette out = They were here to supper with us tonight - When they brought Paul in and I looked at him so calmly and peacefully sleeping I felt that my life would never be the same that there was something gone out of my life that could never be the [At Claytons at the Old Home May 1910: Martha's Header]

same again - but can we not also hope that there will be blessed in those left here that will help that while he being dead will yet speak to us and be an inspiration to us.

28" May Saturday Fred and Harlan and Homer took father to town he stopped off at Aunt Matts and Uncle Joe took fathers seat and rode with them to the cemetary. Potter at town for train - Jason got off the eleven Oclock train—the express staffed for him. He rode out in the carriage and Fred rode out with Potter all back in time for dinner. [fancy sideways ~ sign] This P.M—Uncle Hugh and Aunt Margret and Mabel and Howard and Aunt Mary K - and Aunt Mollie and Ina and Jennie and her little

Boy and Mrs Burngardner and uncle Joe and Jim H. Mc called. Uncle Joe here to supper-and went to town with Potter and Lucy. Later Lucy came back with him A telephone from Charlie Baskin from the Springs he started to walk and Homer and Harlan went to meet him. Ralph brought Aunt Mary out they made a little call. Aunt Mary led in worship and read the story of the death of Lazarus-To day some one asked Fannie what about Donald this fall-she said he would be going to College - for a moment my heart saddened when I thought that the poor ambitious Paul would be left out-then the thought came-no he will not for he will be in the "University of Heaven".

29 May. Sabbath. A nice morning Sadio Stuart and Charlie called. Potter at church; Aunt Mary and Aunt Matt came up with him. Fannie Fred Harlan x Isabel and Jeanette and Homer x Clara and Charlie Baskin x Miss Brown all with us. This afternoon Potter and Charlie and Aunt Mary and Jeanette at the Sabbath School Aunt Mary taught the class. [Bro?] Taylor here [At Claytons at the Old Home May 1910: Martha's Header] and read the 8" chapter of Romans and had prayer [Huela for x J. St. ale?]= here - at the close of the exercise Uncle Ervin and Mary and Fern called=yes Walter and Ralph were with us. Later Smith and Blanch and Isabel called. We had pouring rain with quite a little hale. Jason and Charlie took Uncle Joe home = and came back in a short time.

30" May. Monday. A nice day. This was the day of our dear Pauls funeral ~ at 10.30. Harlan at town this morning and brought some of the folks out ~ The funeral in a manner private - only for the relatives and neighbors - we had all the rooms full The services conducted by our pastor Rev Taylor - and Dr McChesney and Rev Putt and Rev [?] Ramsey. Rev Taylors remarks p[?]deed on the disciple burying the bodie of John the baptist and going and telling Jesus. He said the lesson was for us to do the same go with every tremble first and last to the same blessed Jesus ~ and all things will be made right in our lives - Ina Murdock and Era Arthur here and stayed and helped Lucy with dinner. Father and Fred and Fannie and Clara rode together to the cemetary Clayton and all the rest went with a great number of the friends to the cemetery ~ When we saw Pauls body lowered in the grave our only comfort was that it was not Paul we are leaving there - that Paul the real Paul was safe in his fathers house happy forever more.

All of our folks and Aunt Belle and Isabels mother & Eva - x Ina here to dinner. Margret Stuart and Charlie at the funeral. Mrs Smith Isabels mother, came from Springfield on [At Claytons at the Old Home May 1910: Martha's Header] the train and went back this evening I did not record that Aunt Jeanette and Aunt Matt and Aunt

Mary were here to dinner too and Harlan and Charlie took them down this evening. Late this P.M - Uncle Silas and Aunt Mollie called and Ina went home with them. We had a most lovely box of Roses American beauties from Mrs Shontz and daughter Also a wreath from the college boys and girls - and from the Methodist brotherhood- and from the Cousins "All for Paul" - Miss Brown came with the folks from Ashville and went back to Columbus this evening = she came here the 18' of last August and has been with us even since - rather she was with Paul ever since - When she went back to Columbus this evening when her train passed it felt that our connection with Columbus and Dr Hunts hospital was severed - all our interest gone now - gone - gone. This was "Decoration Day" ~ The graves were decorated early this A.M-

31" May. Tuesday. Cloudy and chilly. This afternoon a shower. Charlie at town this morning and brought Aunt Matt and Aunt Mary K out to dinner. This afternoon Homer took Aunt Mary K- home. This P.M- Dr Hunt came on the fast train to C- and he came our with Homer and was here to supper along with Fred, Fannie Harlan x Isabel and Jeanette and Homer Clara - had Aunt Matt and the rest of us home folks - This evening Homer and Harlan took Dr Hunt and Fred to the train Fred went up to Columbus with him and will go from there to DesMoines. Clayton and Jason took Charlie Baskin to the Springs - he starts back to Ann Arbor to night. Isabel and Jeanette and Fannie with us around the fire. Aunt Matt went when the folks went.

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June

1" June Wednesday. Rain last night to damp to go to the work this A.M. Davis and Marion replanting corn. This afternoon Harlan and Isabel and Jeanette and Homer told us all good by. And Jason took them to the Springs Homer will go back to Altanta[sic] and Harlan to his work in Mason City. Isabel and Jeanette will remain in Springfed[sic] with her mother awhile. If Fannie and Jason were not here I would certain by feel lonely this evening. Clayton at town father went with him for a ride. This A.M. Potter & Jason there. They had P[?]y do some work for them. Potter at town to night and took Lucy to make a call. Clayton x father called at Annth[?].

2nd June Thursday. Gloomy and almost cold. Davis and Marion and Potter busy planting potatoes & corn [fancy &c sign]. This afternoon Jason took father to town. They called

at Uncle Silas's. This evening sprinkling rain. Lucy busy with her work. Fannie and Clara around. Edith busy.

3" June Friday. Gloomy and chillie—Winter clothes and fire both necessary. Jason arrayed him self for the occasion and went out with the men= They were seeding the planter in field next to the house replanting corn. This afternoon Mr Mac and Jason out at Uncles Hughs on a brief call = Aunt Belle and Aunt Mary called. This evening Potter and Jason at the Opera House they township schools on exhibition to night = Mabel Murdock one of the performers. She is ready now for High School. Lucy busy as usual.

4" June. Sat. Gloomy. Clayton finished planting corn this P.M. We were all invited out to Uncle High Murdock's today Clayton and Edith and Potter and Jason and Father and I there] We were finally enter-tained. Mabel won the contest last night=Fannie and Clara at home with Lucy and Ben and Marion-It drizzled rain [At the Old Home at Claytons June 1910: Martha's Header] for an hour or two today. Ben took Lucy home. Marion at town tonight with his brother.

5" June Sabbath. A nice day—but cloudy most of the time. This A.M Potter and Clayton and Edith and I at church. In god time Fred came in and was seated with us. He took the sleeper in Chicago last night and awakened up here this morning. If he did not live on the train most of the time I would be very much opposed to it—but as it is he is on the road anyway.

Dr McChesny[sic] gave us a description of the Sabbath Schools words Convention he attended at Washington D.C— Fred and Aunt Mary came home with us. Jason on sick list with boils on his cheek. Clara not feeling well she and Fannie at home—Dinner awaiting us when we came. Father up and down all day. This afternoon Clayton and Edith and Potter and Aunt Mary at the School house Rev Ross Hume preached. This evening Clayton and Fannie took Aunt Mary home and Fred to the train. He will get the sleeper at Xenia and awaken in Chicago in the morning. They brought Lucy home with them.

6" June. Monday Another cloudy day. A very little sprinkle of rain—Marion and Davis plant-ing corn. Ben replanting. Potter harrowing= Uncle Hugh around—he was here to dinner and entertaining Jason. This afternoon Potter took father to town. Lucy busy. Edith Fannie and Clara embrodering[sic]. Homer sent one two [illegible] of Calton Seed out—I began taking it this evening.

7" June Tuesday. Bright
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sunshine today-but cool. Uncle Hugh called this A.M. The men
Davis and Marion plowing. Jason and Ben replanting. Clayton
helping this P.M-Jason took father to Xenia. Potter at town this
P.M. Father and Jason home in time for supper. Fannie and Clara
and Edith around-Lucy busy. Fannie took Mr Mc to town this
forenoon-home in time for dinner. Clayton x Marion at town
tonight.

8" June Wed. Bright sun-
shine to day again and it brings joy and hope to the world.
This A.M. Fannie took father to Clifton they were up at the
[Jetsam?] Garden for plants and came home past the old Dean and
Wife road and in past the School house. They were back in time
for dinner. This afternoon Jason and Clayton in the sheep pen.
Edith and Fannie at town calling Aunt Matt and Mary. R. out of
town-Fannie spent her time with our Aunt Mary. Father I took a
drive to Blocksomes bridge and across to back road home=All of
the absent ones home in time for supper.
Davis Marion plowing. Ben and Potter replanting. Fannie brought
Pansys home. She and Edith planted them. Fannie felt that this
flower was a favorite of Pauls.

9" June Thurs. This has
been a dull cloudy day. Sprinkling rain too wet to plow. Fannie
and Jason with us. This afternoon Mr Mc and Jason at town to see
the folks. Aunt Mary at the flower mission= Aunt Belle and Uncle
Ervin in Cincinnati looking after business-He only saw Aunt
Jeanette x Matt. After supper Jason told us good by and Clayton
took him to the train- that through train stopped for him. We
were sorry to have him leave us. Tonite a gloomy evening.

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10" June Friday. Rained and drizzled all day long. Work at a
stand still on the farm. Mr Frank Townsly called in the hogs
Clayton and Marion took in 20 head-they averaged 29 & ½ this at
minutes.

Clayton and took them to Cars[?] in wagons. Potter planted
watermelon seed today. This afternoon late Mr Charlie Stuart and
Sister Margret came they were with us to supper we enjoyed this
visit [fancy sideways ~ sign] They went home through the rain.
Fannie and Clara and Edith on the program. Lucy busy.

11" June. Saturday.

Cloudy and damp - not much doing. Potter planting onion seed. Ben in the garden. This morning Fannie took father with her to the train to meet Isabel and Jeanette= They came around from Springfld[sic] - Lucy busy Clara and Edith around This afternoon Fannie took Mr Mc with her to Selma to keys garden for plants. Potter at town this afternoon = Isabel and Jeanette with us. This evening Marion took Lucy to town. Clayton took Fannie down to Aunt Matts.

It is just a year ago today nice Paul met us at Springfld[sic]-when we returned from the South. That was the last time I was in Springfield-and I do not feel like I care whether I am ever there again-a brightness has gone out of my life since Paul has gone.

12' June. Sabbath. Bright sunshine today [fancy sideways ~ sign] Clayton and Edith and I at the M.E. church sermon by Rev Putt-they met at [At Claytons at the Old Home June 1910: Martha's Header] the Opera House. This church is smaller going upairs[sic]. Clara and Fannie and Isabel and Jeanette at home. They had dinner awaiting us when we returned we brought Aunt Mary home with us. Potter and Ben around here today. Potter at the School house at the Sabbath School This P.M. Father was so restless Fannie and Clara and Isabel x Jeanette took him across the RR around by Block some S bridge home. Smith & Bleach and baby Isabel stopped in a few minutes to see how were. After lunch Clayton and Edith took Aunt Mary down home.

13" June Monday. Another day of sunshine. Davis and Marion plowing corn. Potter and Ben replanting corn. This morning Clara and Fannie and little Jeanette and father and I drove out. Father stopped with Aunt Matt when we reached town-then Aunt Mary took his Seat and went with us to the cemetery Fannie wanted to see Pauls grave before she went back ~ While we know Paul is happy in his fathers house yet our hearts are sad because he is gone-We reached home near noon. We met Clayton in town he went to Uncle Hughs-he was there to dinner-he returned about four bring-ing Lucy with him. This afternoon I took father around by Hammonds and past the School house home.

This evening Clara and Edith and Isabel and Jeanette took Fannie to the train-that through train stopped for her=we were sorry to have her go-but duty called and She had to go. I took father up to the School [At Claytons at the Old Home June 1910: Martha's Header] house walking. This is a pleasant evening.

14" June Tuesday. Another

day of sunshine—Davis and Marion at the plowing. Potter and Ben replanting This A.M. Isabel and Jeanette took grandfather McMillan rideing=

This afternoon Isabel and Jeanette and Edith and Mr Mc called at the sister I stopped with Aunt Belle—Edith and Isabel called at Blanchés—Lucy here at the work. Clara around Clayton busy as usual.

15" June. Wednesday. A bright day—getting warmer. Davis and Marion plowing==Clayton and Potter and Ben replanting. This afternoon Edith and little Jeanette and I and Mr Mc at Cedarville. Aunt Jeanette and Matt attending Harry Waddles and Jeanette Iarbor[?]es wedding this Evening This morning Clara and Isabel drove to the Yellow Springs and went over on the car to Springfld[sic]—they reached home in good time.

Marion took Lucy down to town. Mr Mc and Jeanette and I took a walk to the School house.

16" June. Thurs. A nice day. Marion and Davis plowing. Clayton and Potter Ben at the corn replaying This is the day of Wilberforce Communicat[?]. Isabel and Jeanette and Clara around Lucy busy. This afternoon Edith a meeting of the W.C.T.U—Con. Ben made some demonstration in C—and broke a Shaft—Prof McChesney brought her home= he was here to supper and Clayton took him home. Very unexpectedly quite a Shower felt it was quite an electric storm—Some very heavy shocks—struck very close [At Claytons at the Old Home. June 1910: Martha's Header] to the field where Davis was at work.

17" June. Friday. Too damp to plow. Potter and father took Clayton to the train—he and Elmer Waddle went to Columbus= This afternoon Mr Mc and Potter were at Selma at the Keys garden—After supper Edith and Isabel and father at the train for Clayton Father missed seeing Aunt Matt and was very much disappointed he had not gone earlier. Lucy ironing x c today. Mrs Henderson and daughter Lulu called. this afternoon.

18" June. Sat. Tonite a warm day. Davis x Marion plowing= Been whitewashing. Potter replanting. Clayton around. Clara and Isabel and Jeanette and Edith and Mr Mc at C—he stopped at Aunt Matts and the rest of the folks drove out to Miss McCollems x Mr Ramsey and purchased a "bed." They were back at noon. Lucy busy. The haybailes[sic] came. I have been writing a good deal to day. This evening Mr Mc and Isabel and Jeanette and Clara and I took a ride to town. Father and I called on Aunt Jeanette—Matt at Teachers Meeting. Isabel x Clara at the

office and while waiting Blanch x little Isabel and Mary took a ride with them.

19" June. Sabbath. Potter and I at church. Sermon by Rev S. M. Ramsey. Text "Jesus rejoiced in Spirit" x_c He explained 4 verses as the 37 Psalm. When we reached home Clara and Isabel and Clayton and Edith were started out to the Springs to the

to hear Rev Dr W_{ichart} of the Xenia Seminary. I was sorry for them to miss Rev Ramsey's sermon for it was especially good— After dinner Mr Mc was so nervous that I took him around in the buggy by Townsly and came back home past the School House. We had little Jeanette with us and we stopped there as Rev Ross Hume preached there this afternoon. He had quite a nice little audience. [At Claytons at the Old Home. June 1910: Martha's Header] this text God's call to Abraham—Mr Mc got nerveous[sic] and he and Jeanette came back home. We had a shower this A.M. and again this evening before the folks started home from the Springs. Lucy here looking after Jeanette Ben x Marion back this evening. The folks got back in due time.

20" June Monday. The men plowing Potter harrowing. Ben busy Clayton at town this A.M—took Mr Mc along ~ they were home at noon. Isabel x Jeanette around. Edith and Clara busy—This afternoon Clayton out at Muela[?] Hughs for a sheep. Potter took Lucy down this evening.

21" June Tuesday. Tonite a warm day. Clara took Isabel and Jeanette and Edith to the train. Isabel felt she must go to be ready to go to her home in Mason City next week. Edith will come down to the Springs to Chontraqua[?] and meet our folks there. Father rode down to the train with Clayton when he went to express the sheep. Aunt Matt made a present of her. White quite to Clara this morning. This afternoon. Clayton at town for a carriage—he and Clara and Potter at the Chontraqua[?] this evening. Marion at town. He and Davis plowing x Ben White-washing. O I am lonely these days. It is only when I get away from Pauls grave and the surrounding that the thought of his being gone is bearable—Let us not think of him as dead—only gone before—and is waiting and watching for her dear ones to come.

Edith met the folks and they had a fine address And a beautiful evening for the meeting Lucy walked out this morning [Walter and Ralph called this evening: written on the side of the page]

[At Claytons at the Old Home. June 1910: Martha's Header]

22" June. Wednesday Yesterday was the longest day of the year.

Davis and Marion plowing. Ben at his work. Potter took the Ramsey bed to Jefferies in Xenia for Isabel. He had a hot ride. This afternoon Clayton and his men at Orrs for Alfalfa hay. Mr Mc and I at town. Aunt Marys men working on the varanda[sic]—I called there and at Aunt Bells and Aunt Matts with father. Late this evening father rode with Clayton to Jess Townsleys.

23" June. Thursday. Tonite a warm day. The men plowing and planting away the Orr Alfalfa. Potter plowing reeming the third plow. Edith and Mr Mc at town on an errand—Lucy got a summons to come home. She has a sick daughter. When Clara and Edith we to the Chautauqua this A.M—Mr Mc and I called at Hattie Marys—and got some goods we left at the sound house in the X. Springs we reached home at noon. Late this P.M—Mr Mc went with Clayton when he went to C—to Walters shop for carriage=This eve Marion and Harly Holton drove out.

24" June Friday. A warm day. Whether Sad or otherwise the days glide by—no standing still. Davis and Marion at the plowing and Potter also. Clayton and Ben put in a full day looking after Sheep. This morning Mr Mc and I took a hasty trip to town. Late this A.M—Mr Mc went down with Edith and Clara—to town.

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25" June. Sat. Not tonite so warm Brock here at an early hour—and Clayton helped the Ky cattle 18 in number to the car. they overaf[?] 1317 at 6 ¾ lbs per lb—

This morning Ben at C—and brought Lucy out. This afternoon Clara went with Eva A. to the Springs to the Chautauqua to hear Rev Glenn Clayton and Edith and I rode over in the carriage—Potter took father to town to Aunt Matt x Jeanette—and Aunt Mary rode over with him. we heard a fine speech on Character building. The Gov spoke to us and spoke of Home—he said he loved him as his own brother. Potter and I left early and came past C—and and brought father. I left the rest to come at their leasure[sic]—Lucy x Ben and Marion here. Lucy went to town with Marion this Evening

26" June Sabbath. Tonite a warm day. Potter and Ben and Marion at home with father Ben brought Lucy x daughter out this morning early. Both of them here to day. Clayton and Edith and Clara and I at church. Sermon by Rev Ramsey. text "what think ye of Christ=" After preaching Aunt Mary came out home with us—We had a nice visit= She is not

very well these day. Potter took her down home when he went to the Union Service at our church to hear Dr H.H. George on National Reform. This afternoon Potter at our School house at the Sabbath School. [At Claytons at the Old Home. June 1910: Martha's Header] After preaching Clayton and Edith and Clara at the Springs—at Chautauqua Hearing Evangelist Stuart—they took their dinner and supper and remained for the nice meeting. Clara went on the nine Oclock car and stopped off with Isabel in S~ Clayton and Edith returned alone.

27" June Monday. A light shower last night and a sprinkle of rain this morning—and a heavy shower at noon which stopped the plowing Mr Mc around all day. This evening Clayton and Edith at C—on a hasty trip. Lucy busy. Her daughter has been here since yesterday.

28" June. Tuesday. Much pleasanter since the rain. The men all at work today. Lucy's girl has gone to Davises to work. Clayton working with sheep all P.M. The three plows reeming. Miss Bird called this P.M This morning father and I took quite a drive we went to the Clifton garden— This evening Edith and father and I at town at the train for Clara— She came in from Springfield. It is quite pleasant this Evening.

29" June. Wed. Tonite a pleasant day. This morning Clara and Mr Mc took me to the train I went around to Springfield—I met Walter Iliff and Maggie Tar-box going and comeing= Isabel and her Mother met me at the Station. Isabel took me around in buggy to Dr Minars office—I had my eyes tested for a pair of glasses—Later Isabel called for me and took me to dinner. Later she took me around to their home I had a pleasant hour or so with her Mother and Co—Later Isabel went with me to train. I went to Xenia on traction in the [At Claytons at the Old Home. June 1910: Martha's Header] morning I went on Steam Car. Clara and Edith and Mr Mc met me at train ~ They have had quite a time takeing father around to day. The three plows reeming[sic] to day. Lucy busy. Donald graduates to night from the flushing High School. I would love to be there just for to night.

30" June. Thursday. Tonite a warm day. This morning Mr Mc and I made a hasty trip to C—Clayton has four plows reeming[sic] in the corn. Ben whitewashing. Clayton at C—and brought Coleumbus[sic] buggy out. This afternoon at four Oclock Clara and Edith at Ina Murdocks to a four Oclock dinner about thirty there. This P.M. Mr Mc and Clayton at Selma to see Mr

Calbert. Lucy ironing—last evening she and daughter at town with Davis.

Transcription VII: August 1, 1910–August 20, 1910

August 1, Monday: Quite a nice day. All the hay and clover disposed of. The harvest is in a manner nearly ended. Late this P.M. Clayton at Annie Millie Townsley and cut the alfalfa. Mr. Mc and I at town. While there I met Mr. Taylor's father and mother at Aunt Mary's and took them driving out to the Cedarville Cemetery and back home. They have been over the old resorts in Clinton Co. the last week. Potter rested until noon and he and Davis and Marion at Clayton's at the old home. Clayton cut alfalfa at Annie Millie's this P.M. and Ben finishing up the hay. By the way the other men were at the work in the A.M. Marion stopped to clean harnesses this P.M. Edith came downstairs and has been around all day. Clara in full charge.

August 2, Tuesday: Another nice day. Mr. Mc and I took Marion Buchanan to the train this morning. He has been here since the 25th of April. He has been an all right fellow. We came back home in due time. Clayton and Harry Owens at London sale. Davis and Ben hauling manure (did she mean "manure?"). Potter "resting." This afternoon Clara and Edith at C—and out at Uncle Silas's. This evening father and I took a walk to the school

house. Later Clayton and co. returned from London. Harry Owens here tonight.

August 3, Wednesday: Another nice day. The men bringing in the...of hay. Harry O. here to dinner and a while this P.M. This morning father and [I] took a hasty trip to C—and home. Mr. Carper and Carrie W—brought Aunt Jennie over in the automobile and made a little call. Clara went back with them to attend the... This afternoon Clayton and Davis and Ben bringing the alfalfa from Annie Townsley, so we were certainly favored by the rain staying off until the harvest was completed.

August 4, Thursday: Another nice day. Potter still off duty. Clayton and Davis and Ben hauling out manure (again, manure?). This morning father and I at town. This afternoon Edith and Clara invited to a reception to Uncle Silas's. Mc Mc and I at town this afternoon again for the ride. This evening Mr. A. S. Frazier and wife called. They came in their automobile. Edith at the reception. Miss Vera Andrew and her friend rode out with her. Clayton's at the old home.

August 5, Friday: A beautiful day. Clayton, Davis, and Ben busy. This morning Mr. Carper and Carrie and Mrs. Laura Adams brought Clara home. She has been at Jamestown since Wednesday morning. Near noon I left for Uncle Hugh's. I took Mr. and Mrs. Taylor and Theo with me. Father and Mother Taylor and Aunt Mary were there. Uncle Hugh and Aunt Margret and Mabel and Howard at

their best. They served a nice dinner. Aunt Mary and the two Mrs. Taylors and Theo rode home with me. Aunt Matt(?) rode with me to Mrs. B—for the washing. Charlie Baskin(?) came to town this morning. Edith met him. He had quite an accident on the R.R. two weeks ago. He was taken to...in Des Moines. We are in hopes he will get all right now. Charlie took Mr. Mc to town this afternoon and he drove out again this evening. Potter still off duty and not well these days.

August 6, Saturday: A lovely day. Charlie at town this morning at the train and met Fred. After he came and was with us a while he concluded to go with father and me to Mr. Edd Dean's place to look after help. We succeeded in getting a woman for Monday. We got home in time for dinner. This P.M. Potter at town for coal. Clayton and Davis and Ben busy fixing for the threshers the machine drove in this evening. Charlie B—drove over to Jamestown for Aunt Jennie McMillan. She was here to supper and with us tonight.

August 7, Sabbath: Quite a nice day. Sprinkled rain this A.M. The weather very uncertain this P.M. Clayton and Edith and Aunt Jennie and Fred and Charlie and I at church. Sermon by Rev. Taylor. Text: Remember the Sabbath day to keep it holy. Clara at home with father. Potter around. He brought Aunt Mary home with us. Dinner ready when we came. This afternoon Clayton and Charlie and Potter at the school house at the Sabbath School. I

do not forget that a year ago today Paul and Carl were there—but gone today. This is a true picture of life. Aunt Mary and Jennie and Fred around. Mr. Mc far from well today. This evening Clara has head ache. She went with Charlie to take Aunt Mary home to get in the fresh air.

August 8, Monday: A very light shower yesterday A.M. and a heavy dew last night. ...men ready to begin threshing the rye, but waiting for it to dry off a little better. We have had a busy morning. Carlie Baskin at town on errands. Mr. Mc went with him for the ride. Early this morning he was at Edd Dean's tenant house and brought woman over to help-. Later Fred and I at town and brought Aunt Jeannette and Aunt Matt out. We had eighteen men here to dinner besides the hanger-ons. We also had a...for supper. They finished the field after five. Charlie and father took Aunt Jeannette and Matt home when they took Fred to the train. Aunt Jennie with us today and here tonight. We are happy to have her gay self with us. Later Charlie took our woman home to the Dean farm. We certainly had a rushing day here, but the harvest is ended at last.

August 9, Tuesday: Not much doing here today. Charlie and Mr. Mc at town this morning. This afternoon Edith and Clara and Aunt Jennie at Blanche's at the Embroidery Club. A very light shower this P.M. Clayton and Ben here. Davis at Baldwin's. Charlie away this evening.

August 10, Wednesday: Quite a nice day. Potter at Columbus and home this evening. Ben and Davis at the mechanic. This afternoon Clayton at Uncle Hugh's, there til supper. This afternoon Father and I at Clifton and Cedarville. Aunt Jennie with us. Edith and Clara busy. Charlie around.

August 11, Thursday: A beautiful day. Clayton, Edith, Clara, and Aunt Jennie attended Xenia fair. Charlie there and went with...Kyle. Potter at Dayton and came back this evening. The folks took their supper and drove out to the orphan's home and had their lunch there. Ben drove with us. He and Davis hauling manure. Kelso's(?) little child died last night.

August 13, Saturday: Another nice day. This morning father and I at town for Aunt Mary and we came home past Edd Dean's tenant house to see a girl--rushed home for dinner. Davis at his work. Uncle Hugh here helping Clayton and Charlie with the sheep. Uncle Hugh here to dinner. This evening Edith and Clara took Aunt Mary down home and went to the train for Miss Cora Massie but she failed to come. Aunt Jennie went with them for the ride. Potter around today and this evening. Mrs. Samuel Creswell buried this afternoon.

August 16, Tuesday: Another warm day. This morning Mr. Mc and I at town. We called to see Uncle Joe. He is not well. We also called at the Aunts. Aunt Jennie there. Potter around today. Ben and Davis busy. This morning I took Aunt Mary around

when in town. Walter and co. painting. Cora getting along nicely. She baked and swept and cooked. This morning Clara and Edith and Charlie and Clayton have gone to picnic with Uncle Silas and the Andrews to the Clifton Cliffs. Had dinner and supper on the ground and stopped off at the contest. Aunt Mary and co. and Mrs. Doc Stuart and others in it. Potter there. Charlie came home and is with father.

August 17, Wednesday: Quite a warm day. Ben and Davis at their work. This morning Father and Clayton took me to the train and I went with Aunt Mary to Dayton. I saw Dr. B-at 37" Franklin Str. We reached Xenia at twelve o'clock and took dinner at the France's Inn and went to the court house to the Carrie...baseball trial. We met Aunt Belle and Larry and others there. We took supper at the France's Inn. I rested quite a while there this afternoon. Father and Clara and Edith met me at the train this evening. They have been busy here today.

August 18, Thursday: Another warm day. Davis hauling on the road. Ben cutting weeds. Mr. Mc and I at C--this A.M. We made but a brief stay. Our girl and Edith and Clara busy changing things around. Charlie fixing screen doors and this afternoon at Clifton he...with his friends for supper. Edith and Clara made a hasty trip to C--. Clayton and Potter at Springfield today at the fair. It is just a year today since Miss Brown the nurse arrived on the scene. We cannot forget the succeeding day.

August 19, Friday: Not quite so warm but very dusty. Ben Irvin went away for a little vacation. Davis hauling on the road. Clayton and Potter around. Charlie went to Xenia to the 10:20 train for Homer's. Clara and Edith were at a dinner party at Edd's tenants and saw them as they past. They reached here at noon. Cora had dinner awaiting them. Richard and Ruth and the men...are looking fine. The baby is a dandy but they are all fine. Richard and Ruth played around the yard till dark. Homer and Mary went straight to bed. They are clear worn out. Charlie at C—with corn for Aunt Jeannette. Sweet corn.