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February 1890

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February 1-14, 1890

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.

4" 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- & and 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.

5" 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 O'clock 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<sup>th</sup> 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

1<sup>st</sup> 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<sup>nd</sup> 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<sup>rd</sup> 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 as 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 O'clock. 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 O'clock 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.

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 Oclock 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 –

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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 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.

22" 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.

23" 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 Murdocks. 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.