

**Journal #4 by Philander Keep “P.K.” Roots**

(Age 23; born 4 June 1838)

[Editor's Notes]

Abbreviations & Names

L.H. = Logan Holt Roots [born 26 March 1841]

O.G. = Oliver Guernsey Roots [born 11 April 1836]

P.K. = Philander Keep Roots

M.E. = Martha Elizabeth Roots [born 2 September 1844]

Pocket Diary

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An Almanac for New York, St. Louis, and San Francisco

Distances and Time

by Railroad from New York

**To the following Places:**

To Albany, N.Y.	144 miles, 5 1-2 hours' time
“ Baltimore, Md	188 “ 8 “
“ Bangor, Me.	484 “
“ Boston, Mass.	236 “ 9 “
“ Buffalo, N.Y.	417 “ 15 “
“ Burlington, Vt.	296 “ 13 1-2 “
“ Charleston, S.C.	829 “
“ Chicago, Ill.	955 “ 39 “
“ Cincinnati, Ohio	859 “ 33 “
“ Cleveland, Ohio	604 “ 23 “
“ Concord, N.H.	270 “ 11 1-2 “
“ Detroit, Mich.	646 “ 25 1-2 “
“ Dunkirk, N.Y.	461 “ 17 1-2 “
“ Indianapolis, Ind.	969 “ 38 “
“ Memphis, Tenn.	1,376 “ 60 “
“ Milwaukee, Wis.	1,000 “ 42 1-2 “
“ Montgomery, Ala.	1,236 “ 52 “
“ Montreal, Can.	400 “ 20 1-2 “
“ New Orleans, LA.	1,495 “ 72 “
“ Newport, R.I.	218 “ 9 “
“ Portland, Me.	347 “ 14 “
“ Philadelphia, Pa.	90 “ 4 “
“ Pittsburg, Pa.	443 “ 16 1-2 “
“ Richmond, Va.	356 “ 18 1-2 “
“ Savannah, Ga.	933 “
“ St. Louis, Mo.	1,145 “ 51 “
“ St. Joseph, Mo.	1,429 “ 64 “
“ Washington, D.C.	226 “ 10 “
“ Wheeling, Va.	567 “ 25 “

Population of the United States,  
**According to the Census of 1850 and of 1860.**  
 NORTHERN STATES.

	Population			Population	
	1850.	1860.		1850.	1860.
Maine	583,169	619,958	Indiana	988,416	1,350,802
New Hampshire	317,976	326,072	Illinois	851,470	1,691,233
Vermont	314,129	315,827	Michigan	397,654	754,291
Massachusetts	994,514	1,231,494	Wisconsin	305,391	768,485
Rhode Island	147,545	174,621	Iowa	192,214	682,000
Connecticut	370,792	460,670	Minnesota	6,077	172,793
New York	3,097,394	3,851,563	Oregon	13,294	52,566
Pennsylvania	2,311,786	2,916,018	California	92,597	384,770
New Jersey	489,555	676,034	Kansas	.....	143,645
Ohio	1,980,427	2,377,917			
	Total.....			13,454,169	18,950,759

SOUTHERN STATES

	Population in 1850.			Population in 1860.		
	Free.	Slave.	Total.	Free.	Slave.	Total.
Delaware	89,242	2,290	91,532	110,548	1,805	112,353
Maryland	492,666	90,368	583,034	646,183	85,382	731,565
Virginia	949,133	472,528	1,421,661	1,097,373	495,826	1,593,199
North Carolina	580,491	288,548	869,039	679,965	328,377	1,008,342
South Carolina	283,523	384,984	668,507	308,186	407,185	715,371
Georgia	524,503	381,682	906,185	615,336	467,400	1,082,736
Florida	48,135	39,309	87,444	81,885	63,800	145,685
Alabama	428,779	342,892	771,623	520,444	435,473	955,917
Mississippi	296,648	309,878	606,526	407,051	479,607	886,658
Louisiana	272,953	244,809	517,762	354,245	312,186	666,431
Arkansas	162,797	47,100	209,897	331,710	109,065	440,775
Texas	154,431	58,161	212,592	416,000	184,956	600,956
Tennessee	763,154	239,460	1,002,717	859,528	287,112	1,146,640
Kentucky	771,424	210,981	982,405	920,077	225,490	1,201,214
Missouri	594,622	87,422	682,044	1,085,595	115,619	1,145,567
District of Columbia	48,000	3,687	51,687	.....	.....	75,321
Total....	6,470,503	3,204,099	9,664,650	8,434,126	3,999,283	12,508,730

TERRITORIES

Nebraska	.....	28,893
New Mexico	61,547	93,024
Utah	11,354	50,000
Dacotah	.....	4,839
Washington	.....	11,624
Total Territories.....	72,901	188,370

Total population of the United States in 1850, ..... **23,191,876**

Total population of the United States in 1860, ..... **31,647,859**

[Almanac Listings not Transcribed, but in the Journal:

Calendar at a Glance

Difference of Time: When it is 12 o'clock M., at New York, it is, ----

List of Sundays for 1862.

San Francisco Tides for the Year 1862.

Eclipses in 1862.

Moon's Phases for New York, St. Louis, San Francisco for each month in 1862.]

## January 1862

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

Father, Mother, M.E. & I went (in wagon with Mira & Lilly & Anna) down to M<sup>f</sup>. Ross' at St. Johns, while we met L.H. & **Cousin Emma Holt<sup>1</sup>** and D<sup>r</sup>. Walls family. At 2 P.M. We all partook of A N<sup>o</sup>. 1 New Years Dinner. At dusk L.H. & I with 3 or 4 of the girls went to Du Quoin. Left the little Canary bird for M<sup>rs</sup>. M<sup>f</sup>. Lean at Mr. Winter's. – L.H. put a new Coal Oil Lamp, and my Pants Cloth (that he had bought for me at Bloomington) into the Velise and I brought it home. L.H. remained at Du Quoin. The rest of us young folks returned to M<sup>f</sup>. Ross' and had a good Candy Pulling. We all reached home at 11 ½ P.M. We got out of the road and came by the School house.

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

M<sup>f</sup>. Tyrrell killed Thirty One Hogs. I looked on all day, and helped a little. Sleeted all day. In the morning Anna & I hauled a load of Fodder. Harmon then took the team to haul wood for himself.

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

Rain & Sleet all day. M<sup>f</sup>. Tyrrell cut up his hogs. I looked over the old Harness &c. Made a new bridle out of an old one.

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

Father taught school today.

L.H. came on Pocahontas. This was the last time that Logan or any one else ever rode her to this place. At 3 P.M. Mother and I, L.H., & M.E. went in wagon (with Lilly & Mira) to Tamaroa, stayed with **Cousin Rosa<sup>2</sup>** will 7 P.M. We ate Supper with her. Father & Anna came up on foot also. Eugene & Clara Tyrell and we all attended a Public Installation of the Officers of the I.O. Odd Fellows<sup>3</sup>. John F. Griffith was installed Noble Grand.

All rode home in the wagon (**Cousin Alvah<sup>4</sup>** helped us off) but Father & Eugene who walked. Reached home at 10.45 P.M.

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

All 5 at home. At Locust Hill

After Service (Sermon on Prayer) and Dinner, Father, Anna, M.E. & Clara<sup>5</sup> went up to Tamaroa Sunday School. At 4.30 P.M. L.H. started to Du Quoin on Pocahontas, the last ride he ever had on Pocahontas.

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

Immediately after early Breakfast Father & I walked up to Tamaroa to serve some \_\_\_\_ [weits?] &c sent to him by the U.S. Marshall.

Alvah took some Cook Books with him for Rosa, -and some clothes for Mother to M<sup>rs</sup>. Allen to be washed. Father went on down to school and after school at night Father went down on foot to St. Johns to serve a weit (one of the above)

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<sup>1</sup> Martha Sibley (Holt) Roots must have had at least one brother, but I do not have any sibling names, so do not have any information about Emma. She might be the daughter of Horace Holt, mentioned in the Oct. 20, 1862 entry.

<sup>2</sup> No information on her surname or other details. On entry in Oct. 7, 1862, P.K. mentions visiting Cousin Townsend Blanchard's (her husband?) to see "Rosa & the little ones," so perhaps **she might have been a sister to Benajah Guernsey Roots** (P.K.'s father)? I do not have any info on a sibling of that name – other sisters to Benajah I believe were Elizabeth, Lura and Amanda. Lura (born Aug. 15, 1800 in Hamilton, NY) married Hiram Blanchard on Sept. 25, 1825. Hackley Blanchard is mentioned on June 1, 1862.

<sup>3</sup> I.O. Odd Fellows = The Independent Order of Odd Fellows. In 17th century England, it was odd to find people organized for the purpose of giving aid to those in need and of pursuing projects for the benefit of all mankind. Those who belonged to such an organization were called "**Odd Fellows**". Odd Fellows are also known as "**The Three Link Fraternity**" which stands for Friendship, Love and Truth. The Independent Order of Odd Fellows was founded on the North American Continent in Baltimore, Maryland, on April 26, 1819 when **Thomas Wildey** and four members of the Order from England instituted Washington Lodge No. 1. This lodge received its charter from Manchester Unity of Odd Fellows in England. Odd Fellowship became the 1st national fraternity to include both men and women when it adopted the beautiful **Rebekah** Degree on September 20, 1851. This degree is based on the teachings found in the Holy Bible, and was written by the Honorable Schuyler Colfax who was Vice President of the United States during the period 1868-1873. Odd Fellows and Rebekahs were also the first fraternal organization to establish **homes** for our senior members and for orphaned children. (information obtained from <http://www.ioof.org/>).

<sup>4</sup> No information on his surname or other details. July 26, 1862, Alvah is mentioned as getting into the wagon in Tamaroa, so perhaps this is where he lived.

<sup>5</sup> Clara Tyrell

one Abraham Lippincott. Father made an arrangement with M<sup>r</sup>. & M<sup>rs</sup>. Ross to have Mary J. Leavenworth come and stay with us awhile, say till the last of March.

Pocahontas died in M<sup>r</sup>. Niles' stable at Du Quoin Station.

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

Father walked from St. Johns to the School-House by 9 Am> Bringing M<sup>rs</sup>. Ross' Sausage cutter. This was my first day of regular farm work since August 1<sup>st</sup> 1851 except some few times that I have been at home temporarily for a few days or weeks at a time. Harmon helped me and we covered the two pen Corn Cribs, Chopped some wood and ate Dinner. Went to the woods with wagon with Mira & Lilly (after we had we had torn down the old Log Crib & Stable) and got out 2 gate Posts; brought them and some Rails up home. Then hauled a load of Fodder, Did up the Chores and ate Supper.

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

I walked up to Tamaroa. Settled with M<sup>r</sup>. Stepp. paid him balance due 1.35. Bought Mother a Coffee Pot some Ginger, Pepper &c and some Vest Buttons for myself. Saw Barker about Barn Window, Uncle Holt<sup>6</sup> about Gate Lumber, & Coffee successor about Rails. Came home to late dinner.

M<sup>r</sup>. Niles came and stayed over night with us and told us of the death of Pocahontas.

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

Made up the account of interest &c and sent the money by M<sup>r</sup>. Niles to pay up what Father owed the H. B. Jones Estate, and also the money to redeem the 2 Forties in Saml Eaton's name, that were sold for Taxes.

I went up to Tamaroa with wagon, Mira & Lilly. Took a bag of Sausage from M<sup>rs</sup>. Tyrrell to Louise Woods. Took Milk Bucket & Butter Buckets to Aunt Eliza's<sup>7</sup>. Looked over Uncle Holts Lumber for Gate Lumber, but found none.

Ate Dinner at Uncle Holts. Reached home at 1 P.M. Fed the Horses and at 3 P.M. Mother & started for Du Quoin (in buggy with Puss & Laura) Called at St. Johns on M<sup>rs</sup>. Ross. Mother Stayed at M<sup>r</sup>. Niles over night. I attended a public installation of the Officers of the A.F. & A. Masons (M<sup>r</sup>. Russell was there) and then stayed over night with L.H. at M<sup>r</sup>. Winters

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

Mother ate Breakfast at M<sup>r</sup>. Niles and I at M<sup>r</sup>. Winters. She was shopping until 10 A.M. then we called on M<sup>rs</sup>. Winters & family, and started for home. It began to turn very cold. We stopped at Old Uncle Thomas Sanders<sup>8</sup> (to warm Mothers feet) and we ate dinner with them. Mother drove directly on up home. I stopped at the School-house and heard the Advanced Class in Intellectual Arithmetic. Sister M.E. was teaching School alone today. Father was all day visiting M<sup>r</sup>. John F. Little School. M<sup>r</sup>. Winthrop & M<sup>r</sup>. Campbell ate Supper with us. Then they and Father & I went up to Tamaroa. M<sup>r</sup>. Winthrop and I attended the meeting of the Masonic Lodge. Father & M<sup>r</sup>. Campbell heard M<sup>r</sup>. Lisenby & others speak.

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

Harmon helped me all day. Skinned Norah and cleaned out Dolly & Jennys Stall in the forenoon. Father and Anna went (on wagon) to St. Johns for Gate Lumber, and to bring Mary Leavenworth up to stay with us awhile at Locust Hill. They three came home at 6.30 P.M. L.H. came at 6. on a Bay Horse. After dinner Harmon & I worked at propping up N<sup>o</sup>. 6 South Sill and at 6 P.M. the Sill broke all to smash, so that we have at least to go and get out a new Sill.

School Teacher's Campbell & Davis called and stayed an hour or two.

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

All 5 at Home, At Locust Hill

M<sup>r</sup>. Davis (of Angeline Mayfield) was here with us at Service & Dinner. Father, M.E., Anna & Mary J. Leavenworth went up to Tamaroa Sunday School. Turned very cold

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

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<sup>6</sup> Uncle Holt – According to my information, Martha Sibley Holt married P.K.'s father, Benajah Guernsey Roots, on October 20, 1834. I currently do not have any info on Martha's sblings. Uncle Holt lived in Tamaroa (Jan. 26, 1862 entry) and had a family there (Sept. 12, 1862 entry). His first name possibly was Horace who had a daughter, Elisa (Oct. 20, 1862 entry). Uncle Holt had parents living nearby – P.K. visited "Uncle Holt's folks" on Dec. 27, 1862.

<sup>7</sup> Aunt Eliza could have been Elizabeth Roots (born Jan. 2, 1799 in Hamilton, NY) or this could have been one of Martha Sibley Holt's sblings.

<sup>8</sup> Thomas Sanders – don't know if this was an actual uncle to P.K. or just a friendly nickname of a family friend.

Thermometer +8°. Froze and then it Snowed. Harmon & I cleaned out part of the barn and hauled Fodder. At 6 P.M. M.E., Mary J. L. & I went in wagon with Eugene & Clara Tyrell and M<sup>f</sup>. & M<sup>rs</sup>. Woods down to M<sup>f</sup>. Haynes to attend a party. (Harry Haynes was sick at School today and he & Joi went in wagon with us. M<sup>f</sup>. Haynes had come up to see about him) Where we met the young folks from Tamaroa. We all stayed there till 4 A.M. tomorrow morning. M<sup>f</sup>. Russell was there after 11 P.M.

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

Reached home from M<sup>f</sup>. Haynes at 4.30 A.M. made a fire in the stove, and lay down and Slept till 10 A.M. Fed the Colts and Tinkered for Mother.

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

Harmon & I worked at cleaning out the Barn from 9 to 12. After dinner Harmon cleaned out the Barn. Ellers & I went down East and cleared out the Land line from N.E.L E ½ N.E.9 westward.

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

M.E. wrote to Mira & Fannie. I wrote to Hiram Blanchard, J. Vernon, L.H. & Capt. Gould.

Fed Mira & Lilly, Ate dinner. Went in wagon to Tamaroa. Left some of Fathers Cords at Zeb Hammacks for Amanda. Left Norah's Hide at Woods & Harris Store. Sacked (by myself) 22 Bushels Bran. Got a few gate bars of Uncle Holt. An axe of Barber and the Barn Window of Barker and reached home at 4.30 P.M. Aunt Eliza sent a bucket of milk by me. Took the Blackboard down to the School-house, for Father. Went to John Millers and got 23 lbs Tallow, and all the Beef Feet that I could find. Reached home at 6 P.M.

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

I was at home all day. Made a Bolster Standard for our wagon, and finished my Appraisal List of Fathers Locust Hill property. Rainy. M<sup>f</sup>. & M<sup>rs</sup>. Ben Henry Yates came over to spend the evening. Leonidas Anderson & M<sup>f</sup>. Dixon came (on horseback) and stayed over night. Just as we had got in and set down from putting up these horses, M<sup>f</sup>. Beasin and family came in (8 P.M.) M<sup>f</sup>. Helvey brought them in his wagon.

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

Boiled out the Beef's Feet. M<sup>f</sup>. Ellers moved out of the South Cabin and into the East Cabin. M<sup>f</sup>. Reasin and family moved into the South Cabin.

L.H. came up on the noon Accommodation Train. He and I spent the afternoon in Breaking Balaam. He rode and I assisted. I rode Laura with him to Old man Sanders and back home. D\_i\_\_\_ed all the afternoon.

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

All at home – At Locust Hill

After Service and Dinner, Father, M.E., Anna & Clara went up to attend Sunday School at Tamaroa, but they were ten minutes too late, and there was no Sunday School today. L.H. & I each rode Balaam some in the morning, and L.H. rode him in the evening. L.H. remained over night with us.

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

Up at 4 A.M. Anna & I did the chores. Service and Breakfast at 5.45 and at 6. L.H. & I started for Du Quoin, he on Balaam & I on Laura. L.H. called at St. Johns to See about a lost carpet sack belonging to Mary Leavenworth. Reached Du Quoin and put Balaam in M<sup>f</sup>. Niles Stable. L.H. went to his school-house. I bought some little notions for Father & Mother and started for home. (Called at St. Johns to see M<sup>rs</sup>. Ross) also called and visited John F. Griffiths. Arrived at home, fed Puss & Laura. Ate Dinner, Wrote to Dietrich & Readner. Started off on Puss. Called at M<sup>f</sup>. Eller's (east cabin) for measure of Stove Pipe. Went through Hickory Grove and through the Plumb Point Forties, to Tamaroa, called at Post Office, on Uncle Holt at the Passenger House, Aunt Eliza at home, on Solomon Doty at the old John Laney Place, and went to see Old man George to engage him to deliver us 15000 Rails. Then went through Tamaroa to Jacob Nourd's Blacksmith's Shop, and engaged Shoes to be made for Mira & Lilly. Left John F. Little's letters at Strawbridges. Called at N. Bona Hawkins' for an hour. Reached home at 8 P.M. Father & Anna took Care of Puss. I ate Supper, recounted the adventures of the day, and went to bed.

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

In the forenoon I wrote in my diary &c. In the afternoon M<sup>f</sup>. Reasin & his 2 boys helped me. Dug the Turnips, and after assorting the Apples we buried them.

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

In the afternoon John Reasin helped me. Hauled a load of Corn from the pen, into the Barn. Began to clean out the Barn ditches. Hauled a load of Fodder, & fed.

In the evening Father, Anna, M.E., Mary J. L. & I walked up to Tamaroa. Father on business and the Latter called on Rose Thomas at M<sup>r</sup>. Bereyhills. I agreed with Jesse Edens to go with me into the woods tomorrow. Reached home at 10.30

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

With Puss & Laura I went to Tamaroa, whence M<sup>r</sup>. Jesse Edens went with me into White Walnut woods. We traced out our (Roots) 2 Forties of Timber. At 1 O'clock I paid him 50 cts and he went back home to Tamaroa. I went on to M<sup>r</sup>. Hulst to get him to make Rails. He could not make any. I ate dinner with him. Then went back and thoroughly marked the woods to the South Timber 40. Came by Tamaroa for Puss, Saw M<sup>r</sup>. Norton. Reached home at dark. Old man George came with me. Made a contract with him to deliver us 5000 rails at \$2.50 for White Oak & \$2.00 for Black Oak.

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

Harmon helped me. Went to the woods and brought up a long log for a Sill to South side of N<sup>o</sup>. 6. M<sup>rs</sup>. Norton, Ina & Alice spent the day here. M<sup>r</sup>. Norton was also here to Supper. Also M<sup>r</sup>. Grey, who stayed with us over night. Afternoon I handled an axe for Father's use at the schoolhouse, and visited with M<sup>r</sup>. Norton & Co.

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

Father and I went to M<sup>r</sup>. C. C. R. Winthrops and I made an abstract of Fathers account with District N<sup>o</sup>. 2. Ate Dinner at M<sup>r</sup>. Winthrops, coming home we stop awhile at M<sup>r</sup>. Hemplemans. Reached home at 4 P.M. L.H. came soon after, having had a troublesome time all day with Balaam. He helped me haul a load of Fodder and feed

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

All 5 at home – Locust Hill

After Service and early dinner, we went up Tamaroa Sunday School; having understood that the time had been changed to 1 O'clock we were 2 hours too early. We went to Uncle Holts and stayed till near 3 O'clock. Then went to Sunday School. Reached home at 5 P.M. L.H. was just starting on Balaam for Du Quoin. I walked down a ¼ of a mile or so. Came home and measured the Stove Grate Frame.

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

M<sup>r</sup>. Reasin and his son John helped me. Hauled Fodder. Chopped Wood and cleaned out the Barn ditches. I overloaded the wagon once and stalled Mira & Lilly in the field.

Father Appointed his committee of boys on the case of Edwin Hawkins & Charles Hoxey with the Water Bucket.

In the evening I made a plan of the Stove Grate.

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

+60° Very high wind

I wrote to Dietrich & Bradner.

M<sup>r</sup>. Reasin cleaned out ditch west under Father's directions. John Reasin chopped wood. After dinner M<sup>r</sup>. Reasin was cleaning out the barn. I shaved off the doors in the barn doors that were too large to shut and put on a latch holder on the door between the S.E. Stalls. Also closed up the hold in N<sup>o</sup>. 9 North window to keep the dogs out. Then rode Laura to Du Quoin (went by Father's school house to get Winthrops little Speaker for L.H.) Met L.H. on Balaam from Du Quoin L.H. rode him south 3 miles, & back (it rained hard I went to attend Masonic meeting for the Ladies, but the night was so bad, the meeting was postponed 2 weeks. Went home with M<sup>r</sup>. Winters and stayed with L.H.

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

Snowing hard, now (8 A.M.) 2 inches deep. I got money changed and left \$14.10 with L.H. for Duncan of Duncan & Mumbower. Bought Slates & Pencils for Father. Snowed and blowed hard from the North and I had to face it, on Laura. Stopped in to see M<sup>rs</sup>. Ross at St. Johns. Came and arrived at home at 1 P.M. Brought 6 slates for Father. I watered the Stock and cleaned out in the Barn some. Did up the chores.

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

M<sup>r</sup>. Reasin and John helped me. I took all the children to school in the wagon and David went after them in the evening. John chopped wood. M<sup>r</sup>. Reasin and I began to clean off the Barn Yard. Charlie & Alice Bernisee called in the afternoon. Alice stayed with us over night.

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

Sent all the young folks and Father to School in the wagon. Measured out 6 bushels of Wheat and was just starting for Tamaroa Mills, when the Tire broke. I took M<sup>f</sup>. Tyrells wagon with plank on the bottom for wagon bed, put the wheat on it and 2 Bags Corn for M<sup>f</sup>. Reasin. David went with me up town, (Near the Tressel we had to unload and carry through a mud hole.) Got our Flour and meal and the wagon tire mended and some Syrup for Mary J. L.'s cough. 2 Cavalry soldiers slept at M<sup>f</sup>. Tyrells. I took care of their horses. At Tamaroa I received the \$125. per Express from Capt. Gould. After Supper I walked up home with Alice.

## February 1862

### 1<sup>st</sup> Saturday

I wrote a letter acknowledging the receipt of the \$125 from Capt. Gould. M<sup>f</sup>. Ross came up on the morning Passenger train and took Mary J. Leavenworth home with him. Father walked down to St. Johns to Protest a draft.

M<sup>f</sup>. Reasin & John helped me. We chopped & split stove wood. In the P.M. we moved out the Stove. Anna & I hauled a very small load of Fodder (Mud very deep under the Snow.) and Fed. L.H. came on Balaam at dark. Father came on horse later and Charles Bernier still ½ an hour later and he stayed with us over night.

### 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday

All 5 at home – Locust Hill

After Service & Dinner Father, M.E., Anna & I went up to Sunday School. L.H. started, on Balaam, for Du Quoin just before we got home.

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

Settled with M<sup>f</sup>. Reasin and paid him up in full to date. He and John helped me chop & split stove wood.

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

A pretty sun-shining day. I went down to M<sup>f</sup>. Haynes, and took dinner. I drove his big hog up home to our house. Anna and I Hauled a load of Fodder and Fed.

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

M<sup>f</sup>. Reasin helped me to clean out the barn, & I shaved off the ends of the cross pieces to the big Barn Dove so as to make it run easy. After Dinner I went in the wagon to Tamaroa. Joanna Reasin went up with me. I took up the old gears, pieces, strap & buckles to have them repaired and put together by M<sup>f</sup>. Tripp. Called to see Aunt Eliza. Called the Post Office and received a letter from Capt. Gould urging me to come to Paducah immediately and help him out of his distressing labors with M<sup>f</sup>. Bronson in the Post Office. Went home, hauled a load of Fodder & Did up the chores. When Father came home from school he read my letter from Capt. Gould he at first thought that I could not leave home. Harmon called to see about making Stakes, as well as Rails. Father wanted to send to Pinckneyville, so he and I went up to Tamaroa (on foot) Called to see M<sup>f</sup>. Montague but he was not at home, so we had no chance to send to Pinckneyville.

Reached home again at 10 P.M. and at 10.20 I decided that I would go to Paducah to stay with Capt. Gould & M<sup>f</sup>. Bronson in the Post Office for one month.

Mother and M.E. put some clean clothes in the Wheelbarrow on the R.B. track and we 3 wheeled it up to Tamaroa Station. At 12.05 A.M. the Passenger train came along, going south. Father and Anna put my trunk on, while I saw M<sup>rs</sup>. D<sup>f</sup>. Carle aboard; and was off for Paducah.

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

Reached Cairo at 4.30 A.M. Having assisted M<sup>rs</sup>. Carle in taking care of the baby all the way from Tamaroa. Took her to the \_\_\_ Charles Hotel and saw her to a good room. Went out to find D<sup>f</sup>. Carle but soon ascertained that he had gone to Fort Henry. After a 2 hours search I found several of M<sup>rs</sup>. Carle's friends and left her in their care. Ate my breakfast at ten O'clock. I immediately after which the Gun Boats arrived from the Tennessee River giving us an account of the Capture of Fort Henry, and of Genl Tilghman. I sat down and wrote home all about it. By close watching I got off at three O'clock (on the Steam Boat Empress) for Paducah. The Empress had the 14<sup>th</sup> Regt. of Iowa Volunteers on board, bound up the Tennessee. I reached Paducah at 9 O'clock Left my Trunk in the Post Office, and went out to M<sup>f</sup>. Bronsons where I found them all well. The clerk John Perkins was in the Post Office.

## April 1862

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

Laid my first fence worm. Put up fence south of orchard, north of house. Anna & Lewis helped me. L.H. came back from Du Quoin. He and Lewis took the wagon that Harmon broke down (hauling rails) to Dotys. Father, L.H. & I attended the Annual meeting of the Bible Society in Tamaroa, at 8 P.M.

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

Harmon & I killed 3 hogs – Ninkum, Joe & Sandy. Father & Mother attended the funeral of George Murray. M<sup>f</sup>. Norton called in the morning.

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

L.H. went up town with Father and bought Shelby. I began to put up fence around orchard help was Rice & Harman. At 10 A.M. L.H. returned from Tamaroa with Shelby and I went up there to be clerk at the sale of Parlier & Lorex's Goods. When I got there the sale was over and Father had acted as my proxy and collected one dollar. He and I reached home to dinner. Afternoon I helped put up orchard fence. Rented 10 acres of ground to Andy Eaton.

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

L.H. finished orchard fence with Rice & Harman. Then Harman plowed the garden. Mother and I packed away the Pork. I went up to Dotys and brought down the wagon. Met Father and he went to Dotys with me., after eating dinner at Oliver Holts<sup>9</sup>. I paid Graves 3.50 for a Harrow<sup>10</sup>.

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

L.H. went to Du Quoin in wagon driving Roan & Red. M<sup>f</sup>. Campbell (the schoolmaster) went with him. Before dinner John, Lewis & I cleaned up wood yard. After noon, Lewis went home (on Puss) John & I began to relay fence south of Lane. L.H. returned from Du Quoin at 9 P.M.

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

Pittsburg Landing

All at home. Laura foaled last night and the colt was dead. L.H. & I buried it this morning. Service as usual. Father, L.H., M.E. and Anna went to Tamaroa S. School.

Battle of Shiloh<sup>11</sup> or Pittsburg Landing

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<sup>9</sup> Oliver Holt: My records indicate he was born in 1755 and married Polly Sibley (born 1781) in 1799. They had at least one child, Martha Sibley Holt, who married Benajah Guernsey Roots on October 20, 1834. However, the Oliver in my records would have been P.K.'s grandfather, so perhaps Oliver and Polly had a son who named their son Oliver?

<sup>10</sup> Harrow: a cultivating implement set with spikes, spring teeth, or disks and used primarily for pulverizing and smoothing the soil.

<sup>11</sup> Battle of Shiloh: With the loss of Forts Henry and Donelson in February, General Johnston withdrew his disheartened Confederate forces into west Tennessee, northern Mississippi and Alabama to reorganize. In early March, General Halleck responded by ordering General Grant to advance his Union Army of West Tennessee on an invasion up the Tennessee River.

Occupying Pittsburg Landing, Grant entertained no thought of a Confederate attack. Halleck's instructions were that following the arrival of General Buell's Army of the Ohio from Nashville, Grant would advance south in a joint offensive to seize the Memphis & Charleston Railroad, the Confederacy's only east-west all weather supply route that linked the lower Mississippi Valley to cities on the Confederacy's east coast.

Assisted by his second-in-command, General Beauregard, Johnston shifted his scattered forces and concentrated almost 55,000 men around Corinth. Strategically located where the Memphis & Charleston crossed the Mobile & Ohio Railroad, Corinth was the western Confederacy's most important rail junction.

On April 3, realizing Buell would soon reinforce Grant, Johnston launched an offensive with his newly christened Army of the Mississippi. Advancing upon Pittsburg Landing with 43,938 men, Johnston planned to surprise Grant, cut his army off from retreat to the Tennessee River, and drive the Federals west into the swamps of Owl Creek.

In the gray light of dawn, April 6, a small Federal reconnaissance discovered Johnston's army deployed for battle astride the Corinth road, just a mile beyond the forward Federal camps. Storming forward, the Confederates found the Federal position unfortified. Johnston had achieved almost total surprise. By mid-morning, the Confederates seemed within easy reach of victory, overrunning one frontline Union division and capturing its camp. However, stiff resistance on the Federal right entangled Johnston's brigades in a savage fight around Shiloh Church. Throughout the day, Johnston's army hammered the Federal right, which gave ground but did not break. Casualties upon this brutal killing ground were immense.

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

Father & L.H. went to Trustees meeting Paradise Prairie. Father came home at 2 ½ P.M. – L.H. went on to Du Quoin to hire a hand. He was driving Jack & Charley to the buggy.

I worked all day relaying fence east & west on south lane. Harman, John & Reasin helped me.

Lewis took Nelly to the horse at Du Quoin.

James Pegg came.

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

I worked all day and finished relaxing fence to East & West Lane. Help same as yesterday.

L.H. returned from Du Quoin at 10 A.M. James Pegg came in buggy with him. L.H. hired him by the month.

M<sup>r</sup>. Eller began plowing oat patch East of Barn.

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

L.H. started teams to Plowing for Oats. One ox team & 1 horse team. I finished plowing patch East of Barn for Oats. Anna & I caught some Pea fowls. James hewed gate posts. We heard that Major Eaton was wounded fatally.

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

I began to make a gate.

James Set gate Posts. After dinner, L.H. took Father and Anna to Tamaroa in wagon. Anna is going to live at D<sup>r</sup>. Wakemans in orneal Centralia. L.H. also delivered one pair of Pea fowls to M<sup>r</sup>. Nortons and one pair to M<sup>r</sup>. Terrells. I relaid fence on East side of Tyrrells barn lot. John helped.

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

In the forenoon I finished the gate and put it up east of the barn. James set 2 gate posts. 2 ox Teams & 1 horse team were plowing for oats till noon. Afternoon it rained. I settled with the hired men. L.H. sold Louise to M<sup>r</sup>. Rice for \$13.50.

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

Father & Mother went up to Tamaroa and attended the funeral of Old. M<sup>rs</sup>. Simmons and stayed all day with M<sup>rs</sup>. Major Sam'l. Eaton. At night Black Reuben came home with Father and stayed over night Sunday with us. Mother stayed over night with M<sup>rs</sup>. Eaton.

I mended harness, then Lewis & I set out a great many flowers in front walk.

In afternoon L.H. & I put some saws up to be speyed. M<sup>r</sup>. Davis (school teacher) stayed over night with us.

Jenny foaled.

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

Reuben was here.

The body of Genl. W. H. L. Wallace<sup>12</sup> passed here on an extra train.

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Meanwhile, Johnston's flanking attack stalled in front of Sarah Bell's peach orchard and the dense oak thicket labeled the "hornet's nest" by the Confederates. Grant's left flank withstood Confederate assaults for seven crucial hours before being forced to yield ground in the late afternoon. Despite inflicting heavy casualties and seizing ground, the Confederates only drove Grant towards the river, instead of away from it. The Federal survivors established a solid front before Pittsburg Landing and repulsed the last Confederate charge as dusk ended the first day of fighting. (Information obtained from <http://www.civilwarhome.com/shilohdescription.htm>).

<sup>12</sup> Wallace was appointed brigadier general for his performance at Fort Donelson, the first notable Union victory in the Civil War. Wallace's troops had saved the day, although the Eleventh Illinois had lost nearly two-thirds of its men. He contact Ellen Roots McBride for more info at [erootsmcbride@aol.com](mailto:erootsmcbride@aol.com)

Father went up to Tamaroa, in buggy, and brought Mother home, from M<sup>r</sup>. Eatons. M.E. went to Tamaroa S. School

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

Father, L.H. & James Pegg went (after early dinner) in waggon to Du Quoin. Major Saml. Eaton came up on the morning Passenger train. Father assisted in getting him into his home house. At 2 P.M. I started to Du Quoin on Polly. I attend the meeting of the Masonic Royal Arch Chapter.

Then walked home, walked home at 2 A.M. tomorrow morning.

L.H. & James came home at 8 P.M. in the wagon.

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

L.H. went again to Du Quoin

Hauled dirt from the Rail Road and put it around the well. James & John helped me. Father & L.H. returned from Du Quoin. Old Mother Little stayed here all day.

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

Three, yes four teams were plowing for us for oats until dinner then it began to rain at 2 P.M. and it blew so hard that down went a good deal of fence. M<sup>r</sup>. Jackson came up and helped us spay 13 sows. L.H. rode Fann to Du Quoin and turned her loose to come home. Then he went on midnight train to South Pass, to attend a Government Sale of Horses & Mules.

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

L.H. today attended the Governmental Sale of Contraband horses at South Pass and he bought 4 mares for \$179 - \$70 + 52 + 31 + 26 = 179.

I relaid the west string of fence to the South 80. Rice & Son Harman & John.

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

Rained Hard

James Pegg & I rode Puss & Laura over east nearly to Galloways where we began to work the road for the first time in my life. James worked for L.H. Norton Thompson is Supervisor this year, but he was today on a road north and John Ford was his sub in charge of us. We quit between Winthrops & Williams.

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

Rainy

James and I took Roan & Red and the wagon, cut a load of brush down east and with Rice & Ellars we bushed the gullies along south of the Block House. Then went on to Fred Williams and helped (work) cut out the new road to Tamaroa which is to run east and north of the Plum Point 40.

Brought home 2 bushels of Seed corn from Fred Williams, in the wagon.

At 8 P.M. L.H. arrived from South Pass (see 17<sup>th</sup> Inst.) with 3 of the 4 mares having left 1 lame one at Ike Himonells. Emma came down and stayed with us.

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

At home. Cousin Emma Holt and M<sup>r</sup>. Russell were with us over Sunday. After Rainy Service & dinner, Father & L.H. went to Tamaroa to S. School.

James Peg rode Charley to Old Du Quoin.

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then moved with his troops to Pittsburg Landing, Tennessee, where Confederates launched a surprise attack on the forces of Major General Ulysses S. Grant at Shiloh Church on Sunday, April 6, 1862. Wallace, who held only temporary command of one of Grant's six divisions, fought bravely but was mortally wounded as he began to withdraw his men on the afternoon of the battle. His wife, who had arrived at Pittsburg Landing by steamer on the day of the battle, was at his side when he died three days later. (Source: Life & Letters of General W.H.L. Wallace -- <http://www.cw-book-news.com/release%20info/00-09/wallace.html>).

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

Raining. I worked in the barn. Lewis took Lucy & Jenny to the Horse at Du Quoin. James returned from Old Du Quoin. Cousin Emma was here until night, when Uncle Holt came down after her.

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

James and I ditched the South 40 field until 10 O'clock with oxen & plow, then began to plow the road running east from our Rail Road Crossing. Plowed at it till night.

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

James & I plowed half day on the road running East from the Crossing till noon then hauled up 3 shocks fodder which took till 1.30 P.M., then dinner. Then James shelled seed corn till night & Rice & I marked out lands on the west 80 with Roan & Red & Plow.

At 9 ½ A.M. L.H. & Father went up to town and bought the D<sup>r</sup>. Sims wagon of Lasarlis (sp?) Eaton. At 10 O'clock Lewis turned out the 3 mares from South Pass. At 1.30 when L.H. returned from Tamaroa he discovered that the 3 mares were gone. He immediately started in buggy after them and Father on Polly. Both returned at night unsuccessful.

Major Eaton died.

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

Father started us up at 3 O'clock. L.H. & Lewis started at daylight with Puss, Laura & Fan, after the mares. M.E. & I wrote notices & descriptions of the 3 mares and at 8 O'clock James started on Charley for Bassil Silkwoods and at 9 O'clock I started on Polly all on the hunt of the three mares. James returned home at night. Lewis hunted South West of Du Quoin (on Fann) and returned home at night. L.H. went on to Desoto. I searched west side of Nine Mile minutely & thoroughly past old Joe Taylors and on to Ike Kimmels in Elk Prairie. Then agreeably with the word left this morning by L.H. I returned to Same M<sup>r</sup>. Elvane's. Hunted between New & Old Du Quoin till 9 P.M. Stayed at M<sup>r</sup>. Elvane's.

Major Sam'l Eaton was buried west of Pinckneyville.

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

L.H. hunted today in and around De Soto. No news. I came to Du Quoin to meet the train and hear from L.H. Heard nothing. I started south again passed John Bowlens (where I heard of the mares), Gilbert Lipes then through East Side of Elk Prairie to Ike Himmells to late dinner. Thence by W<sup>m</sup>. Scharls & Ross Reeses down Little Muddy De Soto where I met L.H. after Sundown. He remained in town and attended a party. I went out 2 ½ miles and stayed over night at Esqr. Joe Davis'.

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

I rode into De Soto by way of Stubblefield's & c. Met L.H. and inquired of everybody. At 11 A.M. I started in buggy with Puss & Polly. (Leaving Laura for L.H. to side to South Pass after attending a big gathering in De Soto today)

I ate dinner at M<sup>r</sup>. Frank Wills then came on until I was 9 or 10 miles west of De Soto (on the Chester Road) then north on the Pinckneyville road to Four mile prairie at James Hoges house. Thence to Jerry Walkers one half hour after dark. M<sup>r</sup>. Walker was not at home. I stayed there over night.

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

I rode in Buggy with Puss & Polly from Jerry Walkers through the Old Woodside Ford of Beaucoup & east Side of Holts Prairie, past Nourds Blacksmith Shop, & John Heapes to my home once more. L.H. searched South Pass today.

M<sup>r</sup>. Wood was at our house today and as the boys were not at home all but M.E. went up to town to his meeting.

At night I wrote to Anna to W. W. Phipps & to Geo. H. Morrow.

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

We began to Sow Oats. James Sowed. John Harrowed. I went to Millers after a Harrow<sup>13</sup> but could not get it. Came back & plowed till noon and Lewis harrowed till the new Blakeslee<sup>14</sup> Harrow broke.

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<sup>13</sup> Harrow: a cultivating implement set with spikes, spring teeth, or disks and used primarily for pulverizing and smoothing the soil.

<sup>14</sup> P.K. later married Frances Maria Blakeslee on May 23, 1866. Frances was the daughter of Eli Blakeslee, Jr. and Emily (Judd) Blakeslee.

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

At 3 P.M. L.H. reached home with the 3 mares that escaped on the 23<sup>rd</sup> Inst having found them at Solomon (Sod) Snyders in East 6 mile prairie.

I was getting in Oats all day, with James & John & Lewis. John worked till noon then he left in a miff<sup>15</sup>.

Aunt Moore<sup>16</sup> arrived on the midnight train to Tamaroa but we did not know it until tomorrow morning 8 A.M.

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

Aunt E. Moore arrived, having left Fredonia day before yesterday. I was putting in Oats and preparing Oat ground with James & Lewis.

In the evening I plowed the horse team awhile, and let them kick things all to pieces, Laura getting away and hurting her hind legs badly on the swingletree<sup>17</sup>. This runaway s\_e\_\_e happened on tomorrow the 1<sup>st</sup> Day of May.

L.H. brought home Father from Pinckneyville in the buggy.

**May 1862**

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

Read yesterday

L.H. & M.E. went to Du Quoin and attended a May Day Pic Nic.

James, Lewis, M<sup>f</sup>. Rice and Heney Rice helped me Harrow in Oats and plow Oats ground. After the 3 horse plow team ran away I plowed Rock & Lion; & Henry plowed Road & Red. James sowed a few oats. Lyman Blakeslee<sup>18</sup> married Susan Kennedy.

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

I finished plowing the South 40 for Oats and James finished sowing it.

Father & Lewis harrowed.

M.E. returned in the afternoon from Du Quoin pic nic.

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

Lewis & I harrowed in the remainder of the Oats on the South 40. In the afternoon Father harrowed awhile and I stopped up hog holes through the surface drains on west side of south 40. James Plowed oat patch east of barn with the triple shovel, and then sowed it. L.H. harrowed it over once. He and James hauled in a load of Hungarian Hay, the first we have used this year.

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

Aunt Moore here.

At home. Aunt E. Moore was here with us. Father re-read preached the Funeral sermon of Uncle Josiah Moore<sup>19</sup>.

Father L.H. & M.E. went up to Sunday School.

Mira foaled at 5 P.M.

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

Father rode Emma to Elk Prairie Ike Himmels and brought up Tabby the 4<sup>th</sup> of the mares L.H. bought at South Pass. (He Led Lilly to the Morgan Horse at Du Quoin) He returned at 8 P.M.

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<sup>15</sup> Miff: a fit of ill humor

<sup>16</sup> Aunt Moore: Philander Keep Roots' father, Benajah Guernsey Roots, had a sister named Elizabeth Roots (born 1799 - ?). Elizabeth married Josiah Moore (? - ?).

<sup>17</sup> Swingletree: a rod for beating flax

<sup>18</sup> Lyman Blakeslee: possibly a sibling of future wife, Frances Maria Blakeslee? Lived with wife Susan (Kennedy) Blakeslee in Du Quoin, IL (May 13, 1862 entry).

<sup>19</sup> Uncle Josiah Moore – My records indicate that a Josiah Moore married Elizabeth Roots, P.K.'s aunt. Elizabeth was born Jan. 2, 1799 in Hamilton, NY. However, my records show her husband Josiah's death in 1860. It is possible that that date was recorded wrong or that there is another Josiah Moore this entry references.

James & I plowed up the garden. Lewis Harrowed it. Then James & I planted some Potatoes & Sweet Corn.

L.H. potted around

#### 6<sup>th</sup> Tuesday

Election day. Special election for a Congressman to fill Gen. **John A. Logans** seat, now vacant.

I planted a few Potatoes. Then Lewis & I cracked Peach Stones steadily on until 5 P.M. In the morning Father, Mother & **Aunt Moore** went up to visit Uncle Holts & **Townsend Blanchards**. L.H. went out beyond White Walnut and got Rev. L. Heapes Bull.

At 5 P.M. L.H. & I went up to Tamaroa and voted for Isham N. Haynia.

Took Tea at **Cousin Townsends**. All returned at 8 ½ P.M.

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

I worked in the garden till noon. After Dinner L.H., M.E. & I went in new wagon to Du Quoin (Polly & Lilly) Made a few calls. Supper at M<sup>r</sup>. Moses Winters. Spent the evening at Monks Hotel, with young folks of Du Quoin, engaged in a dance. L.H. & I slept at the Widow Winters. M.E. at **Lyman Blakeslees**.

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

L.H. was busy stirring up the School Directors about building a School House, until 11 A.M. Then we came home. M<sup>r</sup>. Niles & M<sup>rs</sup>. Niles came home in the wagon with us. We met Father and Aunt Moore in St. Johns.

Called at Peter Lee's. Ate dinner at home at 2 P.M. Worked in the garden till night.

#### 10<sup>th</sup> Saturday

In the forenoon I trimmed some Peach trees in the yard and set up stakes to run fence worn on east side of West 80. M<sup>r</sup>. Rice & I laid part of that worm after dinner.

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

At home. Aunt Moore with us. Service & Sunday School as usual. M<sup>r</sup>. & M<sup>rs</sup>. M<sup>s</sup>. Lean; M<sup>r</sup>. & M<sup>rs</sup>. Vandruvel; Tom. Brown with Mary & Eliza Leavenworth were here.

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

Father went up town with wagon and brought down Aunt Eliza and Cousin Rosa with Harry & Nettie. Misses Hiram & Milford Hinckley were here with their families all day (all except George Hinckley who is in the army)

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

I plowed Roan & Red on West 80. **M<sup>r</sup>. Lyman Blakeslee & wife and Helen** called from Du Quoin. Helen remained for a 10 days visit.

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

L.H., M.E. & **Helen Blakeslee**<sup>20</sup> went on horseback to a Little Muddy Fishing Party. Father Plowed Roan & Red on West 80.

After Dinner I went up to M<sup>r</sup>. Tyrrells to look at their Cheese Press. Came back home and worked at making one for M.E. till night.

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

Aunt Moore here. At home. The last day that Aunt Moore was with. Service & S. School as usual.

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

M<sup>r</sup>. Harbison began laying up fence around West 80.

Father went with Aunt Moore on train to Richview thence in wagon to **Cousin Robert Kennedy**s<sup>21</sup>.

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<sup>20</sup> Helen Blakeslee – believed to be a sister of future wife, Frances Maria Blakeslee.

<sup>21</sup> I do not have any Kennedy information in my records at this time.

M.E. went up in wagon with Father and brought back the 2 plows from the Shop. L.H. & Lewis took one of our Harrows over to John Millers. M<sup>r</sup>. Clark borrowed a harrow. Then L.H. & Helen Blakeslee went to Tamaroa Mill with six bushels wheat. He revised the Mill settlement with Andy Anderson. After Dinner I laid the remainder of worm to East side of West 80. Plowed gullies &c. Roan & Red.

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

Good refreshing rain. We worked nearly all day in garden, setting out Cabbage, Tomato & Sweet Potatoe Plants. James Pegg & L.H. thrashed out 1 bushel Hungarian Grass Seed.

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

M.E. went in buggy up to Tama and brought down M<sup>rs</sup>. Allen to help clean house. In the forenoon I laid the worm of South side West 8.

Afternoon I helped the women folks on Bedstead &c. Father came home to dinner from Richview (see 19<sup>th</sup> Inst.) He helped too about Bedsteads. Then he & I got together Lumber for a gate to West 80.

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

M<sup>rs</sup>. Voorhees came from Desoto, walked down from Tamaroa.

M<sup>r</sup>. S. S. Norton came down and I helped him trim all day in the orchard. Father took him home in buggy.

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

L.H. & all our own force plowed harrowed & put in some Hungarian Grass Seed. I made a gate for West 80. Then took care of the Drill & Brought up the cows.

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

Hung the gate to West 80. Read the Newspapers. Dinner. Trimmed Quince Till. L.H., M.E., Helen Blakeslee & I went in wagon (with Puss & Laura) to Du Quoin. M.E. & I took Tea at H Spragues and Strawberries at Moses Winters' By invitation spent the evening at a Social gathering at D<sup>r</sup>. Walls. Started home at 1 A.M. Tomorrow morning.

Helen Blakeslee remained at home (See 13<sup>th</sup> Inst.)

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

At Home. M<sup>rs</sup>. Voorhees here. Arrived at home from Du Quoin at 3 A.M. Slept till 9 A.M. Service as usual. Father, L.H., M.E., James Pegg & M.E. James Darrow went to S. School.

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

I completed the Cheese Press for M.E., at least so far as to enable her to use it. After Dinner I trimmed a few trees. Helped L.H. off for Bloomington. Where he expects to graduate at the Normal University. Father and I went up to Tamaroa Just at Sun Down. We took M<sup>r</sup>. Tyrrel's Harrow home.

M<sup>r</sup>. Reasin came back home in the wagon with us. Brough his Flour & Meal. Some Lime for Mother and our Harrow from M<sup>r</sup>. Clarkes.

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

I plowed Fan, Jack & Charlie. and James plowed Puss. Laura and Shelby over on the west 80. M.E. & I went up (late in the evening, to the shop with the Plows. Rained hard.

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

Father & I went in wagon to Tamaroa after the Plows, but could not get them until 9 A.M. Meanwhile James & Harman plowed the garden. When returned they plowed on West 80.

In P.M. I trimmed a few trees.

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

James Plowed Puss, Laura & Shelby & Harman plowed Jack, Charlie & Fann. I trimmed some apple trees.

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

Harman worked for Reasin. James plowed Puss, Laura & Shelby & I plowed Jack, Charlie & Fann on the west 80.

### 31<sup>st</sup> Saturday

Father & M<sup>rs</sup>. Voorhees left. Father is bound for Springfield as Grand Juror U.C. Court. Lewis took them in wagon (with Roan & Red to Tamaroa. Harman hauled wood with oxen. James plowed in the forenoon and I plowed all dy on the west 80. Rained very hard in P.M. At Dark I took the plows to shop in Tamaroa. Rice & Son returned with me.

## June 1862

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

Father gone to Springfield. L.H. at Bloomington.

Hackley Blanchard & Alvah were with us ½ of the day. M.E. & I & Joanna went to Sunday School. At night Esra Woods, Henry Yates, & M<sup>r</sup>. Stewart of Albion called with Ella Simmons. Alice B\_\_nisee & Jenny Redding.

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

Started the farm teams. Greased the buggy etc. M<sup>r</sup>. W<sup>m</sup>. Woods & I went on buggy to Pinckneyville, where he got an order for a County Road from Grand Cote Prairie to Tamaroa. We ate dinner at the Sullivan House. Woods returned home. The viewers at W<sup>m</sup>. Davis Esq., W<sup>m</sup>. Bridges & W<sup>m</sup>. B. Taylor.

The viewers, Saml. M<sup>r</sup>. Helvy and I started the survey of the road and brought it as far as W<sup>m</sup>. B. Taylor's House. M<sup>r</sup>. Davis & I stayed over night at M<sup>r</sup>. Risingers.

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

Rained nearly all the forenoon. Brought the Survey of the County road from W<sup>m</sup>. B. Taylors to Beaucoup Ford. All took dinner at M<sup>r</sup>. Davis'. W<sup>m</sup>. Birdges & I crossed the creek. He went home and I stayed at Terry Bridges'.

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

P.K. 24 years old today.

Davis, Taylor & axemen forded Beaucoup waste deep. We continued the Survey of the County Road and completed it to Tamaroa after dark.

(All ate dinner at M<sup>r</sup>. W<sup>m</sup>. Bridges) Woods (W<sup>m</sup>.) met us after dinner near Bridges'. M<sup>r</sup>. W<sup>m</sup>. Davis came home with me and stayed over night with us. I worked \_\_ the night writing out the report of the Survey.

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

M<sup>r</sup>. W<sup>m</sup>. Woods & M<sup>r</sup>. W<sup>m</sup>. Davis took the report of the survey in to Pinckneyville and had the road approved. I today made out the plot of the survey of the Road.

Harman worked ½ day at laying loose rails up out to the fence. James Finished laying off the West 80 one way with the Ma\_k\_.

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

James Plowed (breaking up) on West 80). Rice & 3 of his sons & I planted corn on West 80.

At night M.E. attended a party (dancing) at Farrells.

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

Same force as yesterday planted corn on West 80. Henry Rice & I covered with hoes in P.M.

Lewis Campbell went home on Dolly.

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

L.H. at Bloomington. Father at Springfield. Mother went to Tamaroa meeting stayed all day. ME. went to Sunday School. I was laid up with a boil on my arm.

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

Rice, 3 of his sons & Reasin & Andy & I planted corn on West 80.

At night Mother, M.E., Joanna & I went up to Tamaroa and heard the Bakers sing. I stayed after the concert, attended Lodge and saw Baker confer the F.C. Degree<sup>22</sup> on Thos. Clay.

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

Rice, 2 of his sons, Reasin & Andy & Lewis Campbell & I planted corn on West 80. W<sup>m</sup>. Crossman (a boy) worked & stayed over night with us. Illumination in Tamaroa over the opening of the Mississippi River to Memphis.

#### 11<sup>th</sup> Wednesday

Finished Planting our share of West 80, at noon. Afternoon I tried to work in the garden, but a sore (similar to a felon) on my finger prevented me from doing well. I plowed around everything once.

#### 12<sup>th</sup> Thursday

James Pegg still breaking up on West 80. Cousin Oliver Holt was here hunting his horses. M.E. walked up town. Cousin Oliver & I rode up in the buggy. I consulted D<sup>r</sup>. Huey about my finger – he said it was not a felon.

Returned home to dinner.

Took the Cultivator and went through the whole garden.

#### 13<sup>th</sup> Friday

James finished breaking up West 80 at noon. I tried to work in garden but could do nothing on the account of my sore finger. Lewis & Andrew finished Harrowing West 80 at 5 O'clock.

After Supper Andrew & I took John Miller's harrow home. Lewis tried to take Hoxies Marker home but failed. So when I came home from Millers I took the Marker home.

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

I laid up nursing my finger. James & Lewis worked in the garden.

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

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<sup>22</sup> FC Degree – I believe this references the Fellowcraft Degree bestowed by Freemasons (<http://www.freemason.org/etion/fc.htm>).

In one sense the Fellowcraft Degree symbolizes the stage of adulthood and responsibility during a man's life on earth. In this stage, his task is to acquire knowledge and apply it to the building of his character and improving the society in which he lives. As the father of our Masonic lectures, William Preston saw Masonry as a means to educate men in the liberal arts and sciences. A Fellowcraft Mason is urged to advance his education in these fields during the ritual of this Degree.

Some view the three grade system of Blue Lodge Masonry as representing a progressive teaching directed toward perfecting human nature. It is a simple and straightforward view of human nature divided into three parts: body, mind and soul. Each Degree addresses and instructs one part. The First Degree encompasses the body and our faculties of action in the world. The four cardinal virtues are extolled as the proper guides to our action in the world that we may perfect our relation to it. The Second Degree addresses the mind and its faculties. We are instructed in the Seven Liberal Arts and Sciences which were formulated hundreds of years ago in order to develop and perfect the mental nature. The intention was to prepare the mind for spiritual truths. The Third Degree confers the central Mystery of Freemasonry; that is, how the soul may be brought to its perfection.

#### Symbolism of the Degree

The symbolism of the Entered Apprentice Degree emphasized beginnings, spiritual birth, the first steps and youth, orientation to the Light, which are all consistent with a rite of induction into the Fraternity. The Second Degree of Fellowcraft symbolizes the methods of developing and progressing in the Craft; and, in a sense, the emergence into spiritual manhood. Therefore we find symbols of advancement, passage, instruction and elevation throughout this Degree. We find symbolism of taking the next step and a new way of approaching the East. What was considered in the last Degree to be our weaker nature has now been squared and elevated. While keeping our fidelity to the Three Great Lights, we deepen our connection with the Fraternity and take on new commitments.

Father at Springfield. L.H. at Bloomington. Mother & I were at home all day. I was nursing my sore finger. M.E. went to Sunday School and Charley Allen came home with her.

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

I went up town in wagon with Mira & Lilly. Rice went with me. Got the saddle from Tripps. Meal from Mi\_e and divers little articles. Returned home to dinner.

M.E. & I went in buggy and took the Rolling Coulters over to home to M<sup>f</sup>. Yates'. Henry Yates went all through their Orchard with me. M.E. & I then went and called at M<sup>f</sup>. Tyrrells. Coming home we had a serious time keeping the tires on the wheels.

James Harrowed on West 80.

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

James Harrowed on West 80 until it rained.

**Election day on the New Constitution.** In forenoon – I mowed weeds out of the door yard. Louis (Dutch) worked in the garden. After dinner I went in wagon to the Election. Took Rice, Harman, & Ellars up. M.E. went up and made some 8 calls. Rained very hard for an hour. Came home to Supper.

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

Lewis went up to Tamaroa after M<sup>f</sup>. Tolson but he did not come. James hung gate into South \_0. Fixed fence and brought up a new gate post from the woods. Afternoon I trimmed in the orchard. Edmund Lipe (?) came here with Luci Posney.

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

Aunt Eliza & M<sup>rs</sup>. Tyrrell were her on 19<sup>th</sup>.

James Finished harrowing the 12 acres of Sod on West 80. Folsom came down and he and I trimmed in the orchard. Lewis went to Du Quoin in wagon with Mira & Lilley after Lumber. Puck & Bennet He did not get any Lumber.

Sanders came here the last time with Frank

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

James & I worked all day in the garden. M<sup>f</sup>. Folsom trimmed in the orchard till noon, then went home. Lewis \_\_\_\_\_ gathered up hay & c west of yard.

Miss Rose Thomas came home from Jacksonville.

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

In forenoon James helped Harman harvest. Afternoon he plowed at raw strip on North end of South 80. I made cheese boards for M.E.

Lewis hauled hay &c out of house yard & after hauled up 2 loads of chips from the woods.

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

Father at Springfield. L.H. at Bloomington. Mother, M.E. & I with James, Joanna & Lewis were at home. Serivce. I read a sermon on the S\_\_ip \_\_\_\_\_. M.E. & I went to Sunday School.

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

In forenoon James finished plowing & harvesting the piece of raw rod on North end of South 80.

Afternoon he hauled & piled bush in the orchard. Lewis & I cleaned bush & ch\_\_nks out the garden.

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

James put up fences that had blown down around south 80. I tried to work in the garden but was so unwell that I had to lie down.

M<sup>rs</sup>. & M<sup>f</sup>. Lean & M<sup>rs</sup>. Stafford were here to Tea. Afternoon I mended harness.

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

James put up (blown down) rails around South 80. I went to M<sup>f</sup>. Tyrrells, to Tamaroa & to Hoxies. Came home to late dinner. Brought a letter from Father saying that David Reasin was very sick at Camp Butler. Worked awhile in the garden. Then hauled a load of Oats from Hoxies. Mira & Lilley. Andrew with me. Sold 5 bushels to a refugee. Lewis went home on Emma in the morning – back in evening with cabbage plants.

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

Lewis and I hunted for my Port Mo\_aic. Found \_n\_\_\_ Hoxies. Borrowed an axe at Rices, cut a hickory \_\_\_\_\_ for C\_e\_\_ Pr\_\_\_ brought it home. Made a d\_\_\_ head for Cheese press. \_\_\_\_\_ & Hoxey came \_\_\_\_ were here to Supper. M.E. went home with him. Returned at 9.30 P.M. James Plowed in orchard.

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

L.H. Graduated at the State Normal University.

I trimmed in the orchard till noon. Then M.E. & I went to Tamaroa and attended the examination of **Cousin Asenith Holt's**<sup>23</sup> school. James plowed in the orchard & I came home. \_\_\_\_\_ hom Hammacks.

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

I trimmed in the orchard. James worked in the garden. Miss Rose Thomas spent the afternoon with \_\_\_ Miss Amanda Babbitt took \_\_\_ with us. They took M.E. & \_\_\_ a horseback ride up to Tamaroa. Rose remained at home. We three returned at 10 ½ P.M.

After Supper James put up some blown down fence.

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

Father at Springfield – L.H. at Bloomington. Mother, M.E. and I with James Pegg, \_\_\_\_ & I \_\_\_\_\_ Joanna Reasin & Lewis Campbell. Sunday Services at school. I read the sermon. M.E. & I attended services in Sunday School.

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

Loaned Luey to Amanda Babbitt to ride to her school at W<sup>m</sup>. Eatons in Paradise Prairie. James Hauled bush out of the orchard. I trimmed in the orchard.

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

James plowed in the Orchard and I trimmed.

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

I trimmed and James plowed in the Orchard. At 4 P.M. Mother & I went in buggy over to Strawbridge.

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

Lewis went home on Sally, leaving her at Wiley Hauer's.

James plowed and I trimmed in the Orchard. At 4 P.M. M.E. & I went in wagon, came home at midnight, to M<sup>f</sup>. Norton's. We went by M<sup>f</sup>. Tyrrells & Eugene got in and went on with us. Stayed at Nortons till 11 P.M. Then came to Tamaroa to meet L.H. but he did not get off.

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

I wrote to Father – and to L.P. Clover, for L.H. and took them up to P.O. before Breakfast. Just as I came back, L.H. jumped off the train at home. He was a to Du Quoin. We visited L.H. in forenoon. James plowed in Orchard. James took afternoon for holiday. I trimmed some in orchard. After Supper L.H. and I went up in wagon after his trunk, but it had gone on to Cairo.

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

I trimmed in Orchard and James plowed in Orchard. L.H. began to fix up Reaper and Mower.

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<sup>23</sup> Cousin Asenith Holt – must have been the child of mother Martha Sibley Holt's brother. Do not know any of Martha's sibling's names.

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

Father at West Point, Iowa. Mother, P.K., L.H., & M.E. at home. Lewis Campbell at his home in Du Quoin. James Pegg & Joanna with us.

L.H. & M.E. went to S. School.

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

I trimmed and James plowed in the Orchard.

L.H. & Lewis began to mow 6 acre piece of Meadow in South field.

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

James helped L.H. mow (with machine) on South 6 acre meadow. I plowed the garden and gathered a few apples. Lewsi tried to rake with Hoxies Horse Rake but could not do much.

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

At 7.45 P.M. L.H. started for Springfield.

Received an answer from R\_\_ L.P. Clover in regard to a situation for L.H. as principal of one of the Springfield Schools. and L.H. concluded that he would go up and see about it.

L.H. and James finished cutting the South 6 acre piece with machine at 2 O'clock. I began raking with Horse Rake but it broke and I had to send it to town. At Noon I began raking again and at night Shelby ran away and broke it again. M.E. took L.H. and trunk up in buggy. I walked up and came home on buggy with M.E.

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

David Reasin got home on a sick Furlough. Wrote to L.H. and Lewis took it to the P.O. Andy went up after Horse Rake pieces. I finished raking up South 6 acre piece at noon. It rained a little, so that from noon to 4 O'clock we could do nothing at the hay. Then James & M<sup>r</sup>. Reasin hauled in 2 loads of hay.

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

All hands cocked<sup>24</sup> up hay. Finished the south 6 acre piece at noon. Afternoon Harman & I began cutting 5 acre piece east of Orchard.

L.H. today attended examination for teachers in Springfield.

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

Lewis brough Heart & Tongue, and borrowed the use of Yates' Horse Rake. He and Ellers went and got it after breakfast; put two teeth in it and then Ellers raked hay till 2 P.M. when Harman and I finished cutting the 5 acre piece east of the orchard. He and Harman then cocked up and I finished Raking up. James and I went in wagon and took M<sup>r</sup>. Yates Hay Rake home, then home via Tamaroa.

M<sup>r</sup>. Reasin and James hauled hay into the barn.

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

Father with Uncle and Aunt P.P.<sup>25</sup> at West Point, Iowa.

L.H. at Springfield Illinois. Mother, P.K. & M.E. with Joanna, James & Lewis were at home. Service & dinner. P.K. & M.E. went Sunday School.

A Heavy wind and rain Storm came up and blew all our Hay down and wet it through.

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

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<sup>24</sup> Cock: a small pile (as of hay).

<sup>25</sup> Peter Philanthropos Roots (born Jan. 23, 1807 in Fabius, NY – died Mar. 30, 1891 in Tamaroa, IL of a railroad accident) and wife Anna B. (Johnson) Roots (born ? – died after 1870).

I finished under trimming the Orchard and James plowed in the orchard. Too wet to be haying. At night Lucy's M<sup>r</sup>. Graham was here. I went to sleep at 9 P.M. M.E. sat up and called me at 11 P.M. Then she and I went to Tamaroa in wagon. Met L.H. on the midnight train. All 3 came home in the wagon. He left Springfield this morning. All went to bed at 2 A.M. tomorrow morning.

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

All hands scattered hay in the forenoon, and cocked it up in the afternoon. But at night (Just the same as on Sunday night) a heavy Wind & Rain storm came and blew it all down and wet it through.

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

Too wet to be Haying

I thinned corn all day, barefoot on the west 80. Lewis & Andrew helped me all day and M<sup>r</sup>. Reasin ¼ of a day.

Afternoon L.H., James & \_lo scattered Hay. Rice went to the woods and began a hay rack for new wagon.

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

Mayfee Foaled

I wrote to Father at Heokuk Iowa. Lewis took it up to P.O.

All hands scattered hay in forenoon. Cocked and Stacked in Afternoon.

L.H. wrote in forenoon and went up town.

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

Cloudy with heavy dew, so that we could not work at our hay until noon. I went over and got M<sup>r</sup>. Tyrrell to come and look at our Oats. Also tried to borrow a Horse Rake at Yates & Robt. Heape's but could get none.

Afternoon Cocked and Stacked Hay. After Supper L.H. went up to Blacksmith's shop.

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

L.H. began to reap the Oats. I went with the hired men and finished Stacking the hay.

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

Mother, L.H., M.E. & P.K. with Luey Gosney, Joanna, James and Lewis were at home. L.H. & M.E. went to S. School.

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

L.H. drove the reaper in cutting our Oats. Harman, Rice, Reasin & Henry Rice bound oats. I shocked. James & M<sup>r</sup>. Clark mowed on north little piece of meadow.

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

L.H. went to town before breakfast, drove Red & Roan to the wagon. Took up some cheese, brought back some Flour and a barrel of Salt.

All hands cocked up the down hay and shocked up the down Oats in the forenoon.

Afternoon James cut on north little piece of meadow. L.H. drove reaper. Clark & Rice bound oats till Supper, then it rained, all went home. Went over to see Jehu Heape, who was at home after Francie Doty – a deserter. Harman helped Winthrop today.

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

I wrote to Father at St. Louis.

L.H. drove the reaper till near noon. When he concluded not to cut the remaining 20 acres for they were right and badly blown down.

Afternoon L.H. changed the machine into East field and began to reap the 8 acres of Timothy<sup>26</sup>. Clark, Henry Rice & I cocked the remainder of the little north meadow. Then Clark bound Timothy & James mowed Oats east of barn.

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

L.H. & I drove machine and finished working the East 8 acre piece of Timothy. got through just at Supper time. Rice, Harman, & Lore bound ½ the Timothy as we cut it.

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

I started out early before breakfast, to hunt up a Horse Rake. Drove to Yates to Henneys and finally to Hoxies and borrowed his for a few hours. Came to late breakfast. With Polly raked up the unbound ½ of the East 8 acre piece of Timothy. Took the Horse rake over to Crane's for Hoxie, before dinner. Returned at 2 P.M. Then helped stack hay. L.H. with James Harman, Rice & Lore Stacked and Cocked all day. Rice sowed his Turnip seed. Rained very hard at night. Father came home (from Springfield and West-Point) on the midnight train. he walked immediately home.

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

James plowed up road in orchard. Then finished making Hay rack for wagon. L.H., James & I put in over an acre of Turnip see. I sowed them. After Supper Father, M.E., Emma, M<sup>f</sup>. Lean, Lucy Posney & I went in wagon up to Tamaroa. Alvah got in and we all went to M<sup>f</sup>. Nortons and spent the evening. (L.H. came up on horseback after he had done the milking.) Music & conversation till 10 ½ P.M. then home.

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

At home. Father, Mother, L.H., M.E. & I were all here. Also Emma, M<sup>f</sup>. Lean & James Pegg. Service & Dinner. L.H. & M.E. and Emma, M<sup>f</sup>. Lean went up to S. School.

#### 28<sup>th</sup> Monday

James brushed in the Turnip seed. After Dinner I plowed harrowed and sowed a small Turnip patch in the garden. Then helped L.H. & James stack the Oats, mowed east of the barn. M<sup>f</sup>. & M<sup>rs</sup>. Lean & his Jenny were here to dinner. Emma, M<sup>f</sup>. Lean went home with them.

#### 29<sup>th</sup> Tuesday

Finished stacking the unbound ½ of the East 8 acres of Timothy.

After I fitted a piece on fo\_\_ bolster of wagon to \_\_ under Hay rack, then we began to haul in our oats.

L.H. went off on 7 P.M. train for Springfield.

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

Rainy day. James plowed by fences on each side of north branch. I scoured plow and put them away. Then mended harness. After Supper Father and Mother went to St. Johns in buggy. Got very wet. Came home at 10 P.M. The buggy was broke down and left near Clay Hawkins'.

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

Father & I went after the buggy. he then took it to town to be mended. James \_\_\_\_ the new gate \_\_\_\_t in the hole. M<sup>f</sup>. Lean was here to dinner. Father returned at 2 P.M. He & I went (in buggy) and James (on Clara) to a war meeting in Tamaroa. As I came back I called at M<sup>f</sup>. Tyrrells and visited with Clara & her sister Ann. Came home in time to do up the chores.

### August 1862

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

James & I hauled in Oats all day & stacked for threshing. Lewis Campbell & his brother Arthur & Charley Ward were here to dinner. David Reasin started off to rejoin his regiment.

(Father reached Tamaroa at midnight and walked immediately home one week ago tonight.)

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

James & I hauled in Oats all day and just got through at sundown. I went over to Robert Heape's to borrow his St\_\_\_\_, but the horse was gone from home

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<sup>26</sup> Timothy: a European grass (*Phleum pratense*) that has long cylindrical spikes and is widely grown for hay.

L.H. came home at midnight from Springfield. He has achieved an appointment as Resenting Officer.

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

I took Emma & Maybel over to Robt. Heape. At home. Service and dinner as usual on Sunday. Father, L.H. & M.E. went to S. School.

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

I went by way of M<sup>f</sup>. Tyrrells (before breakfast) to Tamaroa. Got 5 plows sharpened. L.H. came up on Emma to Post Office. Then when we got home he started off on his new business of rece i i. James, 2 Rice boys. Zack & I plowed on West 80.

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

James, 2 Rice boys, Zack & I plowed corn on West 80.

L.H. came home at night.

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

Uncle & Aunt P. P. came tonight.

James, Albert Rice, Zack & I finished plowing the corn on south 40 of West 80. At noon our good mare Lilly died from being overheated, Albert Ricde was plowing her. She died awful hard, leaving her colt \_\_\_\_\_ Mira's care. Afternoon I wrote for L.H. James arranged for flailing out Timothy Seed.

L.H. came home from Nine Mile Meeting House. Norton Campbell with him.

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

Uncle & Aunt P.P. were here. Father & M.E. went up to Tamaroa (with Roan & Red to wagon) and met them on the midnight train last night.

James & M<sup>f</sup>. Reasin flailed Timothy Seed. I wrote for L.H. and visited with Uncle & Aunt P.P. till 3 P.M., then Father took a carpet s\_\_k up to Tamaroa for L.H., who had left home before Sunrise ridden to Du Quoin then took over thirty recruits on train to Anna. M.E. & I took a Sow and 8 pigs home to M<sup>f</sup>. Tyrrells. We took tea with M<sup>f</sup>. & M<sup>rs</sup>. Tyrrells. Came home and did the chores.

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

On Thursday & Friday. James & M<sup>f</sup>. Reasin flailed out Timothy Seed.

Father took me and the transit (in buggy with Jack & Charley) to Du Quoin. I began a survey of M<sup>f</sup>. Pettis' / 20 acres of orchard land. Had no axemen in the forenoon but worked on all day the best we could. M<sup>f</sup>. Pettis entertained me at his own house. Father took dinner at M<sup>f</sup>. Clean's and then he came home. I spent a very pleasant evening at M<sup>f</sup>. Pettis. M<sup>rs</sup>. & D<sup>f</sup>. Wall & her niece Miss Dobbins called there.

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

Finished Surveying M<sup>f</sup>. Peltis' land near Du Quoin, at 10 ½ A.M. Came to St. Johns to see M<sup>f</sup>. Ross about his mare & mule. Ate dinner with M<sup>f</sup>. Ross and May Cravenworth. Came of Freight train to Tamaroa. Staged until a shower was \_\_\_\_, then walked home. Did up the chores.

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

Father, Mother, P.K. & M.E. were at home. Uncle and Aunt P.P. were also here with Frances & James Pegg). Service then dinner. Father & M.E. went to S. School. Contraband John came home with them. L.H. jumped off the 5 P.M. Express. \_\_\_\_\_ at home.

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

L.H. went off on Charlie to Pinckneyville recruiting. Father went up on Emma to Tamaroa to get Sloan's ointment for Little Belle.

James & M<sup>f</sup>. Reasin flailed out Timothy Seed. After dinner James & I castrated 11 pigs and speyed 2 sows.

Father started up to M<sup>f</sup>. Evans but only got as far as Tamaroa. Came home at dark. We had a short wind & rain storm. M<sup>f</sup>. Dee (of D<sup>f</sup>. Walls old plan) stayed over night with us.

### 12<sup>th</sup> Tuesday

To wet to Flail out Timothy seed.

Before dinner James and I fanned out what Timothy seed was flailed last week. After dinner mowed the yards. Father and Uncle P.P. were gone, all day to M<sup>r</sup>. Evans, near Tamaroa.

### 13<sup>th</sup> Wednesday

M<sup>r</sup>. Reasin & James Flailed out Timothy Seed. Father & Aunt P.P. went to Wiley House's with Puss & Laura to buggy. They came home at 10.40 and Father was immediately to Tamaroa to meet L.H. – L.H. came home with him at noon.

Andrew went after Heart & Tongue. I repaired the leading – troughs from the well.

L.H. went on Jack to Du Quoin. Andrew & I fanned out the Timothy seed that was flailed on Monday. Eugene Tyrell, M<sup>r</sup>. W<sup>m</sup>. Clark & others started for Chicago to enlist as soldiers in the Army of the United States.

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

M<sup>r</sup>. Bailey came & got Red & Roan & Buck & Berry

I rose at 2.30 A.M. – M.E. had Lamp matches writing Table & writing material all ready, and I wrote & ruled Blank Enlistment Rolls for L.H. Father took them up (on Shelby) to the Station and sent them on the train to Anna.

James & M<sup>r</sup>. Reasin flailed Timothy seed.

Little Andrew & I husked corn all day and carried it out of a rail pen North to the Barn.

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

James & M<sup>r</sup>. Reasin flailed Timothy Seed. Election day in Tamaroa for Precinct Constable. Father electioneered for David Loucks as the Union Candidate. After dinner I went up and voted for him. Did a little shopping for M.E.

Andrew & I finished husking the corn that we began yesterday; and fanned out a little Timothy Seed.

The 81<sup>st</sup> Reg't. Ill. Vols. was organized today at Anna, electing L.H. their Q.M.<sup>27</sup>

### 16<sup>th</sup> Saturday

James & M<sup>r</sup>. Reasin finished flailing out the Timothy Seed.

Father went up to Tamaroa to meet Mail train. M<sup>r</sup>. Norton spoke discourteously to him of L.H.

Father & Uncle P.P. went in buggy over to Paradise Prairie & elsewhere to get Directors permission for Rice's children.

Andrew & I fanned out the Timothy Seed that was flailed on Wednesday and Thursday.

### 17<sup>th</sup> Sunday

At Home. Father & James milked and let me have a good morning nap. Service – Dinner. Father, M.E., Uncle & Aunt P.P. went in wagon to S. School in Tamaroa. L.H. passed up by here on 5 P.M. Train From Anna to Springfield.

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

Father went in buggy to Pinckneyville to see about the enrollment of all the able bodied men for Drafting. James & Harman began to \_\_\_\_ the Hungarian. I & little Andrew fanned out the Timothy seed till dinner. M<sup>r</sup>. Reasin & I pitched – cosked hay awhile and then I had to School meeting to elect directors. Father got there L.H. from Pinckneyville. There were 5 voters there. He & I came home in buggy.

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

Harman James finished cutting the Hungarian. And they cosked some of it up. M<sup>r</sup>. Reasin worked for M<sup>r</sup>. \_\_\_\_ on our account. M<sup>r</sup>. Foster having a crippled leg. Little Andrew & I finished fanning Timothy Seed. After Supper I helped cock up hay. Before Supper, Father went to M<sup>rs</sup>. Haines. I helped Mother pick some Apples, Peaches & Pears.

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

James bought a load of rails & some hoop poles. Then he hooped Tubs & Barrels all day until Supper. I wrote (diary, accounts & letters) till supper. Then James & I finished cocking up the Hungarian.

M<sup>rs</sup>. Haines was here in forenoon. I wrote a letter to M<sup>r</sup>. Russell for her. M<sup>rs</sup>. Hoxie here in P.M.

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

Garner's Threshing Machine came to Thresh Andy Eaton's rented wheat.

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<sup>27</sup> Q.M. = quarter master: an army officer who provides clothing and subsistence for a body of troops

Thresher broke down just after dinner. Father took our wheat and the broken piece of the Thresher to Tamaroa. Father & Uncle P.P. (in A.M.) went on hunt of Jack who has been gone ever since last week on Tuesday. They found him near St. Johns.

Ellers & M<sup>f</sup>. Reasin helped me stack straw.

James & John plowed all day for Wheat.

After the machine broke down I made a wagon martingal<sup>28</sup>.

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

The Threshing Machine did not come until noon. James & M<sup>f</sup>. Reasin plowed all day. M<sup>f</sup>. Reasin plowed till noon, then helped stack straw. Had a good little rain last night.

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

L.H. came home on train from Camp Anna. Anna came home on train from Centralia.

The threshing machine came yesterday noon again. I went after hands. Ellers & M<sup>f</sup>. Reasin helped me stack straw.

We finished stacking straw from Eaton's & Westler's wheat at noon. Ellers went home. Reasin plowed in the afternoon. James plowed all day.

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

Father, Mother, P.K., L.H. & M.E., Anna, Uncle & Aunt P.P. were all here at home also James & Francis.

Service – dinner – Father, M.E., Uncle & Aunt P.P., Anna & L.H. went to Sunday School. Coming home Uncle P.P. fell out of the wagon.

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

L.H., James & I tried all the forenoon to cut the Millet with the Machine but we could not do it.

Afternoon L.H. & I went to Du Quoin in buggy. Little Andy went along & brought buggy back home. L.H. was busy getting together his recruits & furloughed men. I took tea at DThe threshing machine came yesterday noon again. I went after hands. Ellers & M<sup>f</sup>. Reasin helped me stack straw.

Wall's. After 9 P.M. L.H. in company of P.K. made a few calls on the young ladies. I sat up and saw him of [sic] with his men on midnight train. I slept at the Monk House. L.H. was up all night.

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

L.H. came up on morning train to Du Quoin and M.E. & Mother came down on morning train. We all went down to the R.R. together. Mother & M.E. stopped at M<sup>f</sup>. Bucks in Cobden. L.H. & I went on to Camp Anna. I stayed in Camp all night. Capt. Washington U.S. Reg's mustered all the 81<sup>st</sup> Regt. into service.

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

Mother & M.E. came down on train from Cobden to Jonesboro. I went with them over to Col. Ashleys. We three stayed with them over night. I went out to Col. Ashleys Still for making Peach Brandy.

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

I went with Mother & M.E. to Old Jonesboro. Called on M<sup>rs</sup>. Simons and left them at Doughertys. I walked around the camp of Nimmo's & Casey's regiments. Then to Col. Ashleys Still, then to the camp of the 81<sup>st</sup> Regt. Ate dinner with L.H. in the Officers Mess. I went back and met Mother & M.E. at the Station. We three all came over to camp. Saw the 81<sup>st</sup> on Dress Parade. Ate Supper with L.H. in the Officers Mess. Heard Capt. Ward's Bully Dutchmen wing – Mother & M.E. then went over to a farm house & retired. L.H. & I came back into camp. Col. Dollins (who had started for Jackson Tenn.) met Gen. John A. Logan in Cairo, and returned to camp.

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

Mother & M.E. ate at the Farmer's house, I ate with L.H. All stayed in Camp till 2 P.M. Cousin Robert Kennedy came while we were eating dinner. He remained in Camp of Casey Regiment over night. L.H., Mother, M.E. & I got aboard the train bound north. L.H. for Springfield, and we three with Mary Ashley for home. Arrived at home at 6 P.M. Ed Hart was on the train, bound for Cincinnati. At home we found Cousin Ann Amelia<sup>29</sup>. Harriet, Willy & Sarah Jesse \_\_\_\_\_.

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<sup>28</sup> martingale – a device for steadying a horse's head or checking its upward movement that typically consists of a strap fastened to the girth, passing between the forelegs, and bifurcating to end in two rings through which the reins pass

<sup>29</sup> Cousin Ann Amelia – I have no information on this person.

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

Father went after Cousin Kennedy to the Station. When they came back we all devoted the day to visiting. Cousin Kennedy & all his family started home at 5 P.M.

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

Mother and Uncle & Aunt P.P. walked up town to attend Baptist meeting, but the preacher did not come. Father, M.E. & Mary Ashley walked up to Sunday School, after dinner.

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

Fannie Bronson is 21 years old today. Mary Ashley is 16 (or 17) years old today. I wrote to Captain Gould to have Mira & Co. come up just as quick as she got ready. George Westler began to cut the Millet. Tomorrow. James & M<sup>f</sup>. Reasin fixed up fence around South field. I went down to see Westler. Mary & M.E. took a horseback ride.

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

Sister M.E. is 18 years old today. James & I brushed the mud hole at the water trough and covered the corners with dirt. Westler began cutting the Millet today.

Emma Holt was here visiting nearly all day.

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

James & I hauled up part of the Hungarian.

Emma Holt went on train to St. Johns and Mary Ashley & M.E. rode down to St. Johns on horseback. Father went down in two horse wagon and brought up some Lumber for making gates.

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

Father started for Camp Anna with Jack (Bay Horse) for L.H. Q.M. 81<sup>st</sup> Regt. Ill. Vol.

M<sup>f</sup>. Westler & James hauled one load of hay, it was to green. James then plowed a drain east of barn. Westler hauled rails and made fence to South 80. M<sup>f</sup>. Reasin grubbed<sup>30</sup> Locusts on South 80 all day, in P.M. I helped him, & we finished it. In A.M. I mended barn doors. At night M.E. & I went up to Tamarao to meet Charlie the "Farmer Boy" we met the midnight train, but he did not come. We returned home, studied the Stars – went to bed at 2 A.M. to-morrow morning.

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

before breakfast, with wagon, I milked. Then went to Westlers and took some of his wheat to the mill. Met Charlie & Merriam at the Station. Came back home via Westlers. Ate breakfast at 10 A.M.

After dinner I went down to the Ferdinand place to meet Fred Williams to purchase the rails around that improvement, but we made no definite agreement.

James & George Westler worked all day at the Millet. M<sup>f</sup>. Reasin plowed all day in the orchard. I wrote to M<sup>f</sup>. Wakeman. Centralia, about Bye, for Seed. Received a letter from Capt. Gould saying that Mira & M<sup>f</sup>. Bronson would leave home on a visit to us, this morning. I helped put up a bedstead in N<sup>o</sup>. One.

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

Went (in wagon with Emma & Clara) up to the Station to meet Mira, M<sup>f</sup>. Bronson, with little Willy & Mary. Met them all well, but weary. came home and they ate breakfast at 9 ½ A.M. – James & M<sup>f</sup>. Ellars cleared of the locust thicket in North end of South 80 that M<sup>f</sup>. Reasin had grubbed up and James plowed the patch. M<sup>f</sup>. Ellard made a doubletree. Reasin plowed all the forenoon. In P.M. it Rained. James and I put up a bedstead in N<sup>o</sup>. 8. L.H. & 81<sup>st</sup> Regt. moved from Camp Anna to Cairo.

Rained hard in the night.

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

M<sup>f</sup>. Bronson & Mira here

Rainy in A.M.

Mother, P.K. & M.E. & Charles, Uncle & Aunt P.P. M<sup>f</sup>. Bronson & Mira with little Willy & Mary were here. Also help – Lucy Gosney, James Pegg & Sarah & Francis. M.E. & I. James & Charley went up to Sunday School.

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

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<sup>30</sup> grub – to dig in the ground especially for something that is difficult to find or extract

James & M<sup>f</sup>. Reasin plowed in orchard. M<sup>rs</sup>. Bronson & I went up to Blacksmiths shop, in wagon with Mira & Lucy. Got a pair of stretchers and came home. Got some melon out of the new field = West 80. The stretchers were made wrong. So I had to take them back to the shop. Charlie & little Willy went in wagon with me. Got the stretchers put to rights. Father, (who has been down to Camp Anna to take Jack to L.H.) came up on train and he came home in wagon with us in time for dinner. After Dinner I harrowed some, then Father took the team and went up to Tamaroa after Rev. M<sup>f</sup>. De Wolf Episcopal minister who came and took Tea with us. We all went up to Tamaroa to evening worship conducted by M<sup>f</sup>. De Wolf. Milked when we returned at 10 P.M.

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

Uncle & Aunt P.P. went up to Tamaroa in wagon. Father came home in wagon with things from Blacksmith shop. Then he and Charlie went with buggy and took Paddy Haynes home. I spread out the Millet that got so wet Saturday night and Sunday. Separated out the fattening hogs and put them in the orchard.

Father, M<sup>f</sup>. Bronson & Uncle P.P. helped me. Polly foaled.

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

M<sup>f</sup>. Reasin Plowed all day & James plowed till noon in the orchard. Then James & I hauled up and stacked the Millet.

James and I took the fattening hogs down to the lot at East end of Farm.

Father, Mother, Uncle & Aunt P.P. and Mira went (in wagon) up to Tamaroa and heard a Methodist sermon on the state of the country.

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

James plowed in South field. M<sup>f</sup>. Reasin plowed (finished) in the orchard. Father, Mother, M.E., M<sup>f</sup>. Bronson, Mira with little Willy & Mary & I went (in wagon) to Du Quoin. Called at Ross & Nason's in St. Johns -- & at M<sup>f</sup>. Leans in Du Quoin. All took tea and D<sup>f</sup>. Walls at 6 P.M. Then started home. Mother called at Tingleys in St. Johns. Reached home just in time to escape a real wetting from a hard shower of rain at 8 ½ P.M.

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

In forenoon I rode Clara & tried to hunt up a Threshing Machine and hands to cut up corn. Also wrote a letter to M<sup>rs</sup>. Rice to Frankfort. Afternoon I tinkered around. Mended the old arbor in front. Father, Mother, Sister & Mira with little Willy & Mary went in wagon up to Tamaroa to visit Uncle Holt & family. I rode up afterward on Clara and took tea with them. Father brought a load of feed home. While the women were visiting, we returned home at 9.30 P.M.

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

I wrote to L.H. & to Captain Gould

Dug Potatoes, pulled green Corn &c for Mother in forenoon. Father went with M<sup>f</sup>. & M<sup>rs</sup>. Ghee to Amanda Weaver and they agreed that M<sup>f</sup>. Ghee should move into the Winthrop House and try to save Harmans Corn.

M<sup>f</sup>. Bronson still unwell.

Afternoon Mira, Sister, M.E. & I took a ride on horseback. had a right good time, weather, season & everying being just right to make us enjoy it. We rode east to Winthrops – North to near the old Christian place (now Dewins). Then West & South to Tamaroa. Tea at M<sup>f</sup>. Allans in Passenger House. Then by M<sup>f</sup>. Tyrrels home at 8 P.M.

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

Father, Mother, M.E. & P.K., M<sup>f</sup>. Bronson, Mira with little Willy & Mary, Uncle & Aunt P.P. James, Charley & Sarah and M<sup>f</sup>. Reasins family were here to Service. Father, M.E., Mira, Aunt P.. & I went in wagon to Sunday School in Tamaroa.

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

Heard of Cousin Hiram Blanchards<sup>31</sup> death – he was killed in Kansas by Guerillas.

M<sup>f</sup>. Bronson & Mira with little Willy & Mary started home. I took them in wagon (Mira & Maybee) to Tamaroa and saw them safely off on the train.

Father went to Pinckneyville Circuit Court, but Judge Jenkins did not come. Charley & I went on from Tamaroa to D<sup>f</sup>. Smiths and got 10 bushels of Rye then back to Tamaroa. I went to the old Hull place and by helping to thresh it I got 4 bushels more of Rye of Sam Eaton. Charley brought the ½ bushel from D<sup>f</sup>. Smiths to Tamaroa on foot. We reached home at 2:30 P.M. Letter from L.H. – he not well. Rained hard 20 minutes. Dinner, Miller & Yates came to buy Steers. Ellars & I began dam for hog pond in East feed lot. Father came home at 10 P.M.

### 16<sup>th</sup> Tuesday

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<sup>31</sup> Hiram Blanchard was married to Lura (Roots) Blanchard on Sept. 25, 1825.

Ellars & I worked on dam for hog pond in East feed lot. James & M<sup>f</sup>. Reasin plowed in South field. M<sup>f</sup>. Ghee began plowing in south field, for Wheat.

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

Rained from 7 A.M. to 3 P.M. I mended doors &c in the house till 6 P.M. then rode over to see about buying some rails of Fred Williams but could not buy them.

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

I rode Maybee out and drove up Beauty, while I was out I put Maybee's colt out of its misery. Came back and helped Father and Aunt P.P. off to Du Quoin. Charlie went also and rode Polly. Reasin & I worked on fence in A.M. James worked all day on N<sup>os</sup>. 3 & 4 East Lean-to. Reasin helped him in P.M. After Dinner I worked on fence around North field. John Wallace came at 5 P.M.

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

James sowed the Rye. Albert Rice harrowed.

M<sup>f</sup>. Reasin plowed. Wallace worked some on dam and fixed fence some.

I gathered peaches till noon. After Dinner all hands except James went over and put Yates old roller on to the wagon, and Father took it town.

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

James finished N<sup>os</sup>. 3 & 4 East Lean to in A.M.

Reasin plowed all day. After dinner all hands pryed up sills to N<sup>os</sup>. 3 & 6.

John harrowed in A.M. and James in P.M. Albert harrowed all day.

I grubbed up peach trees and Locust Roots. Andy & Moses gathered Beans & Sweet corn. Uncle P.P. quite sick.

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

At Home. Father, Mother, M.E. & I. Uncle & Aunt P.P. Charlie. James & Wallace. and Sarah. M<sup>f</sup>. Nason & M<sup>fs</sup>. Tuttle were here to Service & dinner.

Father, M.E. & James went to Sunday School. My face & jaw much swollen & very painful

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

L.H. sick in Camp at Cairo.

Mother started to Cairo to be with L.H. while sick. Father took mother to Station in wagon and brought back plows & flour. I went up to have my swollen face doctored and to get the roller. accomplished nothing in either case. The roller not done. Father and Charley went to Pinckneyville in buggy (Emma & Clara) to attend Republican convention which nominated Burgess & Barber delegates to State convention. I nursed my face. Afternoon James & Reasin plowed – Andrew harrowed.

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

James & Wallace plowed for Wheat. Father & Charley went to Tamaroa. At 11.30 A.M. Father & I started in buggy (Emma & Clara) for Du Quoin. Stopped at Haynes, on the way. D<sup>f</sup>. Wall Lanced my wisdom tooth that was trying to get out. I lay down at D<sup>f</sup>. Walls house while Father transacted business with Keyes & Wetmore. We borrowed \$100 of Wetmore. Father at supper at Wetmores. We reached home at 9 P.M.

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

James & John Wallace plowed for Wheat on South 80.

My jaw was so bad that I did nothing but nurse it.

M<sup>f</sup>. Reasin dug potatoes. Father brought the Roller home.

In the afternoon I rehung N<sup>o</sup>. 3 east door, fed the hogs & drove the cows home.

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

Father went up town in the buggy. James & Wallace plowed for Wheat. I nursed my swollen face & jaw. At 4 P.M. Father, Charley & I went up town in wagon. D<sup>f</sup>. Price lanced the abscess on my jaw. I bought some crocks for M<sup>fs</sup>. Westler. Walked home.

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

James & Wallace plowed for wheat. At noon Wallace went up to Tamaroa in buggy and got an aching tooth pulled. Father came home with him.

Afternoon I worked some on repairs of Roller.

### 27<sup>th</sup> Saturday

Mother came home on train. Sec 22<sup>nd</sup> Inst.

Chinked a pig peg. Hunted up our pigs and got 26 of them shut up. Dinner. I finished harrowing the strips on N & W sides of South 80 & sowed one on West side. Father fed the hogs.

Elder Neagus stayed over night with us.

### 28<sup>th</sup> Sunday

At Home. L.H. in 81<sup>st</sup> Regt. at Cairo. Father, Mother, Sarah and Uncle & Aunt P.P. went up to Tamaroa with Elder Neagus and heard him preach. Mother & Aunt P.P. stayed up till night meeting. After dinner M.E., Father, James & Charley went up in wagon to Sunday school. Cousin Townsend has just returned from settling up Hiram's business in Kansas.

### 29<sup>th</sup> Monday

James & Wallace plowed for Wheat. I did up the chores, sowed some Timothy seed on strip North of South 80. Then rolled the strips North & West of South 80. Planed N<sup>o</sup>. 1 door till it would shut.

Father began district school.

M.E. started on 5 O'clock train for Centralia to have her teeth filled.

### 30<sup>th</sup> Tuesday

James finished plowing for our own wheat and went to Harrowing.

M<sup>r</sup>. Ghee finished plowing for our rent Wheat.

Wallace began cutting up corn on West 80. I picked some apples to send to L.H.

Afternoon wrote to L.H. Brought 12 bushels of wheat from Baileys in wagon with Roan & Red. Rained an hour or two while I was doing up chores &c.

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

James & I began to drill our wheat. I was with him in the forenoon. Sowed grass seed in the afternoon.

In forenoon & afternoon he drilled 4 acres.

I sowed three acres grass seed.

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

It rained most of last night and some today. After dinner James Wallace & I went into town in wagon via M<sup>r</sup>. Tyrrells. Uncle P.P. also went up with us. We got some Flour. Fathers express package of Books and 20 bushels wheat from M<sup>r</sup>. Baileys.

M.E. at Richview

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

James drilled 5 acres wheat. I sowed some grass seed.

M.E. at Ashley.

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

Rained last night and until 9 O'clock today. James & Wallace went to the woods and got some poles to make gate posts. Father went up to Tamaroa and brought sister home in the buggy. Then he went over to Williams' and bought the house that Ferdinand built; for \$8.00 payable next spring.

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

At Home. Uncle & Aunt P.P. were here with us. Father, Mother, M.E. Charley Merriam & I. L.H. Quarter-Master 81<sup>st</sup> Regt Ill. Vol. now encamped in Cairo. But on this day they started further South. Service & dinner as usual.

M<sup>rs</sup>. Rice's baby boy Charley died, and was buried today. Father & Mother attended the funeral. I started to attend but was too late. Called in at Lawheads met Robert Heapes there. Waled home. (Sam Beard came part of the way)

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

Father & M.E. both went to school. Charley & I took the hogs to the mast. James drilled wheat – 5 acres. I attended to the Corn Cutters. Went to Baileys after Seed Wheat, But, on threshing, his wheat turned out too wet. Went to Elijah Lane's,

but his was all loaned out. Went to Solomon Thompson's and got some wheat with some cheat<sup>32</sup> in it. Gass Heape rode on wagon with me to his home. I left the wheat at Robert Heape's to be fanned tomorrow morning. Reached home at 9 P.M.

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

James & I went over to Robert Heape and fanned out the 20 bushels of wheat that I brought last night from Solomon Thompson's. Came home at 9 ½ A.M. and James went to drilling wheat. M<sup>f</sup>. & M<sup>rs</sup>. S. R. Wetmore and wife came to see us on business and were here to dinner. I gave Father's Blackboard 1<sup>st</sup> coat of Liquid Slate.

Went to see all our Corn Cutters. Then went to Rices to get washing done and to Ellars to M<sup>f</sup>. Ghee's to have them cut up corn. Fed the Hogs. M.E. & I went in buggy up to Tamaroa and called at Cousin Townsend Blanchard's to see Rosa & little ones before they start for Virginia. Home at 10 P.M.

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

Began early to sow grass seed, sowed till 10 A.M., when the wind was so high (as it has been from 9 A.M. till night for several days) that I had to quit. Gave Father's Blackboard 2<sup>nd</sup> coat of Liquid Slate. James finished drilling our wheat then went to harrowing 15 acres for timothy. After dinner 3 P.M. I hitched up and went after a load of corn to the field. Took the clothes to M<sup>rs</sup>. Taylor at Rice's. Charley & Moses Rice helped me pull corn, finished our load after dark. Rain began at dusk, rained hard most of the night.

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

Too wet to do anything out doors. M<sup>f</sup>. John Wallace left here for home – I paid him \$9.30, balance due. James went to Tamaroa in buggy with Wallace and did not return till noon. I gave Father's Blackboard 3<sup>rd</sup>, last, coat of Liquid Slate. Got the little pigs up to spay. 2 got away. We spayed 7 sow pigs.

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

Rainy. James finished the Lye Leach. We spayed 2 sow pigs. James hauled over, one load of oats from Hoxies.

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

Father went to Du Quoin in Buggy. M.E. went with him. Fanny Blakesly<sup>33</sup> came home with them. Father exchanged the Wetmore note to Keyes for notes of farmers in our own county, and a promise from Wetmore to pay us \$334.<sup>00</sup> ten days hence. See 21<sup>st</sup> Inst.

James, Sammy & I gathered of Harman's corn.

Robert Craig moved into the east cabin. James brought home thirty 2 ½ bushels of Oats from Hoxies, being 2 ½ short of our 100.

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

Father, Mother, P.K., M.E. & Charlie, Uncle & Aunt P.P. Fannie Blakeslee. James Pegg were here.

L.H. & Regt. in Humboldt Tenn.

Service & Dinner as usual.

All but Mother & me went to Sunday School.

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

James & I plowed a new path to the school-house. He brought up a load of poles to make a bridge over the branch on the school house path.

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

Craig & I built a bridge over the branch on the path to the school-house. Then raise the dam to East Stock pond. Dinner.

Father, James & I went to Union Speaking. Heard Linegar. P.M. at Cairo – make a good speech.

Bought a barrel of Lime. 2 Barrels Salt & 4 Kegs Nails.

Rode Dolly on up to Saml. Evans. He was not at home. I ate Supper. He came at 7 ½ P.M. said he could not work for us. I reached home at 9.30 P.M. Huston today finished cutting up corn by the shock.

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

Huston, James & I cut and shocked up Fodder corn all day, on West 80.

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

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<sup>32</sup> cheat – any of several grasses; especially the common chess (*Bromus secalinus*)

<sup>33</sup> Frances "Fanny" Maria Blakeslee later married P.K. Roots on May 23, 1866 in San Francisco, CA.

I went to Burroughs to cut up corn, but his corn had got so dry that he did not want any more cut up. Bought Doty's calves. & 7 more in town. Came home to late dinner. Father went to Du Quoin with the School house Stove-pipe.

James cut corn in forenoon 00 and afternoon he and Sammy, M<sup>f</sup>. Ghee pulled corn for hogs. Charlie & I got Harmans 4 Shoats<sup>34</sup> out of the Hog Pen & Corn field. Caught and penned up Rice's calf.

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

I hauled a load of sand up from Bensons. called at Clay Hawkins and watched him make sorghum molasses. Dinner at home. Rode Dolly to the old widow Lipes. called at Sandees & at Haglers. Went to see Dan'l Lipe about his young Jack. He came in (to his mothers) at dark. Could not trade with him now. After supper I bought 2 cows & 2 calves of Gettles, who is going to move to M<sup>f</sup>. Lean County. and I stayed over night to drive the cows home in the morning. James & Sammy finished cutting up our fodder corn, in P.M. and in afternoon gathered in Harmans corn

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

Drove the 2 Gettles' cows & calves from M<sup>fs</sup>. Lipes up home. ate dinner early. Went on up town, bought 2 more calves, of Corgan to be brought down to Tamaroa next saturday.

Then went Jemmy George's Jr. and bought his 2 calves. Father, Uncle P.P. & Charlie came up and we 4 drove all 13 of the calves home.

James & Sammy pulled corn.

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

Charles Leavenworth came to stay. L.H. & Regt. in Humboldt Tenn.

Father, Mother, P.K. & M.E. –Charlie, Uncle & Aunt P.P. and James Pegg were here. Service & Dinner as usual. M.E. & James went Sunday School. Father & Uncle P.P. went to the burial of M<sup>fs</sup>.D<sup>f</sup>. Bottomeys little Nephew Cortey Daniels. near Peter Haglers.

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

Cut the vines off ½ the Sweet Potatoes. Took our stove to David Bensons to be repaired. Home to late dinner.

Took the stove pipe to Tamaroa for refitting went by way of Hoxies to get him to come & thresh Harman's Wheat & our Oats, but he could not come until after Threshing Norton's oats. (Uncle Holt & Emma started for Chicago to meet Horace Holt's daughter Elisa.) I brought some bran and some Ship Stuff for cows.

James & M<sup>f</sup>. M<sup>fs</sup>. Ghee gathered apples.

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

Early in the morning Father & I went up to the mud hole in our lane and made a rough estimate of the cost of making a road over it. \$51.05.

I went to St. Johns in wagon, leading Emma. Rode Amma to Du Quoin. Saw Keyes buteffected nothing. Saw Wetmore and he paid me \$334.<sup>72/100</sup> and I satisfied the Deed of Trust, and the Judgement. D<sup>f</sup>. Burgess & I rode down to his farm to see his Jack, but I thought it was too small. Brought home 27 bushels of Coal from St. Johns.

James gathered apples, finished picking off the trees.

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

Sammy M<sup>f</sup>. Ghee began digging the Sweet Potatoes. James was not able to do any thing on account of swelled ankle. I went to St. Johns, after early dinner in wagon, leading Shelby. Put Shelby to the mill wagon. and Tingley & I took some flour to Du Quoin. Shelby did well, sold him to Ross for \$25. provided he likes him after a week's trial.

Brought home a load of Slack for the hogs. Jackson agreed to come on Friday to thresh out Oats & Harman's Wheat. Sammy & Charlie finished picking up the apples off from the ground.

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

Emptied the Slack for the Hogs. Went to W<sup>m</sup>. Flowers and agreed with Harmans wife to cook for threshers on her own stove and M<sup>f</sup>. Ghees, Went to Tamaroa and bought up the materials for her to cook. Home to dinner. Took the provisions down to M<sup>f</sup>. Ghees for Harmans wife to cook. Then went down with wagon to Isaac Lipe's and helped Jackson bring up his Threshing machine to our house. Sammy M<sup>f</sup>. Ghee dug Sweet Potatoes. After Supper Father and Jackson's man Murphy went down with one to Benson's, David, and got our Cook Stove. it had been there from Monday morning until this time. and Dav' Benson has not touched the body of the stove at all.

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

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<sup>34</sup> shoat – a young hog usually less than one year old

In the forenoon, M<sup>f</sup>. Jackson Threshed our Oats. 102 Bushes. Afternoon we began to Thresh Harman's Wheat. I came in and set up the cook stove in N<sup>o</sup>. 3.

Today we threshed 28 bushels of Harmans wheat

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

Snowed 5 inches

Got up at 3.40. Made a fire. Got in some shavings. Put the Barrel of Lime in the house and brought the Sweet Potatoes in the house. By this time it was about 6 O'clock and beginning to snow considerably. M<sup>f</sup>. Ghee came up and I paid him Five Dollars on account which left him owing us about \$11.

It snowed from 6 O'clock till noon when it lay from 4 to 5 inches deep.

Charlie & I rode to Tamaroa after calves and we went to his old place after a calf. (called on John Marshall as we went up). Brought a good calf to town then brought a poor calf (with the good one) home.

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

Uncle & Aunt P.P., Father, Mother, M.E., P.K. & Charlie. and James Pegg were here. also Charles Leavenworth.

Began to Fodder the cattle. James was so lame with his swelled anle that he could not do anything and I got very tired.

Mother went to hear Elder Neagus. Uncle P.P. went with her. I took a long nap. Father & M.E. went up to Sunday School. When they came back they met the good Corgan calf going off home. Father tried to head him but could not. I tried it further up the lane and the calf passed me too. finally after a severe run we left him in Baileys lot.

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

Threshed 97 bushels of Harman's Wheat. Jackson's machine. Bailey, Griffith, W<sup>m</sup>.; Henry Rice, Sammy M<sup>f</sup>. Ghee, Osborn & mate, M<sup>f</sup>. Ghee & Ellars helped. I hauled one load of Harman's wheat to the mill at noon. Uncle & Aunt P.P. started for their home in Iowa. M.E. went with them in wagon to the Station at 7 A.M.. I rode with them as far as Beileys, Broke the ice across the mud-hole in our

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

Finished Threshing Harman Weavers Wheat. Threshed 137 bushels today. Father, & I each took one load of wheat to the mill, and James took 2 loads of Wheat to the mill. Same help today as yesterday. The whole amount of Harman's wheat was 262 measured bushels – 244 bushels by weight.

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

James and I took the remainder of the wheat (except about 60 bushels that we kept of our share in the granary.) to the mill. Brought home Bran. also 2 calves. We got home to late dinner. After Dinner We castrated all the bull calves & Marked all the calves.

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

James. Sammy. M<sup>f</sup>. Ghee & I pulled in Harman's corn.

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

Elijah Wells' stock Sale

James & Sammy M<sup>f</sup>. Ghee, Moses & Albert Rice gathered in Harman's corn. I rode Charley up to Tamaroa for M<sup>f</sup>. Barker to ride to Coloma to see about Lumber. Came home by where Reasin was cutting up our corn without orders.

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### 1<sup>st</sup> Saturday

James nursed his swelled ancle. Thos. Simmons & I began to put a new roof on South side of N<sup>o</sup>. 8.

Marshall Spencer & Sammy M<sup>f</sup>. Ghee began to re-top the house chimneys. James & Davis gathered corn.

### 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday

L.H. & 81<sup>st</sup> Regt. in Humboldt, Tenn. Father, Mother, P.K., M.E. & Charlie, James Pegg. Leavenworth & Simons were here at home.

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

Thos. Simmons & I finished re-covering the roof on south side of N<sup>o</sup>. 8. Marshall Spencer & Sammy M<sup>f</sup>. Ghee finished re-topping the house chimneys. James' ancle some better. James went early in the morning and got us some brick from Georges and some shingles from Barker.

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

Election day in Illinois – Five Republican & Nine Democrats elected to Congress. Father and I voted for E. C. Ingersoll from the State at Large. James, Father, M<sup>f</sup>. Reasin & I went to town to the election. Took some sweet Potatoes to M<sup>rs</sup>. Murray. James & I began to re-cover N<sup>os</sup>. 10 & 11. M.E. went home with Sally Lee from school. After Supper, James & I went down to Peter Lee's in wagon on a visit, returned at 9 ½ P.M.

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

James went after more shingles. I shingled till noon – (rained considerable). and James & I some in the afternoon.

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

James Plowed the piece east of the barn to make ditches  
I finished re-cover N<sup>os</sup>. 10 & 11

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

M<sup>f</sup>. Clellan removed from Command of the Army of the Potomac.  
In forenoon I began to shingle the ridge of N<sup>os</sup>. 1, 2, 3, 4 & 5.  
Afternoon George Westler, Sammy M<sup>f</sup>. Ghee & I killed and dressed 2 hogs.

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

Davis went home on Polly  
James took the hogs up to Tamaroa for John Miller. Sammy M<sup>f</sup>. Ghee dug potatoes in forenoon. I finished shingling the ridge of N<sup>os</sup>. 7, 2, 3, 4 & 5.  
Afternoon Sammy & I put some new Posts under the West Lean-to.  
Father hunted all day for Nelly & Co.

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

**Cousin Eliza Holt at Tamaroa.**

At Home. Henry Clay, Esra Woods, & Savon came down to Service. After Dinner they went with our folks up to Sunday School  
Wrote to L.H. & to Dan'l Lipe  
In the morning I went over and got Jo Hawkins to hunt, on Emma, for Nelly & Co. He found them and brought them home at 7 P.M. Davis returned with Polly. one of her eyes was very much hurt.

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

Sammy M<sup>f</sup>. Ghee & I gathered the Pop-Corn. James hauled rails up to the Mud-hole in our west lane to make a road around it. Afternoon Sammy & I laid up the fence around the mud hole.  
James began plowing & scraping.

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

The 81<sup>st</sup> Ill. Vols moved from Humboldt to Lagrange. I went up town (with Roan & Red & wagon). got the Lumber to make dirt wagon bed. Called at Baileys & at Tyrrells to have Polly's eye examined. I got home to late dinner. Brought the news of M<sup>f</sup>. Clellan's removal from the Army of the Potomac. It began to rain at 2 P.M. I worked cleaning off the roof of the house till 4 P.M. then went with oxen and wagon after the folks at school. James Scraped till the rain. Uncle Holt & **Cousin Elisa** started on the Rail Road. **Elisa started suddenly home on the death of her lover.**

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

James plowed & scraped all day. M<sup>f</sup>. Bailey plowed in forenoon at the mud-hole. In afternoon he and \* killed 2 hogs for John Miller, weight of both 472. When I took the hogs up town I brought M<sup>rs</sup>. Coffey's Cart down.

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

James (with Puss & Lawa) Scraped all day. M<sup>f</sup>. Bailey & I shoveled dirt into the Cart and Polly pulled it on to the levee.

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

James Scraped all day into the mud hole. M<sup>f</sup>. Bailey & I shoveled dirt into the cart and Polly pulled it on to the Levee.

Dan'l Lipe came up at 9 P.M. stayed over night with us.

Charlie was 10 years old today, has the sore eyes bad.

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

Father & Simons went to Du Quoin in the buggy. James went to Old Du Quoin on horseback, Father came home at night. James did not come home till tomorrow.

Dan'l. Lipe & I rode horseback to Jack Fitz-Gerald's to look at his Jack. he was not at home. Ate dinner there. I did not like his Jack. Rode on down to Franklin Harrison's where we stayed over night. I bought Daniel Lipes' young Jack for \$350. \$200 Cash paid down & \$150 to be paid on the delivery on the 1<sup>st</sup> of March.

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

L.H. & 81<sup>st</sup> Regiment at Lagrange Tenn. Father, Mother, M.E. & Charlie. Leavenworth & Simons were at home.

I rode from Franklin Harrison's home

Dan'l Lipe accompanied me part of the way.

James came home from Old Du Quoin.

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

James could do nothing – Swelled ankle. I went to Tamaroa. Charlie went with me (in wagon with Charley & Polly) Bought some boots for Charlie. Got some Flour at the mill. Came home to late dinner. Rained in P.M. I unloaded the wagon and began fixing N<sup>o</sup>. 6 windows.

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

Rained some all day. James went to Coloma (with Puss, Laura & the wagon) to see about getting Oak Lumber for the bridge at the mud-hole – could not get it yet – not sawed.

M<sup>r</sup>. Leavenworth came up on Freight train. M<sup>r</sup>. Taylor (Stallion man) came in at 2 P.M. both stayed over night.

I worked some on N<sup>o</sup>. 6 windows.

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

M<sup>r</sup>. Leavenworth and finished N<sup>o</sup>. 6 windows. George Westler brought me a load of Corn. I went down with him to Hog Pen and measured it: 17 bushels.

Then I wrote a letter for M<sup>rs</sup>. Rice. Came home to late dinner. M<sup>r</sup>. Leavenworth had gone.

Four Irishmen called just at night and wanted work. We kept them over..

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

The 4 Irishmen worked most of the day on the dam to East Stock pond. Then ditched the road through West-Lane. James & I worked with Irishmen.

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

M<sup>rs</sup>. Sam'l Eaton here all day

The 4 Irishmen all left. James hauled up 2 Gate Posts. M<sup>r</sup>. Reasin & I hauled dirt & made path to little gate by the well (from N<sup>o</sup>. 3 east door in the forenoon. Afternoon James M<sup>r</sup>. Reasin & I killed three hogs. After Supper James and I went up town with them. We took the Melodeon<sup>35</sup> up to be sent to Root<sup>36</sup> & Cady for Repair. M<sup>rs</sup>. Eaton went up home with us. M<sup>r</sup>. Bailey also went up from his house. 2 hogs for Miller. One half to Law-head & One half to M<sup>r</sup>. Bailey.

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

Father kept school today.

Took some Blue cloth over to M<sup>rs</sup>. Strawbridge for her to make into Over-alls. Saw John Anderson about buying me up some Sheep. Got the Heart & Tongue. Took dinner at M<sup>r</sup>. Tyrrells. M<sup>r</sup>. Tyrrell got in with me (I had Polly & Charlie with the buggy) and came over to advise with me about feeding.

James & Huston hauled in the North Stack of Hay. At 4 ½ A.M. I went up and ditched the water out of the mud-hole. After Supper I went down to the Block-house with all our little boys in the wagon took a load of corn from Rices stable to the Hog Pen. A man & wife with wagon & team stayed over night.

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

L.H. & 81<sup>st</sup> Regt. at Lagrange Tenn.

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<sup>35</sup> melodeon – a small reed organ in which a suction bellows draws air inward through the reeds

<sup>36</sup> Root – was this a distant relative in business?

Father, Mother, P.K., M.E. & Charlie. James Pegg. Leavenworth & Simons were here at home. Mother went up in A.M. to hear Elder Neagus preach. Service. Dinner.

All went to Sunday School except James & I. Mother & M.E. did not come home till 7 P.M.

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

James Scraped into the mud-hole. M<sup>r</sup>. Bailey, Huston & I framed and put up all but the Stingers. Potter & Wilson worked ¼ of a day. I bought a load of Corn of Matt Pinckney Jones.

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

James Scraped into the mud-hole. Bailey & I – Potter & Wilson hauled dirt on to the Levee

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

James Scraped dirt into the mud-hole. Bailey & I, Huston & Potter shoveled dirt into the wagon and hauled on to Levee. I was dumper and today dressed off the Levee. Finished when the sun was ½ an hour high. All is now done except the Plank.

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

Thanksgiving Day

James, Huston, Potter & Leavenworth gathered, in Rice's corn.

Daniel Tuthill came by special invitation. After appropriate Thanksgiving Service we had an early dinner for all hands.

Then Father, Mother, M.E., Charlie & I, Simons & Daniel Tuthill went up to Cousin Townsend Blanchard's and ate

Thanksgiving Dinner. Hackley & Alvah Blanchard were both there. At 7 P.M. we young folks went to M<sup>r</sup>. Berryhills, and spent the evening. Miss Prue Stevenson of Ashley was there. We came home at 10 P.M.

#### 28<sup>th</sup> Friday

James, Potter & I all gathered in Rice's corn. Snowed 2 inches deep at dark.

L.H. & 81<sup>st</sup> Regt. Left LaGrange Tenn, going southward into Miss.

#### 29<sup>th</sup> Saturday

Father went to town with Puss & Laura to the wagon, and brought some Bran etc. He had much trouble on his return, at the first Mud-hole this side of town. Fred Williams and 2 more men (with the Hay Press) helped him out. Peter Lee called and gave us a statement in regard to the completeness of our Mud hole contract. James went to Coloma on Charley to see about the Plank for the Bridge.

I worked in the Barn. Potter & Red & Roan hauled logs out of Barn-yard.

John Flowers & Chiles called to rent.

#### 30<sup>th</sup> Sunday

L.H. & 81<sup>st</sup> Regt. between La Grange Tenn. and Oxford Mississippi.

Father, Mother, P.K., M.E. & Charlie, Leavenworth & Simons, James & Potter were here.

Henry Clay – and M<sup>rs</sup>. Jas. Gibson & Miss Mason were here to Service. Henry Clay remained until after dinner and went up to S. School with Father, M.E. & Co.

M<sup>r</sup>. Masser Bible Agent called here on his way from Du Quoin to Tamaroa at 4 P.M.

Father remained up after night to attend Bible Meeting.

### December 1862

#### 1<sup>st</sup> Monday

Father went (in buggy) to Pinckneyville to attend Called term of the Circuit Court. W<sup>m</sup>. Flowers went with him. John Marshall came in P.M. & paid me \$50.<sup>00</sup>. Two of the Chiles came and helped us James, Potter pull on Rice's corn.

I went up to Tamaroa in P.M. and as it happened, sold all the big fat hogs (but 2 for M<sup>r</sup>. Burroughs) to Curlee. Charlie

Leavenworth went up with me in wagon to get M<sup>rs</sup>. Berniser but she would not come with him. I walked home to dinner.

Then M<sup>r</sup>. Bailey & I drove up the 15 hogs and weighed them. I put them in a car. gross weight was 4290 minus ½ = 3432

nett x 3 ¼ cents per Lb nett = \$111.<sup>54/100</sup>. I ate supper at Uncle Holt's in Co. with M.E. (who had been there all day) and

M<sup>rs</sup>. Berniser. After supper I walked to M<sup>r</sup>. Burroughs then M.E., M<sup>rs</sup>. Berniser & I walked down home.

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

James Plowed today. In A.M. on the North end of West Lane and in P.M. on the path to the school house. I began to make a large gate. Potter dug holes for gate post &c.

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

Potter left us.

I finished making the large gate then James & I hung it West of the Barn.

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

James & I killed 2 fine fat hogs. One of them (Harry) weighed 261 Lbs. Vett<sup>37</sup>. Ate dinner. I took the rough fat off the entrails, then Mother & I went to Du Quoin in Buggy with Polly & Charley. Mother stayed over night at M<sup>f</sup>. Wards. I called at M<sup>f</sup>. Winters, put up the horses at M<sup>f</sup>. Niles, and attended the Freemasons Lodge meeting. Went down to the mill with Bro. H. W. Johnson, told him that we held a note against him for \$350.<sup>00/100</sup>. Then went to M<sup>f</sup>. Moses Winters and stayed over night. At midnight the newly married couple Jo. Gearing and (she that was) Christine Winters, came home.

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

Flowers and Westler came up and all hands gathered on Rices corn. Mother & I (from M<sup>f</sup>. Wards) called on M<sup>rs</sup>. Frank Campbell, then at M<sup>f</sup>. Blakeslees<sup>38</sup>, whence Fannie Blakeslee went us to D<sup>f</sup>. Walls. Both Fannie Blakeslee & Lizzy<sup>39</sup> have each a new piano. Ate early dinner at D<sup>f</sup>. Walls. Did a little shopping, called at M<sup>f</sup>. Niles at Dinner with M<sup>rs</sup>. Niles. Started home. Ate latter dinner with M<sup>f</sup>. Ross' family at St. Johns. got some Wheat meal. Reached home at 4 P.M. After Supper M.E. & I went dwn to Leesburg. She visited at Peter Lees, and I went to Hustons & measured 12 ½ gallons of Molasses out of his barrel in to mine. Came home at 9 P.M.

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

L.H. & 81<sup>st</sup> Regt. at Oxford Miss. Father, Mother, P.K., M.E. & Charlie, Simons Leavenworth & James Pegg were here. W<sup>m</sup>. Piercall came and was here to Supper. Service & Dinner as usual. At 4 P.M. I heard of Bolivar, who has been missing for 2 weeks. I immediately started after him on Charley. Found him in Pum Point at Sun down, drove him to crossing at Tamaroa, where I met Father & M.E. – Father rode and drove Bolivar home. M.E. & I walked home.

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

James Pegg, W<sup>m</sup>. Piercall & W<sup>m</sup>. Flowers gathered on Circe's Corn.

I worked on the Barn Doors.

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

James Pegg, W<sup>m</sup>., Westler Huston helped gather of Rice's Corn.

I worked on the stalls in East Barn. After supper, Father, M.E. & I went up and called in at M<sup>f</sup>. Bailey's for an hour.

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

James Pegg, W<sup>m</sup>., Huston & Flowers finished gathering Rice's corn in the morning, and gathered the remainder of the day on Harmans corn. I finished fixing the stalls in east Barn.

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

W<sup>m</sup>. Piercall worked for Bailey.

James, Huston, Flowers I finished gather Harman's corn after dark.

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

W<sup>m</sup>. Norton got home, a paroled prisoner whose headquarters are at St. Louis.

I helped Ellars get in his Fodder Corn all day. James finished fencing up the Hay stacks, and hauled in a load of Reasin's corn. W<sup>m</sup>. pulled corn for Bailey.

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

Rained most of the day. Went over to Nourd's shop and got Polly & Charley shod. Charlie went with me. Father and James went to Tamaroa in the wagon and brought home the Melodeon which has been to Chicago to be repaired, and also 14 volumes of the New American Cyclopedia.

I came home at 8 P.M. via John F. Griffiths looking for sheep – to buy.

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<sup>37</sup> vet – to subject to expert appraisal or correction: evaluate

<sup>38</sup> Fannie's father was Eli Blakeslee, Jr. (1796-1866) and mother Emily Judd Blakeslee (1799-1854). Eli was from Litchfield, CT. They moved to Paris Hill in Oneida County, New York in 1790. They moved gradually more westward in New York State until 1844 when they moved to Illinois.

<sup>39</sup> Lizzy – may have been a sibling of future wife, Fannie Blakeslee

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

Rained most of the day. Father, M.E., P.K. & Charlie were at home, also James Pegg, W<sup>m</sup>. Piercall, Simons & Leavenworth. It rained so that Father went alone to Sunday School.

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

James, W<sup>m</sup>. & I worked till after 12 O'clock ditching West Land had Polly & Charley to the plow. It rained and snowed nearly all day. After 2 O'clock I wrote some, Wrote a copy of an agreement about Wheat between Father & M<sup>f</sup>. Ghee, which they both signed. M<sup>f</sup>. Ghee at Supper with us. W<sup>m</sup>. went up town for Tobacco &c.

### 16<sup>th</sup> Tuesday

I went with Polly & Charley to the wagon to the Mill at Tamaroa, brough home Meal & Flour. Andrew Reasin Jr. went up with me. Montague paid me for the pork he had 114 Lbs. After Dinner I rode over to John Anderson's and left \$75 more with him to buy sheep with (See 24<sup>th</sup> Inst.) Returned home at 5 P.M. I rode Charley & M.E. rode Emma up to M<sup>f</sup>. Norton's (called in Tamaroa on the way to See Curlee about Pork money) and we spent the evening very pleasant with them. W<sup>m</sup>. was there looking very hearty. We returned home at 11 P.M. James & W<sup>m</sup>. made a gate to East feed lot.

### 17<sup>th</sup> Wednesday

I went to Tamaroa (via M<sup>f</sup>. Tyrrells, he agreed to go out on a cattle buying expedition Tomorrow) and M<sup>f</sup>. Curlee paid me \$111.<sup>54/100</sup> for the 15 hogs that he bought of us on the 1<sup>st</sup> day of this month.

I came home to dinner. Judge Hempleman called here to get me to help him estimate and let out the work to be done across the branch at Trestle work opposite Clark's house. I agreed to do so next Saturday morning. I did some repairing on Gate North of Barn. M<sup>f</sup>. Tyrrell came over and he & I rode down to Jephtha Thompson's and around by Solomon Thompson's to buy young stock cattle, but did not buy any. we offered 1 1/2 cent gross, and they asked 1 3/4 cents gross. John Smith helped pull Reasins corn 1/2 day.

### 18<sup>th</sup> Thursday

I washed out Bolivar's sheath. Made a walk of Ties from N<sup>o</sup>. 10 to N<sup>o</sup>. 12 and planted the Chestnuts & Walnuts. Wrote some in A.M. James & W<sup>m</sup>. helped M<sup>f</sup>. Reasin gather corn.

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

I rode Charley over to M<sup>f</sup>. Tyrrells at sunrise ate a 2<sup>nd</sup> Breakfast with M<sup>f</sup>. Tyrrell, then he & I started out on a cattle buying expedition. Took dinner at Jessee Oswald Dee's. Rode on through Knob Prairie, and found that the cattle we were after had been sold. Started back, we came together as far as Simmon's then he came to his home and I went to Coloma to see about Plank to cover our Bridge. Bad prospect about plank. I bought 1 yearling & 2 calves of Claxton for \$10. delivered at our house. Came on over to Cyrus Doty's and stayed over night, M<sup>f</sup>. Reasin finished pulling corn and getting it in, and he and Andrew started to their new home in Jefferson County.

### 20<sup>th</sup> Saturday

Tried to buy C. Doty's yearlings, but he would not sell them. Rode from Cotys to the mud-hole in branch south of Tamaroa to meet Judge Hempleman, he was not there so I rode on down home, then walked back to Tamaroa, Met Judge Hempleman & M<sup>f</sup>. Bailey. we 3 came to the Mud-hole and measured it. –12 O'clock. I made out an estimate & specifications for the Bridge & Levee and at 4 P.M. the Judge let out the contract at Public cry. I then went over to upper end of Holts Prairie hunting for cattle – to buy. rode around there 2 hours. got track of a dozen or more and started home. Ate Dinner & Supper at 9 P.M. at Strawbridges, came on by John Anderson's, reached home at 10 P.M.

### 21<sup>st</sup> Sunday

Father, Mother, P.K., M.E. & Charlie were at home. also Simons, Leavenworth, James Pegg, W<sup>m</sup>.Piercall & Sarah Peoples. Service as usual. Father & young folks went to Sunday School. At dark I walked over to M<sup>f</sup>. Tyrrells and spent an hour with them.

### 22<sup>nd</sup> Monday

I rode over to Holts Prairie and hunted all around to buy young cattle. (Took Polly over to Nourd's to have him do something for "lameness," but he could do nothing for her.) Ed Malone rode with me most of the day. I bought 24 head. Got no dinner. Stayed over night with Sam'l Marlow

### 23<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday

Ate Breakfast early. Rode around and bought 3 more head, 1 steer of Campbell & 2 heifers of Abernathy. Short Malone & I had a serious time driving 2 heifers (that I bought of hime) from his house to Abernathy's. We ate dinner with Abernathy.

Got all the bought up cattle lotted in Buck Marlow's lot and at 2 P.M. we started the cattle for home. Ed Malone, Sam. Marlow & Ben. Abernathy helped me drive them out to the (Nine Mile) Prairie and then Sam. Marlow helped em drive them home, and stayed over night with us. We got home with 27 head.  
No School today. Simons & Leavenworth went to Du Quoin. Davis started home on Emma.

#### 24<sup>th</sup> Wednesday

Put all the cattle down in the East lot and James & I fed them. I then went over with Sam. Marlow to John Anderson's (and got the money that I had left with him to buy Sheep with) and paid off Marlow for the cattle. Came back through Hickory grove to see the rails made by Flowers & Ellars. At the Block House I met M<sup>r</sup>. Tyrrell and got him to come over and look at the newly bought cattle. Came home to late dinner. Paid Flowers & Ellars Five Dollars on rails made i Hickory Grove. I killed a Turkey and M.E. & I picked it.

#### 25<sup>th</sup> Thursday

Christmas Day. Did up the chores, separated the large calves from the small ones.

Father, Mother, P.K., Charlie, Leavenworth & Simons & James Pegg all went up town and heard **Old Uncle Simeon Walker**<sup>40</sup> preach a good, appropriate sermon.

Henry Clay came home and helped us eat our Christmas Turkey. M.E. stayed at home from meeting, basted turkey &c.

After supper M.E. & I, James also went down to Huston's (Peter Lee's tenant) to help Candy pull: but the Candy pull was turned into a Dance, and so we only stayed a few minutes. Sister had an elegant present from Mira, consisting of a Silk nett & 2 collars, which came by mail in a box.

#### 26<sup>th</sup> Friday

Did up the chores and was then in the house most of the day writing up accounts. Writing to L.H., Eugene & Mira. James & W<sup>m</sup>. put up the fence around the cattle lot.

#### 27<sup>th</sup> Saturday

Did up the chores and was then in the house most of the day writing up diary &c. wrote to Harman Weaver and to Calvin Clark. M<sup>r</sup>. John Laney called here and agreed to make us some rails on the Franklin County 40. James and W<sup>m</sup>. repaired fence around the field on north side, also put the plows up overhead in the barn.

Father, M.E. & I went up to town. M.E. & I spent an hour with Uncle Holts folks, while Father attended the Odd Fellow's lodge, after which Cousin Townsend & I took Emma & M.E. to the Hall and we all participated in the enjoyments of the evening, the most important feature of which was the Freemasons supper. gotten up to celebrate the anniversary of St. John. About 75 persons, gentlemen & ladies were there. Father, M.E. & I reached home at 10.45 P.M. We rode up in the wagon, and walked home.

#### 28<sup>th</sup> Sunday

Father, Mother, M.E., P.K. & Charlie, also James Pegg & W<sup>m</sup>. Piercall were here. M<sup>r</sup>. Sparrow was here to Service & Dinner. George Davis brought Emma (horse) home, ate dinner here – and then returned home because his father was sick. Father, M.E., Charlie, Leavenworth & Simons went to Sunday School. I wrote to L.H.

#### 29<sup>th</sup> Monday

I went in wagon (Puss & Laura) to Tamaroa to get Brick & Lime to build a flue at the school-house. Could not get them in Tamaroa. Got 276 of Buck Garner and 25 of Corgan. Got some Lime of Uncle Holt, cost 75 cts. Got 100 Lbs Flour & 200 Lbs Ship Stuff at the Mill. Simons was with me. Came left Flour & Ship Stuff, ate dinner, went down to the school-house, where with Clay Hawkins & Thos. Sanders to assist me I built a flue for stove pipe. Got through and came home after dark. W<sup>m</sup>. & James hauled wood. At 3 P.M. Father & M.E. went up to Tamaroa to give M.E. and opportunity to practice in concert with the other singers the pieces to be sung next Saturday night at Odd Fellows public installatino. M.E. stayed over night at D<sup>r</sup>. Prices.

#### 30<sup>th</sup> Tuesday

Rainy & Snowy. I fixed most of house door so that they would swing.

James & W<sup>m</sup>. husked out Fodder corn part of the day.

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<sup>40</sup> Uncle Simeon Walker – P.K.'s Aunt Amanda Roots (Dec. 3, 1802 in Hamilton, NY – July 30, 1886 in Tamaroa, IL), daughter of Peter Philanthropos Roots and Elizabeth (Keep) Roots. Amanda married Ephraim Stiles Walker (? - 1852) on July 19, 1826. I have no information on Walker's family.

M.E. came home from Tamaroa and went to school at 10 ½ A.M. and at 3 P.M. went up town to practice music for Odd Fellows installation.

James & I butchered & dressed a calf that I bought of Calvin Marlow for \$3. The nett meat weighed 155 Lbs. and its hide came to \$1.80 at Woods & Harris' store.

After supper I went up Tamaroa and went with M.E. to an evening gathering at M<sup>r</sup>. Sparrows had a good time – came home at 11.20 P.M. James Darrow and an old Frenchman stayed here over night.

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

I finished repairing & oiling all the house doors, at 9 A.M. Then M<sup>r</sup>. Huston & I rode over and looked at the Timber on our White Walnut 40 with a view to Hustons making rails thereon, he did not like the Timber. We went by Tamaroa took the calf's hide. Came back on the Old St. Louis road, and ate dinner in company with Randolph Wheatley & Ed Parker. Let Ellars have a Tin Lard can, and an order for some jars. Huston went to look at the grubbing in N.E. corner of the Field. I hitched up Puss & Laura to the buggy drove to the school-house, Father got in with me and went to Du Quoin.

He tried to see Keyes about money matters and I tried to find a Dutch woman to come and help Mother, but neither of us were successful. Both of us went to the Soldier's Aid Festival at Weaver's Hall. Started home at 10 P.M. and arrived home just as this old year forever left us, and 1863 came into existence. All hands were up Popping Corn, Baking Cakes &c. for Father's School treat tomorrow. Someone had carried off our little west Rail-Road gate.