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Journal for the trip to Kirksville, MO
Transcribed by Peggy Wilfong

October. 1906.

5 Oct. Friday at the Arcade hotel Springfield Ohio. This afternoon after three Clara & Clayton drove out with Father and me for Springfield – We had supper at the famous Adams's – After that they escorted us to the Arcade hotel – they stopped with us awhile when they bid us good by and drove out for home. To day when we left home – we left the dear faithful Sister Williams and Paul and Charlie Baskin (both who are attending the Cedarville College – and O.N. Potter faithful and true from Des Moines Iowa – We are starting out for St. Louis in the morning and later for Kirksville Mo – to visit the Osteopath Institute. We have comfortable quarters here and more to be thankful for than we can number.

St Louis. Oct 1906.

6" Oct. Saturday. Father and I awakened at the Arcade hotel – Had breakfast and left at 8.10 on the "Big 4" for St Louis we reached Indianapolis at noon and changed cars for St Louis – there was a fright [**sic**] wreck on the road that made us over two hours late – Our car rolled in to St Louis at 10 of 8: Harlan had waited nearly two hours for us but was there when we came. After taking us half across the city we finally landed at #5017 Fairmon Ave – and were met by Isabel who a nice supper and a nice reception for us. They are certainly happily situated here – such a lovely home. After worship we retired early for I felt I was almost "tired to death". Mr. John Eaton in the city & called us up.

7" Oct. Sabbath. A beautiful morning Harlan and father and I at Grand Ave church. Sermon by the pastor, the Rev Hughy. Text "I have other sheep, that are not of this flock"&etc Isabel not feeling well – She and their girl at home – They had a nice dinner when we came. Mrs Gage from the next door ran in to see "their" father and mother. Miss Frank from St Peters church made a stop too – This evening we were prevented from attending church – by Myra Salmon & husband and sister Bessie calling to speak to us –

8" Oct Monday. A beautiful Autumn day. Mr Mc went with Harlan to his office and was not back till after dark. The German girl washing. I went with Isabel to the grocery & etc We had our lunch alone. This [**word omitted?**] Isabel and I called to see Myra Salmon and her sister Bessie and the baby Katherine. We then called at Mrs Bartleys and a delightful time. Mr Mc and Harlan with us this evening.

9th Oct. Tuesday Another real Autumn day. We were around at the grocery and dressmakers on the Kings Highway We then called at the boarding house to see Mrs Kieeher – Came home and had a nice lunch – our German girl ironing The gass man here attaching the laundry stove &etc This afternoon Mrs George Keller, a friend of Isabels came and took me a driving we went past the Worlds fair ground and Forest Park – We certainly had a fine ride. After supper Isabel

and I around at the drug store &etc Mr Mc and Harlan away all day – returned at dark this evening.

10" Oct. Wed – Cool – but bright sunshine – Isabel and I at the dress makers – then at Dr. C. A. Trotsmans office – Next we took the car and went up into the city a sight seeing – We took lunch at Bans on the 4th story – Everything lovely etc – We then went to some of the other stores – when out I purchased a pr of sissors – "Keen Cutters" – A pocket testament for Mr Mc. After we came home we both took a good nap. Mr Mc & Harlan away to day again – home a little earlier. All around the fire & lamp –

11" Oct. Thurs. Almost cold this morning – They started the fire in the furnace! Isabel called at Myra's to invite them to lunch but Bessie left for Bloomington at noon. I was out for a little walk – Isabel out this p.m. – We have had a pleasant day together – Mr Mc with Harlan all day – Home in due time for supper. A letter again from Fred – He was at Chicago – expects to be here as soon as possible –

12" Oct Friday. Most a lovely day. The German girl, here, on a general clean up. Mrs Keller called for Isabel to go with her this afternoon to a gathering of the "6th" Psalm singing churches – at one of their churches across the city. It was agreed I should go – she called for me with her nice horse (Richmond) & buggy – I met Mrs Rev Campbel [?] late of Cedarville O – had a nice time with her during the social hour. A nice program rendered – light refreshments served – Harlan went to Alton this afternoon will not be back until some time to night – We are lonesome without him. Mr Mc came back here this afternoon. Isabel kept Myra's baby for her- She had callers. This evening after dinner Isabel and Mr Mc and I took a walk on the Kings High way. This has been a very delightful day. This evening a letter from Clara and Homer. Homer is planning to be in this city the last of this month or first of next – but I am afraid we will not be here to see him.

13" Oct. Saturday. Quite a nice day. Isabel and I over on the Kings hiway We called to see Mrs W.E. Ward – When we came home we brought our groceries with us. I had the basket – but as I came up the steps I came near falling I went around on a whirl and [?] all of my produce on the street – again saved from what might have been a serious accident This p.m. Isabel called at Myras and at Mrs Adel Bartleys. Mrs. Bartley Jr called later on and chatted with Isabel & me awhile telling us of her summer spent in N.Y – she just returned yesterday. Harlan came in from his trip to Alton last night at ten oclock. He and Mr Mc away all day They returned at seven. Mrs Googe [?] and Seymour called this evening. Harlan and Isabel walked out this evening It has just been a week since we arrived here – and what a pleasant week it has been – I have got acquainted with several of Isabels nice friends.

14" Oct. Sabbath Quite a nice day but like "fall." This morning Mr Mc and Harlan and I at Grand Av church Rev Hughys text "Awake O North wind; and come thou South; blow upon my garden, that the spices there of may flow out." The Spirit comes from God through Jesus Christ. We had a fine sermon – Isabel at home. Rose had a nice dinner when we returned. This afternoon we called on a sick lady on this flat [?] Mrs Lindsey who proved to be a Monmouth

student and her husband attended the Seminary in Xenia. I stopped with Mr & Mrs Googe [?] Isabel & Harlans Jewish friends Their eyes need to be opened by the power from [on high?]. Harlan rec'd a dispatch from Fred last night saying he would be here tomorrow morning. This evening Mr Mc and Harlan and Isabel and I attended the Rev Columbut Polk Goodsons church around the corner on the Kings highway (Presbyterian) had a good sermon. Mr and Mrs Googe [?] came very near going to church with us and we were sorry they did not for the sermon was for them.

15" Oct – Monday – Quite cloudy day – but pleasant at eight oclock we were made glad by Fred's coming. Mr Mc and Harlan had just gone to the office – after a little call with us he went to Harlans office. I called at Dr. C.A. Trottmans office and learned some valuable things from him. Rose washing Isabel and I had lunch alone as usual. This p.m. Isabel called to see Mrs. Ward. Fred came home with father and Harlan to dinner Harlan went with him to the 8:10 – train he goes to Des Moines to night – and to Minneapolis tomorrow. Rev Sam Jones died on the train to day near little Rock – He had just finished a a revival service of two week in Olk. His wife and two daughters were with him when he died. He is dead but his works will follow him.

16" Oct Tues. Mr Mc and Harlan away until this evening again at the office. Isabel at Myra's this morning. She and Mrs Ward up in the city this p.m – I preferred to stay at home and called on Mrs "Rev" Samuel Lindsay – and had a delightful hour. Harlan and Isabel and father and I around the lamp –

17" Oct. Wed. A little damp this morning – Harlan hurried to the Union depot to meet Mr Gladstone – but he rec"d a dispatch saying he would be here in the morning. Mr Mc waited here ahile and went to Harlans office alone – I went to Kings high way and attended to a few errands and then went to see Dr C L Trotman – and spent quite a while listening to theology &etc he certainly is a scholar. I hope Homer will get to see him when he comes to this city. This afternoon a telephone from Myra announcing that Mr Bush was to send his carriage around for her to take a ride She invited Isabel and me to go with her – but we were prevented by a shower Mrs B – thought it best for Myra & baby to wait until a pleasanter day. We stopped a little while with Myra – A letter from Homer – and Clara and and Fred. Freds letter urges a sale and for Clayton to hunt a congenial business. This has been a busy day one way and another way it has not.

18" Oct. Thursday. Quite a lovely day. Mr Mc and I went to Harlan's office this A.m. We met Gladstone there – At noon we all took (Mr Gladstone and Harlan and father and I) lunched at the Mid day lunch rooms – Later on Harlan took us over the city from one point and another on car – we certainly had miles of a ride. This evening Harlan had Mr Gladstone come home with him to dinner – and at nine oclock went with him to the Union depot and remained until elven oclock when his car left for Kansas City – He is holding forth in [?] – Isabel had the house all illuminated and served a lovely dinner. This is one day I have had with Harlan –

19" Oct. Friday. Most a beautiful day. Mr Bush sent his carriage and driver around to take Myra a riding – she kindly invited Isabel and me to go in the carriage with her – this we did and

had a grand ride – Myra and baby came in with us to lunch and spent the day – Mr Salmon called. Mr Mc walked over home with her and made a little call – Mrs. Bartley Jr called this Evening to see Isabel Mr Mc went to the office near noon – and came back early this evening Harlan came later.

20 Oct. Saturday Quite a nice day. Harlan left for the office – Mr Mc walked to Forest Park this A.M. – remained for lunch with Isabel and me – late this after noon Mr Mc went over to the office – I went out awhile this AM – on the Kings high way. Then this afternoon Isabel and I were over on the above street to the dry goods Store. We called at Myra's when we came back – Mr Mc and Harlan were home a little earlier to dinner. A letter came from Princeton Seminary from Jason – a letter from home from Clara – a letter from Fred from Des Moines he will be here Monday morning for father and me to go back with him on the nine o'clock train to Kirksville – he has made arrangements for me there at Dr. Stills Institute. I called to see dear Mrs Lindsay and told her good by.

21" Oct. Sabbath. A nice day. Mr Mc and Harlan and I went over to Dr Hughy church – text – “A basket of summer fruit” – sermon for children. Isabel at home. Rose had dinner ready when we came back. This afternoon I stopped in and made a Sabbath call with Myra – Mr & Mrs Gooze were not at home. This evening we did not go to – church – I feel almost nerveous to night. Mr Mc and Harlan went to the Presbyterian church around the corner – Expect a great Sermon.

22" Oct. Monday. We awakened early – I packed my trunk to be ready for dray man – After breakfast and worship we told Isabel good by and Harlan went with us to the great Union depot and remained with us until the Wabash train rolled out at nine O'clock to Kirksville We were sorry to leave Isabel and Harlan for our two weeks with them has unfitted me for leaving – I would have been [Transcriber note: at top of page “Kirksville. 1906 Dockery Hotel”] better satisfied to have come away the next day and I never would have known what I was leaving. We were especially favored for we started out with Harlan and finished our journey with Fred. He came on the train at St Charles and has been with us all day – Isabel sent us a nice lunch which we all enjoyed – We reached Kirksville at four – Fred conducted us to the Dockery Hotel – and we all had supper together he remained with us until near eight when he left for Ottumwa – Now we are left by our Selves.

23 Oct. Tues We awakened at the Dockery house this morning – A nice breakfast Served to quite a concourse of people At nine O'clock I went with Mr Mc and made my first visit and rec d my first treatment from Dr Langhress [?] – I fully realize that I am at best not any thing but an old chronic – and if they fail to help me I will feel that everything has been done that can be done and I will go back home and wait my time As we came back I got weighed – I weighed 120 lbs 8lbs less than I weigh the last of August – This afternoon I was busy in my room while father walked out to the edge of town to a fine stock sale – after he started awhile the rain began to fall – but they had a very large tent to accommodate the folks father returned all right in due time This evening I was sitting in our room writing to Fred – father with his newspaper –when their was a knock at our door and think of our Surprise when he stepped in he had been down

the line to meet a party and being near came on to speak to us – I realize not many would be that thoughtful He again left at eight O'clock to go to St Pauls.

24" Oct. Wed – Still sprinkling but damp – there is a general wish for rain – they have had but little rain here if any for months. This morning Mr Mc went with me to the Institute – I took my 2nd treatment from Dr. Laughlin. As we came back we walked to the post office – Letters came from home they are planning for a Sale. Mr Calvin Stormont dangerously ill. Clara says every one very busy etc. This afternoon spent in our room – writing and reading the order of the hour –

25" Oct. Thurs. Most a lovely day. The folks at home dropped in one of their Sale bills – It reads fine it is set for the last day of Oct – It is a big thing for Clayton I am sure. I was at the Institute this morning and took my third treatment from Dr Loughlin. I went alone – Father went to the depot to see Wabash men. After I came home I took quite a walk which gave me an appetite – This after noon I went out to look up a room and meals – with considerable success –good exercise – Father writing to Clayton & to Uncle Hugh.

26" Oct. Friday – Gloomy part of the day but mild. Father went with me to look at rooms – then he went to the post office and to the Store. I went to the institute and took my fourth treatment from Dr Loughlin. There was quite a number of stranger here to dinner – a fine meal served. A letter from Paul and Clara – How much we have to be thankful for – how many our Blessing – too many to count – I am putting in a Stitch here & there – Mr Mc reading. The sun is coming out this P.M – We took a little walk out & stopped at Store. Mr Mc went to the opera house to a political speech – I was too tired as usual to go.

27" Oct Saturday. Quite a nice day I went alone to the Drs for my fifth treatment this A.M – Mr Mc around the town This afternoon he was around again – A letter from Fannie Fred & Harlan this P.M – that makes it more pleasant – Our room in fine order everything lovely. We are hoping for Fred to be with us tomorrow.

28" Oct. Sabbath Most a lovely day. Fred came in last night and came to our room this morning. We had our breakfast and due time found our way to the Presbyterian church – Sermon by a visiting minister text – “And let us consider one another to provoke unto love and to good works.” We came back here to the hotel after dinner we had a fine time with books & papers and the Sabbath lesson. I spent awhile with Fred in his room – Father & Fred around this evening. It matters not what our Surroundings it is possible for any of us to keep the Sabbath – if we look to the right place we will be helped – and this can be done. This Evening we went to an M. E. Church – all were dead strangers – yet we did not feel that way – we had a fine Sermon. Text “Let him come now to me, and he Shall know and he Shall know that there is a prophet in Israel” – Naaman finally did go to Elisha and was cured of his terrible disease [?] leprosy. This is a most beautiful night Fred remained with us until after ten when he told us good by & went out at twelve. This has been an unusual day in our lives etc. A dear letter was handed in from Clayton to night – Fred read it for us.

29 Oct. Monday. We awakened up at the hotel this morning. It is a most beautiful morning – Father around town – I went to the Institute this morning and took my 6th treatment [??]. He is beginning to put it on a little heavier each time now – but what the outcome will be is another question. This afternoon we told Mr Frisy the hotel keeper good by and sent our trunk to 1802 to Mrs Jone's and took up our quarters there Most of her boarders are from the School of Osteopathy – It is quite a change but I hope it will be all for the better. I for once am feeling almost discouraged about my self – but I am keeping that to my Self for the present at least. I am all aches and pains from the effect of the mornings treatment.

30th Oct. Tuesday. A gloomy but a very pleasant day – Mr Mc around town Some little – This is my day off – did not take my treatment [**Transcriber note:** at top of page “At Mrs Jones's Boarding House Kirksville Mo”] today. I have been writing & the day Some way Soon ran past – A letter from Homer he has been at Louisville we are expecting him here some time soon & Clara too. After supper I called to see Mrs. Clark one of the sick boarders.

31st Oct. Wednesday. Most a beautiful day here – I went to the Institute for treatment but Dr was out I will go back again in the morning – This afternoon Mr Mc at the hall to hear Senator Stone – A great Democratic speech. After dinner Miss Catherine Curtain one of the Students here gave me quite a treatment – for my cold. I was in bed most of the P.M. This evening our usual crowd for supper – This is the day of Claytons Sale back at home We have been with them in thought most of the day And to night we feel relieved that it is over for until it is over it is a burden ever uppermost. How much we would like to have report from home to night –

November 1906

1st Nov Thursday. A very beautiful day I went to Institute and took my 7th treatment. I have rheumatism in my left shoulder down to my elbow – I am keeping quiet to day. Mr. Mc around town a good deal. A card came from Kansas City from Homer he had just arrived there – We will hope to see him here next week. A letter from Fred he was at Burlington when he wrote.

2nd Nov Friday. This was my day off – Will not go for treatment until tomorrow. This morning I took my letters and papers around to the office and called at the grocery and dry goods store and made some little purchases. Later Mr Mc at office and got letter from Fannie – there life as as hurried and busy as ever – This evening a letter came from Aunt Matt written after the Sale – She said Clayton and Clara would write when rested – I will take down a few extracts from Aunt Matts letter – The day fine She said Clara and Sister Williams had worked hard several days getting ready – Miss Eva Arthur helped her the proceeding days – Mrs Taylor Colored [?] there the day before – Mary Ervin went out Tuesday noon and helped and stayed all night – Sister Jennie Robbison & Sister Taylor both there – Mrs Belle Ervin and Blanch and Aunt Mollie & Ina. Josse Orr & Lizzie Galbreath Effie Townsley Sallie McMillan Mrs John Murdock and our Sister Mary and Fern Ervin & Eva Arthur and a Mrs Edwards and Aunt Jennette and Aunt Matt – The tables were set in the dining room and on the porch – 14 sat at the dining room table and 16 on the porch – There were about 80 [?] eat dinner in the house. They had a good dinner and everything nicely prepared and served and plenty of it – Paul took the carriage down in the

Evening and took Uncle John and Aunt Mary and Uncle Joe. Uncle John and Aunt Mary remained all night.

3rd Nov. Sat. A beautiful day. Went this morning and took my eight treatment from Dr Loughlin. Carl Osterstrum from Freds Office came in on the Des Moines train at eleven O'clock. Mr Mc met him at the train – and brought him here to our quarters – he had dinner with him. Mr. Mc around with him for awhile after they came back – Carl and I called at the hospital but they could not receive visitors – We called at the Still Hotel to see Miss Jolly and at the R.R. Station – After we came back I got a letter ready for Fred and Mr Mc and Carl and took it around to the office – and took a walk to the Varnell – it is a beautiful building and beautiful grounds. The evening pleasant our walk delightful – When we came back – there was a telegram awaiting us from Fred Saying he would not be with us tomorrow but he was writing us to day – Carl left us this evening to visit a friend a R.R. man at Moulton – we had a nice day with him – he is a promising boy.

4th Nov. Sabbath. A beautiful day Mr Mc and I around at the Presbyterian church this morning Sermon by the pastor text – “Salute no man by the way.” The Kings business is urgent – do not allow any thing to come in your way to turn you from duty. We were wondering what Homer is doing in Kansas City to day. It seems almost too good to be true that he will be with us this week – We are anxiously waiting his coming. A letter from Clara layed at our plate to day. They are having Communion back at home to day. I do not forget them.

5th Nov. Monday. Another beautiful day. This morning Mr Mc and I called at the Still hotel – and partially made arrangements for room & board. He walked with me to the Institute – and came back to look after the mail I remained and took my ninth treatment – We got a letter from Fred & Jason and a postal from Homer – he will be here this afternoon – he preached yesterday at Lexington Mo – This afternoon we called at the Still hotel and will go there tomorrow. We called around at the Depot Homer train came in 5-5[?] – We took him around to his room near our hotel – He will take his meals there with us. This evening we walked around the town awhile – Homer and father went around to the post office then called up here in our room – Father went with him to the Still hotel and had Supper – I took Supper alone here at Mrs Jone’s. After Supper I went to the revival services at the Presbyterian church – Dr. W. C. Templetens text “And ye shall be baptized with the holy Spirit and with fire I handed in my card with Mr & Mrs Goges and Seymours name – and Mrs George Kellers – all of St Louis. Just **[word omitted]** I returned from the meeting I met Mr Mc and Homer – Homer went back to his room – and father stopped here.

6th Nov Tues. Quite a beautiful day. We awakened at Mrs Jones this morning – Homer called at our room – This A.M – We settled with her for our weeks board and came over here to the “Still Hotel” – We began talking of making the change and before we knew we were here – Homer here with us for his meals – We have a pleasant room – the best and seem to be happily situated We sit at the “Hamilton table” – Homer with us most of the time – This is election day – Mr Mc and Homer out hearing the returns. Mrs Ball called to see me this afternoon – She and her friend Mr Derby went to the church with me. Dr Templetens text “As thy Servant was busy

here and there, he was gone.” Many of the congregation entered in to a covenant with their pastor to night – for a higher consecration and greater personal work for God. This is our first night at this hotel.

At The Still Hotel – 7th Nov. Wednesday Cloudy part of the time. I called at the Institute this morning and took my tenth treatment from Dr Lochlin. I also had our first washing taken to our wash woman – Mr Mc and Homer out most of the A.M – We rec’d the long looked for letter from Clayton – Also one from Clara – and one from Ina – I see by Xenia paper that Mrs Walker Williamson passed away suddenly the other morning their daughter from Alanta was with them when she died. This evening Mrs Hamilton and I attended the revival Services at Pres. Church. Dr. Templetons address or text Beloved, I Stand at the door, and knock; If any man here my voice, and open the door, I will come in to him, and will sup with him, and he with me.” The text is a Sermon. Mr Mc and Homer around to night as usual.

8th Nov. Thursday. Cloudy in the morning but the afternoon beautiful Mr Mc is haveing quite a severe cold. He and Homer Still gathering up Election news since the Election Tuesday. This morning I made a purchase at the book Store. This afternoon Mrs Clark from the Jones boarding house called to See me. Homer & I out for a walk – and he advises sitting on the poarch until the frost drives me in. We have had a nice time with Homer with us these days. This evening did not go to the Church Company failed me.

9th Nov. Friday. A bright Sunshiney day. This morning Mr. E.A. Johnston of Bussy stepped in – he came in late last night. He and Homer and Mr Mc took in the post office and around up town – they walked with me to the Institute I called at Dr Loflins dept and took my eleventh treatment Mr Johnston took dinner with us here – and we had a pleasant afternoon – Homer and father went with him around to the depot – he left at four. This Evening Miss Jennette Jolivert went with me to revival Services at the Pres. Church – Dr Templetons text “Whatsover a man Soweth that shall he also reap” – When we got back father had retired & Homer gone to his room.

10th Nov. Saturday – Much cooler this morning – Mr Mc felt like remaining in bed but finally got up to breakfast and went with Homer to the 8 Oclock train – he went to Foulton Mo. and we are expecting him back Monday. Mr Mc and I passed down Scotts St and I called at Richardson & Scott laundry to get my collars ready for next week We called around at Shoe Stores until I finally settled on a winter pr of shoes when I get stockings to correspond I think I will be ready to meet the cold winter weather. This P.M – Mr Mc out & purchased over shoes etc. I went with Mrs Hamilton & her friend to the Womens Club – French History their topic. Quite a fine looking crowd of ladies assembled. After I came back I called at post office & book Store – and at house near by and engaged a room for Homer & co – next week. We really feel lost without Homer. A letter from Fred & telegram from Clara She is due at St Louis to day. Fred expects to spend tomorrow with us is a matter of rejoiceing.

11 Nov. Sabbath – A bright day – but a cool air. Fred put in his appearance this morning. He had stopped at the Dockery – As usual he brought us several Sabbath papers which were quite a treat. He went with us to church Dr Templeton text “ No man liveth to him Self.” A sermon

to business men and women Fred came back with us and took dinner. Mr Hamilton on the sick list Mrs H – and son at our table. This afternoon Fred with us – we had a good time – with our Sabbath papers He remained with us for supper – after 8 he went to Moberly to spend the night Thus another Sabbath day has passed off in Kirksville – A blessed Sabbath day. I wonder how Clayton and Paul and their force are getting along to day.

12" Nov. Monday. Another bright dry day – but a little cool – This A.M – I called to see Mrs Jones and left a book for her little daughter Mary – The Life of Christ. The whole family need this. I called at the Shoe Store and got my over Shoes & other little necessities. I called at Institute and took my twelveth [sic] treatment – This afternoon I took a little Sleep and put a good many things in order and Mr Mc and I started to the 4 O'clock train and met Fred & Homer coming Clara we hope will be here on the 8 O'clock train. Fred and Homer took supper with us here – I called at the Richardson & Jones Laundry on Scott St – with sixteen handkerchiefs – to be ready for Wednesday. After supper we had a little visit with Fred when he left us to go on the 8 train to Des Moines. Homer was at the same train and met Clara – and brought her around here – She and Homer went around to their quarters – half a block from here – We all seemed tired and adjourned until the morning.

13" Nov. Tuesday. A bright day but cool. We all had breakfast here together. We went over to Claras room and spent a little while this A.M etc. hearing her relate the doings of the Sale and the home. When she came away old Sister Williams was the head and Potter Clayton Paul and Charlie B – and Frank the Subjects. This afternoon Homer and Clara around for awhile through the town – Later father and Homer went out for a walk. Miss Jolivet called – This Evening father & Homer and Clara and I had a nice time together.

14" Nov. Wed. A Snow on the ground – Clara went with me to the institute – I took my 13th treatment Homer up town awhile – Mr Mc not feeling well with a cold and was in the house all day – This afternoon Homer and Clara at the hair dressers. This evening Clara and I over at her room. I sent out Some letters to day.

15" Nov – Thurs. The Snow nearly gone – Homer & Clara with us – what will we do when they are gone. Homer around the town a good deal. This evening early father and I up town and layed in a supply of fruit. After Supper Homer with father and me – Clara along with Some of the young folks in Miss Jolivets room. This has been a fine day – together.

16" Nov. Friday. Blustery & cold – Homer told us good by and Clara went with him to St. Louis – Clara will be back tomorrow but Homer will keep going homeward until he reaches his home at Norcross Pa. This morning I went with Miss Jolivet and Miss Lena Nickolas to the Institute for to see the Dr and took my 14th treatment – As I came home I called to see Mrs Ball – This afternoon quite a number of letters and papers rolled in. Later in the afternoon we called at the Dockery to see Rev Fiery [?] formerly of Springfield Ohio He was at the front in those dear old days when men were taking this country for Prohibition. But he says the Cause is more alive than ever and prohibition will triumph and the men from the old parties will flow in to it etc. We miss Homer and Clara this evening.

17th Nov. Saturday. Most a lovely day. I have been busy with books & papers and for a change this is the first line I have written to day. This A.M – Mr Mc and I took a walk – home in time for dinner A letter from Homer – Says Clara will not be home to day – This P.M – I expected to attend the womens Club but did not equal to it – Later this evening I went with Mr Mc up town I called to see Sister Jones and Mr and Mrs Clark at the Jones house – We called at the hardware Store for a paper[?] bucket – reached home in time for Supper –

18th Nov – Sabbath. A nice day. We were made happy this morning by Fred stepping in – He came in last night and stopped at the Dockery. He brought us some nice papers – He went with us to the Presbyterian church – Dr Templetons text – “The Lord shall count when he writeth up the people, that this man was born there. Selah.” When we came home we were served to a nice dinner – Mr Hamilton our friend across the hall is not well. Fred called to see him. We had a nice Sabbath together – Fred left for St Louis to be with Homer at Harlans – He will take sleeper and awaken in St Louis in the morning – We miss him here this evening. I did not forget it was 18 years this Evening since Florence left us.

19th Oct. [Nov.] Monday. Quite a little snow on the ground – Mrs Hamilton left for St Louis this morning for a few days – I was at the Doctors and took my 15th treatment – every bone is aching Mr Mc has been all day surrounded with papers – It is a rough day out – I have been in bed most of the afternoon A letter from Homer He spoke at Central church yesterday morning they gave him two hundred for missions – He spoke to the young folks at seven and preach at the Bank Memorial at eight. He said he enjoyed his little visit with us – I am sure father and I enjoyed it much. –

20th Nov. Tues. Snow still on the ground – Drizzling rain and sleet – I took a walk on the poarch this A.M – Mr Hamilton had Mr Malcolm – R. Roman from Quincy here to dinner. This afternoon & this A.M. I spent a little while in Miss Jolivets room. I took a little walk to the Home Laundry on Scott Street – I sent our washing there this week.

21st Nov. Wed. Still snowing & rough. I went to the Institute this morning and took my 16th treatment – I came back home and rested until noon – We had dinner and I rested again until evening I felt too tired to remain up – Mr Mc busy with his papers – Every thing very pleasant – Mrs Hamilton returned this morning from St Louis.

22nd Nov. Thursday. Snow on the ground but the streets are clean – Mr Mc and I took a walk this A.M – through the western part of town – called at the grocery I got a dozen of oranges -- & a box for a foot Stool – We reached home at noon. This afternoon I finished rereading the Argonauts By Charles Kingsley or How Jason won the Golden Fleece – Late this P.M – I went with Miss Jolivent for a walk up town called at her friends and on our return called at the Store – We reached here in time for Supper. I have discarded Coffee for the present have arranged with the lanlady for a cup of milk at each meal

23rd Nov. Friday. Snow on the ground an occasional. Sleigh passing. Moderated much pleasanter. I went to the Drs and began another card – according to their count this was my 14th treatment. Mr Mc up town and around – He brought me a hat box – Something I very much needed. I have been in bed all afternoon. Late this P.M – Mr Mc and I walked to the Libary but it was closed – then we walked around to the grocery on the St East of here – I took my books to Mrs Hamiltons and brought out several more. We rec^d Several letters to day –

24th Nov. Saturday. Quite a nice day – writing this A.M – We recd letters from Aunt Mary & Fred & Homer. This afternoon at four Oclock we walked around to the depot and met Clara She left St Louis this morning – Fred came in Just as she was leaving He will be with us tomorrow – She had her trunk taken to a house on this Street but finally concluded to have it brought back here and share Miss Jolivets room. They are giving the opening party of the season here to night – Quite a crowd here – it is to hold until eleven but we concluded to retire Sooner –

25th Nov. Sabbath Rain last night and this morning. Clara at our table at breakfast. Fred came around about eight Oclock – When the hour for church came it was raining so hard we did not go – Near eleven Mr E.I. Johnston and Lervel came they were here to dinner and went away at four. I will record here I was sorry to see them on this Sabbath day and do not approve of such visits. Fred and Clara with us to supper – We spent an hour singing gospel songs – while he was in the room with father Fred was here until eleven when he went to the other hotel and went out at one.

26th Nov Monday The Streets clean after the rain. Father and Clara went up town and purchased a handsome suitcase for me – I went around to the Institue and took my 15th treatment I have been busy all day. We expect to go to St. Louis in the morning to spend Thanksgiving with Harlan & Isabel – Father writeing home and was at the post office this evening. Clara with Miss Jolivet & Miss Nicholas this P.M – and Evening.

27th Nov Tuesday Quite a nice day. After so long a time Mr Mc & Clara and I got started to St Louis – The train 2 hours late – As we past the Still Hotel Miss Jolivet and Miss Lena Nickolas were out [illegible] as we past – We had a nice day on the train – had dinner. We reached St Louis at four – and came on out here to Harlans It seems like getting home to get back After Harlan's return a nice supper served. Rose still holding forth in the kitchen, etc.

28th Nov Wed. A pleasant day. Mr Mc went across the city with Harlan to his office. Had dinner with him and came back at four. Harlan came later. The Express man came this evening with a Turkey from Des Moines from Fred – and two Chickens from

home from Clayton and old Sister W—Mrs Goage called – We have been having a nice time here to day and this Evening by our Selves – that is all the company we want – I took quite a little walk this evening.

29th Nov. Thurs. Thanksgiving day. Harlan went to the office but failed to get back for church. Mr Mc and I went around to the Presbyterian church on the Kings Highway – Had a good

Thanksgiving Sermon and a fine congregation. Clara helping Rose with the dinner Mrs Goage lending a helping hand now & then – overseeing etc. Quite a nice dinner served – the turkey delightful – This P.M – Clara and I called to see Mrs Goage & met her friend there. This evening Harlan and Isabel and Clara were up in the city. Later Myra and her husband called. We have had truly a Thanksgiving day How much of the unexpected has been crowded into this year – and O how much we have to be devoutly thankful for etc.

30th Nov. Friday. All up at an early hour this morning – about 8 we told Isabel good by and found our way to the great Union depot – We met Harlan there – he came to tell us good by. At [?] our train behind time nearly two hours did not reach Kirksville until after five – It rained nearly all afternoon we went around to the Still Hotel in the buss – Our friends all Seemed glad to see us back. Quite a number of letters awaiting us – but I am too tired to write to night. Clara with Miss Jolivet & Miss Nicholas – in their room.

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