

**Journal by Philander Keep “P.K.” Roots**

(Age 18; born 4 June 1838)

[Editor's Notes]

**November 1856 continued (see Journal 1)**

**23<sup>rd</sup> Sunday**

At Paducah: Went out to end of track on Engine. Then walked to Harpers. Went over Secs. 14, 15 & 16. Met Capt. Gould, came back to Paducah with him in the buggy, arrived in time for late dinner. Read Calendar & Journal.

**24<sup>th</sup> Monday**

Rowley, Dayton & P.K. made out a final estimates of Sec's 13, 14 & 15. Capt. Gould & I went out on evening train intending to go to Sec. 15. But finding it was to [sic] late we came back to Supper.

**25<sup>th</sup> Tuesday**

Packed my valise<sup>1</sup> [sic], and ate at 12.30 P.M. I started for home on the Edmonia. Arrived at Cairo at 8 P.M. Stopped at Taylor House over night.

**26<sup>th</sup> Wednesday**

Went on Cars from Cairo to Locust Hill, where I jumped off. M.E. was waiting out by the R.R. I met Father at St. Johns. He went on to Tamaroa, Mother & L.H. were up there. L.H. & Father came home in buggy. After Dinner we all went up to Tamaroa to see Mother, Called at Uncle Holts. Came home to Supper.

**27<sup>th</sup> Thursday**

Father & I went down to block house. According to agreement of parties, today is made Thanksgiving day instead of last Thursday. I helped fix the chain pump, and cleaned up the yard east of N<sup>os</sup>. 3 & 4. All of our family (comprising now only Father, Mother, P.K., L.H., and M.E.). M<sup>r</sup>. Chas. Leavenworth and family, Adelaide Simpson, Mary Spann & John Collins were here. Had a good dinner & an excellent sermon.

**28<sup>th</sup> Friday**

I went up to Tamaroa with L.H. & his milk. He left me there while he went back and sent up Mother & M<sup>rs</sup>. Leavenworth. I took dinner at Uncle Holts. Helped M<sup>rs</sup>. L. & family on the cars. Then came home with Mother & M.E. I got wet by the rain.

**29<sup>th</sup> Saturday**

Went up to Tamaroa with L.H. & the milk. Bought him a pair of boots and a pair of shoes. Fixed a piece of wood in window sash of No. 3 east window. M.E. & Mother went up to Tamaroa & back.

**30<sup>th</sup> Sunday**

At Home: Studied scripture according to dates in large Bible, Said our catechism and hymns. Dinner. Service. I wrote to M<sup>rs</sup>. Lewis W. Chappell, (The lady at whose house Oliver Guernsey died). Father, P.K., L.H., M.E., Mary Spann, & John Collins walked down to John Griffiths & back.

**For the Month**

I hired girl at Locust Hill Named Mary Spann  
I “ man “ “ “ “ John Collins

**December 1856**

**1<sup>st</sup> Monday**

Made up a lot of shoe grease. Folded, pasted & Superscribed several N<sup>os</sup>. of the Chester Herald, containing an obituary of Oliver Guernsey. Greased boots & shoes. Aunt Eliza<sup>2</sup> was here to dinner. L.H., M.E. & I went down in

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<sup>1</sup> French for suitcase.

buggy to John F. Littles, came back via Robert Heaps. Mother & M.E. went up to Tamaroa with Aunt Eliza. I miked [sic] Rose and Maria. Father, L.H., P.K. & M.E. down to John Hawkins & back. M.E. rode Polly, I rode Pocahontas.

### **2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday**

I made out some milk bills for L.H. Added up Fathers expense account. After Dinner L.H., John & I caught 3 chickens for me to take to Paducah. I packed my velise, And after Supper, Father, Mother, L.H., M.E. & I went up Tamaroa. L.H., M.E. & I went back home after divers things. M.E. stayed at home. The rest of us took a second edition of supper at Uncle Holts. Father & Mother started for New York & Co\_\_ on 10.20 P.M. up train. L.H. watched and signaled train for me, and I started for Paducah on the down train at 3.10 A.M. Wednes. morn. Dayton & Rowley finished inspecting Bond's cross ties.

### **3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday**

Arrived at Cairo at 8 A.M. At 9 ½ A.M. I got aboard the J.G. Cline and reached Paducah by 3 ½ P.M. Rode Major down to the river and brought up my things.

### **4<sup>th</sup> Thursday**

Rode to end of track on train. No breakfast. Walked to Sta. 1091. Found Dayton & Rowley laying out bridge. We went to Mayfield for dinner (late). Cross sectioned from 1355 to 1366. Stayed over night at Yance Eakers.

### **5<sup>th</sup> Friday**

Cross sectioned and staked out from 1367 to 1392. Dinner at Eakers. Stayed over night at Mayfield.

### **6<sup>th</sup> Saturday**

Came to Paducah. Took final measurements on all culverts from 893 to 1240. Dinner at Allbrittons. Supper at M<sup>f</sup>. Bronsons.

### **7<sup>th</sup> Sunday**

Rode from Paducah to Mayfield on my way to Tennessee. Dinner at Harpers. Supper at Andersons. Slept at Grears.

### **8<sup>th</sup> Monday**

Walked to Guills to Breakfast. Rode Dolly to T.M. Pierces to dinner. Then to Union City to see W<sup>m</sup>. Gibbs. Then rode to Troy Obion Co. Tenn.

### **9<sup>th</sup> Tuesday**

Rode Dolly from Troy to Guill Hill. Dinner at Thos. M. Pierce's.

### **10<sup>th</sup> Wednesday**

Rode from Guill to Mayfield. Arrived there at 10 A.M. with the Stock Book of the N.O. & O.R.R. Met Capt. G., Rowley & Dayton. Took dinner at Grears. Rained all P.M., so we stayed in Mayfield over night.

### **11<sup>th</sup> Thursday**

All 4 rode to Guill Hill to Dinner. Then began measuring all work now done on Sec. 37. Stayed at Guills.

### **12<sup>th</sup> Friday**

Finished measuring all work now done on Sec. 37. Capt. G. & I took dinner at Mayfield. Rowley & Dayton took dinner at Phipps shanty. We came as witnesses to attend a trial the title of which is "Lindsay vs. Beadles & Bolinger," about a negro man that had died while in employ of defendants. The case was put off untill Wednesday next. Capt. G. & I then went back to Sec. 29. (Meanwhile Rowley & Dayton had measured all work done on Sec. 31). All 4 began measuring all work now done on Sec. 29. Stayed at Phipps shanty.

### **13<sup>th</sup> Saturday**

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<sup>2</sup> This is believed to be Elizabeth Roots, born 2 Jan. 1799 in Hamilton, NY, to Peter Philanthropos Roots and Elizabeth (Keep) Roots; Elizabeth was the sister of Benajah Guernsey Roots.

Finished measuring up all work now done on Sec's 29 & 30. Then all came to dinner at Grears. Rained all the afternoon.

**14<sup>th</sup> Sunday**

Measured up all work now done on Secs. 26 & 27. (Capt. G. fell in the creek). Took dinner at Grears. Then came to Paducah to a late supper. We had to come the upper road on account of the overflow of Mayfield creek, being so deep on the road usually travelled. Sat up nearly all night, working out the estimate of work done on Sec. 37. Capt. Gould & Mira Bronson engaged themselves to be married.

**15<sup>th</sup> Monday**

In office working out quantities of work now done on Secs. 37, 30, 29 & 21.

**16<sup>th</sup> Tuesday**

In office working out quantities of work now done on Sec. 26 & 27 & The Stone masonry account, Untill 4 P.M. When Capt. G. & I started for Mayfield to attend the trial (See 12<sup>th</sup> Inst.). Supper at Capt. Laughlins. Stayed over night at Harpers.

**17<sup>th</sup> Wednesday**

Went on to Mayfield to dinner. The trial (See 12<sup>th</sup> Inst.) was put off till the next term of Court. Capt. G. & I came back to Paducah to late supper. Gear lost my bridle, so he bought me a new one.

**18<sup>th</sup> Thursday**

Finished Estimates of Secs. 29, 30 & 31. Began copying the October Estimates.

**19<sup>th</sup> Friday**

Some snow. In office copying October Estimates. Rowley was making plans of Culverts.

**20<sup>th</sup> Saturday**

In office checking the notes of Culvert plans with Rowley.

**21<sup>st</sup> Sunday**

At Paducah: Went to Church: Wrote home & Read Harper's magazine for December.

**22<sup>nd</sup> Monday**

We 3 went out on the train. Rowley & Dayton inspected Morgans Ties. I went to see Plumlee. And went to M<sup>rs</sup>. Hams and spoke for some oats to come in on the cars. All took dinner at Gores. Then went up the line. I stayed at Mayfield. The other 2 stayed at Ben. Adams.

**23<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday**

Rowley & Dayton inspected Lewis Cooks Cross ties & Marked the Price & Allbritton ties. We 3 came to old man Thomas' to dinner. Took final measurements of Sec. 16. Came to Paducah to Supper.

**24<sup>th</sup> Wednesday**

Rowley & I made out the quantities of work done on Sec. 16 and finished plans and estimates of all the Masonry. I went down town at 5 P.M.

**Christmas: 25<sup>th</sup> Thursday**

Went down to Church. Had a good dinner. M<sup>r</sup>. & M<sup>rs</sup>. Rejis Alexander dined with us. M<sup>r</sup>. Bronson & Fannied dined at Capt. Buck's. I gave them a box of star candles and parcel of note paper. Weather: in A.M. Clear and warm like Spring: In P.M. cloudy and somewhat cool. Had an oyster &c supper. Capt. G. gave them a christmas box full of oranges, nut &c., &c. He gave Mira a pair of ear rings and a breast pin. Fannie & Queen a breast pin each.

**26<sup>th</sup> Friday**

Part of the time helped Rowley on new profile from 25 to 37, the remainder of the time I finished copying the October Estimates.

**27<sup>th</sup> Saturday**

Helped Rowley on the new profile.

**28<sup>th</sup> Sunday**

At Paducah: Read in studies of nature, a book given by Oliver Guernsey to Fannie. Went to Church. Wrote home.

**29<sup>th</sup> Monday**

Helped Rowley finish the new profile from Sec. 25 to 37. Then I began copying the account of work done in November & December. And he began plotting Cross Sections.

**30<sup>th</sup> Tuesday**

I rode horseback out to Gores to breakfast. Dayton walked out the R.R. and missed and went on to Allbrittons, so that we did see again today. Rowley & I began measuring all work done on Sec's 13, 14 & 15. We stayed at Harpers. Futrell & Co. finished the new well.

**31<sup>st</sup> Wednesday**

Dayton came back to us. Finished measuring all work done on Sec's 13, 14 & 15. Rowley walked to Paducah. Dayton & I rode in horseback from Gores. Snowed all day. Futrell began relaying office floor. After supper I went to a Concert by the younger Girls of the Female Seminary.

**January 1857**

**1<sup>st</sup> Thursday**

I A.M. helped Futrell about patching up & cleaning out the office. Went down town with Dolly and the buggy. Capt. G. & I came back in it together, Left Dolly standing not hitched, and she ran away, doing \$20. or \$30. damage to buggy & Harness. Had dinner & supper together at 4 P.M. With Dolly & Livery stable buggy I went down with M<sup>rs</sup>. Bronson & Mira to the Concert of the elder girls of the female seminary. Capt. G. let W. A. Shuman have Dolly. So he and I got in and came out to Depot and exchanged Dolly for Sally. Capt. Gould told me that he would be married to Mira Bronson sometime in 1857. He brought M<sup>rs</sup>. Bronson & Mira out home. I took the buggy back to the livery stable and fed Sally. Went over to the house and spent a very pleasant evening. Piloted Mr. Boyd out from M<sup>r</sup>. Bronsons to the R.R. in a pung<sup>3</sup>.

**2<sup>nd</sup> Friday**

Went down town and brought out divers things. Left Major at Longs to be sold. Dayton put in 2 window panes. I was copying account of all work done on Sec's 16, 26 & 27. Rowley plotted cross section notes.

**3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday**

I was copying account of work done on Sec's 29, 30, & 31. Rowley plotted cross section notes.

**4<sup>th</sup> Sunday**

At Paducah: Went to Church: M<sup>r</sup>. Presbury administered the Holy Communion of which I partook. Read Harpers Magazine for January. After Supper all went to Church except M<sup>rs</sup>. Bronson, Queen & myself. I stayed over at the house until 10 P.M. Queen & I had some snow cream.

**5<sup>th</sup> Monday**

I copied the account of all work now done on Sec. 37. Rowley plotted Cross section notes.

**6<sup>th</sup> Tuesday**

Dayton & I worked am't of work now done on Sec. 13. Rowley Copied cross-section notes.

**7<sup>th</sup> Wednesday**

I went down town to the Tailor & to the Washerwoman. Rowley, Dayton & I walked out the line. Dinner at Gores. Stayed over night at Allbrittons. I was very tired.

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<sup>3</sup> A sleigh with a box-shaped body.

**8<sup>th</sup> Thursday**

Rowley & Dayton went up to Mayfield and set up a pole at Tangent Point. I ruled the field book. All took dinner at Ben. Adams. Ran center line from 999 to 1046. made a few stakes. Stayed at Ben. Adams.

**9<sup>th</sup> Friday**

Made stakes and ran center line from 1046 to 1084. Reran center from 1034 to 1073. Dinner at Jerry Adams. Stayed at Ben Adams.

**10<sup>th</sup> Saturday**

Ran in center line from 1078 to 1129. Broke both axe & hatched handles. Dinner at Mayfield. Put handles in axe and Hatchet. Made stakes from 1129 to 1180. Stayed at Mayfield.

**11<sup>th</sup> Sunday!**

At Mayfield: Read in Historical Curiosities &c. M<sup>rs</sup>. W<sup>m</sup>. F. Ellithorp moved from Jerry Adams to Paducah.

**12<sup>th</sup> Monday**

Ran in center line from 1129 to 1180. Went to Ben. Adams to dinner. Cross Sectioned from 1020 to 1051. Stayed at Ben. Adams.

**13<sup>th</sup> Tuesday**

Ran level & cross sectioned from 1051 to 1166. Dinner at Jerry Adams. Stayed over night at Mayfield.

**14<sup>th</sup> Wednesday**

Ran level and cross-sectioned from 1166 to 1207 by 12 o'clock. Dinner at Mayfield. I gave a deposition in suit (See Dec. 12<sup>th</sup>). Measured all waste on Sec's 21, 22, 23, 24 & 25. Stayed at Ben Adams.

**15<sup>th</sup> Thursday**

Walked down the line. Measured waste on Secs. 18, 19 & 20. Took dinner at Birds. Arrived at Paducah in the afternoon. Went down to P.O. Since last Wednesday morning I have had the hardest trip out on the line I ever had. It was cold, cloudy windy and very hard walking. We had to chop a hole through the frost for each stake we set. We all wore out boots out on the frozen hubs.

**16<sup>th</sup> Friday**

I had a slight chill. Dayton & I worked total am't of work done on Sec. 14. After supper I went down town and got some medicine.

**17<sup>th</sup> Saturday**

I employed myself the greater part of the day by taking medicine. Dayton & I worked out the work done by W.A. Shuman & Co. on Sec. 22.

**18<sup>th</sup> Sunday**

At Paducah. I was quite unwell, on the account of having a slight chill.

**20<sup>th</sup> Tuesday**

Dayton & I worked out amt. of work done on Sec. 16.

**21<sup>st</sup> Wednesday**

Began working on the notes to find out the am't of work done by Boyd & Eaker. Rowley has been steadily engaged in plotting cross sections since last Thursday.

**22<sup>nd</sup> Thursday**

The Locomotive Engine ran off the track into the turn table pit. Captain Gould, Rowley, Dayton & I all helped towards it back on the track.

**23<sup>rd</sup> Friday**

Rowley worked in the office. Capt. Gould, Dayton & I worked all day helping to get up the Engine.

**24<sup>th</sup> Saturday**

Each performed the same part today that we did yesterday. Got the engine in the house at 5 P.M.

**25<sup>th</sup> Sunday**

At Paducah: M<sup>rs</sup>. C.H. Great of Mayfield died. I was not well. Read Calendars and Journals.

**26<sup>th</sup> Monday**

Rowley went to Mayfield on Sallie. Dayton, W<sup>m</sup>. Hill & I straightened around the turn table and relaid the track upon it. After supper Capt. Gould, Dayton & I went up to the Foundry after the Rock Shaft. Waited for it till 11 P.M. Then we brought it to the Engine House on a wheelbarrow. Put it up, pumped the boiler full, and went bed adn 1 A.M. (Tomorrow morning).

**27<sup>th</sup> Tuesday**

We 3 got up at 4 ½ A.M. and fired up the engine. Dayton & I worked in office at Boyd & Eaker's work. Rowley returned from Mayfield.

**28<sup>th</sup> Wednesday**

In office. Dayton & I were making out Boyd Eakers work. Rowley plotted cross section notes.

**29<sup>th</sup> Thursday**

Same as yesterday

**30<sup>th</sup> Friday**

Same as yesterday.

**31<sup>st</sup> Saturday**

Rowley finished plotting cross section notes. Dayton and I work as yesterday. I suppose this is the last day that either Rowley or Dayton will work on this R.R. The local work is now all suspended, and they are going home next week. I have some work yet to do in the office. When that is done, if the work is not resumed, I may go home too.

It was quite cold and snow lay on the ground from the 1<sup>st</sup> to 26<sup>th</sup>. The Ohio and its branches above this were frozen up from the 16<sup>th</sup> to 27<sup>th</sup>.

**February 1857**

**1<sup>st</sup> Sunday**

At Paducah: Attended Church. Rev. M<sup>r</sup>. Presbury administered the Holy Communion. Read in Young Mans book of Knowledge. Mira was 18 years old today.

**2<sup>nd</sup> Monday**

Rowley & Dayton took their things down to the river; ready to start home. I worked in office. After supper Rowley & Dayton Came out to M<sup>r</sup>. Bronsons and we had a nice Candy Pulling.

**3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday**

Rowley and Dayton started home. I cleaned out the bed-room in A.M. Worked in office on Boyd Eakers work in P.M.

**4<sup>th</sup> Wednesday**

Helped Capt. G. arrange Judge Campbells accounts in P.M. In A.M. David W. Ellithorp & I walked over to Pooles old farm to see about getting tan bark for his ice house. Saw a white man whipped 21 lashes; for stealing four turkeys.

**5<sup>th</sup> Thursday**

Capt. G. & I worked at arranging Judge Campbells accounts.

**6<sup>th</sup> Friday**

Same as yesterday.

**7<sup>th</sup> Saturday**

I went down town in A.M. and bought some cloth to make 4 shirts for Capt. G. Found a woman who agreed to make them. In P.M. Capt. G. & I finished classifying & arranging Judge Campbells R.R. accounts. Then I took a shirt to the seamstress for a sample. Rained hard most of the day. It washed away our foot bridge over the branch of the path to M<sup>r</sup>. Bronsons.

**8<sup>th</sup> Sunday**

At Paducah: Cleaned up both rooms. Went to Church. Read in the Young Mans book of Knowledge.

**9<sup>th</sup> Monday**

Began making a new foot bridge. After Dinner I went out on train to Sec. 11 to get some plank, but they were not hauled up so we did not get them.

**10<sup>th</sup> Tuesday**

Worked some in office and some on foot-bridge.

**11<sup>th</sup> Wednesday**

Capt. G., Hill & I welded the connecting rod to the pump. I then caulked the tank untill dinner. Then went out on the train to roads and started out on foot to get general information about saw mills. Went to Wilkins. Stayed over night at a house near Brownells mill.

**12<sup>th</sup> Thursday**

Went to Wauforde Mill, Heebler Mill & Colliers Mill. Engaged of Collier, 500 sq. ft. weather boarding (Found Collier at John Housemans). Walked Birds and staid [sic] over night.

**13<sup>th</sup> Friday**

Walked to Paducah. Went down town bought some coal and brought a new shirt (Capt. G's) out to the washerwoman. Picked up old plank & shingles for kindlings. Helped a little towards cleaning the Locomotive Engine.

**14<sup>th</sup> Saturday**

Went down town and got the saw filed; etc. Bathed, Dinner went to the washerwomans. Then took Capt's new shirt back to the seamstress. Sawed some wood. Went down town after some apples for Fannies to take Medicine in. I settled with and was paid off by the N.O. & O.R.R. up to 1<sup>st</sup> Inst.

**15<sup>th</sup> Sunday**

At Paducah: Cleaned out the rooms. Went to Church. Read in the Young Man's book of Knowledge.

**16<sup>th</sup> Monday**

Worked in the office most of the day. Worked some on my foot bridge.

**17<sup>th</sup> Tuesday**

I helped A. Hill & crew on Engine (Paducah) cleaning, repacking boxes &c.

**18<sup>th</sup> Wednesday**

Same as yesterday. All went over and put up the middle piece in the foot bridge.

**19<sup>th</sup> Thursday**

Same as Tuesday.

**20<sup>th</sup> Friday**

Hill & crew finished overhauling & cleaning the Engine. So she has been in the shop all this week.

**21<sup>st</sup> Saturday**

The train hauled wood. I worked part of the day in the office and worked some on the foot bridge.

**22<sup>nd</sup> Sunday**

At Paducah. Anniversary of Washingtons birth day. Went to Church. Read some. The great event of today was the Marriage of Mira R. Bronson to Capt. John Vinson Gould. At 4 ½ P.M. I went to the livery stable and brought 2 hacks<sup>4</sup> out to M<sup>r</sup>. Bronsons. I went down with the family. Capt. & Dan Strong went down in the buggy with Sally. At 6 ½ P.M. they were married in the Episcopal Church by the Rev. W<sup>m</sup>. Presbury. (See Dec. 14<sup>th</sup> 1856).

**23<sup>rd</sup> Monday**

I finished the foot bridge in A.M. Went on the train as Conductor &c, in P.M. I was discharged from the Engineer corp and my began as running expenses on the 1<sup>st</sup> Inst. But I never regularly assumed my new position untill today. It is to be temporary. (Untill it is decided whether work (local) will be resumed on this R.R. in the Spring of 1857).

**24<sup>th</sup> Tuesday**

Acted as Conductor &c on the train. Spent the evening with M<sup>r</sup>. Bronsons family et. al. at M<sup>r</sup>. Presburys.

**25<sup>th</sup> Wednesday**

Commenced building a platform at the Cross Roads. Had W<sup>m</sup>. Hill, W. Laurence & John Daniels to help me. Brought 3 hogsheads<sup>5</sup> of Tobacco in to Paducah on the cars. It is the first Tobacco ever transported on this R.R.

**26<sup>th</sup> Thursday**

Worked at setting Posts for platform. Had W. Lawrence & John Daniels to help me all day, also Cain Gillam in P.M.

**27<sup>th</sup> Friday**

Was setting posts, laying sleepers, and began covering (planking) on end of the platform. Had W<sup>m</sup>. Hill, John Daniels & Cain Gillam to help me. Put the first tobacco on the platform.

**28<sup>th</sup> Saturday**

Finished laying the sleepers and them continued planking it. Had John Daniels in A.M. W<sup>m</sup>. Hill in P.M. & W. Lawrence all day.

The Month was very warm for February, scarcely any freezing.

**March 1857**

**1<sup>st</sup> Sunday**

At Paducah: No Church today. M<sup>r</sup>. Presbury is absent. I got shaved. Read in Rollins History.

**2<sup>nd</sup> Monday**

Ran on the train.

**3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday**

John Haultenhiser began to work for Capt. Gould and M<sup>r</sup>. Bronson; by the month. He eats at M<sup>r</sup>. Bronsons and sleeps at the office on the lounge. He helped me finish planking the platform.

**4<sup>th</sup> Wednesday**

John & I helped put on a load of sand. Then went picking out timber for shed.

**5<sup>th</sup> Thursday**

Was framing shed to platform. Had John & John Daniels to help me.

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<sup>4</sup> A light, easy saddle horse; *especially* a three-gaited saddle horse.

<sup>5</sup> A large cask or barrel.

**6<sup>th</sup> Friday**

Finished framing, and raised the frame to the shed. Had John & John Daniels to help me.

**7<sup>th</sup> Saturday**

Put on the rafters & sheeting & began weather boarding the shed. Had John and John Daniels to help me. Came in on the train at 2 P.M. Set the level in M<sup>f</sup>. Bronsons garden to see about drainage. Capt. Gould started for Nashville. I spent the evening with Mira & Fannie at Judge Campbells.

**9<sup>th</sup> Sunday**

At Paducah: Went to Church. Bishop Smith was here. He confirmed 6 persons. I read in Rollins History.

**10<sup>th</sup> Monday**

Worked at Weather boarding & roofing shed. Had John K. & Vasseur to help me.

**11<sup>th</sup> Tuesday**

Finished roofing shed, Had John K. & John Daniels to help me.

**12<sup>th</sup> Wednesday**

I was in bed at Plumleys all day between trains with a chill. John Daniels was putting on weather boarding on the shed.

**13<sup>th</sup> Thursday**

I went out on first train but was too unwell to go on 2<sup>nd</sup> train. Slept over night at M<sup>f</sup>. Bronsons.

**13<sup>th</sup> [sic] Friday**

Was at M<sup>f</sup>. Bronson's sick most of the day. Went out on 2<sup>nd</sup> train.

**14<sup>th</sup> Saturday**

Did not go out 1<sup>st</sup> train on account of severe headache, but went out on 2<sup>nd</sup> train. John Daniels finished weather boarding the shed.

**15<sup>th</sup> Sunday**

At Paducah: Went to Church. It rained & I got wet coming home. Read Harper for March. Capt. G. returned at 8 P.M.: (See 7<sup>th</sup> Inst.)

**16<sup>th</sup> Monday**

Conductor &c on the train and made doors on front side of shed.

**17<sup>th</sup> Tuesday**

Same as yesterday.

**18<sup>th</sup> Wednesday**

Conductor &c on the train. Between trains whenever a boat whistled (which happened several times) Capt. G. & I went down to wharf in buggy with Sally to see if it was a Nashville bound boat. If it was I was to bring the mare & buggy back. He finally got off in the evening.

**19<sup>th</sup> Thursday**

Conductor &c on train.

**20<sup>th</sup> Friday**

Same as yesterday

**21<sup>st</sup> Saturday**

Ran a special train out to Bondsville for wood at 4 A.M. Then ran the two regular trains.

**22<sup>nd</sup> Sunday**

At Paducah: A. Hill, Waddy Boyd, W<sup>m</sup>. Hill, W. Lawrence, C.O. Smith & P.K. took out the timbers of temporary tressel over Culvert at Sta. 199; & blew out the Locomotive boiler. Late dinner. Went to Church in the evening.

**23<sup>d</sup> Monday**

Conductor &c on train. Paid off John Haultenhiser and started for Texas to be married.

**24<sup>th</sup> Tuesday**

Conductor &c on train, Mira & Queen went out to Moses Starrs on a visit to M<sup>r</sup>. A. Hill. Fannie went out on evening train.

**25<sup>th</sup> Wednesday**

Conductor &c on train. At night I attended a Concert by Bucks Cornet Band, interspersed by a few Songs with Piano accompaniment by Miss Fannie Bronson & Miss Elvira Enders.

**26<sup>th</sup> Thursday**

Conductor &c on train

**27<sup>th</sup> Friday**

Conductor &c on train

**28<sup>th</sup> Saturday**

Same as 21<sup>st</sup> Inst.

**29<sup>th</sup> Sunday**

At Paducah. Went to Church. Read Baron Munchausen.

**30<sup>th</sup> Monday**

Conductor &c on train.

**31<sup>st</sup> Tuesday**

Conductor &c on train. Capt. G. returned from Nashville about midnight (See 18<sup>th</sup> Inst.)

The month was very cold untill the 15<sup>th</sup> after which it was rather pleasant.

**April 1857**

**1<sup>st</sup> Wednesday**

Conductor &c on train. After supper I went down to St. Francis to see the fancy ball. Staid over night.

**2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday**

Conductor &c on train.

**3<sup>rd</sup> Friday**

Same as yesterday

**4<sup>th</sup> Saturday**

Conductor &c on train.

**5<sup>th</sup> Sunday**

At Paducah: Read Harper for April. Rainy. Attended Church.

**6<sup>th</sup> Monday**

Conductor &c on the cars.

**7<sup>th</sup> Tuesday**

Conductor on the train.

**8<sup>th</sup> Wednesday**

Conductor &c on the train.

**9<sup>th</sup> Thursday**

Conductor &c on the cars.

**10<sup>th</sup> Friday**

Ran on train in A.M. Helped Capt. G. running out extension of the tangent towards the river.

**11<sup>th</sup> Saturday**

Conductor &c on the train. Graham's Theatre came to town.

**12<sup>th</sup> Sunday**

At Paducah. Read in Young mans book of Knowledge. Easter Sunday. M<sup>r</sup>. Presbury administered the holy communion.

**13<sup>th</sup> Monday**

Conductor &c on the train. At night I went to the Theatre with Waddy T. Boyd.

**14<sup>th</sup> Tuesday**

Conductor &c on the train.

**15<sup>th</sup> Wednesday**

Was not Conductor on train. The Engine runner Alonzo Hill is so cross & overbearing that I stopped running on the cars. Helped Capt. G. He is establishing the Town boundaries. I will now state what my duties have been on the train (since Feb. 23<sup>rd</sup>)

**16<sup>th</sup> Thursday**

In A.M. I went out on train and paid off the men at the gravel pit. In P.M. I collected some money for Freights.

**17<sup>th</sup> Friday**

Helped Capt. G. Establishing town boundaries.

**18<sup>th</sup> Saturday**

In the forenoon I tinkered around the office. In P.M. I went with Dan-Strong to Circus on board the Floating Palace. After supper I went to the same place with Fannie & Betty.

**19<sup>th</sup> Sunday**

At Paducah: Attended Church. Read in Historical Cabinet.

**20<sup>th</sup> Monday**

Same as last Friday

**21<sup>st</sup> Tuesay**

Same as Yesterday

**22<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday**

Capt. G. Finished establishing The present boundaries of Paducah.

**23<sup>rd</sup> Thursday**

Capt. G., & P.K. & co. ran out extension of tangent to the river.

**24<sup>th</sup> Friday**

Went on the Gazelle from Paducah to Mound City. Then by Rain Road to Tamaroa. Then to Locust Hill on foot. Arrived Home at 11 P.M.

### **25<sup>th</sup> Saturday**

Went up with L.H. & the milk to Tamaroa. Bought me a pair of pants. Called to see Aunt Eliza<sup>6</sup>. Went back home to dinner. Father, L.H., M.E. & I went in waggon with Dick & Pete to M<sup>f</sup>. Dotys after the waggon tongue<sup>7</sup>. Father went to the school meeting. Father went to the school meeting. L.H. went down to M<sup>f</sup>. Haglers, looking after Lizzy Cooper & Isham Haynie, who have been gone for 2 or 3 weeks.

D.M. Logan drove Polly & Kit over to Townsend Blanchards. Townsend has brought his wife to Perry County (Rosamond). L.H. did not find the colts. I helped Manshaem do the chores. Father has a boy Charlie that he brought from Hartford Conn. Martin Mansham is the hired man from Horace Holts.

L.H., Mansham & I skinned 2 squirrels. Mina is a (dutch) hired girl. Mary Spann was at home.

### **26<sup>th</sup> Sunday**

At Home: All of our family went down to the meeting house near M<sup>f</sup>. Haglers. Heard M<sup>f</sup>. Hagler preach the funeral sermon of Oliver Guernsey. We all went to his grave. It is by the side of little Susan Maria Holt<sup>8</sup>. After Dinner & Supper we went up to Uncle Holts. Attended a presbyterian meeting, at the school house in Tamaroa. L.H. & I put Kit & Polly in the Lacey Witchers stable. To stand during preaching. Arrived at home about 9 P.M. Rainy in the morning but it was a pleasant evening.

### **27<sup>th</sup> Monday**

David M. Logan, L.H., Mansham & P.K. castrated 5 calves. Father, M.E., Emma, L.H. & P.K. went up to Tamaroa. I took the freight train as far as Jonesboro. Mother had put me up a very good cake for lunch. Had a very pleasant visit with M<sup>f</sup>. Ashley & family. Took supper with him. Took Passenger train for Cairo. Waited a while on the Wharf boat, then took Steamer Empress for Paducah. Arrived at Paducah daybreak tomorrow morning.

### **28<sup>th</sup> Tuesday**

Went over to M<sup>f</sup>. Bronson's just in time for breakfast. With the help of M<sup>f</sup>. Gaston I retraced the curve on the extension line. Dinner. In office in P.M. Writing &c.

### **29<sup>th</sup> Wednesday**

Helped Capt. G. Running out the boundary of the new addition to Paducah, untill dinner. Then we had to attend Court as witnesses for D.W. Ellithorp. The trial did not come off.

### **30<sup>th</sup> Thursday**

Began surveying Same as yesterday, but it rained so that we had to stop. In the evening I began digging a little ditch & banking up around the office. Judge Campbell returned from New York. Where has been to buy iron & car axles for N.O. & O.R.R. On the whole was cold backward month. But very few pleasant days.

## **May 1857**

### **1<sup>st</sup> Friday**

Finished digging the ditch & banking up around the office. Made some places for my hens to lay. After dinner I attended court (see April 29<sup>th</sup>). Fine warm growing day.

### **2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday**

I went down and layed off street work untill dinner. After dinner I made a new path over to M<sup>f</sup>. Bronsons, at which I cut my foot, not seriously. The Engine (see June 4<sup>th</sup>) stopped running.

### **3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday**

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<sup>6</sup> Peter Philanthropos Roots and Elizabeth (Keep) Roots had a daughter, Elizabeth, who was born 2 January 1799 in Hamilton, NY. The young Elizabeth is assumed to be the aunt that P.K. is referring to here.

<sup>7</sup> Wagons typically consisted of a low vehicle with an open rectangular body and a retroflex tongue made for the play or use (as for carrying newspapers) of a child.

<sup>8</sup> Possibly a sibling of P.K.'s mother, Martha Sibley Holt?

At Paducah! Did not go to Church, on account of my foot. Read Harper for May.

**4<sup>th</sup> Monday**

Rained nearly all day. I wrote up my diary, etc.

**5<sup>th</sup> Tuesday**

I hired a man & cart & he & I distributed gravel at the different street intersections where the City are going to have Cast iron monuments set. Brought a barrel of cement out to the depot.

**6<sup>th</sup> Wednesday**

Set Cast iron monuments at 6 street intersections.

**7<sup>th</sup> Thursday**

Set Cast iron monuments at 3 street intersections. After dinner I helped stake out street work

**8<sup>th</sup> Friday**

With a man & dray<sup>9</sup>, I distributed stone for caps to the monuments, and set a monument at each one of 5 different street intersections.

**9<sup>th</sup> Saturday**

Mended the wheel-barrow and set monuments at 4 street intersections.

**10<sup>th</sup> Sunday**

At Paducah: Attended Church, Read the Calendars.

**11<sup>th</sup> Monday**

Rained in A.M. I wrote &c. Afternoon I set monuments at 4 street intersections.

**12<sup>th</sup> Tuesday**

Set monuments at 7 street intersections. Today Florence Campbell is eighteen years old. She and her parents gave a supper at night which I attended. The supper was tip top. All went off well.

**13<sup>th</sup> Wednesday**

In office most of the day. did not accomplish much.

**14<sup>th</sup> Thursday**

In office most of the Capt. G. was making a plan of a chair to fit the new rail [sic]. I watched him. John L. Price was here.

**15<sup>th</sup> Friday**

Judge Campbell & Capt. G. started for T. M. Pierces down in Tennessee with Sally & Judge Campbells buggy. Afternoon I went down to Perkins creek with Phipps to make out an estimate of what a piece of County work would cost.

**16<sup>th</sup> Saturday**

Part of the time of the time [sic] I was surveying a piece of land for Milton King, W<sup>m</sup>. Hill helped me and part of the time I was doing errands for Capt. G. The young folks of Paducah; had a picnic.

**17<sup>th</sup> Sunday**

At Paducah: Went to Church. Read in Rollins History.

**18<sup>th</sup> Monday**

Rainy: I paid out \$250. to the men for Capt. G.

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<sup>9</sup> A strong cart or wagon without sides.

**19<sup>th</sup> Tuesday**

Cleaned out the office & bedroom in the forenoon. Afternoon W<sup>m</sup>. Hill & I continued the survey of Milton Kings land.

**20<sup>th</sup> Wednesday**

W<sup>m</sup>. Hill & I finished surveying Milton Kings land before dinner. After dinner Capt. W., W<sup>m</sup>. Hill & myself staked in the lower addition to the town.

**21<sup>st</sup> Thursday**

W<sup>m</sup>. Hill helped Capt. G. & P.K. stake lots in the lower addition to the town.

**22<sup>nd</sup> Friday**

Forenoon same as yesterday. Afternoon W<sup>m</sup>. Hill, Barton & I ran around a curve on R. R. line to be did not suit exactly. Capt Gould & wife & M<sup>rs</sup>. Bronson went out to Rejis Alexanders & back.

**23<sup>rd</sup> Saturday**

W.C. Lawrence & Barton Gaston helped me finally locate the curve from 39+50 to 52+50 on R.R. to be down by the Hospital. W<sup>m</sup>. Hills track gang suspended work to-day by order of Capt. G.

**24<sup>th</sup> Sunday**

At Paducah: Went to Church. Read in Rollins history. Had some good strawberries for supper.

**25<sup>th</sup> Monday**

It rained all day. I wrote home, and began to make me a chicken coop, etc.

**26<sup>th</sup> Tuesday**

In the office untill dinner. Made out a rough statement of the Kemble & Co's work. In P.M. Lawrence & W<sup>m</sup>. Hill helped me measure out to the boundary of the ground reserved for R.R. Depot grounds from Sta. 50 to 60 on both sides. Called the back line of this R.R. depot grounds Campbell Street.

**27<sup>th</sup> Wednesday**

Ran Campbell street up to the intersection of Contest. And Chestnut & Poplar streets down untill they interseted [sic] Campbell Street. Wm. Hill & Lawrence helped me

**28<sup>th</sup> Thursday**

Ran Contest down untill it intersected Campbell Street. Then Ran Campbell and Hospital Street out untill they intersected; before dinner. Lawrence & W<sup>m</sup>. Hill helped me. Capt. G. went out to Perkins creek and staked some county work. (See 15 Inst.) in the forenoon. Afternoon Capt. G., Lawrence and myself measured from the intersection of Hospital & Contest to the intersection of Contest & Campbell and from there to the intersection of Campbell & Chestnut.

**29<sup>th</sup> Friday**

Lawrence & Jas. Kilbane helped me run & measure from the intersection of Contest & Campbell down on Contest Street 2 squares the first Street we came to they Called Harris & on Boyd Street 3 ½ squares.

**30<sup>th</sup> Saturday**

Rained in the forenoon. Afternoon Capt. G., Jas. Kilbane, Barton Gaston & myself Laid off some street work.

**31<sup>st</sup> Sunday**

At Paducah: Went to Church. Read in Rollins History.

**June 1857**

**1<sup>st</sup> Monday**

Lawrence, Jason. Kilbane & Timothy Gannon helped me measure and remeasure the Alley across nearest the river. And Clear out the center line of Walnut from Campbell to Boyd.

**2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday**

Same force as yesterday. Measured across and put in the center in Harris Street.

**3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday**

Same force as yesterday set Street corners and staked out a lot. Straw-berry Party at the Male College. I did not attend.

**4<sup>th</sup> Thursday**

I am 19 years old today. Same force as yesterday set Street corners & Alley stakes until noon. Afternoon Jas. K. & Tim. G. (\*without Lawrence) helped set Alley stakes. Rained and we were thoroughly wetted about 5 ½ P.M.\*<sup>10</sup> (See bottom of page).

**5<sup>th</sup> Friday**

Jas. K. & Tim. G. helped me: finished putting Street corners and Alley stakes and began staking off lots.

**6<sup>th</sup> Saturday**

Jas. K., Tim. G. & Barton Gaston helped me. Staked off lots in lower addition to town, all day. Conley returned to Paducah.

**7<sup>th</sup> Sunday**

At Paducah. Capt. G. was unwell. I attended Church. Read in Rollins History.

**8<sup>th</sup> Monday**

Jas. K., Tim. G. & Conley helped me: Staked off lots in the lower addition to the town. Camp G. & Judge Campbell went to Mayfield.

**9<sup>th</sup> Tuesday**

In the forenoon I meas-on Locust street and staked out Boones lot. W.C. Conley, Jas. K. & Tim. G. helped me. After dinner I started for Mayfield in the buggy driving Sally. It rained hard so I was thoroughly wetted. Stayed over night at Tom Adams'

**10<sup>th</sup> Wednesday**

Arrived at Mayfield at 9 A.M. Capt. G. had a hard shake. I gave in my testimony in the negro case. (See Dec. 12<sup>th</sup> 1856). Had my likeness taken. Stayed at Anderson's tavern over night

**11<sup>th</sup> Thursday**

Judge Campbell, Capt. G. & I came from Mayfield to Paducah. Late dinner at M<sup>r</sup>. Bronsons. I stopped on the way to see Phipps men grading at Mayfield Creek. After dinner I wheeled some meal over to M<sup>r</sup>. Bronsons and cleaned out the office

**12<sup>th</sup> Friday**

Sam. Allbritton & an irishman helped me start the levels on Locust Street till dinner. (Untill 9 A.M. I went down town twice to get some wine for Capt. G., he had a fever) After Dinner I drove Sally out to Rejis Alexanders and brought in M<sup>rs</sup>. Mira Gould.

**13<sup>th</sup> Saturday**

In the forenoon I completed the levels on Locust Street from Jefferson to Tennessee Street in A.M. After dinner began to Stake off some lots for Calhoun near the old Tan-yard. W.C. Conley & Harrison Gaston helped me all day

**14<sup>th</sup> Sunday**

At Paducah: Went to Church, Read in Tuppens Proverbial Philosophy.

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\*<sup>10</sup> On 4<sup>th</sup> Inst. the repairs were completed on the Engine and she resumed her daily trips. (See May 2<sup>nd</sup>) Lawrence went out to the Gravel pit?

**15<sup>th</sup> Monday**

Conley & Harrison helped me finish laying off Calhous lot. Afternoon I made 2 profiles of Locust Street & Conley made stakes

**16<sup>th</sup> Tuesday**

In I worked in the office. Conley made stakes

**17<sup>th</sup> Wednesday**

Trying to put in curb stakes on Jefferson, but had to wait for a meeting of the board. Conley & Harrison helped in P.M.

**18<sup>th</sup> Thursday**

Staked out Boones building and gave him the grade of the street. Put in stakes for curbing on Jefferson & began staking out Cooks lot. Conley & Harrison helped me.

**19<sup>th</sup> Friday**

Went out on train. Got the Frenchman to deliver the stakes. Ran in Centers from 560 to 629. Conley & Harrison helped me. Stayed at Harpers.

**20<sup>th</sup> Saturday**

Ran in Centers from 629 to 619, went back to Sec. 13 and met Capt. Gould & Capt. Tilghman. All went back to Mayfield Creek. And remeasured Kemble & Co's work. Gould & Tilghman ate dinner at Harpers. The rest of us dined on Mulberries. Met. M<sup>f</sup>. Bronson, M<sup>rs</sup>. Gould & M<sup>rs</sup>. Tilghman at end of track. All came in on the train. Conley & Harrison helped me

**21<sup>st</sup> Sunday**

At Paducah: Read in Tupper's Philosophy. Went to Church

**22<sup>nd</sup> Monday**

Finished staking off Cooks lot. Staked off 2 lots for John Milliken. Then measured down Tennessee Street to Locust Str. And up Locust to Tennessee. Conley & W<sup>m</sup>. Hill helped me.

**23<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday**

Measured up Chestnut from Clark to Tennessee and then ran in centers on Locust Street from Clarke to Tennessee. Dinner. Leveled for profile of Broadway from the river to Contest. Conley & W<sup>m</sup>. Hill helped me.

**24<sup>th</sup> Wednesday**

Went out and leveled for profile from 486 to 504 & from 528 to 538. Went to 650 to see about a small ditch to drain the water out of the cut. No dinner. Came back on train. Conley & W<sup>m</sup>. Hill helped me.

**25<sup>th</sup> Thursday**

In forenoon ran off a piece of land for Milton King. Conley & W<sup>m</sup>. Hill helped me. Afternoon Conley & I were running out extension of Hospital Street.

**26<sup>th</sup> Friday**

Staked out work from Jefferson to Broadway on Locust Street. & Leveled for Profile of Court from the river to Locust. Dinner. Set pegs for track under the turn table and set pegs for track through car shop between 11 & 2 we took measurements of the way things are now located on Depot grounds. One day this week we staked off a lot for Smedley near Court house. W<sup>m</sup>. Hill helped me ½ day.

**27<sup>th</sup> Saturday**

Made a plan of things now built at the Depot. Dinner. Laid off street work from Court to Clarke. Conley & Harrison helped me.

**28<sup>th</sup> Sunday**

At Paducah: Went to Church. Read in Tupper's Philosophy.

**29<sup>th</sup> Monday**

Worked some in the office and laid off some work for M<sup>r</sup>. Gaston around depot.

**30<sup>th</sup> Tuesday**

I went down town and brought up Judge Campbells horse. Capt. G. started for Columbus with him hitched to Capt. G's buggy. Waddy Boyd was right sick and I stayed with untill dinner. Then I finished running Hospital out to Calhoun's line then ran Calhouns line out to Broadway. Conley & Barton helped me in P.M. I went down to the ice cream Saloon (Fishers) with Mira, Fanny & Betty. Jack the Sailor alias John McCarty the little irishman began sleeping in my room joining the office. He is going to work over at M<sup>r</sup>. Bronsons.

**July 1857**

**1<sup>st</sup> Wednesday**

Went out to end of track on train. (The Girls went out to the spring at Camp Creek and came back on morning train) Set centers from 484 to 538. dinner on line (but the hogs got mine.) came in to Paducah on evening train. Conley & Barton helped me.

**2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday**

Went out on train. Set track pegs from 484 to 500. dinner on line. Came in on train. Capt. G. returned from Columbus (see 30<sup>th</sup> ult.) he went to buy a lot of chairs that were there for the new rail: but they would not fit. Conley & Barton helped me.

**3<sup>rd</sup> Friday**

Went out to end of track on train. Set track pegs to 514. Dinner on line. came in on train. Ellithorp & Phipps began laying track again.

**4<sup>th</sup> Saturday**

M<sup>rs</sup>. Bronson, M<sup>r</sup>. & M<sup>rs</sup>. Gould & Fannie & Betty, Queen, Florence, Carrie, & Jas. Campbell, Emma & Tip. Watts, Emma & Berta Byers, Conley & I went out on train to Spring at Camp Creek, for Pic Nic excursion had an excellent dinner. I brought some butter of M<sup>rs</sup>. Davison. Tip killed a squirrel and the girls cooked it. About an hour & three quarters before the train came out after us, a short heavy shower came up, we started to the boarding cars for refuge, but all were pretty thoroughly wet before we got there, and by that time the rain was over. A drunken man came in the car and frightened some of the girls dreadfully. We built a fire in the kitchen car for the ladies to dry up by. Train came, had a nice ride to Paducah. Each one retiring to his or her respective home thus closing the festivities of the fourth. After supper I went to W<sup>m</sup>. Hills his was taken with a smothering spell. I stayed with them untill 12 O'clock, then came to office and went to bed. Hired Barton Gaston by the month.

**5<sup>th</sup> Sunday**

At Paducah: Went to Church, read in Rollins History.

**6<sup>th</sup> Monday**

Ran for profile on Court from Locust to Contest. Dinner. I made a profile of Court, and one of Broadway on a large scale. Conley & Barton made pegs.

**7<sup>th</sup> Tuesday**

Set track pegs to 533. Went out and came back on train. Conley & Barton help me now when not otherwise specified.

**8<sup>th</sup> Wednesday**

Went out on train. Set centers to 567+50 then I walked up to Mayfield creek and measured Phipps work on Sec 17. Meanwhile Conley & Barton set up pegs. Came in on train.

**9<sup>th</sup> Thursday**

Went out on train. Set track pegs too 558. Donner on line. Went washing in the pond on Sec. 13. Came in on train. M<sup>rs</sup>. Bronson, M<sup>rs</sup>. Gould, Fannie, Miss Presbury & I went to see the Campbell Minstrels. Capt. G. footed the bill.

**10<sup>th</sup> Friday**

Fixed the Grades according to change ordered by the City Council, and again staked out the Street work on Locust, from Jefferson to Clark.

**11<sup>th</sup> Saturday**

Conley painted doors today. Barton & I went out on train to end of track, then walked to Sec. 23 to measure Phipps work. Went over above Jerry Adams looking for a rooster, did not find one to suit. M<sup>rs</sup>. Patterson gave us a piece of dewberry<sup>11</sup> pie and some biscuits for dinner. Walked to end of track. When we got there, the train had left us, so we turned ourselves in on the hand car. Very tired.

**12<sup>th</sup> Sunday**

At Paducah: Went to Church. Read in Tuppens Philosophy. At 3 P.M. Capt. G. & I went down to the river in buggy with Sally. I swam a little, for the first time in my life.

**13<sup>th</sup> Monday**

Went out on train. Set centers to 637. Dinner on line. Came in on train.

**14<sup>th</sup> Tuesday**

Rained. did some work in the office. Dinner. Set stakes for curbing on Jefferson from Locust to Oak. (M<sup>r</sup>. Jesse G. Williams was so sick that Conley stayed with him all day. Mr. Williams died at 3 P.M.) Sam. Allbritton & Barton helped me in P.M.

**15<sup>th</sup> Wednesday**

Conley stayed in all day and attended the burial of M<sup>r</sup>. Williams. Staked off street work from Locust from Clarke to Jackson in A.M. Samuel Allbritton & Barton helped me. Dinner. Barton & I went down and gave the front line of Webbs lot on Jefferson. Found the object glass of transit that I lost yesterday. Went swimming in Ohio. Ate some ice cream saw Thornberry. Went to P.O. and came out to depot. Went over to M<sup>r</sup>. Bronsons, Mira sent me down to Fisher's after a bucket of ice cream for supper. Ate supper. Then went up to a meeting of the City Council to have an order passed to pay me for setting the monuments at street intersections.

**16<sup>th</sup> Thursday**

Went out on train. Ran levels for profile to set track pegs by to Sta. 648. Dinner on line. Came in on train.

**17<sup>th</sup> Friday**

In A.M. Made a profile of ground as graded to 630. Dinner. Ran extension of Jefferson through Givens lot. After having adjusted the transit to the object glass of the old transit. Conley & Barton helped me

**18<sup>th</sup> Saturday**

Ran extension of Jefferson across Enders ground to Woolfolks line. then at right angles to Jefferson over to Broadway, by 5 P.M. Then measured and put in the intersection of Broadway & Walnut. Went to Bonnin City Clerk & got the order for my pay. (see 15<sup>th</sup> Inst). Conley & Barton helped me. Went in swimming and came to supper. This week has been very hot.

**19<sup>th</sup> Sunday**

At Paducah: Went to Church. Read Calendars & Harper for July.

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<sup>11</sup> Any of several sweet edible berries related to and resembling blackberries.

**20<sup>th</sup> Monday**

Measured down and put in line of curbing on Water street. Made some stakes. Conley & Barton helped me.

**21<sup>st</sup> Tuesday**

Checked up Wharf between Broadway & Jefferson into 20 ft squares for cross-sectioning. Took Profile of Main from Broadway to Jefferson. Conley & Barton helped me.

**22<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday**

Took cross section Ht's on Wharf between Broadway & Jefferson. Took profile of Jefferson from the river to Locust street & Staked of Rabb's lot before Dinner. Then began laying of Enders addition to Paducah.

**23<sup>rd</sup> Thursday**

Went out train. Set grades through Whitas cut on Sec. 13. While waiting for the train, We waded into a hole and caught a lot of little fishes. Came in on train at 2.45 P.M. Went to M<sup>r</sup>. Bronsons, and put some of the little fish in the old well and some into the pond. Conley & Barton made some points. Worked at Enders addition until night. Capt. Gould & Mira Started for St. Louis this afternoon.

**24<sup>th</sup> Friday**

Worked all day at Enders addition. Conley & Barton helped me

**25<sup>th</sup> Saturday**

Finished staking out Enders new lots, at 5 P.M., Staked out Nolens lots & Went in swimming.

**26<sup>th</sup> Sunday**

At Paducah: Made up accounts of W<sup>m</sup>. Hill & W. T. Boyd according to directions of Capt. Gould. Went to Church in the evening. Read some, but it did not amount to much.

**27<sup>th</sup> Monday**

Set Bench Marks on Locust Street.

**28<sup>th</sup> Tuesday**

Went down after coal for Blacksmith shop. Cleaned up, both inside & outside of office. Conley & Barton helped me.

**29<sup>th</sup> Wednesday**

Capt. G. & Mira returned from St. Louis at 1 A.M. (see 23<sup>rd</sup> Inst.) Went out on train to set track pegs, but it rained so that we came back. After dinner I went to the wharf boat after Capt. G's trunk. Raining hard, bought some apples of Nusom. I went down town to measure street intersections on Jefferson at Locust & Market (brought Capt. Gs drab coat from the tailor's.) Capt. G. & I made out an estimate of them, after supper. I rode Sally up to City Council room to take them the estimate. Raining very hard. Came to office & made a good fire to dry by.

**30<sup>th</sup> Thursday**

Staked off a lot on Contest for Laughlin. And put in curb stakes at intersection of Jefferson & Oak. Dinner. Found situation and height of Wooden Abutment on wharf from Jefferson to Broadway. Conley & Barton helped me.

**31<sup>st</sup> Friday**

Made a survey of the fences & buildings as they now stand on Locust St. Conley & Barton helped me.

**August 1857**

**1<sup>st</sup> Saturday**

Went out on train to end of track pegs, but none were needed, & we came back. Numbered Enders lots. Dinner. Ran level over Clark street from the river to Contest for profile. Conley & Barton helped me.

**2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday**

At Paducah: Went to Church. W. C. Lawrence went with me. M<sup>f</sup>. Presbury administered the holy communion. Read newspapers. Capt. G. & I walked down to the river and went in swimming.

### **3<sup>rd</sup> Monday**

I had no breakfast. I was working on map of fences & buildings on Locust St. Went out on train to cross road then went with Mira, Fannie & Bettie, M<sup>rs</sup>. Alonzo Hill and the two Mifs Star out to a blackberry patch back of Plumleys. Took them some water and left them they picked a while, ate their lunch and came in on train at noon. I took dinner at Boarding car. Then set pegs to 569. Rained quite a shower at end of track but none in Paducah. Conley & one of Ellithorps men helped me. Barton was sick. Came in on train. Capt. G. & W<sup>m</sup>. Ellithorp started up to Major Ellithorp & Phipps work at Hillmans iron works to make a final measurement for them. Conley began boarding at M<sup>f</sup>. Bronsons.

### **4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday**

I finished the map of Locust St. and cleaned. Capt. G's plan of a jail. Took the former to Geo. Allen & the latter to Geo. Morrow. Dinner. Put in final grades on Locust between Broadway & Jefferson. Conley & Harrison helped me in P.M.

### **5<sup>th</sup> Wednesday**

Started to lay out a lot for Ben. Harris but found that I could not do it until I established the line of Contest St. Worked all day clearing out and establishing Contest St. Conley & W<sup>m</sup>. Scott helped me.

### **6<sup>th</sup> Thursday**

Laid out a lot for Ben. Harris. Dinner. Cross sectioned 50 ft. of the upper part of the wharf between Broadway & Court in order to establish the line of curbing. Conley & W<sup>m</sup>. Scott helped me

### **7<sup>th</sup> Friday**

Capt. G. & W<sup>m</sup>. Ellithorp returned from the iron works (see 3<sup>rd</sup> inst.) Went out on train to end of track. (Dinner on line) Set track pegs to 583. Came in on train. Turned the Engine around today for the first time. Supper. Went down town and engaged a hack<sup>12</sup> to go to the Dixon Springs.

### **8<sup>th</sup> Saturday**

Went down to livery stable to have the carriage ready. Breakfast. At 8 O'clock We started for Dickson Springs. Fannie, Bettie, Queen & Carris went in the 2 horse carriage, Florence & myself went in Judge Campbells buggy, driving Sally. Started to go by Metropolis, went two miles out of the way on the road to Jimtown. The carriage axle ran against a stump that was too high for it to pass over and broke the double tree. Waited till a wheat team that we had passed came up. Borrowed an axe of him, and made one out of a hickory sapling that last all the way over and back. Reached the ferry opposite Metropolis at half past twelve. The flat boat had just started over to Metropolis with a load of wheat, and we had to wait until it was unloaded and drayed to the mill. We ate a cold snack for dinner and waited till the flat boat came. Got across to Metropolis at 5 minutes of five. Got a drink and M<sup>f</sup>. & M<sup>rs</sup>. Guire gave us some apples. Drove 12 miles to M<sup>f</sup>. Thompsons and stayed over night. The girls were all very tired, and M<sup>f</sup>. Thompson was over 2 hours getting supper.

### **9<sup>th</sup> Sunday**

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<sup>12</sup> A horse let out for common hire.

In \_\_\_\_\_ Co. Ill. Started from Thompson's at 5.25 A.M. without breakfast. Went about five miles to a creek, where the bridge was broke and we had to ford it. Sally took her load over safe, but the 2 horse carriage stalled in the creek. I went back to help him but the off horse wouldn't pull, so we unhitched the horses and the driver & I took all our clothes off except pants & shirt, and we went into the creek water & mud nearly waste [sic] deep, blocked up the wheels and backed the carriage out to this side of the creek, then hitched on the horses and hauled it up to end of bridge, took off the horses and ran it over the bridge by hand – All over safe – The girls walked the road and we washed our shirts & pants in the creek, wrung them out, dressed, and went on our way rejoicing. Arrived at the springs 9 miles from Thompaons, at 9 A.M. Had breakfast. Roved around swam Sally in the whirlpool, and rode her up on the rocky hills (or hills of rock) and saw 3 women shouting their best at the meeting house. Dinner. At 3 ½ P.M. Started back for Paducah. I drove Sally, brought M<sup>rs</sup>. Watts trunk, & little Carrilie rode with me a good deal. M<sup>rs</sup>. Watts & Tip Watts rode in their carriage and M<sup>f</sup>. Kay & Johnny Kay came in the 2 horse carriage. Emma Watts stayed with the girls at the springs. Came 9 miles to M<sup>f</sup>. Thompsons and stayed over night.

### **10<sup>th</sup> Monday**

Started from Thompsons at 7 A.M. and arrived at Brooklyn at 10 ½ A.M. rained untill 10 O'clock pretty hard. We were ferried over pretty soon and reached Paducah in time for dinner. (Conley had painted the flag poles and varnished the rods while I was gone.) Helped Capt. G. plot the cross sections of the wharf. Started a profile of Clark St.

### **11<sup>th</sup> Tuesday**

Ran level over Broadway for profile of center & gutter. Capt. G. & wife, M<sup>rs</sup>. Bronsons & myself took dinner at Judge Campbells. Made a profile of Broadway & gutters. Conley helped all day & Barton in A.M.

### **12<sup>th</sup> Wednesday**

Conley went to Mayfield on Sally to carry a letter to Col. Mayes. I made a profile of Locust Street (with grades according to last change made by City Council) in A.M. Finished the profile of Clark St. Plotted cross sections of wharf, went down town and got me a new shirt, and made out the account of labor on Street work up to Aug. 1<sup>st</sup>.

### **13<sup>th</sup> Thursday**

Wrote home. Painted work done by Van Berger, Ritner & Co. on the profile. Conley returned at 3 P.M. (see 12<sup>th</sup> inst) We began to lay out a lot for John Grief.

### **14<sup>th</sup> Friday**

Finished laying off Grief's lot. Measured from Court to Clarke on Locust street. Conley helped me till dinner time, then he was so sick he had to go to bed. I worked on Cross sections of Wharf.

### **15<sup>th</sup> Saturday**

Worked at Cross sections of Wharf till dinner. Then went down town to give Judge Campbell some requisitions &c. Went to see about Jem. Long's hack that Capt. G. had engaged for him & Mira to go over to Dixon Springs after the girls. Long's hack proved a failure. I came out and told Capt. G. and he went down and engaged and brought up a hack from Connors, without a driver. He concluded to have me to along for Pilot, driver &c. I came over to office to see if Conley wanted anything. Capt. loaned me a clean shirt and at 4 P.M. Capt. G. Mira G. & I started in the hack for the Springs. Tip Watts & Given Campbell went over in the morning. (but Capt. Gould was attending the taking of Capt. Tilghmans deposition in the case of Kemble & Co. vs. the N.O. & O.R.R. Co, so that he could go untill evening) and told them Capt. G. was coming, so when we reached the ferry landing opposite Brooklyn we found the flat boat but no men to pull it. Capt. G & I loaded up and started across. About 1/3 the way over the ferry men met us in a skiff, and they pulled the remaining 2/3 over. Reached Thompsons at 8 ½ P.M. (where we stayed over night.) without any important adventure. The last 2 miles before we reached Thompsons field each of us alternately got out and ran ahead to Pilot around stumps over hollows &c. it was so dark. In feeding the horses, I snagged my pants leaving a large hole, but Mira mended it up so that was as good as ever.

### **16<sup>th</sup> Sunday**

At Thompsons Massac Co. Ill. At 4 ½ A.M. We resumed our journey. When we go to (See 9<sup>th</sup> Inst.) the creek where the bad bridge is bad we found Tip Watts' buggy broke down, but we unhitched the horses & took the hack over by hand. Arrived at the Springs at 7.15. Breakfast. All strolled around some, sat some & read some. Given Campbell started at 9 A.M. with Florence & Queen Campbell. At 11 ½ A.M. The hack started back for Paducah, containing Betty & Carrie Campbell, M<sup>f</sup>. & M<sup>rs</sup>. Gould and P.K. and Florence's trunk & Fanny's trunk. Crossed the bad bridge in the same manner as we did in the morning. Ate our lunch for dinner. (Tip Watts had just got his buggy out, and he is coming tomorrow with his sister Emma Watts & Fanny Bronson.) At Thompsons we stopped and watered, Found that Given Campbell & Co took dinner there. Got a watermelon near Brooklyn. Arrived at Brooklyn at sun down. Just in time to hail the ferry boat that had started with Given. They came back and took us all over at once. It was very dark in the woods, but we got out with but little difficulty and reached Paducah at 9 P.M. I took the hack home and paid Conner the for the trip \$9.00

### **17<sup>th</sup> Monday**

Conley & I began measuring preparatory to staking 2 blocks for M<sup>rs</sup>. Marous. After supper, Conley & I went down to tell Phipps about a [sic] named Drayton, who wants work. Found Jack tight. Conley brought him up to the office.

### **18<sup>th</sup> Tuesday**

Made stakes and began staking out the 2 blocks for M<sup>rs</sup>. Marous. Conley & Jack helped me

### **19<sup>th</sup> Wednesday**

Finished laying M<sup>rs</sup>. Marous 2 blocks in A.M. Put in stakes for curbing on N. side of Jefferson from Oak to Chestnut. M<sup>f</sup>. Bronsons cow received a mortal would supposed to be done by & R.R. train.

### **20<sup>th</sup> Thursday**

Went out on train. Set track pegs to 595. Dinner on line. Came in on train.

### **21<sup>st</sup> Friday**

Went out on train. Set track pegs to 611. Dinner on line came in on train.

### **22<sup>nd</sup> Saturday**

Went out on train. Made & Set track pegs to 619. Dinner on line. Came in on train. Conley & (John Lyden) one of Phipps men helped me these last three days.

### **23<sup>rd</sup> Sunday**

At Paducah: Went to Church. Studied Natural Philosophy.

### **24<sup>th</sup> Monday**

Raining all day. Conley and I made track pegs in the car shop.

### **25<sup>th</sup> Tuesday**

Same as yesterday.

### **26<sup>th</sup> Wednesday**

Made some track pegs, Went down town twice on errands.

### **27<sup>th</sup> Thursday**

Helped Capt. G. measure the hight [sic] of comb of the roof to M<sup>f</sup>. Bronsons house. Went down town and bought a preserving kettle for M<sup>rs</sup>. Bronson & M<sup>rs</sup>. Gould. Came over to the office & worked out a puzzle to tell the number any person is thinking of. I discovered that I had lost my porte monoc<sup>13</sup>. Began forthwith to search after it. Found it all safely locked up at Wolfes Stores, where I had left it on the counter. Dinner.

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<sup>13</sup> Porte monoc: In French, something preceded by "porte" means some sort of "holder" or "carrier" -- so it could literally be a chain for something. With the spelling "monc" it is assumed he was talking about something that held his monocle, the old word for eyeglasses. In this case, he probably meant the whole thing: both the glasses and the chain, which might have been a valuable gold chain, perhaps a family heirloom.

**28<sup>th</sup> Friday**

Worked all day, digging holes for and setting curb stakes, so as to save the Cotton Wood trees on upper side of Jefferson between Oak & Chestnut & Setting intersection stakes at Jeffersno & Chestnut. Conley & Sailor Jack helped me.

**29<sup>th</sup> Saturday**

Jack & I helped Capt. G. pile up a lot of Lumber that Capt. has bought to put up an addition to M<sup>f</sup>. Bronsons house, Addition to be in the shape of 2 wings. Went down and set grades on Locust from Broadway to Clarke.

**30<sup>th</sup> Sunday**

At Paducah: Cold neither go to Church or read on account of a bad stye on my eye. After supper Capt. G. & wife, Fanny, Queen & P.K. all took a walk over by Henry Enders & back by the Engine House.

**31<sup>st</sup> Monday**

Layed [sic] out D<sup>f</sup>. Bullits lot & a half began laying out 4 lots for R. W. Woolfolk. Conley & S' Jack helped me.

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**1<sup>st</sup> Tuesday**

Fanny is sixteen today. Conley & I set stakes for the west wing to be built to M<sup>f</sup>. Bronsons house. Went out on train set track pegs to 630. Conley & John Lyden helped me. Stayed over night at Harpers.

**2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday**

Set track pegs to 647 & grade pegs to 667. I came in on train. Conley stayed at Harpers. John Lyden helped us.

**3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday**

I went out on train. Set Centers from 661 to 689. Stayed at Harpers. Conley & Pat. Culligan helped me.

**4<sup>th</sup> Friday**

Ran in centers from 647 to 661 & set track pegs to 660. Dinner at Boarding car. Stayed at Harpers. Conley & Pat. Culligan helped me.

**5<sup>th</sup> Saturday**

Conley & Pat. Culligan helped me set track pegs to 678 by 2 ¼ P.M. then came in on the train and Conley & Jack helped me finish laying R. O. Woolfolks 4 lots by Fishers. One of the hottest days this year.

**6<sup>th</sup> Sunday**

At Paducah: Went to Church. Read Harper's Magazine for September.

**7<sup>th</sup> Monday**

Tried the hight of Gravel on Locust from Jefferson to Broadway. Found it from 2 to 4 tenths too low. Came out to office with P.G. Meath to see Capt. G. (Jack & Conley made some stakes.) He had gone down town. went down again and found him. Measured smoe Curbing & guttering at int. Court & Main, Capt. G. met Jem. Monroe of Nashville. Came out to dinner. Layed out a lot for Thornberry & Co's new Tobacco Warehouse. Conley & Jack helped me. Jack lost the field book City of Paducah.

**8<sup>th</sup> Tuesday**

Went down and hunted for City of Paducah. Could not find it. I rode Meaths little mare out to Office, and took notes of Grade from the Cross section sheet. Staked out work on Jefferson from Main to the river And fished around & found the short abutment at foot of Jefferson Street. Dug up the monument at Int. Main & Jefferson. Dinner. Staked off a lot at Cor. Poplar & Jackson for Johnson & Marat. Conley helped me. Jack was digging over the dump on Jefferson for the lost book, but Capt. G. found it at Winstons store.

**9<sup>th</sup> Wednesday**

Went down town on train and got the level from Tobacco Warehouse. Went out on train. Set track pegs to 690 and centers to 713. Dinner & Stayed over night at Harpers. Conley & John Lyden helped me

#### **10<sup>th</sup> Thursday**

Set track pegs to 702. Layed out little tressle at 713+ then Capt. G. came and thought I had better raise the grade. So we reset track pegs up to 702 and continued track pegs to 706. Stayed at Harpers. Conley & John Lyden helped me.

#### **11<sup>th</sup> Friday**

Set Track Pegs to 726 & centers to 735 by 4 P.M. Took dinner at Harper's. Came in on train. Took supper at M<sup>f</sup>. Bronsons. Conley & John Lyden helped me. M<sup>f</sup>. Gaston put up the tressel at 713+

#### **12<sup>th</sup> Saturday**

Tried Grading on Locust between Court & Washington. Staked out work on Jefferson from Main to the river to a new grade. Ate a watermelon. Came out to dinner. Layed off a lot for Craig cor. Walnut & Madison. Old M<sup>rs</sup>. Dunnaway told my fortune. Capt. G., Mira & M<sup>rs</sup>. Bronson went out to see Charles Campbell (he is sick) came back to supper. Conley helped all & Jack in afternoon of today

#### **13<sup>th</sup> Sunday**

At Paducah: Went to Church. Read Calendars & Harper's Weekly. The train was chartered by D. W. Ellithorp, and made two trips out & back to-day. (Baptist Association) On first train I rode out as far as the ice house, and walked back. M<sup>f</sup>. & M<sup>rs</sup>. Bronson & Fanny & M<sup>f</sup>. & M<sup>rs</sup>. Gould & I rode out from Church on train. I ate supper at W<sup>m</sup>. Hills.

#### **14<sup>th</sup> Monday**

Went down on train and bush hook etc. Made track pegs till 2 P.M. Then began laying the lower 30 feet of Paving on the wharf rained a little. Capt. G. went out to end of track. Conley helped all day & Jack in the P.M.

#### **15<sup>th</sup> Tuesday**

Went down and finished staking off the 30 feet of paving on the wharf. Ate a musk mellon. bought some peaches. Came out on train. Conley went to making pegs, I went down on train. bought some chalk and tried to buy a pig for M<sup>rs</sup>. Bronson but did not succeed [sic]. Made pegs till 11 A.M. Then Conley & I cleaned the transit, replaced the broken bubble with one from the old transit. Went down town on train and bought some candles & matches.

#### **16<sup>th</sup> Wednesday**

Made stakes and staked out the new Jail. 4 P.M. Extended center line of Court Street up about 1000 feet. Conley & Jack helped me.

#### **17<sup>th</sup> Thursday**

Started out to end of track on train, but the Engine had to stop to repair the valve stems. I put sides to a little backgammon board for Fanny. Dinner. Went out to end of track on train. (M<sup>f</sup>. Bronson went out in hunt of a cow. The Purcell girls were on the train.) Sun down. Stayed at Harpers, took up a jar to be filled with Honey.

#### **18<sup>th</sup> Friday**

Set track pegs from 726 to 738. Started to run in centers, it began to rain pretty hard about 2 ½ P.M. Came in on train. Conley & John Lyden helped us.

#### **19<sup>th</sup> Saturday**

Went out on train. Set Tr. pegs from 738 to 744, rain in centers from 744 to 756. Came in on train Conley helped.

#### **20<sup>th</sup> Sunday**

At Paducah: Went to Church. Read Harper etc.

#### **21<sup>st</sup> Monday**

Ran out West side of Depot grounds, and Court Str. from Contest untill it intersected the former line, making this point one corner we ran off North side of Depot grounds.

**22<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday**

Finished laying off Depot grounds. Cleaned the level. Dinner. Measured up Court Street 1600 ft. from Center of Contest.

**23<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday**

Went out to end of track on train. Adjusted level while they were loading ties on Sec. 7. Set track pegs from 744 to 756. Ran in centers from 756-780. Capt. G. & Judge Campbell & A. Hill came out in the morning, and were left when the train went back and they had to stay all day. On account of the valves slipping and breaking one arm of the rock shaft, the train was delayed until night, when it came out on one side. I came in Conley stayed at Harpers. Waddy is Engine runner.

**24<sup>th</sup> Thursday**

The Engine could not start until 10 A.M., The valve stems had to be repaired. Barton & I went on hunt of axe handle timber. Went all over the lower addition to Paducah, (that Capt. G. & I laid off) then all over the grave yard looking at the tomb stones, then back to office. Went out on train to end of track by 12 ½ P.M. Dinner on line. Conley had counted the M<sup>c</sup>Niel Plumley x Ties, and set up the pegs to 780. Leveled track pegs from 756-772. Conley & J. Lyden helped. Stayed over night at Tho's Adams.

**25<sup>th</sup> Friday**

Jo. Westerns men came down in two carriages from Sec. 23 to work on track. Conley & Johnathan Pryor Esq. rode in one of the carriages and I rode in the other up to Jerry Adams. Set grade pegs from 1106-1125, and marked cut & fill from 1165-1194. Pat. M<sup>c</sup>Donough helped us. I sent to Mayfield with a note to Phipps. Conley & I walked to Tho's. Adams by 8 ½ P.M. & Stayed over night. Dinner at Jerry Adams.

**26<sup>th</sup> Saturday**

Set track pegs from 772 to 791. Conley & John Lyden helped me. Came in on train. Dinner on line.

**27<sup>th</sup> Sunday**

At Paducah: Went to Church. Read in Rollins History

**28<sup>th</sup> Monday**

Set grades on lower part of Jefferson to river. I then made a plat of cross section of Wharf, and calculated the grades on lower half of square bet. Broadway & Jefferson. Went down and reset grade on lower Jefferson from Market to Main. Conley & Jack helped me.

**29<sup>th</sup> Tuesday**

Conley & I fired up the Engine at 3 ½ A.M. Went down town and brought the train out to the depot there, met Capt. G. & we 3 went out to end of track and back. There was only one person else coming back, and that was M<sup>rs</sup>. Kirk. Coming back, near the broken back shanty ½ mile from Depot a 7 ½ A.M. we saw a man walking towards us. Capt. G. motioned him to get out of the way, he stepped as though he was going off, but only stepped over the rail and continued walking on the ends of the ties until the corner of the pushing car struck and killed him instantly, picked him up and brought him to Depot. Found his name to be N. Beckham. Went down town and got the Esquire, (the Coroner being absent) and 12 men to examine him. His sister came to bury him. This is the first fatal accident on the N.O. & O.R.R. At 10 ½ A.M. we went over and ate our breakfast, Set the grades on Jefferson according to the revised Grades & Leveled 3 rows stakes on Wharf. Conley & Jack helped me

**30<sup>th</sup> Wednesday**

At no breakfast. Went out on train Set centers & Track pegs complete from 791 to 804. Stayed at Thomas Adams. Dinner on line. Conley & J. Lyden helped me.

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**1<sup>st</sup> Thursday**

Set centers & track pegs complete from 804 to 828. Dinner & Stayed over night at Tho's Adams. Conley & J. Lyden helped me.

**2<sup>nd</sup> Friday**

Rained till 9 A.M. Then set centers & track pegs complete from 828-840 by 2 ½ P.M. I went to W<sup>m</sup>. Sheers shanty ate some dinner, borrowed five dollars, went to Thos. Adams to pay our bill but he was gone to Mayfield. Capt. G., Mira, Fanny, Betty & several gentlemen from Paducah came out on train. We strolled around an hour or two, found some cattails & a few grapes. All Came in on train. Queen is sick with fever.

**3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday**

Set grades on Wharf all day. Conley & Barton helped me.

**4<sup>th</sup> Sunday**

At Paducah: The train went to end of track pretty much same as week day. Capt. G. & Conley went, they blew the Engine out. Went to Church. M<sup>f</sup>. Presbury administered the Holy Communion. Read in Rollins History.

**5<sup>th</sup> Monday**

Conley & I made track pegs in A.M. Set curb stakes on Jefferson from Market to Maiden Lane and set stakes for paving at lower end of Jefferson.

**6<sup>th</sup> Tuesday**

I fired up the Engine at 3 ½ A.M. W<sup>m</sup>. F. Ellithorp and his men loaded a car of iron. Capt. G. & I ran out to end of track with it & 2 car loads of x Ties from Bonds. Came back to Paducah all safe and sound. Ate breakfast. Finished setting grades on Wharf, and Leveled up center of Jefferson to Contest for a Profile. Conley helped me all day. Harrison in A.M. & Barton in P.M.

**7<sup>th</sup> Wednesday**

I made a profile of Jefferson street. Then Conley & I went out on train to end of track, Set centers & track pegs from 840 to 852. Set up a foresight at 999. Bill Sheer helped till noon. Ate dinner on line with Bill. J. Lyden helped in P.M. Stayed over night at Thomas Adams.

**8<sup>th</sup> Thursday**

Set Centers & Track pegs from 852 to 876. Conley had a chill. He & J. Lyden helped me

**9<sup>th</sup> Friday**

Set centers & track pegs from 876 to 900. Conley & J. Lyden helped me. Dinner on line. Capt. G. made some track pegs and brought them out on train. Judge Campbell and several other Paducah citizens also came out. Conley was sick, and went in on evening train. I stayed over night at Allbrittons.

**10<sup>th</sup> Saturday**

Set centers & set up pegs from 900 to 924. Leveled track pegs from 900 to 906. Dinner on line. J. Lyden helped untill 3 P.M. Barton came out on train at 10 A.M. and helped me untill 3 P.M. Then went in on train I ran in the Engine. M<sup>f</sup>. Bronson bought a cow of Little this week.

**11<sup>th</sup> Sunday**

At Paducah: Conley was sick with Rheumatic fever. Went to Church. Ate Dinner. Then went down after D<sup>f</sup>. Johnson for Conley. Waited on Conley the rest of the day & all night.

**12<sup>th</sup> Monday**

Raining. In office all day and all night waiting on Conly.

**13<sup>th</sup> Tuesday**

Went out on train, it rained so that I could do nothing. Stayed over night at Allbrittons.

**14<sup>th</sup> Wednesday**

Set track pegs from 906 to 924. Set centers from 924 to 943. Dinner at Allbrittons. J. Lyden helped all day. Barton came out on train and helped also. Stayed over night at Allbrittons.

**15<sup>th</sup> Thursday**

Set track pegs from 924 to 948. J. Lyden helped all day. Barton in A.M. & John Hagan in P.M. I stayed over night at Allbrittons.

**16<sup>th</sup> Friday**

Waited at end of track for train till noon, then came in on train. Set stakes for curbing on Wharf between Court & Broadway. Barton & Harrison helped me. Found Conley worse and moved down to Powers. Stayed with him at night.

**17<sup>th</sup> Saturday**

Capt. G. & I went out to race track. I drove Sally 1 mile in 4m.17s. Breakfast. Capt. G. & Judge Campbell went to Mayfield and back. I reset curb stakes on wharf bet. Court & Broadway, and set curb stakes on Jefferson from Maiden Lane to Main Street. Lawrence & Barton helped  $\frac{3}{4}$  of a day.

**18<sup>th</sup> Sunday**

At Paducah: Went to Church, Read Calendar &c.

**19<sup>th</sup> Monday**

Waddy was sick. I ran the Engine all day.

**20<sup>th</sup> Tuesday**

A. Hill has been sick for a long time. He is just able to be around. He ran the Engine most of the time, but I went with him in A.M. Dinner at M<sup>f</sup>. Bronsons. Finished profiles of Jefferson.

**21<sup>st</sup> Wednesday**

Waited at office until 10  $\frac{1}{2}$  A.M. for Capt. G. to go out on train, he did not come, so I went down to see him. Dinner. Had a picture of myself taken. At 4 P.M. we started for end of track. Capt. G. ran the Engine. I took the instruments out to lay off a side track at Hickory Grove, but found it would be better 6 weeks hence. All stayed at Allbrittons.

**22<sup>nd</sup> Thursday**

Capt. G. ran the Engine to Paducah. I brought in a pig for M<sup>fs</sup>. Bronson. First day of Fair. All went to see the Fair. In P.M. Hill ran the Engine out in P.M. He did not return in due time, so at 8 P.M. Capt. G. & I started out the R.R. on foot. Stayed over night at G. W. Thompsons.

**23<sup>rd</sup> Friday**

Walked from Thompsons to Harpers to Breakfast. At 9 A.M. we found the Engine at Mayfield Creek. Hill had burnt her so bad that she broke down in the flue sheet. Drayton had gone to Paducah after plugs &c to stop the leaks. He did not return and Capt. G. started horseback after him. Mat. Allbritton & I went over to Thomas' and ate our dinner. Brought dinner in a basket to the others. Capt. G. & Drayton had returned. Hill plugged her up, I fired up. Hill ran up to end of track and then back to Paducah. (I stopped in Paducah) then out to end of track again, took out the first new car made in Paducah, it is a Box car with seats – a Caboose. After supper, I got my things ready to go up to the Curlew Coal Miles with W<sup>m</sup>. T. Ellithorp. Went down and slept at Campbell House. Waiting for a Steamboat. W<sup>m</sup>. T. E. sat up all night with Conley. No boat.

**24<sup>th</sup> Saturday**

Breakfast at M<sup>f</sup>. Bronsons. Start (on the John H. Done) for the Mines 75 miles above Paducah at 10  $\frac{1}{2}$  A.M. Arrived at 10 P.M. and went to bed.

**25<sup>th</sup> Sunday**

At Curlew Coal Mines Union Co. Ky. After breakfast we walked out from the river two miles to the end of the Coal R.R. M<sup>f</sup>. Brigham and M<sup>f</sup>. Risley Looked at pit opened for Cannel Coal. Went back to dinner. Read in the Arabian Knights.

**26<sup>th</sup> Monday**

W<sup>m</sup>. T. Ellithorp & I ran several experimental lines and finally located a side track to run another tip to the river.

**27<sup>th</sup> Tuesday**

W<sup>m</sup>. T. E. & I went out on little Engine to the mines. Went in the mines with Musket (Foreman) Examined everything inside & outside including a machine for sawing wood. Went back to Dinner at the river. W<sup>m</sup>. T. E. rowed me over the river to the Steamboat Champion No. 2. He stopped there while I rowed 1 ½ miles up the Saline and back. We went back over the river to Supper. At 11 P.M. we went on board the W<sup>m</sup>. I Maclay for Paducah. She was crowded with passengers, so we had to lay on the floor.

**28<sup>th</sup> Wednesday**

Arrived at Paducah just at daylight, Breakfast at M<sup>r</sup>. Bronson's. Made some curb stakes &c. Went down to see Conley Dinner. Went down and began setting curb stakes on Locust bet. Broadway and Jefferson. Jack helped me.

**29<sup>th</sup> Thursday**

Set Curb stakes on Locust bet. Broadway & Jeff. Jack ½ & Ned Dooley ½ day.

**30<sup>th</sup> Friday**

Made stakes and set grades on Locust from Clarke & Jackson. John Hagan helped 1 day.

**31<sup>st</sup> Saturday**

Set grade for gravel on Jeff. from the River to Main. Dinner. John Hagan ½ day. I went out on train to end of track, in company with W. T. & D. W. Ellithorp & Drayton, on our way to the Pigeon roost. From end of track hired mules of Joel Johns to take us to the pigeon roost<sup>14</sup> and back. Took supper at Mayfield. Abe Boyd accompanied us from there to the roost (from 10 to 12 miles) We 5 killed about 150 pigeons. Camped on the ground.

**November 1857**

**1<sup>st</sup> Sunday**

At Pigeon roost, Graves Co. Ky. All 5 came from pigeon roost to Mayfield for dinner. D. W. Ellithorp, Abe. Boyd & Drayton went on towards Paducah, W<sup>m</sup>. T. Ellithorp & I were not satisfied, so we went back with same team to try it again. We two killed from 300 to 400 pigeons.

**2<sup>nd</sup> Monday**

At daylight the mules had broke loose and gone as we were on our way in to our camp, we met them at a garm house where we got breakfast, Then started for Paducah. Took dinner at Mayfield. Arrived at End of track to late for the train. Cleaned at our pigeons untill night. We 2 stayed over night at Allbrittons.

**3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday**

Finished cleaning our pigeons before the train came out. I saved & cleaned a peck<sup>15</sup> of gizzards. Came to Paducah on train. John Hagan began to fire the Engine.

**4<sup>th</sup> Wednesday**

I went out and back on train to become acquainted with the business done by Conductor.

**5<sup>th</sup> Thursday**

I began running as Conductor on train. Making one trip each day from Paducah to Hickor Grove and back. Alonzo Hill Engine Runner and John Hagan Fireman.

**6<sup>th</sup> Friday**

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<sup>14</sup> Likely these were Passenger Pigeons, as Rock Doves were not as common then and are typically associated with more urban areas.

<sup>15</sup> A large quantity or number.

Same as yesterday

**7<sup>th</sup> Saturday**

Same as yesterday

**8<sup>th</sup> Sunday**

At Paducah: Breakfast was late and I was lazy, So I did not go to Church. Stayed at office and read Calendars \$c.

**9<sup>th</sup> Monday**

Ran on train as Conductor

**10<sup>th</sup> Tuesday**

Ran on train as Conductor. Conley got up and outdoors again (See Oct. 9<sup>th</sup>/57)

**11<sup>th</sup> Wednesday**

Ran on train as Conductor. The back driving wheels of Engine ran off track at 10° curve returning

**12<sup>th</sup> Thursday**

Ran on train as Conductor.

**13<sup>th</sup> Friday**

Ran as Conductor on train. One pair Car trucks backed off on wrong side of Frog Point. No guard rail

**14<sup>th</sup> Saturday**

Ran on train as Conductor. In firing up the Engine in the morning, the fire plug melted out making the train 3 hours behind time. Conley started for Canton.

**15<sup>th</sup> Sunday**

At Paducah: Went to Church. Read in Tupper's Philosophy

**16<sup>th</sup> Monday**

Ran as Conductor on train, one pair Car trucks backed off at 10° curve. no serious damage.

**17<sup>th</sup> Tuesday**

Ran on train as Conductor.

**18<sup>th</sup> Wednesday**

Ran as Conductor on train. Waddy T. Boyd ran on the Engine.

**19<sup>th</sup> Thursday**

Started out as Conductor on train. Waddy Boyd runner. The Engine foamed & leaked so that both pumps would not supply her with water. On sec. 5 the fire plug melted out and a flue broke off at flue sheet. Waddy was sick, it was the first freezing cold day this year. I did what I could myself. Made a wooden plug for one end of the broken flue and put a Mandrill<sup>16</sup> in the other end. She yet leaked so bad that it took 3 hours to pump her up. Put in fire at dusk; and started back as soon as we could. Lodged the Engine safely in her house at 10 P.M. Very Cold. Miserable day for me.

**20<sup>th</sup> Friday**

Ran on train as Conductor.

**21<sup>st</sup> Saturday**

Ran as Conductor on train.

**22<sup>nd</sup> Sunday**

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<sup>16</sup> Mandrel : a metal bar that serves as a core around which material (as metal) may be cast, molded, forged, bent or otherwise shaped

At Paducah: Went to Church. Read Harpers Weekly &c.

**23<sup>rd</sup> Monday**

Ran on train as Conductor

**24<sup>th</sup> Tuesday**

Ran as Conductor on train. Coming in by waggon yard a plug flew out. Cut the Engine loose and Hill started for Engine House with her, he just reached the corner of car shop.

**25<sup>th</sup> Wednesday**

Ran on train as Conductor.

**26<sup>th</sup> Thursday Thanksgiving –**

Ran on train as Conductor. At six P.M. at M<sup>r</sup>. Bronsons, we had excellent supper, M<sup>r</sup>. & M<sup>rs</sup>. Bronson; M<sup>r</sup>. & M<sup>rs</sup>. Gould; Florence, Carrie, Betty & Queen Campbell; Fanny Bronson; Waddy T. Boyd & P.K. were at it.

**27<sup>th</sup> Friday**

Ran on train as Conductor on train [sic].

**28<sup>th</sup> Saturday**

Ran on train as Conductor.

**29<sup>th</sup> Sunday**

Capt. G. and others went out to End of track and back; to blow out the Engine. I helped them off, Then went to Church.

**30<sup>th</sup> Monday**

Ran on train as Conductor

**December 1857**

**1<sup>st</sup> Tuesday**

Ran on train as Conductor

**2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday**

Ran on train as Conductor.

**3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday**

Ran on train as Conductor. A plug flew out of one of the flues (on Sec. 4) Detained us until 10 P.M. reaching Paducah.

**4<sup>th</sup> Friday**

**5<sup>th</sup> Saturday**

Ran as Conductor on train. Conley went out with me. In Harpers Cut out on Sec. 14 a lump of dirt containing 4 or 5 yards had Fallen in, had to borrow what tools we could of the farmers and throw it out. Returned to Paducah at 9 P.M. M<sup>rs</sup>. Gould gave birth to a son today. They named him William Tillottson.

**6<sup>th</sup> Sunday**

At Paducah. Attended Church. Read some

**7<sup>th</sup> Monday**

I discharged the Fireman (John Hagan) Ran on train as Conductor.

**8<sup>th</sup> Tuesday**

Conley began as fireman. Ran on train as Conductor.

**9<sup>th</sup> Wednesday**

Ran on train as Conductor

**10<sup>th</sup> Thursday**

Ran on train as Conductor

**11<sup>th</sup> Friday**

Ran on train as Conductor.

**12<sup>th</sup> Saturday**

Ran on train as Conductor

**13<sup>th</sup> Sunday**

At Paducah: No Church today. Read Harpers Weekly & Calendars.

**14<sup>th</sup> Monday**

Capt. G. & Judge Campbell went out to Mayfield. Ran on train as Conductor. 1 pair Car trucks ran off track at 10° curve. Soft plug burnt out of Engine. Left cars on 10° curve. Hill started to run and pump up and he ran into and stove up a flat car.

**15<sup>th</sup> Tuesday**

Ran on train as Conductor. Coming back on Sec. 11. A Plug blew out and we fixed it and just as we started another blew out, then we dropped down to Camp Creek to Bail Water. I took supper a P. Davisons. We were hailed at Bonds and told that there was obstructions on the track between there and Paducah. Capt. G. and Price walked ahead and found tills etc on the track. Reached Paducah at 2 A.M.

**16<sup>th</sup> Wednesday**

Ran on train as Conductor.

**17<sup>th</sup> Thursday**

Ran on train as Conductor. Coming in Hill let the water run so low in the boiler that she stalled on Sec. 6 for want of water to make steam. I had the fire thrown out and all the water there was in the tender pumped into the Boiler and started for Paducah on foot to Report to Capt. G. arrived at 2 A.M.

**18<sup>th</sup> Friday**

Capt. G. took Track hands out to Engine. He discharged Hill. We were all day bailing water and getting yesterdays train to Paducah. I got slightly injured across the hips while coupling two wood cars.

**19<sup>th</sup> Saturday**

In A.M. I sent \$200. to Locust Hill in a Magazine. I was a cripple. At 2 P.M. Started for end of track. I ran the Engine. Coming back at Mayfield Creek we had to stop and Capt. G. & W<sup>m</sup>. T. Ellithorp reset the valves. Left 2 Box cars on Sec. 12 1 truck was broke down. Reached Paducah 8 A.M. Sunday.

**20<sup>th</sup> Sunday**

Reached Paducah at 8 A.M. Blew out the Boiler. Fired up and brought in the 2 cars from Sec. 12, that were left yesterday. Capt. G. & John Price were Conductors

**21<sup>st</sup> Monday**

At 12 ¼ P.M. we started for end of track to make the last trip before laying the Engine up to repair. I was runner. Capt. G. & John Price Conductor. A leak sprung at the junction of the flue sheet & crown sheet with much difficulty we reached Sect. 3, where we had all our water used up. We had to leave her and walk to town at 11 ½ P.M.

**22<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday**

We brought in the train in pieces from Sec. 3 with 2 yoke oxen, 1 mule & 1 horse. Put the Engine up for repairs.

**23<sup>d</sup> Wednesday**

I was writing out my daily reports of Conductor.

**24<sup>th</sup> Thursday**

Finished writing out my Conductors Reports

**25<sup>th</sup> Friday Christmas**

Went down town to see a glass blowers show. Watched them awhile taking the Engine to pieces. Had a good Dinner & Supper at 6 P.M. at M<sup>r</sup>. Bronsons. Fanny gave me a pair of Cloth Slippers. I gave her Harpers Weekly for 1858.

**26<sup>th</sup> Saturday**

I was in Engine House looking on most of the day. Mira gave me the "Reason Why" and as I had already bought one I took the one I had bought back to the Bookstore and swapped it for Little Dorritt

**28<sup>th</sup> Monday**

At Paducah: Most of the time I was in the Engine House taking items,

**27<sup>th</sup> Sunday [sic]**

At Paducah: Went to Church. Reach in "Reason Why".

**29<sup>th</sup> Tuesday**

Settling up accounts, Trying to get some money cleaned out the office.

**30<sup>th</sup> Wednesday**

Judge Campbell paid me some money. I packed my things ready to start home. In the evening I went down and spent an hour or two at M<sup>r</sup>. Gastons.

**31<sup>st</sup> Thursday**

Had my trunk drayed to Wharf Boat. Breakfast at M<sup>r</sup>. Bonson's. At 11 A.M. I went aboard the Steamboat James Johnsons, landed in Cairo at 3 ½ P.M. Went aboard the cars of Ill. Cent. R. R. at 5 P.M. Arrived at Tamaroa at 9.30 P.M. stopped awhile at Uncle Holt's and then walked home by 11 P.M. Found Mother setting up ironing. She sat up ironing and I set up visiting until 2 A.M. Father came home on down train but I did not see him (or any of our folks but Mother) untill morning. He had been at Decatur attending the Teachers Convention. He was elected their President.

**January 1858**

Awoke at daylight and found my self surrounded by the good old friends of Locust Hill. Wished them all a Happy New Year, and then Father and I took another nap before rising for breakfast. M.E. & I picked & dressed a turkey while L.H. was gone to Tamaroa with the milk. When he got back he and I went over in Buggy with Polly & Nelly by Townsend, & Yates to Dotys. As we returned we brought Rosamond and Harriet over with us to supper. After Supper we had a Candy pulling. All our family, Mansham, Hall, Patrick, Charly, Townsend & Rosamand, Hiram Blanchard, Henry Yates, W<sup>m</sup>. & Gertrude Norton were here. Miss Gertrude sang a few songs accompanying herself with the piano. Spent a very pleasant evening. – Good Night.

**2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday**

Wrote some for Father and some for myself. Dinner. Mansham, Hall, L.H. & I went over to Townsend's and had a nice game of Town Ball, the first time I have played ball since 1851 in Sparta. Father came by there and he and I went up to consult with M<sup>r</sup>. L. S. Norton (former Grand Secretary, Sons of Temperance, now residing as farmer on the old Vicker place) about me. Question. Shall I quit practice for the present and learn more Theory, or Continue to practice with what book knowledge I now possess. The former was adopted. Took tea with them, Came home by way of Tamaroa and took my trunk aboard. Father stopped at Tamaroa to attend the installation of the Officers of the I.O.O.F. I came on home. I came on home. 8 ½ P.M. M<sup>r</sup>. Bent (Presbyterian Minister, & Founder of colony near Kennedys in Washington Co. Ill.) stayed over night with us.

**3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday**

At Locust Hill. At our church worship Father read a sermon. Father, M.E., L.H. & Harried (walked) went up to Sunday School, Mother & I rode up in the buggy, to hear Bent preach at Tamaroa. After meeting, Mother and I stopped at Uncle Holts an hour, then came home to Supper

**4<sup>th</sup> Monday**

Rode Kitt out to Pinckneyville to see about the Drake land. Returned at 5 P.M.

**5<sup>th</sup> Tuesday**

It was a rainy day, Wrote some in my Diary beginning Sept. 17<sup>th</sup> 1857. Peeled some potatoes.

**6<sup>th</sup> Wednesday**

Cloudy: Talked to Peter Lee about Drake land. Rode Kitt down to St. Johns. Settled with Chas. Leavenworth; for L.H. Walked to Du Quoin and back to St. Johns. Dinner with and visited at M<sup>f</sup>. Leavenworths untill evening, Then came home. Henry Yates stayed over night with us.

**7<sup>th</sup> Thursday**

I mended (the window that I came so near falling clear through yesterday) N<sup>o</sup>. 3 East window put in 3 lights. Clay Hawkins came to see Father about wood for school. I pinned on latch to south little gate. Reset some 8 or 10 pannels of fence S.E. corner of Garden. After supper, M.E., L.H. & I went up to visit Uncle Holts family, found Aunt Eliza & Emma at Sam. Eaton's. We all came over to Uncle Holts room (upstairs in Passenger Depot at Tamaroa) L.H. & I Came home at 10 P.M.