

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

(Age 19; born 4 June 1838)

[Editor's Notes]

**January 1858 Continued**

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

(I am at Locust Hill on a visit. I am going back to Paducah in about 8 days to settle up; and then I am going to school in Carrollton Green Co. Ill.) Wrote and read some. I unloaded three wagon loads of corn. In the evening, Hall, Manshaem, Harriet Kennedy, L.H., M.E. & I visited Cousin Townsend's<sup>1</sup>

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

Rainy: Wrote some. Father brought up a load of wood with the oxen. I unloaded it. Dinner. L.H. & I hitched Polly & Nelly to the buggy. Father & Mother went down to Chas. Leavenworths at St. Johns. Manshaem went with the team and brought up another load of wood. L.H. & I unloaded it. Charley went back with oxen, Hall came up with a load of wood. L.H. went to Tamaroa to see Wiggins.

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

At Home: Read Prairie Farmer mostly. L.H., M.E. & Harriet went up to S. School (Raining all day) there was but two others there and the house was locked up.

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

Father and Mother returned at 8 ½ A.M. (See 9<sup>th</sup>) I wrote in my diary

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

Laid out a ditch on S. side of barn lot. Patrick began to dig it and I began

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

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

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

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

L.H. took the black sow up to M<sup>r</sup>. Nortons. I wish the help of Hall finished building the fence to protect the ditch, and began a hog pen. Father, Manshaem & Harriet visited Miss Moultons school at Tamaroa. Afternoon M.E. & I went up by Tamaroa to see Aunt Eliza, she was not at home. Father, M.E. & I went from there to M<sup>r</sup>. Nortons, where we supped. Then Father went to the I.O.O.F. Lodge at Tamaroa. After Dinner L.H. finished the hog pen and at dark he came up to M<sup>r</sup>. Nortons also, spent a very pleasant evening, and went home by way of Lodge for Father.

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

At Locust Hill or Home: Cousin Robert Kennedy<sup>2</sup> came at 4 A.M. Read in Calendars untill 12 ½ P.M. Then we had Sunday (evening) service. Dinner. All except Mother & I went to Sunday school. Father dismissed it untill next Spring or Summer. When they came back, Sister & I rode Brimmer & Lizzie Cooper by Plum point to the old Youngblood place and back. Cousin Kennedy went up on night train.

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

Sister went with us to Tamaroa. L.H. & I started for Paducah on Freight Train Perry Wiggins Conductor. Wilson Engine Runner. Col. Ashley. L.H. went on down to Cairo on Fr't Train. I took supper at Col. Ashleys, then took Passenger train for Cairo. At Section 27 the hind car ran off the track. I went with Fireman on Engine to Wetaug.

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<sup>1</sup> Cousin Townsend and Rosa Blanchard are referred to several times, but I am not certain where they fit into the family tree.

<sup>2</sup> I am not certain how Robert Kennedy fits into the family tree.

he went back to the Cars. I stayed at Wetaug to stop the up train. In about 2 hours they came down and on we went to Cairo. Too late for the boat. Found L.H. waiting for me, We stopped over night at the Taylor House.

### 19<sup>th</sup> Tuesday

Waited until 3 P.M. for a boat, (In mean time we saw James Shannon, Moses Shannon, D<sup>f</sup>. Chas. W. Dunning and Luke Willbanks) Went on the Great Western and arrived at Paducah about 11 P.M. Took my trunk in our hands and went out to office and went to bed.

### 20<sup>th</sup> Wednesday

### 21<sup>st</sup> Thursday

### 22<sup>nd</sup> Friday

### 23<sup>rd</sup> Saturday

### 24<sup>th</sup> Sunday

At Paducah: L.H. and I started to Church, he fell down both hurted and muddied himself, so he went back. I went to Church. Read Harpers Weekly, L.H. & I ate late Sunday dinner at W<sup>m</sup>. Hills, and supper at M<sup>f</sup>. Bronsons.

### 25<sup>th</sup> Monday

L.H. & I had our things taken down to Wharf Boat all ready to start home. At Dinner at M<sup>f</sup>. Bronsons, Bid them all Good Bye and came down to Wharf boat, at 8 P.M. we started for Cairo on board the Ja's Montgomery. Arrived at Cairo at 2 ½ A.M. (26<sup>th</sup> Inst.)

### 26<sup>th</sup> Tuesday

We Ate Breakfast at the Taylor House. Took the Cars I.C.R.R. and reached Tamaroa at 10.58 A.M. Walked down home to dinner. Father & Mother attended the funeral of M<sup>rs</sup>. D<sup>f</sup>. Bull. She was buried at Baptist (Haglers) burying ground. (They did not return until 8 P.M.) I taught school for Father in P.M. After school I had a play at ball with M. Manshaem, G. Hall, L.H., Hiram Blanchard and Charly. Helped bring in a tub or two of water, (for M<sup>rs</sup>. Reddick who is washing for Mother.) Sister and I hung out the clothes line. Ate supper, L.H. and I (having had no sleep last night) went to bed early.

### 27<sup>th</sup> Wednesday

A Notable day see \*. Wrote Estray<sup>3</sup> notices for L.H. M<sup>rs</sup>. Ashley (L.W.) & M<sup>rs</sup>. Nason came on up train, Cormick let them off at our house. I did what I could to entertain them while Mother was busy getting dinner and arranging my things \*for I am going away from home to school. I am going to Carrollton Greene Co. Ill. The place where L. S. Norton formerly lived. He says M<sup>f</sup>. Prentiss is an excellent teacher, and M<sup>f</sup>. Prentiss wrote that I could board with him. So I am going there. L.H. brought my trunk and books (that we brought from Paducah) down from Tamaroa. Dinner. D<sup>f</sup>. Bull and brother called and ate dinner. I gave him a map of Texas. M<sup>f</sup>. Norton and W<sup>m</sup>. called to see if I was going tonight, I told him I was. He and Father picked out what books they thought I had better take with me. Mother packed my trunk, Supper. Father, Logan Holt, M.E., Manshaem Hall<sup>4</sup> and I went up to Tamaroa (Father went back and brought up Porters; & Youmans Chemistry class books) (Hall drove up Polly & Nelly, bringing my trunk.) At Uncle Holts we met, Uncle Holt<sup>5</sup>, Aunt Eliza<sup>6</sup>, & Emma<sup>7</sup>. L. S. Norton and his W<sup>m</sup>. and Gertrude, Townsend & Rosa & Hiram Blanchard, Miss Moulton and two other ladies Spent a very pleasant evening, (Aunt Eliza passed around cakes nice and apples [sic] good) until 9.38 P.M. M<sup>f</sup>. Norton & I jumped aboard the up train started for Carrollton. At Sandoval we took O. & M.R.R. and arrived at Illinoistown at 4 A.M. (Thursday) M<sup>f</sup>.

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<sup>3</sup> archaic: stray

<sup>4</sup> I am not certain how or if Manshaem Hall fits into the family tree

<sup>5</sup> Martha Sibley Holt was P.K.'s mother. She married Benajah Guernsey Roots on 20 Oct. 1834. I do not know any of her siblings' names.

<sup>6</sup> Was Aunt Eliza the wife of Uncle Holt?

<sup>7</sup> I am not certain how or if Emma fits into the family tree – she is later referred to as Emma Holt. Since “Aunt Eliza and Emma” are usually referred to together, it is possible that Emma is Eliza's daughter.

Norton helped me carry my trunk, half a mile to the Alton R.R. Depot. We slept in chairs until day, Ate breakfast, I discovered that I had not my own overcoat. At

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

Left Illinoistown at 8.15 on the C & St. L.R.R. At Alton we took the stage for Carrollton, arrived there at 6 P.M. I put up a Headricks. M<sup>f</sup>. Norton went down to see M<sup>f</sup>. Prentiss, and about 9 he & I both went down and he introduced me to M<sup>f</sup>. & M<sup>rs</sup>. Prentiss. I stayed the Tavern. M<sup>f</sup>. Norton stayed at M<sup>f</sup>. Wheelers.

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

Wrote a letter to Capt. Gould. M<sup>f</sup>. Norton & I went out to his Motherinlaw's M<sup>rs</sup>. Eldreds or eather it is now called Leonard Eldred's. (her son) Ate Dinner, Looked around outdoors &c. Hiram Ellis and wife came on a visit. After Supper M<sup>f</sup>. Norton and I came in to Carrollton in a buggy with Elan Eldred. Went to singing school. From there I went home with M<sup>f</sup>. Prentiss and began to board with him.

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

Helped M<sup>f</sup>. Prentiss bring a new stove from the store and put it up, also helped him bring down a matrass from M<sup>f</sup>. Rankins for my lounge (or rather the lounge I am to sleep on. He and I looked over my books, I arranged my things. Sawed some wood. Supper. Went to singing school (M<sup>f</sup>. Prentiss teacher) Bathed; went to bed.

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

In Carrollton Greene Co. Ill. Went to the Presbyterian Church. There being no Episcopal Church in or near Carrollton. Read miscellaneous

**February 1858**

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

Mira is nineteen years old today. I began to go to school, (The first I have been to school since Father moved from Sparta back to Locust Hill, in March 1851, Except in St. Louis to learn to write in 1853 (I believe) Studied Algebra

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

In school. Studied Algebra & Philosophy. M<sup>f</sup>. Norton started back home. Armstrong began boarding here also.

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

Went to school. Studied Algebra & Philosophy

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

Went to School. Studied Algebra & Philosophy. After supper I went with M<sup>f</sup>. Prentiss to the meeting of the social circle, at M<sup>f</sup>. Bonfoys. Pleasant evening.

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

Went to school. Studied Algebra & Philisophy. Went to singing school. From there I went out home with Elan & Mattie Eldred.

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

Stayed at M<sup>f</sup>. Eldred's until after dinner. Walked to Carrollton, Sawed some wood. Supper. Went to singing school.

**7<sup>th</sup> Sunady**

In Carrollton. Went to hear Peter Cartwright Preach. I partook of the holy communion. Read a "Lecture to Young Men".

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

Wrote home, and to W. C. Conley. School. Studied Algebra, Philosophy and Geometry.

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

In School. Studied the same as yesterday

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

In school, Studied the same as yesterday. Also began to learn a piece to speak on Friday.

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

In school. Studied the same as yesterday.

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

In school. Studied the same as yesterday. Spoke a piece written by Bishop Heber "Life" Attended a Lecture on Physiology and Phrenology<sup>8</sup> (No singing school)

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

Had the saw sharpened. Sawed wood until dinner. Had my head examined by Phrenologist After supper (No singing school) Went to hear a lecture on the lungs.

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

In Carrollton; Went to the Presbyterian Church. M<sup>r</sup>. Edwards of Jerseyville preached. Read the book of Daniel.

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

Went to School. Studied Philosophy, Geometry and Algebra. Same studies all this week. Attended Lecture on Physiology

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

In school. In the evening I attended a Lecture on Physiology.

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

In School.

**17<sup>th</sup> Wednesday [sic]**

In school. In the evening attended a Lecture on the skin & eye.

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

In school. In the evening I went singing school.

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

I rode out home with M<sup>r</sup>. Hinton & wife and John Hinton in a sled. At 4 O'clock I walked back to Carrollton, and went to singing school

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

At Carrollton: Went to the Presbyterian Church. M<sup>r</sup>. Ranhin preached. Read Calendar and Chemistry

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

Went to school

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

Went to school

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

Went to school.

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

Went to school.

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

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<sup>8</sup> The study of the conformation of the skull based on the belief that it is indicative of mental faculties and character.

Went to school. Spoke Early to Rise and Early to Bed.

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

Read most of the day. Sawed some wood. Had my hair cut.

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

In Carrollton. Went to the Presbyterian Church. M<sup>r</sup>. Rankin Preached. Read Natural Philosophy

**March 1858**

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

Wrote home. In School. In the evening attended a debate at the Lyceum, on Charles 1<sup>st</sup>. M<sup>r</sup>. Prentiss was one of the speakers.

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

In School.

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

In school. Armstrong went up to Manchester

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

In School. I attended the Social gathering at M<sup>r</sup>. Lynn's.

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

In school. After singing school I went out home with Elan & Mattie Eldred

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

Stayed at M<sup>rs</sup>. Eldred's until after dinner. Horace Loomis and wife were there. Leonard Eldred and I walked to Carrollton. I went with M<sup>r</sup>. Prentiss over to Davis' after some chickens. Attended no singing tonight.

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

At Carrollton: Attended Church (Presbyterian). M<sup>r</sup>. Rankin administered and I partook of the Holy Communion. Read Philosophy. M<sup>r</sup>. Prentiss little boy (who was born July 10<sup>th</sup> 1857) was baptized today and christened Dwight Hover.

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

Recited as usual, but there was no school afternoon on account of a Mass Meeting held to devise ways and means to put down Liquor selling in this place

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

In school

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

In school

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

In school

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

In school

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

Read in Anatomy the Human Body.

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

At Carrollton: Attended Presbyterian Church. Read of Hygenie [sic] of the Human Body.

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

Bathed; Wrote home. In school. After Supper Armstrong and I went to hear a Miss C. E. Wright lecture on Temperance. Received a letter from Conley.

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

In school. Ordered a pair of boots to be made at C. H. Green's.

**17<sup>th</sup> 18<sup>th</sup> & 19<sup>th</sup>**

In school

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

At M<sup>r</sup>. Eldreds.

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

Rode Belle from M<sup>r</sup>. Eldreds to Carrollton. Read Adams letters on the Bible. Attended the Presbyterian Church.

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

In school

**23<sup>rd</sup>, 24<sup>th</sup> & 25<sup>th</sup>**

In school.

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

In school. Attended singing school in the evening.

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

Learned my part of the dialogue, to be spoken at the exhibition. Walked out to the Graveyard. Attended singing school in the evening.

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

At Carrollton: Attended the Baptist Church. Read Calendars and Winter Wreath.

**29<sup>th</sup> & 30<sup>th</sup>**

In school

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

In school. In the evening we met at the Academy to rehearse our dialogue.

**For the Month of March 1858**

I have been all the month at Carrollton attending M<sup>r</sup>. Prentiss school. Every Friday & Saturday evenings I attended singing school taught by N. A. Prentiss. Thursday evenings I usually attended the Social Circle. Saturdays sometimes went out to M<sup>r</sup>. Eldreds. Muddy, not very cold.

**April 1858**

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

In school. Rehearsed our dialogue once in A.M. & once in the evening.

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

In school. (Saw Ben. Yates Senior) Singing School. Went out home with Elon & Mattie.

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

Harrowed<sup>9</sup> some: Cleaned off Gipsy. Dinner. Sophia (on Belle) & I (on Gipsy) rode over to M<sup>rs</sup>. Fishbacks. The girls were not at home, found the old lady quite agreeable and entertaining. Then we rode on our nearly to the Bluffs. Came back by way of Wheeler & Taylors saw mill. Supper. Elon & I came in to singing school.

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

In Carrollton: Wrote home, and to Aunt Eliza & Emma.

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

No school on account of fixing up Church for exhibition. I recited as usual. In the evening attend the Lyceum, saw Henry Yates there.

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

School in forenoon. Rehearsed in Church P.M. M<sup>f</sup>. N. A. P.'s father arrived from Quincy.

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

Last day of term. Examination. Examining committee = Bulkley Rice & Curtiss. At 7 P.M. our exhibition commenced in Presbyterian Church closed at 11.30 P.M. Church was crowded, and many outside. During the present term I have boarded with the Principal N. A. Prentiss. he charged me three dollars per week for board, tuition & washing. I sawed all his wood, for which he allowed me liberally. Wm. H. H. Armstrong has been my room mate.

### **Vacation**

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

N.A.P. and M<sup>f</sup>. Rankin started for Virdon to attend the Presbytery. I wrote a letter for Armstrong. He went home. Studied Algebra some In P.M. W<sup>m</sup>. Jones came down, we jumped etc.

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

Lou Robbins started home with M<sup>f</sup>. Prentiss Sen., her step Father. Helped M<sup>rs</sup>. Prentiss about house, Walked out to Joshua W. Armstrong's (6 miles) to dinner. W<sup>m</sup>. H. H. A. & I strayed around over the farm, and to Hannover school house. Stayed over night at Armstrongs.

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

W<sup>m</sup>. H. H. A. & I plowed some. Then went up to see his wheat. I walked (by way of Dover) to M<sup>f</sup>. Hintons to dinner. Henry Yates was there. He said his father Benj Yates wanted to send a stallion to Perry Co. and that I might ride him down. I told him that I would start next Monday morning. Walked to Carrollton. Then walked out to Leonard Eldred's to Let them know that I was going down to Perry County called at Elon Eldred's. Stayed over night at Leonard E's.

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

Walked from Eldreds into town. Attended the Campbellite Church. Read of the Interior of the house I live in. Played with little Dwight. M<sup>rs</sup>. Rankin stayed over night with M<sup>rs</sup>. Prentis

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

Bathed. Started for home. Walked as far as M<sup>f</sup>. Fobes. from where I was going on horseback. (But M<sup>f</sup>. Yates had concluded not to send the horse down. See 10<sup>th</sup> Inst.) I concluded as I had started for home I would keep on and not lose the visit. Rained all day. I stayed over night at M<sup>f</sup>. Fobes. Benj. Yates and wife are here, waiting to move M<sup>f</sup>. Fobes into Jerseyville.

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

At 10 A.M. Benj. Yates Sen. & I got into a one horse buggy and rode over to Jerseyville (4 miles) Ate my dinner at the tavern. Took Stage Roads very heavy & muddy. Arrived at Alton at 6 ½ P.M. Stopped at Alton house. Went to bed early. At 2 ½ A.M. tomorrow morning took cars.

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<sup>9</sup> Harrow: a cultivating implement set with spikes, spring teeth, or disks and used primarily for pulverizing and smoothing the soil.

#### 14<sup>th</sup>

Arrived at IllinoisTown at 4 ½ A.M. Stayed in Depot until 5. No train going east till 10 A.M. Crossed over to St. Louis walked around and looked around till 9, visited the place where I learned to write. (See Feb 1<sup>st</sup>) Took Carson O.&M.R.R. arrived at Sandoval at 12 ½ P.M. Took cars on I.C.R.R. found John Hawkins and family borrowed \$1.00 of him on board returning to Tamaroa from St. Louis. Arrived at Tamaroa at 3 P.M. Rode down home with John Hawkins & family in Clay's waggon. Found all well. Father just starting for Benton (on Ferdinands mare) as witness for Olney. Mother well and hard at work (as usual). L.H., Charley & I caught and castrated 4 pigs, did the chores and went to bed.

#### 15<sup>th</sup>

L.H. & I helped load the waggon with wheat. Castrated 4 cats. L.H. hunted till dinner for Lizzy Cooper & Lucy Neal did not find them. I brought Nelly & Polly up out of the Prairie, hitched them to the buggy, Aunt Eliza and I then rode down to Hickory Grove, and a great time digging up wild flowers. returned home to Supper. Aunt Eliza & Emma rode up home (in Tamaroa) in buggy. L.H., M.E. & I who had walked thus far, now got in and rode on up to M<sup>r</sup>. Nortons. When I was about to hand them a letter from Mattie Eldred, to my surprise I found that I had it not. (A. Lippincott son of the minister, was there. Had a pleasant visit. Reached home at 10 P.M.

#### 16<sup>th</sup> Friday

L.H. & I did the milking &c. Father returned from Benton (See 14<sup>th</sup> Inst.) I drove the Oxen (Dick & Pete) and John plowed the strip south of hedge. Galloway Jr. was here to see father about buying the south forty. I cleaned the glasses of transit and put in new cross hairs. L.H. looked all P.M. for Lizzy and Lucy. They left on 13<sup>th</sup> Inst. After Supper M.E., Harriet Kennedy & I walked up to Uncle Holts. Father & L.H. came up half an hour later, Spent a very pleasant evening, Arrived at home at 10-15 P.M.

#### 17<sup>th</sup> Saturday

Rained all A.M. L.H. & I trimmed the horses feet, trimmed Brimmers so short that I fear it will make him lame; Dinner. I wrote for Father. Hall & Mansham came over to see Father. Father, Hall & I started up to Tamaroa. (Found a Prairie Roosted that had just killed himself by flying against the telegraph wire) At the tressel work Father concluded to go to M<sup>r</sup>. Nortons so he turned me back for L.H. & M.E. L.H. settled with Mansham. Then led out Nelly while I ate my supper (Doughnuts, Milk & cheese) L.H. wanted to see John, (so he came in on pretense of hunting him, called out Where's John, gathered a doughnut and put back to where he knew all the time John was. I saddled Nelly for sister, while L.H. ate his supper. Then we went to M<sup>r</sup>. Nortons. Found Father there. (Prairie very wet) Chatted &c till 9.30. M.E. rode, Father L.H. & I walked home.

#### 18<sup>th</sup> Sunday

At Home: Father and I walked up to Tamaroa to send a letter to Pinckneyville by running I caught the hack and sent it by George. Rained a great deal last night. Came back home. Father read service. Dinner. Read in Calendars & Teacher. Father read a sermon. Then we repeated our hymns & catechism.

#### 19<sup>th</sup>

Father went up to Tamaroa. I shaved, Then with help of L.H. Parish & Westler I ran approximate Sex. line from N.E. corner Sec. 9; 1 ½ miles west. Met D. M. Logan<sup>10</sup> with Father. (M<sup>r</sup>. Logan has come up from Mississippi as witness in Fathers land suit with Lathrop.) Dinner. Same force went and ran in the section Line right. Supper. Father L.H., M.E. & Harriet went over to see Townsend & Rosa Blanchard. Came back home. Mother & L.H. accompanied me to Tressel work on foot, then returned home. Father came on with me to Tamaroa. Gave Uncle Holt & family Good Bye. At 9.30 P.M. took the cars and came to Sandoval. (M<sup>r</sup>. Post was on train) Took cars on O.&M.R.R. arrived at East St. Louis at 3 ½ A.M. Tomorrow morning.

#### 20<sup>th</sup> Tuesday

Took Cars at 8.30 A.M. Arrived at Alton at 10 A.M. Took Stage. Arrived at Carrollton at 7 P.M. Found some 12 or 15 visitors in M<sup>r</sup>. Prentiss' Parlor. I ate supper. John M. Ross of Danville is here, and will be my room mate this term. John Vallentine is also here, he is going to room with Armstrong in the other room. All 4 of us are going to attend M<sup>r</sup>. Prentiss' school.

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<sup>10</sup> Is this the person for whom P.K.'s sibling was named, Col. Logan Holt Roots? What was his first name?

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

Went out to M<sup>r</sup>. Eldreds to deliver the letters from M<sup>r</sup>. Nortons. Ate Breakfast there, Came in to school, began my second term with M<sup>r</sup>. Prentiss.

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

In School.

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

In School. Attended the last of our singing school exercises.

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

Went up town to get some eggs, none in town. Went out to M<sup>rs</sup>. Carlins and got some. Read some sewed some, and studied some. Rainy day. N.A.P. had had his garden replowed; but not harrowed.

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

At Carrollton: M<sup>r</sup>. Prentiss went out 10 miles east of Carrollton and preached two sermons. I read some, Wrote home & to Conley.

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

In school.

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

In School. Began to work in M<sup>r</sup>. Prentiss garden.

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

In School. M<sup>r</sup>. & M<sup>rs</sup>. Rankins and M<sup>rs</sup>. Prentiss went to Jacksonville. Sowed some Lettuce, Beets & Radishes.

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

In School. Planted some Peas

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

In School. Planted some corn, Sowed some Tomato seed. Rained hard at 8 P.M.

### **For the Month of April 1858**

Harriet Kennedy is at Locust Hill. Dutch John & Mary & Katie are at Locust Hill. The school at Carrollton closed on the 7<sup>th</sup>. I arrived at home on the 14<sup>th</sup> and left home on the 19<sup>th</sup>. M<sup>r</sup>. Prentiss was made a Preacher and began to Preach. M<sup>r</sup>. & M<sup>rs</sup>. Rankin & M<sup>rs</sup>. Prentiss went to Jacksonville on the 28<sup>th</sup>.

I worked in M<sup>r</sup>. N.A.Ps garden after 27<sup>th</sup> Mornings evenings; and Saturday if at home. For sometimes I was out at Eldreds. Monday evenings attended the Lyceum.

### **May 1858**

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

Planted some Potatoes & Bunch Beans. M<sup>r</sup>. N.A.P., Ross & I set out some strawberry plants. Attended Union Prayer Meeting in the evening.

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

At Carrollton. Wrote home. Attended the Union meeting at the Baptist Church. Read the life of Empress Josephine. Rainy.

**3<sup>rd</sup> 4<sup>th</sup> 5<sup>th</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup>**

In school

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

In school. Planted some Peas.

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

Planted some melon seed, Beans & Sowed Tongue Grass seed. Ross & I went up town and got a file and a whetstone, filed the hoe. Made six cucumber hills in the Stable lot. Committed my piece to memory for next Friday

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

At Carrollton: Went to Morning Prayer Meeting to Sunday School and to Church. Wrote home and to Conley. Read in Chemistry.

**10<sup>th</sup> 11<sup>th</sup> 12<sup>th</sup> & 13<sup>th</sup>**

In school

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

Rainy. In school. I went out to M<sup>r</sup>. Eldred's

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

Leonard was sowing Barley. Elon Harrowing it in. I watched the operation of a mole ditcher<sup>11</sup>. Came to town to dinner. M<sup>r</sup>. North was here all day. I sowed some garden seed. Rained hard in the evening.

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

At Carrollton: Attended the Presbyterian Church.

**17<sup>th</sup> 18<sup>th</sup> 19<sup>th</sup>, 20<sup>th</sup> & 21<sup>st</sup>**

In School.

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

Hoed, planted and sowed some

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

At Carrollton: Went to Sunday School, and to twice to Church.

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

Rain: In school

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

In School

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

In School. Rain. W<sup>m</sup>. H. H. Armstrong stayed over night with us.

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

In school

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

In School. Jos. Pierson School Commissioner died. I declaimed<sup>12</sup> in P.M. M<sup>r</sup>. Simeon Wright State Agent visited the school, he stayed over night at N.A.P.'s W<sup>m</sup>. A. Jones & I started to walk out to M<sup>r</sup>. Eldred's, but found Elon in town with a 2 horse waggon. So we rode out, Miss Jenny & M<sup>r</sup>. C. Gilchrist also went out. Found Misses Jenny and Julia Eldred there; also. Miss Adele Avery.

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

After Breakfast, M<sup>r</sup>. Gilchrist and I walked to Carrollton. I introduced myself to M<sup>r</sup>. Wright, as son of B. G. Roots Tamaroa Perry Co. Ill. He appeared glad to see me. As there were so many calling on him at his room, he proposed

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<sup>11</sup> Someone who digs up moles?

<sup>12</sup> To speak rhetorically; *specifically*: to recite something as an exercise in elocution.

that we should take a walk. We did so and we had (what to me) was a pleasant and profitable conversation. I inquired of him as to where I had better attend school after this term ends (July 23<sup>rd</sup>) He advised me to write to Geo Churchill Galesburg. I went up with M<sup>rs</sup>. Prentiss to M<sup>r</sup>. Rankin. M<sup>r</sup>. & M<sup>rs</sup>. N.A.P. attended M<sup>r</sup>. Pierson's funeral. I stuck some Peas, and hoed in the garden the remainder of the day.

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

At Carrollton: Rained in A.M. M<sup>r</sup>. Rankin read the sermon of D<sup>r</sup>. Tyng on the death of his son. M<sup>r</sup>. Wright took dinner at N.A.P.s

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

In school. Rainy. Armstrong began to come to school.

**For the Month of May 1858**

It has been rather wet. I worked a great deal in the garden. Frquently attended the daily Prayer Meetings. We had a pole upon which we used to perform some gymnastics. Three of us boarding with M<sup>r</sup>. Prentiss viz. Ross, Vallentine & P.K. Roots. M<sup>r</sup>. Wright State Agent visited us on 28<sup>th</sup>. I first saw a mole ditcher on the 15<sup>th</sup>.

**June 1858**

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

In School.

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

In school. It rained torrents all the forenoon. Only seven scholars came to school. I had to ditch off the garden.

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

In school.

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

In school. I am twenty years old to-day.

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

Hoed & stuck a row of Peas. Mended my pants and learned my speech.

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

At Carrollton: I went to Sun. S. M<sup>r</sup>. Rankin administered the holy Communion of which I partook. Went twice to Church. Anniversary of Queen Campbells birthday = 15 years old

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

In school. I began studying Trigonometry.

**8<sup>th</sup> & 9<sup>th</sup>**

In School.

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

In school. Hoed the cabbage

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

In School. In evening rode out in buggy with Vallentine. Armstrong rode with us till we met Bonfoy. We took supper at M<sup>r</sup>. Curbys. Stayed over night at Vallentines.

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

Went over to Esq. Van Arsdal's, saw their twins. John v. & I cleaned out the guns. Had dinner at 11 A.M. Then John & Edwin Vallentine & I took the guns and went in to Taylor Creek bottom. Found no game, went into the

creek three times. I got so that I could swim some little; dog fashion. Came back to supper at 7 P.M. M<sup>f</sup>. Vallentine returned from Greenfield. I stayed with them over night.

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

At M<sup>f</sup>. Vallentines 10 miles east of Carrollton. Rode up to Church. Heard M<sup>f</sup>. Prentiss preach. I never heard him before, his wife & M<sup>rs</sup>. Rankin were out to hear him. I took dinner and stayed over night at Armstrongs. In the evening W<sup>m</sup>. H. H. A. & I rode over to M<sup>f</sup>. Hankins to see Bonfoy.

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

Came from Joshua W. Armstrongs to Carrollton with W<sup>m</sup>. H. H. A., rode most of the way, behind him on Bonfoys mare. In school

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

In school.

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

In school. After Supper 8 of the school boys including the 4 staying at N.A. Prentiss' went in a two horse waggon up to Apple Creek (5 miles north) to swim. Returned at 9 P.M.

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

In school. Rained very hard for a while in the forenoon.

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

In school. At night went with M<sup>f</sup>. & M<sup>rs</sup>. Prentiss to the boys theatre; They are trying to raise money to buy a bell for Carrollton Academy. M<sup>f</sup>. Rankin returned from Jacksonville bringing with him Miss Nellie Gookins, cousin of N.A.P. & M<sup>rs</sup>. Rankin. W<sup>m</sup>. A. Jones quit studying Trigonometry and left me alone.

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

Ross is 24 years old to-day. Sowed some Lettuce & Radish. Went with Ross to Boys theatre. Wrote to Phipps, also to Capt. Gould.

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

At Carrollton: Went to Sunday S. and twice to Church. Read the Calendars. Wrote home.

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

In school. Planted some cucumber seed.

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

In school. Planted some Muskmelon seed.

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

In School. Planted some squashes. The Steam Calliope came to town at 10 A.M. I went to see it. Went to the circus at night. Saw a woman walk up the rope at 1 P.M.

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

In school. Planted some Watermelon seed.

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

In school all day. A little shower at 1 ½ P.M. I declaimed in the afternoon. After supper I went out to M<sup>f</sup>. Eldreds. Ross has been unwell all the week.

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

Leonard & I walked all around the farm. Hitched Nelly Fanny to the waggon, and went with wheat over to Dutch Fred's water mill on Hurrican creek. The Illinois has been very high, lacking only six inches of being as high as the flood of 1844. It has fallen about 5 feet up to the present time. We took a nice swim, and when we returned to the mill the wheat was ground, and we started for home, came via James Eldreds and M<sup>rs</sup>. Fishbacks. We went up on

the Bluff and had a splendid view of the surrounding country. The bottom looked like a sea full of Islands. We also went into the cave. James Eldred keeps over sixty milck [sic] cows, makes cheese, we stopped at the dairy for a while. Stopped in at M<sup>rs</sup>. Fishbacks she had just returned from Tamaroa.

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

Came from M<sup>r</sup>. Eldreds to Carrollton, Bathed & shaved before breakfast. Went to Sunday S. & Church, M<sup>r</sup>. J. G. Rankin's father preached here today, while he preached (out ten miles east) in M<sup>r</sup>. Prentiss' place.

**28<sup>th</sup> 29<sup>th</sup> & 30<sup>th</sup>**

In School

**For the Month of June 1858**

The first half of the month was wet, but towards the latter of the month it began to be rather dry. I spent some hours of nearly every day in the garden. There were 4 of us boarding with N.A.P. viz. Roots & Ross, Armstrong & Vallentine. We had our usual gymnastic exercises. 7<sup>th</sup> I began Trigonometry. 11<sup>th</sup> Went out to Vallentines. 13<sup>th</sup> Heard N.A. Prentiss preach. 16<sup>th</sup> Went up to Apple Creek. Miss Nellie Gookins had charge of the primary department of N.A.P.'s school. 19<sup>th</sup> Ross' birthday. Chas. Yates attending N.A.P.'s school.

**July 1858**

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

In school

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

In school. Armstrong had to quit school to harvest.

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

I rode in waggon with Ross, Jones & 5 others out to Apple Creek (5 miles north) where Carrollton & White Hall meet to Celebrate the 4<sup>th</sup>. All my Greene Co acquaintances seemed to be there. Several toasts were offered; and responded to by Woodson, Fishback and others. Had a sort of Pic Nic dinner, Each person or each family bringing lunch.

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

At Carrollton: Attended Sunday S. & Church.

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

Received a letter from Capt. Gould desiring me to come to Paducah. I sent the letter to Father, asking his advice. In school

**6<sup>th</sup> & 7<sup>th</sup>**

In School. 7<sup>th</sup> Townsend & Rosa Blanchard's oldest child Harry born

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

Ross started home on the evening stage, he had to go to hay harvest. I was in school.

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

The last day that I will go to school in Carrollton this summer, For this morning I received an answer from father saying for me to go if I thought best. As it is only two weeks to the end of the term, I think I had better go. I will start Monday. I was in school all day in the evening I went out to M<sup>r</sup>. Hinton's and stayed over night.

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

After looking around the farm, watching the operation of a Header etc. I came to Carrollton and worked in the garden. We had a heavy refreshing shower in afternoon. D<sup>r</sup>. Hardtner began to fill my teeth but it was so dark, he said for me to come early Monday morning and he would finish.

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

The last Sunday I was in Carrollton in 1858. I was quite sick (vomiting excessively) until about 2 P.M. Caused (I suppose) by eating unripe tomatoes yesterday. Then it was all over but I was weak. In the evening I walked out to M<sup>r</sup>. Eldreds.

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

Rode in to Carrollton with Elon. D<sup>r</sup>. Hardtner finished filling my teeth. Elon had a tooth pulled. I bid adieu to my Carrollton friends and took the stage for Alton at 9 A.M. on my way to Paducah, Leaving behind about the best garden of its size I ever saw. About 3 ½ P.M. M<sup>r</sup>. & M<sup>rs</sup>. N.A. Prentiss & little Dwight overtook. I left the stage and rode with them most of the way from there on to Alton. All stopped at the Alton House. At supper I ate the first mouthful of meat since Feb. 9<sup>th</sup> 1858. M<sup>rs</sup>. Prentiss (with little Dwight) is on her way Connecticut. M<sup>r</sup>. Prentiss returns to Carrollton tomorrow. I bade them Good Bye, And went aboard the steamboat Baltimore, Arrived at St. Louis at 11 P.M. stopped at Kings Hotel.

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

Went Aboard the steamboat Ben. M. Runyan. Wrote home. Started down the river at 5 P.M.

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

Arrived at Paducah at 1 P.M. went out to M<sup>r</sup>. Bronsons for dinner. Found all well. Fanny was out at M<sup>r</sup>. Alexanders. Capt. Gould & Judge Campbell were out at Mayfield attending to the Beadles & Bolinger Rail Road suit. Went out on train (Conley Conductor) at 3 ½ P.M. to Mayfield. End of track in Cut at 1216. Found Capt. Gould well and glad to see me. Stopped at the Singleton House.

### **15<sup>th</sup> 16<sup>th</sup> & 17<sup>th</sup>**

The R.R. suit was under arbitration, and as I was witness I had to be on hand, ready at any time that I was called for. I was part of the time in Court House and part of time setting track pegs. The Court adjourned until Tuesday. Went to Paducah on train

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

At Paducah. Went to Church. After Dinner Fanny came home from M<sup>r</sup>. Alexanders.

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

Worked on Locust Street.

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

Went out on train to Mayfield. Set some track pegs.

### **21<sup>st</sup> 22<sup>nd</sup> 23<sup>rd</sup>**

Part the time in Court House. The remainder of the time I set track pegs & Laid out Station House.

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

Went to Paducah on train. The suit being tried verdict is to be rendered two weeks hence.

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

At Paducah: Attended Church

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

I went out to Mayfield (on train) with orders to dig out and lay the foundation for Turntable<sup>13</sup>, and lay a track to it. Also to extend the main track about 1000 feet. We had no frog<sup>14</sup>. Phipps furnished the men and by Friday 30<sup>th</sup> 10 A.M. we had it ready for use. Made the frog by turning a rail.

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<sup>13</sup> A revolvable platform; a platform with a track for turning wheeled vehicles.

<sup>14</sup> A device permitting the wheels on one rail of a track to cross an intersecting rail.

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

Finished track to Turn Table by 10 A.M. Then tended switch until 9 P.M. For it was the day of the Great Rail Road Barbecue, to rejoice over the completion of the Road to Mayfield. I went to Paducah on last train.

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

Worked in Paducah.

**For the Month of July 1858**

I went to school at Carrollton until the 10<sup>th</sup> Then went to Kentucky. Engaged on R.R. the remainder of the Month. (Left Carrollton on 12<sup>th</sup> reached Paducah on 14<sup>th</sup>). Beadles & Bolinger R.R. suit was decided by arbitration, They received less than \$5000, Davenport Machinist, Conley Conductor. I made one switch without a frog; And laid 2 Frogs, the latter was done in August

**August 1858**

**1<sup>st</sup> to 23<sup>rd</sup>**

I was most of the time at Mayfield putting down side track, and remodeling the Turn Table. During which time I stayed (according to invitation) much of the time with M<sup>r</sup>. Phipps. When not at Mayfield I was in Paducah, Laying out Street work, lots, or Wharf.

**23<sup>rd</sup> 24<sup>th</sup> & 25<sup>th</sup>**

In Paducah Laying out lots and Street work.

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

Put in two stakes to Terrills lot. Old man Brigham was in town. He wanted Capt. Gould to go up to the coal mines and lay out new tracks, or tracks to new veins. We went down to the Wharf to go, but we were too late, The boat had gone. Rained.

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

Worked in town.

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

Capt. G. & I went aboard the Packet Silver Star, at 9 A.M. Arrived at Curlew about 9 P.M. Rode with M<sup>r</sup>. Brigham on Engine out to the mines. Stayed at Brighams house on the hill, all the time we were there.

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

At Curlew Coal mines Union Co. Ky. Wrote Home. Walked around with Capt. Gould & M<sup>r</sup>. Brigham by Mulford's coal mines.

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

I helped Capt. Gould run an experimental lines to the two new openings (The Cannel coal vein & the three feet vein.) I ran the level over and made a profile of the two lines. At Supper Capt. Gould gave me orders how to locate the lines and complete the survey lay grade &c. The he started for Paducah. M<sup>r</sup>. Brigham & I went down to the river with him; on the engine.

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

With two men I located the line up to the Cannel coal vein. (Line runs through a house.)

Boarded at M<sup>r</sup>. Bronsons when in Paducah.

**September 1858**

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

With two men ran the level over located line to Cannel coal vein. Made a profile of it and set grade stakes. Ran another line from the opposite side of tip straight to the 3 feet vein, set grade stakes on it. Ate Supper. Started for

Paducah, Rode down on the little Engine Curlew to the river, Slept at the boarding house till 11 P.M. Went aboard the steamboat Tempest, Arrived at Paducah at 9 O'clock tomorrow morning.

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

Left the Instruments at Chestnut Depot. Rained till noon. Dinner: Measured the distance on Jefferson from Locust to Chestnut. Capt. Gould went out to Mayfield to repair Turn Table. Rained all night. John & Barton

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

Measured on Tennessee from Chestnut to Locust. Set curb stakes on upper side Locust between Clarke & Adams. Ground covered with water, awful muddy, No Dinner. John & Barton.

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

Made and set curb stakes on lower side Locust between Clarke & Adams. Dinner at Thompsons with Lawrence. Laid out a lot for Frenchman (Simon) Finished laying off Terrills lot (See 26<sup>th</sup> Ult) Capt. returned at 11 P.M. (See 2<sup>nd</sup> Inst.) John & Barton.

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

At Paducah: Wrote home.

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

Finished laying off Clarks land, Measured on Locust from Clarke to Adams. Barton & John.

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

Rode in buggy out to Clarks river to lay off a bridge for M<sup>r</sup>. J. W. Gaston. Cleared out and took a cross section of the river at Bridge Location, returned to Paducah.

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

First laid of a lot for Woolfolk near Rolling Mill: Barton. Dinner. Went out and placed the stakes for 28 Bents at Clarks river bridge. Went out and back with Sally & buggy.

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

Went out to Clarks River and Leveled the stakes for the 28 bents of the bridge (Dinner at Adam Smiths) finished at 5 P.M. Returned in buggy with Sally. Capt. G. had just returned from repairing Turn Table and putting the pump in the well at Mayfield.

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

Capt. G. & I rode down to see the land that he is to survey, & divide into ¼ squares for \$200 (two hundred) I went to town got John, & Jim Killbayne to come and help me, ran a line along the bluff to near D<sup>r</sup>. Roberts house. (See Nov. 13<sup>th</sup> 1858)

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

Bought axes &c. John & I worked alone until noon, then he went home. I cut down a tough White Oak 3 feet across. Rode Sally up to Jersey to hire Harper but he was sick.

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

At Paducah: Made a plan of bridge & tressel work, that has to be at County Court tomorrow morning.

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

Martin Monahan began working for me at Thirty dollars per month. Capt. G. was down with us a while. We set curb stakes on Locust between Adams & Jackson. Laid out a lot for H. Jones. John K. ¾

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

Martin & I measured a line on Kings land. Then went out (on Engine) and inspected W<sup>m</sup>. B. Bonds Ties. Dinner at Bonds. Walked back to Paducah at 6 P.M.

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

In the office all day making out Estimates of Street work. Settled with N.O. & O.R.R. Co up to date.

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

Ran center of Court Street out (for Grief) beyond Clarkes then offset to Clarke Street. In the forenoon the cross hair in Transit broke and I had to stop and put in a new one. Martin & John.

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

Surveyed Griefs triangular track containing one acre. Ate Dinner. Then went down and worked on lower addition. Martin & John.

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

Worked on lower addition until 4 O'clock. Martin & John. I then made a plan of the manner in which it is to be laid off.

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

At Paducah: Attended Church. Wrote home

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

Worked on lower addition Martin, John & Glenn.

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

Set Grade on Clark from Locust to Market, Then began setting curb stakes on Locust between Adams & Jackson. A waggon belonging to D<sup>f</sup>. Dachus ran over the level, and so disjointed it that it was unfit for use. So I had to go to the office and get down the Tilghman Level clean it up, and put new cross hairs. Then went and finished putting in the curb stakes.

**22<sup>nd</sup> & 23<sup>rd</sup>**

Worked on Lower addition. Martin & John. Jennings ½ day.

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

Took Capt. & Cos trunks to Wharf boat, but they did not start – boat did not come along. Set Grades on Locust from Jefferson to Madison. Dinner. Changed the same grades that I put in, in forenoon.

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

At Paducah. Capt. Gould, Mira & Fanny started (on the John Gault) for New York, Boston, Philadelphia, Pottstown, Niagara &c. They left little Willy with M<sup>rs</sup>. Bronson. (See Nov. 3<sup>rd</sup> 1858)

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

Set Grade on Lower Broadway. Martin & John.

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

Went up to Jersey and bought some lumbr for making stakes. Came back & hitched Sally to the buggy. Went up to the Lumber and made stakes until noon. Ate our lunch. Began laying a square (above Jersey) for L.M. Flournoy.) into lots. Martin & John.

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

Set Gutter stakes on Lower Broadway until noon. Went up to Jersey and continued staking off Flournoys lots. Martin & John.

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

Finished laying off the 69 lots above Jersey (for Flournoy) Dinner. Then Martin & I went out on cars to Mayfield. Stayed over night at M<sup>r</sup>. Phipps'.

On the 1<sup>st</sup> Fanny Bronson was 17 year old I was at Curlew. On the 30<sup>th</sup> In Mayfield. With these exceptions I have been in Paducah, Eating at M<sup>r</sup>. Bronsons and sleeping in the office. On the 10<sup>th</sup> Capt. Contracted to lay off a large

tract of land (for Flourmoy, Trimble, Harris & Norton) lying below the Hospital, for \$200. He and I are to divide the profits. On the 26<sup>th</sup> Capt. G & Co. started east.

**October 1858**

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

Laid off Engine house at Mayfield (47x15) Martin. Left Mayfield at dusk on an extra train. Judge Campbell also went in.

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

On Lower Addition: Martin 1 day: John ½. Bought me a pair of boots.

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

at Paducah: Wrote home.

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

Set curb stakes on Locust from Jefferson to Monroe. Also set grade stakes on Lower Broadway. Martin

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

Laid off Pickens lots. On Lower Addition. Martin & Harper.

**6<sup>th</sup> & 7<sup>th</sup>**

Worked on Lower Addition. Martin, Harper & Tom.

**8<sup>th</sup> & 9<sup>th</sup>**

Martin & I set stakes on Lower Broadway in forenoon. Afternoon we went to Lower Addition, where Harper & Tom worked all day.

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

At Paducah: In bed most of the day, on account of having a severe cold

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

Worked on Lower Addition. Harper & Tom

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

Worked on Lower Addition. Harper & Tom. Inspected work now done on Locust Street. Martins Month is out, paid him off in full.

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

In forenoon John & I set some gutter stakes on Lower Broadway. Afternoon worked on Lower Addition where Harper & Tom worked all day. No chorom [sic] in City Council.

**14<sup>th</sup> & 15<sup>th</sup>**

Worked on Lower Addition. Harper, Tom, & John. First Fair in Mayfield

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

Worked on Lower Addition. Harper & Tom.

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

At Paducah: Went to Church. Read Calendars, Wrote home.

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

Looked in Clerks office for Division of Land among Clarkes heirs. Hired a horse of Jim Long. Capt. Harriss & I rode down to see the bounding lines of the tract. Dinner. Set curb & gutter stakes on Broadway. Tom & John ½

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

Worked on Lower Addition till 2 P.M. (Tom & John). Rain. I went to M<sup>r</sup>. Bronsons and made plan of Lower Addition

**20<sup>th</sup> & 21<sup>st</sup>**

Worked on Lower Addition. (Cathcart, Tom & John.)

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

Worked on Lower Addition. Cathcart, Tom & John. At night made plan of the 69 Jersey lots (See Sept. 30<sup>th</sup> 1858)

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

Worked on Lower Addition. Cathcart, Tom & John. Received of L.M. Flournoy \$50 (Fifty Dollars)

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

At Paducah. Went to Church –

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

Wrote home. Set stakes on Broadway, Noon. (Tom & John). Lower Addition Tom, John & Reuben.

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

Lower Addition. Tom, John & Reuben.

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

Rode up and told Harper to come on again, but it rained all day. Studied Algebra. Made up Estimates of Work now done on Broadway. Attended the meeting of City Council.

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

Set pegs on Broadway till noon. Harper & John. Then we went to Lower Addition where Tom & Reuben worked all day.

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

Worked on Lower addition. John, Harper, Tom & Reuben

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

Worked till noon on Lower Addition. John, Harper, Tom & Reuben. Went over to the Fair. Then went around collecting.

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

At Paducah. Went to Church. Wrote home. Read Calendars.

**For the Month of October 1858**

Capt. Gould (& Co) were absent (east) during the whole Month. I was Ass't. City Engr. And hence as he was gone, I had to take Charge of all the Street work, as well as push on the survey of Lower Addition. I was I in Mayfield on the first, with this exception I was in Paducah. Eating at & Sleeping at M<sup>r</sup>. Bronsons.

**November 1858**

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

In forenoon, John & I worked on Locust & Broadway. Harper, Tom & Reuben worked on Lower Addition. Rained in P.M. I calculated am't of grading on Broadway.

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

Set curb stakes on Locust between Jackson & Ohio, till 1 P.M. (John & Tom) Much over one foot deep, and raining all the time. Dinner. Solved a problem, that Father sent me

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

In forenoon I rode down to see about Lower City Boundary Line. Dinner. Began to run the above City Line. (Harper, John & Reuben) Capt. Gould, Mira & Fanny arrived at home from the East (See Sept. 26<sup>th</sup> 1858)

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

Continued City Line to the river. Measured from foot of Hospital street to the point where we struck the river (to check) Harper, John & Reuben.

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

Measured the Lower Boundary Line of Lower Addition. Scored some of the unmarked lines. Killed & dressed a calf for M<sup>r</sup>. Bronson.

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

Began running off, John T. Harriss' land adjoining Lower Addition. Rained 2 hours in P.M. (Cathcart, John, Harper.)

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

At Paducah: Attended service at Grace Church. Rev. M<sup>r</sup>. Presbury administered the Holy Communion.

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

Set curb stakes on Locust between Jefferson & Madison. Ground our axes. Dinner. Worked on Lower Addition

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

Finished laying out Harris' land (See 5<sup>th</sup> Inst.) Dinner. Cathcart ½ day. Worked on Lower Addition. Harper & John all day.

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

Measured Hospital & Trimble Streets. 3 P.M. Harper & John. Raining & Snowing all day. After 3 P.M. Capt. G. & I went down to lower end of Clark Street, to the clerk's office and back to M<sup>r</sup>. Bronsons. Made out the Semi monthly estimate of work done on Broadway. Supper. Went down to City Council room: No chorum.

\*About 4 A.M. M<sup>r</sup>. Bronson discovered the engine house to be on fire. Capt. G & I hurried over there. (We found about five men there.) But when we arrived it was too late to save the engine house, And it was with difficulty that the car shop was saved; by throwing water upon it. We also pushed away and saved a car that was standing by the engine house. The old Engine (Paducah) was in the house (The new one being in Mayfield.) It is supposed that the building was set on fire. Loss [including the adjoining blacksmith shop] is about \$3,000.

**11<sup>th</sup> & 12<sup>th</sup>**

Worked Lower Addition (Harper & John)

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

At 2 P.M. finished laying off the Lower Addition to Paducah, (See Sept. 10<sup>th</sup> 1858) the area of which is about 509 acres. Then ran City Line from Kings to Buddys. (Harper & John)

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

At Paducah: Attended Church. Capt. G. & Judge Campbell went out to Mayfield.

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

Went down town to work, but it rained & snowed. I began plan of Lower Addition..

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

Set curb stakes on Locust between Ohio & Tennessee Streets. (Harper & John)

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

Set stakes (curb) on Locust between Monroe & Madison; Dinner. Set stakes on Lower Broadway. Supper. Attended meeting of City Council and received an order for the payment of my salary as Ass't City Engr.

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

Worked on plans of Lower Addition. Harper blazed lines.

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

Worked on plans of Lower Addition till noon. Then Capt. G. & I laid off a lot for Burns. Harper finished blazing lines.

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

L.H. arrived from Locust Hill. he has come to take Sally with him home. Visited some with him (L.H.), worked some on plans Lower Addition. Received my pay from City. Snowy

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

At Paducah: L.H. & I attended Church. Bishop Smith was present and confirmed 7 persons.

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

L.H. & I went on train out to Mayfield. Stayed over night at Phipps. Spent the evening with Conley & wife; had a little candy pulling & a nice game at Euchre<sup>15</sup>.

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

L.H. & I called on M<sup>rs</sup>. Alonzo Hill. Went to Paducah on train. L.H. helped me measure some short lines on Lower Addition.

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

L.H. started for Locust Hill on Sally Gould, he is going to keep her untill next fall. Capt. G. & I worked on plans of Lower Addition. Capt. G. & Mira, P.K. & Fanny went to supper gotten up by the Presbyterians for the benefit of their Church. Tickets \$1.

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

Capt. G. & I worked plans of Lower Addition. In the evening attended a supper same as last evening. Tickets \$0 ½

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

Capt. G. & I worked on plans

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

Capt. G. & I finished the plans of Lower Addition and received the pay therefor.

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

At Paducah: The last Sunday that I was there in 1858. Attended Church. Read a description of Niagara and vicinity.

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

Brought the stake timber from Jersey City. Collected money the remainder of the day.

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

Collecting debts, and packing my things to go home. W<sup>m</sup>. W. Phipps' son Charles Bellknapp was born.

**For the Month of November 1858**

I was in Paducah. Surveying Flournoy, Norton & Trimble & Harriss' Addition to Paducah, I was boarding and sleeping at M<sup>r</sup>. Bronsons.

3<sup>rd</sup> Capt. Gould, Mira & Fanny returned from the east.

7<sup>th</sup> The (Engine House frame, built in 1855) burned down.

24<sup>th</sup> L.H. took Sally to Locust Hill.

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<sup>15</sup> A card game in which each player is dealt five cards and the player making trump must take three tricks to win a hand.

Father was teaching school  
30<sup>th</sup> Charley Phipps born.

### December 1858

#### 1<sup>st</sup> Wednesday

A dray<sup>16</sup> took my things to the Wharf Boat. Helped Capt. G. set some stakes on Broadway. Finished collecting all except \$10. from W<sup>m</sup>. Ellithorp.

#### 2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday

Bid adieu to M<sup>r</sup>. Bronsons family, Came on Tom Scott to Cairo. Had my furniture taken to I.C.R.R. depot. Took passenger cars to Dongola. Stopped over night with Ebeni & Alice Leavenworth.

#### 3<sup>rd</sup> Friday

Took Cars at 5 A.M. Came to Jonesboro. Stopped over all day to see Col. Ashley. Also called on M<sup>rs</sup>. Condon. At 5 P.M. took cars and came to Tamaroa. Walked down home at 9 P.M. Found all well.

#### 4<sup>th</sup> Saturday

Rode Sally up to Tamaroa. Went to see Aunt Eliza & Emma. Brought home some throat latches<sup>17</sup> & had a lantern mended, went down to Fathers school.

#### 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday

At Home: Father read a good sermon

#### 6<sup>th</sup> Monday

Rode Pocahontas over to T. Blanchards. Came home to dinner. Went down to Fathers school.

#### 7<sup>th</sup> Tuesday

L.H., Harmon & I went to the woods after logs to fix approaches to the barn doors. got stuck in the mud and only reached home with one log after dark.

#### 8<sup>th</sup> Wednesday

I made an approach to the North West Barn door. After supper we went up to Tamaroa to Church. M<sup>r</sup>. Osborne Conducted worship. M<sup>r</sup>. Osborne stayed at our house last night.

#### 9<sup>th</sup> Thursday

Miller & I fixed the approach to Polly & Nelly and the colts barn doors. Chopped some wood. L.H. & Harmon went to the woods after more logs. In the evening, Father, P.K., L.H., & M.E. made a visit at M<sup>r</sup>. Allens, called (on the way) at M<sup>r</sup>. Tyrells, and Eugene went over with us.

#### 10<sup>th</sup> Friday

Made an approach to the South West Barn door. Then went down to Father's school. L.H. made a tongue for waggon. Father, L.H., M.E. & I spent the evening at M<sup>r</sup>. Nortons.

#### 11<sup>th</sup> Saturday

L.H., and 3 men gathered corn; I unloaded it and made the approach to the North little barn door. Father went to Lodge. L.H., M.E., & I spent the evening at Uncle Holts. As we came home we called (or rather stopped) at the Lodge for Father, we heard them engaged in an animated debate, so we left them and came home without Father.

#### 12<sup>th</sup> Sunday

At Home: Father & I walked over to M<sup>r</sup>. Allen's and got some things for Lydia. Service Father read a sermon. We (L.H., M.E. & P.K.) had a bible exercise. In the evening Mother, Lydia Hudson & We went up (in an ox waggon) to Tamaroa and heard Elder Hagler preach.

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<sup>16</sup> Cart.

<sup>17</sup> A strap of a bridle or halter passing under a horse's throat.

### **13<sup>th</sup> & 14 Monday & Tuesday**

Went up to Tamaroa, took my boots to be half soled. Brought home some sugar. Assisted sister in Algebra. Made an approach to east barn door. In the evening, Aunt Eliza & Emma Holt, Townsend & Rosa Blanchard, Henry & W<sup>m</sup>. Yates Jr. and M<sup>rs</sup>. Niles were here.

A M<sup>r</sup>. Gooding stayed here over night. L.H. Took Aunt Eliza & Emma home, and brought my wardrobe from Tamaroa Depot.

### **14<sup>th</sup> Tuesday [sic]**

L.H. went to Tamaroa on Pocahontas. Raining. I stayed in the house, wiped disks &c.

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

Harmon and I filled up on South of N<sup>o</sup>. 6 in forenoon. L.H. took M<sup>rs</sup>. Niles up to Tamaroa. Dinner. Went down (with chain pump man) to Fathers school. John Hix an old 1812 soldier & receipt man stayed over night.

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

I made some steps for door between N<sup>os</sup>. 7 & 8 chambers. L.H. went to woods with waggon. Dinner. L.H. went on a tour of invitation (on Pocahontas) I went down to Father's school. Several of the young folks in our neighborhood spent the evening with us. Social Play & Candy Pulling

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

L.H. went home with Lydia. In forenoon I helped sister with Algebra &c. In P.M. I worked on large orchard gate. A number of the scholars spent the evening with us. Social play. Candy Pulling &c

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

L.H. & I picked over ½ the apples and moved them from N<sup>o</sup>. 8 into the cellar.

Father kept school today. Picked and dressed a Turkey. Supper. L.H., M.E. & I rode on Brimmer, Pocahontas & Sally over to M<sup>r</sup>. W<sup>m</sup>. Yates' and stayed until near Nine P.M. Came home before Father returned from the Lodge.

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

At home: At service had a good Thanksgiving Sermon Then had our Thanksgiving dinner. Read in Bible & Calendars.

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

L.H. Went on Pocahontas to Tyrrells, Tamaroa & Nevills. I finished repairs of large orchard gate, and helped mother pack my trunk. At 5 ½ P.M. I started for Bloomington to go to school. At 5 ½ P.M. Mother, L.H., M.E., Harmon and I went in ox waggon (Tom & Jerry) to Tamaroa. Father walked up. All our folks stayed at Uncle Holts untill 7 36 P.M. When I bid them adieu and started north on the cars. Arrived at Moawequa at 5 A.M. tomorrow.

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

Ate Breakfast at the Potter House. Hired a horse and rode out to see the Forty acre tract lying on the south line of Macon County. Got Kit Casey who lives 4 miles from Moawequa, to go to it with me, out in the middle of the prairie east of his house. Found it better than I had expected to find it. Two years ago when money was easy it might have been sold for Five Dollars per acre. Gave Casey one dollar. Rode back to Moawequa and stayed over night at the Potter House.

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

Took cars at 5 A.M. arrived at Bloomington at 8 A.M. Called on M<sup>r</sup>. C.E. Hovey, he was busy, but showed me the Wesleyan University. I went there and was present at the examination during the whole day, with the expectation of attending this school until July or till the work commences in Ky on the N.O. & O.R.R. Ate dinner at M<sup>r</sup>. Hoveys. Supper and Stayed over night at M<sup>r</sup>. Burchs. I had a severe headache.

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

Father arrived (on the cars) from home. I met him at the I.C.R.R. depot and accompanied him to M<sup>f</sup>. Hoveys. Then my head ached so bad that I was compelled to go to bed. D<sup>f</sup>. Roe Called on me. Father attended the examination at the Normal University<sup>18</sup>. We both stayed at M<sup>f</sup>. Hoveys.

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

Ate a little breakfast but soon had to lie down again on account of the pain on my head. Father attended on me most of the day. In P.M. he read to me of Lallah Rook. We both stayed at M<sup>f</sup>. Hoveys.

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

I rose at 10 A.M. Ate a bite, Father and I attended service at the Episcopal Church room. Ate Dinner at M<sup>f</sup>. Burk's, Supper at D<sup>f</sup>. Willards, Slept at M<sup>f</sup>. Hoveys.

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

Father and I were at Bloomington Illinois. Attended Church. Stayed at M<sup>f</sup>. Hoveys.

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

I went with Father and many others to the I.C.R.R. depot, where they took cars for Galesburg, on their way to attend the State Teachers Association. I looked around Bloomington. Stayed at Burch's

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

I looked around in Bloomington for a boarding place or a room to rent.

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

The first day of the winter term at the Wesleyan University<sup>19</sup>. I attended and expect to continue until the work is resumed on the N.O. & O.R.R. in Ky, sometime in April or July.

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

In School.

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

In school. At 6 P.M. Father stopped over on his way home from Galesburg. I met him at the I.C.R.R. depot and he went with me and we took supper at Burch's. I then went with him to the Damon House, where I left him to be called for the morning train south. I stayed at Burch's (Steward at the Wesleyan University)

### **For the Month of December 1858**

1<sup>st</sup> Wound up plans of survey of Lower addition to Paducah. finished collecting etc, and on the 2<sup>nd</sup> started with all my furniture for home (Locust Hill) 3<sup>rd</sup> to 20<sup>th</sup> Was visiting at and around home, making approaches to the barn doors, repairing gates &c &c. 20<sup>th</sup> I started for Bloomington Illinois to go to school. (on my way examined the forty acre tract. 23<sup>rd</sup> to 27<sup>th</sup> Father was with me in Bloomington. 29<sup>th</sup> I began at the Wesleyan University. 31<sup>st</sup> Father passed through Bloomington on his way home from Galesburg. Harmon was Father's hired hand at Locust Hill. Ferdinand was living in the Block House. Father was teaching school in the little White frame by George Heaps.

### **March 1859**

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

Examination day at the Wesleyan University in Bloomington Ill. (This being the last day of the winter term) I was examined in Algebra, Geometry, Trigonometry [sic] & Chemistry, but not in Philosophy. After the close of the school I helped M<sup>f</sup>. Hovey all the evening, setting out trees. Vacation until 30<sup>th</sup> Inst.

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

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<sup>18</sup> I believe this reference is to Illinois State Normal University in Normal, Illinois, founded in 1857. The university's history can be located at <http://www.mlb.ilstu.edu/ressubj/subject/isuhist/cookmchugh/home.htm>.

<sup>19</sup> This is most likely Illinois Wesleyan University (in Bloomington, IL) or Ohio Wesleyan University (in Delaware, OH), although there is a Wesleyan University listed in many states.

Helped M<sup>f</sup>. Hovey all day, setting out Trees.

### 25<sup>th</sup> Friday

Fixed up the coal box by adding another plank around the top of it, and cleaned out N<sup>o</sup>. 1 for our (L.H. & P.K.'s) bedroom. At 8 P.M., L.H. & I met Sister at the Ill. Cent. R.R. depot. On the way home she stopped with L.H. at the Normal University, at the weekly meeting of the Wrightonian [sic] Society. While I went to our rooms and arranged lunch &c. All 3 of us were together at the evening hymn. M.E. slept in our bed in N<sup>o</sup>. 2. L.H. & I slept on the floor in N<sup>o</sup>. 1. M.E. has come to attend the Normal University, next term with L.H., While I expect still to attend the Wesleyan University, if not called off to the R.R. in Kentucky. Mira Goulds little daughter, Mary Victoire was born today.

### 26<sup>th</sup> Saturday

L.H., M.E. & I Rearranged the interior of the rooms of our (rented) house, bought and put up another bedstead &c. Capt. Gould started for Virginia, Clinch lands, from Paducah. I received a letter from him saying that he wished me to come to Ky. (on the N.O.&O.R.R.) I sent it to father; asking his advice.

### 27<sup>th</sup> Sunday

L.H., M.E. & I were in Bloomington Illinois: All attended Church and Sunday school.

### 28<sup>th</sup> & 29<sup>th</sup> Monday & Tuesday

M.E. went with L.H. to the Normal. It was vacation with me, and I remained at our rooms and wrote in my diary. M.E. had a bad cough.

### 30<sup>th</sup> Wednesday

The first day of the Summer term at the Wesleyan University. I attended school. L.H. went to the Normal. M.E. kept house for us.

### 31<sup>st</sup> Thursday

I attended school at the Wesleyan. This was the last day of the Winter term of the Normal. M.E. went to see L.H. examined. M<sup>f</sup>. Hovey invited all the Normalites to spend the evening at his house. I went with Sister, (although neither she nor I were Normalites, L.H. was. M.E. will be, and I am their brother). Spent the evening very pleasantly. Tableaux were presented. Oranges, Apples and raisins for refreshments.

## April 1859

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

At 3 ½ A.M. L.H. and I went to the train (Ill C.R.R.) to see some of the Normalites off for home. They (L.H. included) have vacation until the 11<sup>th</sup> Inst. I attended school at the Wesleyan.

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

I received an answer from Father, telling me to decide for myself, whether to go to Ky. or not. I exceedingly regretted leaving school this term under any circumstances, but far more so regretted leaving it now that we three L.H. & M.E. are situated so that by my staying we could be together, but after much deliberation and their approval I concluded that it was best for me to go. So that I will now leave on Monday morning down train. M.E. helped me to pick up and pack up my things. I went around to bid our friends good bye. Sister went with me to M<sup>f</sup>. Hovey's, and to the Wesleyan. L.H. went with me to see President Munsell. L.H. & I bought an alarm clock.

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

L.H., M.E., & I were at Bloomington Illinois: All attended church, and Sunday School. All went over to see Caroline, but did not find her at home. L.H. & I called at M<sup>f</sup>. Hoveys.

### 4<sup>th</sup> Monday

Gave Sister Good Bye at our house (in Bloomington) and L.H. good bye at the Pike House. I came in Buss to depot. At 4 ½ A.M. took cars on I.C.R.R., for home, en route for Ky. (T.F. Willis was also on the cars as far as Richview.) At 3 P.M. I found all well at home. (Locust Hill) M<sup>f</sup>. Tyrrell & family living in N<sup>o</sup>. 8 and M<sup>rs</sup>. Chas. Leavenworth

visiting Mother. (Called at Uncle Holts when in Tamaroa) Father was not at home, at 9 P.M. he returned from a school meeting in Paradise Prairie

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

Coleman and I went with an ox team to the woods, and brought up some poles to make Mother an arbor west of the house. In the afternoon Father and I worked at putting up the arbor.

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

Father and I worked at putting up the arbor, At 1 ½ P.M., Father went to Tamaroa. At 2 ½ P.M. I finished the arbor, then walked up to Tamaroa. Emma went with Father and I over to M<sup>r</sup>. Nortons. Took Tea there. Came home at 9 P.M.

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

Went over to see Cousins Townsend and Rosa – and M<sup>r</sup>. W<sup>m</sup>. Gates' family, (Rode Brimmer) Came home to Dinner. M<sup>rs</sup>. Leavenworth had my overcoat well mended. Gave Mother and the others Good Bye. Father went with me to Tamaroa. Stayed with Aunt Eliza and Emma until the train came, (it was behind time.) I got aboard, arrived in Cairo at 8 P.M. Stopped at the Taylor House.

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

Went aboard the Tom Scott before Breakfast. Arrived in Paducah at 3 ½ P.M. Capt. Gould had not returned from Virginia, (See 26<sup>th</sup> Ult.) Found all well at M<sup>r</sup>. Bronsons, except Mira, she has not been out of her room, since the birth of her little daughter on the 25<sup>th</sup> Ult. I stayed at M<sup>r</sup>. Bronsons.

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

Conley and I went on top of the new Court House, and visited until noon. At 1 P.M. Capt. Gould reached home from Virginia (See 26<sup>th</sup> Ult) Bettie and Queen Campbell came home with him. They (girls) have been in Virginia since last summer. I wrote home.

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

At M<sup>r</sup>. Bronsons in Paducah Ky. Went to Church

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

Laid out a ditch to drain the cellar of Sheerers wholesale Grocery. Dinner. Began to lay off Matills lot. At 3 P.M. Capt. Gould, George H. Straight and I went out on train to Mayfield. Stopped at Cargills.

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

Made stakes and Retraced the Center line of the R.R. from 1250 to 1273. -Help = Capt. G. Phipps & George. Rained in P.M. George & I cleaned the instruments – Stayed at Cargills.

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

Capt. Gould went to Paducah. Retraced Center line from Sta. 1273 to 1376. – George, Phipps & Burrows – I stayed at Phipps.

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

Made stakes and Retraced the Center line from 1376 to 1445. –Help = George, Phipps & Burrows. – George & I stayed at Richards.

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

Made stakes and retraced Center line from 1445 to 1550. –Help = Capt. G., George & Phipps. Stayed at Richards.

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

Capt. G. went to Paducah. Made stakes, Cleared out Bushes in Obion bottom, and retraced Center Line from 1550 to 1572. Straight was sick, 2 Irishmen helped me. At 5 ½ P.M. (we 2) started for Mayfield. Rode in hack from 1518 to Mayfield. I stayed at Phipps.

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

At Phipps' Mayfield Graves Co. Ky. No preaching. Capt. G. spent the whole day, looking after M<sup>f</sup>. Bronson's cows (but did not find them) and "brought up," in Mayfield at 10 P.M., I did not see him.

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

Left Mayfield at 4 A.M. Walked down to Little Obion, Ran Test-Level from 1540 to 1572. –Rained from 8 A.M. to 11 A.M. Cross sectioned, and staked off Bank from 1563 to 1569. Supper at Richards', Walked to Mayfield – Help = George. Stayed at Phipps

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

Went to Paducah on train. Finished laying off Matills lot. The R.R. Board of Directors were to have met today, but they did not. I stayed at M<sup>f</sup>. Bronsons

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

Fathers birthday = 48 years old. At 3 P.M. Capt. G., George & I came on train to Mayfield. Stayed at Phipps.

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

Laid out all log Culverts, and located Tressel works from Mayfield to Oppossum Creek. Dinner at (Phipp's old shanty) Martin Griffins. Stayed at Phipps. – Help = Capt. G & George –

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

Capt. G. went on train to Paducah. Rained all day. I made out Timber Bills for Tressels, and cleaned the Transit. I stayed at Phipps.

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

Left Straight at Mayfield to make stakes, I went to Paducah on train. Laid out a lot for Wake & Glauber, and acre (near Mattesons) for Gregore – Help = Joseph Weston – I stayed at M<sup>f</sup>. Bronsons.

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

Went with Capt. Gould (in buggy, driving one of Ellithorp's mule) from Paducah to Jo' W. Kembles'. He (Capt.) was hunting for M<sup>f</sup>. Bronson's cows. Dinner at Kembles. I sent John Cooney (from Hickory Grove) to Mayfield, to have George and the chain come on the train to Paducah tomorrow. Capt. G. & J. W. K. rode over to Ligons, but Ed. Hood had started with three cows for home (Paducah) Capt. came back to Kemble's, and we started on our return, arrived at Paducah at 9 ¼ P.M. As I was trying to take the mule and buggy home, I got them both stuck in a mud hole on Court Street. by unharnessing, I got the mule out, (but left the buggy fast.) and took him to the Livery Stable. Supper at M<sup>f</sup>. Bronsons.

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

At 4 ½ A.M. Ed. Hood & I pulled the buggy out of the mud hole and up home. Began to run the center line of Locust Street above Tennessee Street. Dinner. Rained from 1 to 4 P.M. – Finished center Line of Locust – up as far as the Brick Jersey store. – Help = Capt. G. & George

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

Made Survey of buildings and fences on Upper Locust before dinner. – Help = Capt. G. & George. – Plotted the survey until 3 P.M. George & I came on train to Mayfield. Heavy Hail Storm. Stayed at Phipps I made some Ice Cream using Hail & salt as the freezer.

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

Walked up to Sec. 28. Came back and laid out some work at 1301 & 1303. Made Stakes at 1270 till night. R.B. Brown arrived from Memphis. He has come with the intention of working with me on the R.R. Stayed at Phipps.

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

Set side stakes from 1313 to 1372. – Help = George, Brown & Irish John. Stayed at Phipps.

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

At Phipps, Mayfield. Rained all day. I made calculations of Cuts & fills, from the Profile. Wrote some in my Diary.

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

Cross Sectioned, made stakes, and staked out work from 1303 to 1313. Set side stakes from 1400 to 1413. Stayed at Phipps – George, Brown & Pat. Duffy

## **For the Month of April 1859**

### **May 1859**

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

At W<sup>m</sup>. W. Phipps' Mayfield Graves Co.: Attended divine worship. M<sup>f</sup>. Harrington (a Baptist) preached. In the afternoon W. C. Conley & I walked out to 1336 and back. We each gathered a bouquet of wild flowers.

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

Set side stakes from 1374 to 1399. It began to rain at 9 A.M. and continued until 4 P.M. Set side stakes from 1432 to 1452. Stayed at Richards. – George & Brown all day & Pat ½ day – Dinner at Peter Shays shanty. Sec. 29.

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

Made and set side stakes from 1452 to 1472 & from 1490 to 1502. Began retracing Center Line from 1572, Supper & Stayed at Saxons. Dinner at Richards. – George, Brown & Waddy T. Boyd First day.

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

Retraced Center line from 1589 to 1617. Cross sectioned and staked out work from 1614 to 1617. – George S., Waddy, Brown & 1 ½ of (Rice the foreman's) Irishmen. Meals and Lodging at Saxons. Capt. Gould came out to where we were at work.

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

George Straight, Brown & I walked from Saxons to Mayfield. Breakfast at Phipps. George S. & I came in (In company with Capt. Gould) on train to Paducah. –(Left Brown & Waddy out on line to make stakes) Set grades on Jackson Str. from Locust to the river. Dinner at M<sup>f</sup>. Bronsons. Hunted up Monuments on Chestnut and laid off Lang's lot. –Straight and Ed. Hood --. Capt. Gould's resignation of the Engineership of this R.R. was accepted, to take place on the 1<sup>st</sup> of June.

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

Anniversary of Queen Campbell's birthday 16 years. From 4 A.M. to 8 A.M. Laid off a lot for the Sisters of Charity. Breakfast. Leveled over, for Profile of Locust Str. above Tennessee. Also for Profile of Broadway, out from Contest, -- and laid off a lot for Cora. –Straight and Ed. Hood.

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

Made a Profile of upper Locust and outer Broadway. Laid off a lot for Smedley. –Straight went out on train to Mayfield. I went down into town and collected some money, on the account of laying off lots. Returned to Office. Judge Campbell (Pres. of N.O. & O.R.R.) came to me and offered me the situation (of Chief Engineer) that Capt. Gould had resigned from; but I refused to accept it; (thinking that they would, in such case most probably employ Capt. Gould again) and told him to procure the services of a man of more experience than myself.

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

At M<sup>f</sup>. Bronsons; Paducah Ky.

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

George Straight & Waddy came in on train from Mayfield. Rained some. In forenoon, laid off lots for Thos. Flournoy. Capt. Gould left Paducah for Nashville. He has resigned as R.R. Engineer and is going to take charge of a Barrel Factory (Steam) in Cheatham Co. Tennessee. I came on train to Mayfield, Supper and stayed at Phipps.

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

Walked over the work from Mayfield to Sec. 32. Marked and Set center stakes from 1572 to 1599 – Stayed at Saxons. –Straight and Waddy. –Brown quit me one day this week and I believe it was Tuesday.

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

Cross sectioned & staked out work from 1571 to 1578. Dinner on the Line. Ran Test Level line up to 1520. Stayed at Saxons. –Straight and Waddy.

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

Cross Section, set side stakes & Grade Poles from 1610 to 1614. Retraced Center line from 1617 to 1647. Stayed at Saxons. –Straight & Waddy.—

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

Cross Sectioned & Staked out work from 1617 to 1623 & from 1607 to 1610. Dinner at Saxons. Cross Sectioned & Staked out work from 1472 to 1480. I came to (Phipps') Mayfield. Straight & Waddy Stayed at Richards'.

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

I went to Paducah on train. Received the money on account of Engineering Expenses for April. Called to See M<sup>c</sup>Cormick, City Engineer. Dinner at M<sup>r</sup>. Bronsons. Came on train to Mayfield. George = Straight & Waddy marked and delivered stakes all day. Came to Mayfield to Supper.

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

At W<sup>m</sup>. W. Phipps; Mayfield Graves Co. Ky. Wrote Home.

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

I worked all day in office at Mayfield. Straight and Waddy spent the afternoon, trying to catch Phipps' Mustang pony. George (Straight) caught him 7 miles west; and brought him home at 10 ½ P.M. Thunder shower.

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

I rode Phipps' Mustang over the line to Sec. 38 (Sta. 1950) and back to Mayfield. M<sup>r</sup>. Bucker accompanied me. – Straight and Waddy and Phipps' Irish Tom set Grade Poles. They stayed at Richards.

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

I left Mayfield at 5.10 A.M. Set side stakes from 1503 to 1539 & from 1542 to 1553. Dinner at Golloolays shanty. Cross Sectioned and Staked out work from 1578 to 1585, and from 1600 to 1607. Delivered side stakes from 1623 to 1647. Stayed at Saxons. – Straight & Waddy and Phipps' Irish Tom (not Sheridan)

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

Retraced Center line from 1647 to 1694. Breakfast & Dinner at Saxons, Stayed over night at J. J. Wingo's First Time. Straight & Waddy & Phipps' Irish Tom, Pat. Duffy brought me letters. **one of ins- auctions** from Capt. Gould.

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

Retraced Center line from 1694 to 1758. Meals and Lodging at J. J. Wingo's. –Straight, Weddy, Jas. Hillbayne & Martin Delevan & Pat. Duffy, Clearing out.

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

Retraced Center line from 1758 to 1822. –Straight, Waddy, Jas. Hillbayne and Martin Delevan and Pat. Duffy.-- All took Meals at J. J. Wingo's. and I lodged there, the others all walked to Mayfield after Supper.

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

In forenoon I walked from J. J. Wingo's to (Phipps') Mayfield.

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

Little Philander Gould Conley was born at 9 A.M. I went, for Conley, on train to Paducah and back as Conductor. –Straight, Waddy, Jas. Hillbayne & Pat. Duffy made stakes. I hired Frank Cooney by the day and sent him to (Sec. 36) Waddy.

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

Waddy began with six men to clear out “second growth” on the 37 & south. I walked over the work to Sec. 28. Met George (Straight) and Pat. at 12 ½ P.M. at Sta. 1380. Pat. immediately walked (after unsuccessfully trying to mount Phipps' mustang) to Mayfield & back after the Tape. Laid out the Tressel at Sta. 1380. We 3 stayed at Richards.

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

(Waddy and his force of six men, Clearing south of Sec. 37.) Staked off some work in Obion bottom. Dinner at Harry Rices Shanty. Started to run the Test Level line from 1623. Rained and we took refuge shelter in Rhoades old cabin, or Tobacco barn. Stayed at Saxons. –Straight and Pat.—

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

Waddy came back from Sec. 41, and with Frank Cooney, Jas. Hillbayne & 4 of Harry Rice's men, began Clearing on Sec. 33. I continued with the line of Test Levels with (George) Straight & Pat. Stayed at Wings.

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

(Waddy with his force and Pat Clearing.) Ran Test Level Line to Station 1823. My help = Straight and Frank Cooney--. Stayed at J. J. Wingo's.

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

Retraced Center Line from 1822 to 1927. Cross Sectioned and staked out work from 1631 to 1643. –Straight & Pat. Duffy—Walked down to Richards' where we took Supper & Lodging. Waddy with Jas. Hillbayne and Frank Cooney made stakes.

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

Walked (in the morning) from Richards to Mayfield. Stayed at Phipps.

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

In the office at Mayfield Plotting Profile &c till 2 P.M. Walked over the line to Wings Sec. 35. Laid off Tressel at 1421. Supper and Lodging at J. J. Wingos. –Straight & Pat.-- Waddy with Frank Cooney & Jas. Hillbayne made Stakes.

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

Waddy and his two men made stakes. Ran Test Level line from 1823 to 1925. Supper & Stayed over night at Ballard Smiths. My help = Straight & Frank. Dinner at Jerry Driskills shanty.

## **June 1859**

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

Retraced Center line from 1927 to 1968. Dinner at Smiths. Laid off work at 3 Stations, 1938, 39 & 40 by guess (to set the subs at work). (Capt. Gould (in company with J. J. Wingo) rode out to where we were and I agreed to meet him at Mayfield, Friday evening, or Saturday morning next.). Ran Test Level line from 1925 to 1968. –Straight & Frank Cooney – Meals & Lodging at Smiths. Waddy with Jas. Hillbayne & Pat. Duffy made stakes on Sec. 36.

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

Cross Sectioned, Set side stakes & Grade Poles from 1924 to 1944 and from 1962 to 1968. Meals & lodging at Smiths. –Straight & Frank Cooney, Waddy, Jas. Hillbayne and Pat. Duffy made stakes on Sec. 38, for us.

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

Cross sectioned and set side stakes and Grade Poles from 1944 to 1962. Measured up work done in May on Sec. 38. Walked to Richards where we took Supper & Lodging. Dinner at Smiths. –Straight & Frank Cooney.-- Waddy with Jas. Hillbayne & Pat. Duffy made stakes on Sec. 36.

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

Anniversary of my birth-day – 21 years old. At 4 A.M. I alone, leaving Straight & Frank to breakfast at Richards, walked to Mayfield to meet Capt. Gould. Found him at Phipps. Also found there a trunk from home containg [sic] Books, 3 Shirts & some Cookies made by Mother. (Breakfast at Phipps) I ate some of the Cookies with my birthday custard cooked by M<sup>rs</sup>. Phipps. Capt. & I met Straight & Frank C. out on the work. Measured up all the

work done in May Secs. 27-33. Saxion gave us all, our Dinner. Capt. & I walked over the line to J. J. Wingos' field (then back to Saxons, where Straight & Frank C. had remained after Dinner, all 4 of us) walked to Mayfield, where we found M<sup>rs</sup>. Bronson, Mira Gould and other ladies. All (except Frank C.) came on train to Paducah. Stayed at M<sup>r</sup>. Bronsons. Last day Waddy with Jas. Hillbayne & Pat Duffy made and marked stakes on Sec. 37.

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

At M<sup>r</sup>. Bronsons, in Paducah Ky.

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

In the office at Paducah, making out the Estimate for May. Help = Capt. Gould & Straight. – Waddy (T. Boyd) quit working with me and got ready to go to the Barrel Factory in Tennessee with Capt. Gould (See May 3<sup>rd</sup>, last).

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

Capt. Gould & I were in the office at Paducah making out the Estimate for May. Straight went on train to Mayfield.

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

I was in the office at Paducah finishing making out Estimates till 3 ½ P.M. Came on train to Mayfield, moved the Office Desk, &c, &c. to Phipps' Mayfield. Straight with Pat. D. & Frank C. setting Grade Poles from 1519 to 1606.

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

Went to 1641, Got Straight & Pat. & Frank. Came back to Sec. 28. Laid off Tressel at Sta. 1350. Dinner at Reagan's shanty. (Frank Cooney quit working with me by the day (See 23<sup>rd</sup> Ult.) He worked no more for me until I hired him by the month on the 20<sup>th</sup> Inst.) I came to Mayfield, (George) Straight went to Smiths for the Transit. Pat. stayed at J. J. Wingos.

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

I went out with the New Transit to Little Obion (I took dinner at Gillolays shanty.) Met Straight and Pag. D. (who had been setting Grade Poles from 1641 to 1765.) Surveyed the Creek, for the purpose of locating the Bridge. Supper and stayed at J. J. Wingos.

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

Began the change of location of Center line from 1713 south. After 6 ½ P.M. all walked to Mayfield. I stayed at Phipps. Straight & Pat. D.

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

At W<sup>m</sup>. W. Phipps' Mayfield Ky.

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

Raining: In the office at Mayfield. Making a plan for Obion bridge.

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

Laid off Tressel at 1274. Dinner at Phipps. Rained from 1 to 2 P.M. Laid off Tressel at 1300. Stayed at Richards. –Straight & Pat D.

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

Laid off Tressel at 1461 (M<sup>r</sup>. Bucker returned from Memphis.) Dinner at Gillolays shanty. Ran Test Level over the change of location from 1713 to 1735. Supper & stayed at J. J. Wingos. –Straight & Pat. D.—

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

Finished change of location from 1713 southward. Supper and stayed at Smiths. –Straight and Pat. D.—

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

Retraced Center line from 1968 to 2024. Meals and lodging at Smiths. –Straight, Pat. D. & John Farrel & one of his partners.—

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

Ran Test Level line from 1968 to 2020. Pat. D. & I came to Mayfield. I got Selim at Jerry Pryors. Straight stayed at Saxons.

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

At W<sup>m</sup>. W. Phipps Mayfield Ky.

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

In the office at Mayfield, Plotting Profile &c. Hired Frank Cooney by the month. (See 9<sup>th</sup> Inst.)

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

In the Office at Mayfield till 10 A.M. Walked out to Little Obion. Dinner at Gillolays shanty. Staked out some work on Sec. 32. Supper and stayed at J. J. Wingos –Straight, Pat. D. & Frank C.—

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

Cross Sectioning Staking off work on Sec. 36 1803 to 1807 in A.M. and on Sec. 38 in P.M. Supper, Dinner & lodging at B. Smiths. –Straight, Pat. D. & Frank C.

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

Cross Sectioning and Staking out work on Sec. 39. First Supper, Dinner & stayed at E. Wingo's –Straight, Pat. D. & Frank C.—

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

Cross Sectioning and Staking out work on Sec. 39. –Breakf' & Dinner at E. Wingo's, Supper and stayed at B. Smiths. –Straight, Pat. D. & Frank C.—

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

Cross Sectioning and Staking out work in Brush Creek bottom. Walked to Mayfield. Stayed at Phipps. Had dinner at Gillolays shanty. Straight, Pat. D. & Frank Cooney

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

At W<sup>m</sup>. W. Phipps, Mayfield Ky.

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

In Office at Mayfield Ky.

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

Set Grade Stakes from 1427 to 1429. Gave grade in Cuts from 1430 to 1445. Straight & Co. lost an axe near 1430. Dinner at Richards. Laid off Tressel at Oppossum Creek Bridge. Supper and stayed at J. J. Wingos. –Straight & Pat. D.-- Frank C. was sick in P.M. and stopped at Richards.

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

Cross Sectioned and staked out work from 1680 to 1703. –Straight & Pat. D.—Had dinner at Gillolays shanty. Supper & stayed at Sam. Stokes [First]. Frank C. was sick & did not work

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

Retraced Center Line from 2024 to 2094. Straight all day. –Pat. D. in A.M. (sick in P.M.) and Sam Stokes in P.M. Willman came at dinner time to copy the Cross Section Notes for M<sup>f</sup>. Rucker. Meals and stayed (lodged) at Sam. Stokes.

**July 1859**

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

Cleared out Center line from 2094 to 2160. Meals at Sam. Stokes. After (Supper) dark. Straight, Pat. D., Willman & I walked to Sec. 38. Lodged at B. Smith's.

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

Staked out some work on Sec. 36. Then I walked to Mayfield. Straight and Pat. D. took dinner on Sec. 32 at John Lidens shanty, Then made stakes and Pegs for Little Obion Bridge.

**3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday:** At W<sup>m</sup>. W. Phipps' Mayfield Ky.

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

Gave Straight, Pat. D. & Frank C. Holiday. I went on train to Paducah. Went out to a Pic Nic back of Mr. Bronsons. I took Dinner at M<sup>r</sup>. Bronsons. M<sup>r</sup>. & M<sup>rs</sup>. Bronson, Mira and her 2 little ones, and Fanny & Queen were there. Capt. Had not arrived from Cheatham Co. Tenn. I came on train to Mayfield.

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

Hired 2 (Livery Stable) horses. Straight & I went over the whole work. (Pat. D. accompanied us as far as Sec. 36.) Measured the work done in June. Measured a Levee for M<sup>r</sup>. James Boone. He gave me three dollars and I gave it to George Straight. Rode back to Mayfield, 9 P.M. Found Capt. Gould at Phipps'.

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

Capt. Gould rode over the line with me to look at the work generally, for the last time in 1859; but particularly to advise me as the expediency of cutting a large ditch in Bayou. Du Chien Bottom on left from 2118 to 2152. He liked my idea well. We rode back to Mayfield. 7 P.M. John Price was in company with us all day. We had dinner at uills. –Straight at Mayfield doing nothing. Pat. D. & Frank C. worked for Phipps, on Little Obion ditch.

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

Capt. Gould, Straight and I went to Paducah on train. In office all day making up estimate of Work done in June. Help = Straight; Pat. D. & Frank C. worked same as yesterday. I stayed at M<sup>r</sup>. Bronsons.

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

In office at Paducah. Finished making up the June Estimates. Came to Mayfield on train. –Straight was with me. Pat. D. & Frank C. worked the same as on the 6<sup>th</sup> & 7<sup>th</sup>.

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

Worked in office in Mayfield until 1 P.M. Went out and began the staking off of Little Obion bridge. –Straight stayed with the Bridge carpenters at Poplins. Pat. D. & Frank C. at Lidens. After dark & returned to Mayfield.

**10<sup>th</sup> Sunday:** At W<sup>m</sup>. W. Phipps' Mayfield Ky.

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

Walked to Sec. 32. Dinner at Johnathan Pryors. Finished laying off the Little Obion Bridge. Walked to Sec. 40.. Supper and stayed at E. Wingo's. –Straight, Pat. D. & Frank C.-- Willman was along.

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

Frank C. & Pat. Made stakes. Straight and I ran Test Level line from 2020 to 2105. Meals and Lodging at E. Wingos.

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

Cross Sectioned and staked out work from 2024 to 2054. Meals and lodging at E. Wingo's. Straight, Frank C. & Pat. D.—

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

Laid off ditch to Bridge at 2022. Started northward. Pat. D. & Frank C. were sick with the heat and at no dinner. Straight and I ate dinner on Sec. 36 at Gilloolays shanty & Willman ate at Wingo's. Staked off some work on Sec. 33. Walked to Mayfield

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

Setting Finishing up Grades on Sec. 30. –Straight, Pat. D. & Frank C. Stayed at Richards. Had dinner at Pillihens shanty.

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

Setting Finished up Grades on Sec. 29. –Straight and I walked to Mayfield 8 P.M. –Pat. D. & Frank C. went to Lidens at Little Obion. We ate dinner at Peter Shays shanty.

**17<sup>th</sup> Sunday:** At W<sup>m</sup>. W. Phipps' Mayfield Ky.

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

In the office at Mayfield till evening. Finished a copy of the notes of the Tennessee portion of this R.R. and forwarded them to J. J. Williams; Jackson Tenn. Straight & I walked over the work to Sec. 32. Supper and stayed at Johnathan Pryors. –Pat. D. & Frank C. made stakes.

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

Setting Finishing up grades on Sec. 30. Supper and stayed at J. J. Wingos. Straight & Pat. D. (Straight and I ate dinner at Johnathan Pryors.)

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

Staking out work on Secs. 35 & 36. Stayed at Wingos (J. J.) --Pat. D. – George Straight was sick and was all day at Wingos: Pat. D. & I took dinner on Sec. 3: at Gillooleys shanty.

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

Cross Sectioned and Stayed out work in J. J. Wingos field; from 1708 to 1725: Stayed at J. J. Wingo's. Straight ate no dinner. Pat. D. & I ate dinner at John Murphy's shanty.

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

I walked over the work to Mayfield. Straight was not well. He and Pat. D. set a few Grade Poles in Wingos field. He came to Mayfield in P.M.

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

I believe I worked in the office at Mayfield, but I have let my diary get behind, so that I now forget and it may be possible (only) that I went on Cars to Paducah. Straight & Pat. D. made stakes, pegs on Sec. 27.

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

At W<sup>m</sup>. W. Phipps' Mayfield Ky.

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

In the office at Mayfield. In A.M. Setting Finished up Grades on Sec. 27 in P.M. –Straight and Frank C. – I discharged Pat. Duffy Saturday and paid him off. Stayed at Phipps.

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

Setting Finishing up grades on Sec. 28. Stayed at Richards. We had dinner at Reagan's shanty. Straight & Frank C.

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

Cross sectioned and set side stakes from 1744 to 1770. Supper, Dinner and Lodging at J. J. Wingos. –Straight and Frank C.—

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

Cross sectioned and staked out work from 1770 to 1779. Supper at Gillolays shanty after dark. Then walked to E. Wingo's and lodged. We ate dinner at Sheltons.

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

Set up 3 grades Poles at 2047, 48 & 49. Retraced Center line from 2107 to 2140. Ran Test Level line from 2105 to 2130. Supper, Dinner and stayed at J. M. Davis'. –Straight & Frank C.

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

Cross sectioned and staked out work from 2107 to 2118. Dinner at Sam. Stokes. Set 3 grade Poles at 2051, 52, & 53. Straight & I Supper at 8 1/2 P.M. at Johnathan Pryors. (Frank C. stopped at Lidens at Little Obion). Walked on to Mayfield, Lodged at Phipps.

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

At Wm. W. Phipps' Mayfield Ky.

**For the Month of July 1859**

**August 1859**

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

Walked over the line and Measured the work done in July. Straight & I walked back to Mayfield. Frank C. stayed at Lidens. We all ate dinner at Sam. E. Bosticks.

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

Setting Finishing up grades from 1251 to 1273. I took Meals and lodging at Phipps. –Straight & Frank C. stayed at Wilfreds

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

In the office at Mayfield, making out the July Estimates. –Straight--: Frank C. made pegs.

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

In the Office at Mayfield. In trying to take the Level to Pieces to clean it up and adjust it, I broke a Hat screw to the Cross Wires. Raining.

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

In the Office at Mayfield. Finished making up the July Estimates. Sent the broken screw (to the Level) to Paducah. –Straight & Frank C. set Grade Poles.

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

In the office at Mayfield. Copied the Estimates. –Straight & Frank C. set Grade Poles. –Straight came to (Wilfreds) Mayfield. Frank C. stopped at (Lidens) Little Obion

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

At W<sup>m</sup>. W. Phipps' Mayfield Ky.

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

Walked over the line to Sec. 34. Laid off tressel at 1700. Stayed at J. J. Wingos. Had Dinner at Richards. –Straight & Frank C.

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

Retraced Center Line from 2140 to 2195. Supper and stayed at Alexander M<sup>ts</sup>. Falls. Had no dinner. –Straight & Frank Cooney.

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

Retraced Center Line from 2195 to 2273. Straight, Frank C. & Beck's Phillip Lex & Black Ned. Took Supper and stayed at Evans. (Dinner at Wadley's)

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

Cross Sectioned and Staked out some work on Sec. 40. I walked to Mayfield. All took dinner at Smiths, and Straight & Frank C. Stayed there over night.

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

In the Office at Mayfield. Straight & Frank C. made and set Reference pegs on the Sec. 36 & 37. –Straight Came in to (Wilfreds) Mayfield & Frank C. stopped at Lidens at Little Obion

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

At W<sup>m</sup>. W. Phipps' Mayfield Ky.

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

In the Office at Mayfield packing up and preparing to start for home Tomorrow. In the evening I was initiated an Entered Apprentice Free mason.

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

Started for home – Locust Hill. 16<sup>th</sup> to 23<sup>rd</sup> I spent in a visit home. (I left Straight & Frank C. to make, mark, and drive stakes, and set Grade Poles.) M<sup>rs</sup>. Lucy H. Conley and little Philander Gould Conley (with Maggie Liden for his nurse) went with me home. Went from Mayfield to Paducah on the Cars. Dinner at M<sup>r</sup>. Bronsons. Went on the Packet Tho's. Scott to Cairo, on Ill. Cent. R. R. to Tamaroa. (Met Father at Dongola, and L. H. (with waggon) Mother and all, well on the 17<sup>th</sup> at 11 A.M.

**18<sup>th</sup>, 19<sup>th</sup> & 20<sup>th</sup> Thursday, Friday & Saturday**

We all visited, and received visitors at and around home (Uncle Holts Cousin Townsend's M<sup>r</sup>. Gates', M<sup>r</sup>. Nortons et al.)

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

At Home: Locust Hill.

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

I started (at Tamaroa) on P.M. train and came to Jonesboro. Stopped off to see Col. Ashley.

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

About 4 A.M. Father came with Lucy & Co. on passenger train to Jonesboro, I got aboard and we came on down to Cairo. Father stopped off at Dongola. Got aboard the Packet, Thos. Scott and got to Paducah just in time to take the cars and come to Mayfield. –Lucy brought a little Canary bird with her.-- Stayed at Phipps'

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

Rode (Livery Stable horse) out to Sec. 43. Dinner with Straight & Frank C. at George I. M<sup>r</sup>. Falls. Rode back, over the work, to Mayfield. Straight and Frank C. walked in to (Wilfreds) Mayfield.

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

Went on train to Paducah. Began laying off the new Depot grounds. Straight & Frank Co. All took dinner & I stayed at M<sup>r</sup>. Bronsons.

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

Finished laying off the new depot grounds, and the Depot building. –Straight and Frank C. – I stayed at M<sup>r</sup>. Bronsons.

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

Laid off a new Engine House and Turn Table, (but yet I am sure they will not be built this year. –Straight & Frank C.—Came on train to Mayfield.

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

At W<sup>m</sup>. W. Phipps' Mayfield Ky.

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

Walked over the work to Sec. 41. (Dinner on Sec. 35, at Peter Shays shanty, and Supper and stayed at Sam' Stokes. –Straight & Frank C.00

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

I went/came to Mayfield bridge plan. Stayed at Phipps etc. –George Straight & Frank C. made and set Reference pegs, and marked the trees yet standing within the 100 feet on Sec. 41.

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

I walked from Mayfield to Sec. 36. Dinner at Gilloolays shanty. Met Straight & Frank C. who had made stakes and pegs in forenoon. Began the staking off, of the Brush Creek Bridge. Frank C. & I took supper and stayed at Sheltons. –Straight stayed with the Bridge Carpenter's at Falkners.

**September 1859**

**1<sup>st</sup> Thursday** (Anniversary of Fanny Bronsons birthday – 18 years old.)

Finished laying off Brush Creek Bridge. Dinner at Johnathan Pryors. Laid out 3 Culverts. Walked to Mayfield. – Straight & Frank C.—

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

(Anniversary of M. E.s birthday – 15 years old -- I went to Paducah on (train) to see how the new Depot arrangements were progressing. Returned to Mayfield on train.

**3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday to the 10<sup>th</sup> & 12<sup>th</sup>.** Thos Sheridan helped me inspect some Ties. Measured up work done in August, and also took the measurements for Final Estimate on Secs. 26 to 31 inclusive, and staked out some work. The remainder of the time (Sundays excepted). I was in the Mayfield Office calculating and making up these Estimates. M<sup>r</sup>. Phipps assisted me a good deal.

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

Went on train to Paducah to see about new Depot, grading, Culvet &c. Returned on train to Mayfield. Frank C. made track pegs on Sec. 26. Straight was sick and did not work.

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

In the office at Mayfield. Finished making out the August Estimates.

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

Walked over the work to Sec. 41. (Dinner on Sec. 36 at Gilloolays shanty) Supper and stayed at Stokes.

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

Staked (Cross-sectioned) out some work on Sec. 40. After dark I walked to J. J. Wingo's. Straight & Frank C. stayed at Sam. Stokes.

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

I walked into Mayfield. –Straight & Frank C. made and marked stakes. Straight came to Mayfield & Frank C. stopped at (Lidens) Little Obion.

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

At W<sup>m</sup>. W. Phipps' Mayfield Ky.

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

Ran in track centers from 1251 to 1273. Straight & Frank C. In the evening I was passed to the degree of Fellow Craft Mason.

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

Went (on train) to Paducah to see about Finishing up Grades and track-laying to the new depot. They were not ready. Left Frank C. to make pegs at the shop, and afternoon Straight and I went out in buggy, and began re staking off Clarkes River Bridge (See 8<sup>th</sup> 9<sup>th</sup> September 1858) Stayed at Esquire Reeds.

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

Straight & I finished laying off Clarkes River bridge. Dinner in Reed's shanty on the bank of Clarkes river. We 2 came in to Paducah. I came to Mayfield on train.

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

Went to Paducah on train. Attended to putting in switch on to the old 10<sup>o</sup> curve. Began setting track pegs on roadway to new Depot building. Straight & Frank C.

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

Finished setting track pegs past the new depot building – Straight & Frank C. – Came on train to Mayfield. Spent the evening with W. C. Luey and little R. G.

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

I rode horseback over the work to Sec. 40, and back to Mayfield. Stayed all night with W. C. Conley, Lucy and Philander Gould. –Straight & Frank made track pegs, on Sec. 36.

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

At Phipps' Mayfield Ky. I was not well.

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

I rode Selim over the line to Sec. 41 (Dinner at Falkners.) Commenced pursuing the line of Test Levels at 2129. Supper and stayed at Evans.

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

Ran Test Level line from 2140 to 2205. Rained some, -- Straight & Frank C.-- Meals and lodging at Evans.

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

Came over the line to John Richards to dinner. Made track pegs. I took supper and stayed at Phipps. –Straight and Frank C. came to Mayfield also.

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

Went down to Paducah on train. It was a day of the Fair. W. C. & Lucy A. & P. E. Conley (also came down on cars) were at the St. Francis Hotel waiting for a boat going up the Cumberland. I stayed with them.

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

A day of the Fair at Paducah. I stayed with W. C., L.A. & P.G. Conley at the Saint Francis Hotel till 5 P.M. they did not get a boat today. I came on train to Mayfield.

**For the Month of September 1859**

**October 1859**

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

(W.C., L.A. PG. Conley and muse got aboard the Packet Umpire on their way to Cheatham Co. Tenn.) Setting Track Pegs. Straight and Frank C. –

**2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday:** At W<sup>m</sup>. W. Phipps' Mayfield KY.

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

Set Track Pegs. Stayed at Phipps. Straight & Frank C.—

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

Went over the line to Sec. 41. Measured all the work done in September. Stayed at Evans. – Straight & Frank C.

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

I went to Mayfield and began making out the September Estimates. Straight & Frank C. Set Grade Poles on Sec. 41.

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

In the Office at Mayfield. Making up the September Estimates. – Straight & Frank C. came in to Mayfield. – W. C. Conley in Nashville Tenn.

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

Setting Track Pegs. – Straight & Frank C.

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

I went to Paducah and back on train. George Straight and Frank C. set up some Pegs. Rainy day. W.C. Conley in Memphis Tenn.

**9<sup>th</sup> Sunday:** At W<sup>m</sup>. W. Phipps' Mayfield Ky.

W. C. Conley returned (via Columbus stage) from Cheatham Co., Tenn. & Nashville & Memphis Tenn.

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

Sometimes my diary falls behind until I forget the particular occurrences of a day or more.

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

Went over the line to Sec. 40. Supper. Dinner & Lodging at E. Wingo's. – Straight & Frank C. –

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

Staked out Bayou Du Chien. Ditches. Breakfast & Dinner at E. Wingo's. I stayed at Johnathan Pryors. – Straight & Frank C. stayed at Falkners.

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

Came in to Mayfield. After dinner. – Straight, Frank C. & I went down to the Graves County Fair.

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

Straight and Frank C. & I made and distributed track Pegs. Conley being now alone, I room with him when in Mayfield.

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

Ran in Track Centers. Straight & Frank C.

**16<sup>th</sup> Sunday:** At Phipps' Mayfield Ky.

W. C. Conley & I went (in buggy) to see Miles Gamblin's place.

**17<sup>th</sup> Monday & 18<sup>th</sup> Tuesday**

One of the days I was in the Office at Mayfield and on the other I went to Paducah and back on train. 17<sup>th</sup> Frank made track pegs. George Straight was sick and did not work. 18<sup>th</sup> Straight & Frank C. made and distributed track Pegs.

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

Setting Track pegs. Supper and stayed at Phipps. –Straight & Frank C.-- We ate dinner on the Boarding Car.

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

Went over the work to Sec. 36. –Straight & Frank went (on train) to Paducah to make track Pegs.

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

(George) Straight & Frank C. were making Track Pegs in the Car Shop at Paducah. They Came to Mayfield on train.

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

Setting Track Pegs. Stayed at Mayfield. –Straight & Frank C. – They ate dinner at Marsh Hills.

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

At Phipps Mayfield Ky.

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

Setting Track Pegs. –Straight & Frank C. – All 3 took dinner at Marsh Hills, & they 2 took supper and stayed there over night. I came in to Mayfield on Marsh Hills' "old grey." Slept with W. C. Conley.

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

Rode out to Marsh Hills – 5 A.M. Setting Track Pegs. – Straight & Frank C.— All 3 took dinner at Marsh Hills. They 2 stayed at Richards. I walked to Mayfield after dark, roomed with W. C. Conley.

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

I walked from Mayfield to Little Obion – 7 A.M. Straight & Frank C. did not arrive until 8 ¼ A.M. from Richards. Set Finishing up grade from 1572 to 1600. Supper and stayed at J. J. Wingo's. We at dinner at Saxons.

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

Setting Finishing up grades on Sec. 33 in A.M. and reference pegs on Sec. 36 in afternoon. I walked up the line to Sec. 40. All stayed at Sheltons.

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

Cross sectioning and staking of work on Sec. 36 (1779 to 1794). Gave grade through cuts at 1707 & 1666. I walked to Mayfield after dark, roomed with W. C. –Straight & Frank C. stayed at Poplins.

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

Walked out to 1460 – 5 ½ A.M. Met Straight & Frank C. –Set Track Pegs. All walked in to Mayfield after dark. We ate dinner at Richards.

**30<sup>th</sup> Sunday:** At Phipps' Mayfield Ky.

George Straight went to Paducah and back on the Campbell.

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

--Straight & Frank C. set up Track Pegs. I believe Conley was discharged I went to Paducah & [editor's note: nothing more written]

**November 1859**

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

Went over the line and took the Monthly Estimate for October. Secs. 33-41. Straight & Frank C. We ate Dinner at E. Wingos. Laid out Tressel at 2022. I rode Selim from Wingos up to Ditch on Sec. 41, then back to Mayfield. Straight & Frank C. stayed up at Poplins.

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

I was in the Office at Mayfield making up the October Estimates. Straight & Frank C. set up Track pegs.

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

I walked out or Rode Selim to 1460 6 A.M. Met Striaight, Frank C. & Cal Snow. Leveled Track Pegs. I went back to Mayfield after dark, roomed with W. C. Conley. We 3 ate dinner at Richards. –Straight & Frank C. Supper and stayed at Poplins.

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

I walked out to Richards 6 A.M. Set & Leveled Track Pegs. –Straight, Frank C. & Cal Snow. We 3 took Dinner at Richards & Supper and stayed at Poplins.

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

Running in track centers. All 3 took Breakfast & Dinner at Poplins and Supper in Mayfield.

**6<sup>th</sup> Sunday:** At W<sup>m</sup>. W. Phipps' Mayfield Ky.

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

(At 4 ½ A.M. – Straight rode Selim out to Boarding car to see Thos. Sheridan as to the whereabouts of the Paint cup.) Straight & I went on train to W<sup>m</sup>. B. Bonds. Inspected Cross Ties. (Dinner at W<sup>m</sup>. B. Bonds). Came on train to Mayfield. Frank C. made track pegs. Stayed at John Lidens

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

Went over the work to Sec. 40 (Dinner at Falkners.) Began to lay out Bridge at 2059. (I rode Livery Stable Horse) --Straight & Frank C. All took supper and stayed at Sam'l Stokes.

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

Finished Laying out Bridge at 2059. Dinner at Falkners. Set Finishing up grades on Sec. 34. I rode to Mayfield. Straight and Frank C. stayed at Poplins.

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

Conley started after Luey.

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

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

In the office at Mayfield. Rained nearly all day.

**13<sup>th</sup> Sunday:** At Phipps. Mayfield Ky.

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

I was in the office all day Plotting Profile &c. –In P.M. Straight & Frank C. made Pegs. M<sup>r</sup>. & M<sup>rs</sup>. Hudgins & Co. started south.

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

I was in the office in Mayfield till 2 P.M. Rode Selim over the line to Sec. 41. Met Straight & Frank C. at Evans where we took supper and stayed (at Evans.). W. C., Luey & P.G. Conley returned from Cheatham Co. Tenn. (See Oct. 12<sup>st</sup> & 10<sup>th</sup> Inst.)

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

Breakfast at Evans. Retraced Center line from 2273 to 2320. –Straight, Frank C. and a negro that works from Beck. –Supper, Dinner and Stayed at Becks.

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

Retraced Center line from 2320 to 2400. –Same force as yesterday – Meals & lodging at Becks.

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

Raining. Put in centers across M<sup>rs</sup>. Miliners field with the Transit. All 3 dinner at Evans. I rode to Mayfield. (Raining, and Selim stuck in the mud hole

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

In the office at Mayfield. – Straight & Frank came in at 2 P.M. They ground the axes & cleaned the Flag Poles.

**20<sup>th</sup> Sunday.** Should have been written on the previous leaf. At W<sup>m</sup>. W. Phipps' Mayfield Ky. Read "From Dawn to Daylight" By a Ministers wife. Spent the afternoon & evening with Conley & Lucy. Cloudy.

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

Started to see Capt. Gould and family in Cheatham Co. Tennessee. Went on Cars to Paducah. Dinner at Mr. Bronsons. Went aboard the Stern wheel Steamboat "Commerce" at 4 P.M. for the Cumberland River. Left George S. & Frank C. making stakes and setting Grade Poles.

**22<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday.** On board the Steamboat Commerce on the Cumberland River. Ran from Eddyville to Palmyra.

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

The Commerce touched at Ashland at 7 ½ P.M. I hired a horse and rode to Capt. Gould's (6 miles) by 9 P.M. Found All Well.

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

Thanksgiving Day. Capt. G. & I walked over to the old Indian burying ground, and dug up some bones. Looked at the race to the Powder Mill & Factory. Capt. Gould, Mira & I dined by invitation at M<sup>r</sup>. Sam Watsons. Spent the afternoon at M<sup>r</sup>. Watsons.

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

Capt. G. went to Nashville. I walked over to the Barrel Factory (3 miles). Saw Waddy Boyd, John Price & wife, W<sup>m</sup>. Hill & wife and several others that I knew. Ate dinner at W<sup>m</sup>. Hills. Waddy showed me around to all the Machinery. Raining a little. Returned to Capt. Gould's at 5 P.M.

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

I (rode M<sup>r</sup>. Watsons horse) visited Lucy Conley's Grandfather's, and Holder Hudgins & wife, her (Lucy's) StepFather & own mother. Returned and dined with Mira at 2 P.M. Waddy came over in the evening (and stayed all night). Supper at 6 P.M.

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

At Capt. Gould's Cheatham Co. Tenn. Capt. returned at 3 P.M. (see 25<sup>th</sup> Inst.) I read a little book through, called Bessie Melville. (George S. stayed today at M<sup>rs</sup>. Nancy Miliners, and Frank C. at Evans.)

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

Capt. G. & I rode over to the Barrel Factory (in the buggy). Came back to a late dinner. Then we visited the Millwood Institute. Waddy came over in the evening and we had a pleasant game at Whist<sup>20</sup>.

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

Capt. G., Mira & little Mary in one buggy, & myself, little Willy & Aunt Lucy<sup>21</sup> in another, went to Nashville (20 miles) passing through some most beautiful scenery, and some Cedar Woods. Stopped at the City Hotel. Capt. G., Mira & I went to the theatre.

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

In Nashville Tenn. Capt. Gould assisted Mira and myself in sight seeing. The Red Rover went down the river crowded with Passengers.

## December 1859

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

Capt. G. went with me out to the Tenn & Alabama R. P. Round House. At 4 P.M. We went aboard the steamboat Missetonka. At 5 P.M. Capt G & Aunt Lucy went ashore, and the boat started for Paducah. Mira & Little Willy T. & Mary V. & myself on board. At 8 P.M. landed at Ashland and I got Mira's baggage on board.

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

Cold & Storming. On board the Minnetonka. Reached Paducah at 7 P.M. Went in Morgan's hack to M<sup>r</sup>. Bronsons. Very Cold. At 10 P.M. I started on train (7 hours behind time) Reached Mayfield at Midnight

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<sup>20</sup> A card game of four players in two partnerships that is played with a pack of 52 cards and that scores one point for each trick in excess of six.

<sup>21</sup> I am not sure where Aunt Lucy fits into the family tree.

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

Went on train to Paducah, to stay at M<sup>f</sup>. Bronsons over Sunday.

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

At M<sup>f</sup>. Bronsons. Paducah Ky. Went to Church, Heard M<sup>f</sup>. Presbury preach his farewell sermon. He then administered the Holy Communion.

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

Collected 35 dollars for Capt. G. and gave it to Mira. Came on train to Mayfield

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

Went over the line taking the Monthly Estimate of work done last month. Help – Geo. H. Straight. Frank Cooney Stayed at Falkners & I Stayed at Evans. Dinner at Peter Shays.

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

Very Cold. I walked from Evans to M<sup>rs</sup>. Millners to see Becks clearing and count his Ties. Dinner at Evans. All 3 took supper at Falkners & stayed. George & Frank set R.P.'s

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

Set G.S. from 1884 to 1906. Dinner at Falkners. Cross sectioned staked out from 1796 to 1803. Gave Grade from 1703 to 1712. George & Frank Stayed at Wingos. I walked to Mayfield after dark.

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

I was in office, making out Estimates. George & Frank setting G.S. on Sec. 36.

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

I went down to Paducah with the Estimates. Conley went down with me from Milo. Both took dinner at M<sup>f</sup>. Bronsons. Returned on eve-train to Mayfield. George & Frank came in from Sec. 36.

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

At Phipps' Mayfield Ky.

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

I was in the office copying Estimates. George & Frank went to Sec. 41 & stayed at Evans.

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

In A.M. I was in office. In P.M. went out on the line (Rode Selim) All 3 stayed at Evans.

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

Ran Test Level line from 2205 to 2272. Dinner on line. All stayed at M<sup>rs</sup>. Milliners.

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

Ran Test Level line from 2272 to 2340. Dinner at M<sup>rs</sup>. Milliners All Stayed at Evans.

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

Cross Sectioned all fills from 2152 to 2173. I rode Selim to Mayfield George & Frank Set G.S. on Sec. 41.

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

I was in office. George & Frank set G.S. on Sec. 36.

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

I was at Phipps' Mayfield Ky. George & Frank Came in from Sec. 36.

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

George \* I were in the office. Dismissed Frank from the service Untill about Feb. 1<sup>st</sup> on account of slack work on R.R.

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

George & I were in office at Mayfield.

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

I was in office at Mayfield. George was on Conleys farm helping him put up a R.R. shanty.

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

I was in office at Mayfield. George was on Conley farm helping to put up a R.R. shanty.

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

I was in office at Mayfield. Made a new profile this week. George same as yesterday.

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

I went on train to Paducah. bought a Christmas box for M<sup>f</sup>. Bronson's & Capt. Gould's families. M<sup>f</sup>. Bronson, Mira, Fanny & I spent the evening at Capt. Tilghmans. George same as yesterday.

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

Christmas. At M<sup>f</sup>. Bronsons in Paducah Ky. Attended Church, heard M<sup>f</sup>. Presbury for the last time in 1859. At 3 P.M. Capt. G. arrived from Cheatham Co. Tenn. Mira gave me a bachelors housewife<sup>22</sup> & Fanny gave me The Sparks from a Locomotive. Fanny received some fine pictures from Chas. H. Phillipps.

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

In Paducah reading & visiting at M<sup>f</sup>. Bronsons. In the evening after an Oyster Supper we had a social time over Egg Nogg. Fruits Cakes & Nuts. Besides home folks; Chas. H. Phillip, Given, Jo. K. Carrie & Betty Campbell were there.

I called in a short time at the lodge of Freemasons.

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

Came on hand car out to Mayfield. Attended the annual election and Installation of Masonic officers. I was elected and installed Secretary. Went back on hand car to Milo (Sec. 13). Stayed at Conleys (farm). George helped me on hand car from Milo to Mayfield & back to Milo.

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

Went on train from Milo to Paducah. Remained at M<sup>f</sup>. Bronsons reading and visiting Capt. G. Mira et al.

George at Conleys farm helping him to put up a R.R. shanty.

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

In Paducah. At M<sup>f</sup>. Bronsons. Reading, visiting and helping to pack.

George same as yesterday.

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

At M<sup>f</sup>. Bronsons. At 1 P.M. I went down (George same as yesterday) and got a dray. Brought a stove from M<sup>f</sup>. Presbury's to M<sup>f</sup>. Bronsons. Dray took Capt. Goulds things to the Wharf Boat. At 4 P.M. saw Capt. G., Mira, Fanny Bronson. Queen Campbell & little Willy & Mary with French Clara for nurse, safely off on the Accacia Cottage for Cheatham Co. Tennessee. (Se 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> & 25<sup>th</sup> Inst)

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

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<sup>22</sup> A pocket-size container for small articles (as thread).

Went to see Thos. Flournoy, but did not get any money. Bought me a Thermometer. Came on train to Mayfield. George same as yesterday.

**Month of January 1859**

P.K. & L.H. both at Bloomington Illinois at school. P.K. at Wesleyan, & L.H. at the Normal University. We commenced keeping bachelors hall on the 10<sup>th</sup>.

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Recipes:

Neuralgia: Horse Radish

Toothache: applied externally

Borers in Fruit Trees: Charcoal

Bronchitis: Salt peter suck it and swallow as it dissolves