

DIARY
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Sunday August 9th, 1860

Staid home today, preaching at Mt. Pleasant(The church is still there on route #20. It is now a black church. In Aunt Nanny's time, there was an academy which is where she probably went to school) but did not feel inclined to go. Spent the day reading sleeping and helping.

Monday 10th

Sewed part of a skirt and made part of a cover for a lounge. Walked out to the orchard got as many peaches as I could eat.

Tuesday the 11th

I finished the lounge cover today. Nothing of interest transpired today. Oh I long for some one to place my affection upon Would that I some dear being could find and were his fate but joined to mine by a siken tie, enough of such as that.

Wednesday the 12th

Did a little of every thing to day allmost. Bud went to the office Looked for a letter but was very much disapointed in not geting one. I think all of my corespondents are neglected me badly. I want to heare from Miss Mary so bad deare girl how I love her.

Thursday the 13

Helped Ma on the carpet that she was making. Mr. and Mrs. Anderson call here this morning talked about Texas and Ark, ate peaches cracked a few jokes and then left for home. Helped make some cake this evening for the meeting.

Tuesday the 18th

Friday the 14th

Went to church (Probably Sardis Church; also on route #20. Very pretty. That's where the family is buried.) today heard Mr. Caldwell preach, had to walk found the road very dusty.

Went to church again had a solum time both at prayer meeting and preaching. Going again to night if nothing prevents.

Saturday the 15th

Went to church again today. heard two sermons, took dinner at the church returned home in the evening and went to church again at night.

Sunday the 16th

Attended prayer meeting at 9 o'clock in the morning, preaching at eleven and at two o'clock ate dinner at church saw several old friends. Mr. Taylor addressed the young people and negroes in the academy, rained all night and evening could not have any meeting

Monday the 17th

rode horse back to church with Mr. Scott, was at prayer meeting at nine o'clock preaching at eleven, called up mourners at the close of the sermon several went up, went again at night, found it very muddy walking, had an interesting meeting.

March 26, 1861

Walked home from aunt A McArvers (The McArvers were relatives. Aunt Nanny's mother was either a McArver or her mother was. They came very early to Floyd County also- 1835-37. They came from North Carolina as did John Cathey, Nanny's father.) this morning. She accompanied me part of the way. Got home found all well, looked over my trunk which came while I was gone. it has not been home since I went to Tennessee.

Saturday

I came home with Mag this morning, had a nice ride although it was raining a little. went up to see Mrs. Farill after dinner, played over all my pecies, had lots of fun.

Wednesday morning

Aunt Lou and Cate spent the day with us; time passed very pleasantly. Mr. Taylor and daughter called for dinner, staid an hour or such a matter. Walked down to the river sat a while in the flat and have just returned to the house, twas very good exercise, have been reading the planters northern bride find it very interesting.

Thursday

Finished my book this morning. was sorry when I got through. it was so interesting. For that I have worked hard all day since I got through doing a little of everything. Dressed to go a visiting this evening but got disapointed. Mr. Smith did not come a long. Took a walk this evening with Mol(Mary) and Em(My great-grandmother) found it is a very pleasant evening.

Friday

Dressed to go a visiting today but got disapointed as I did yesterday. Mr. Bale called conversation very dull hard to keep up. Dr. Farill called at the gate to get some water. Went to the school house this evening, heard the scolars read compositions and act dialogues. started back home, stopted at Mrs S staid a while and then started home. Mag and Charlie overtook us and I got in the buggie and road home. We have had a nice time tonight.

Sunday M 31st

Went to church today. Mag and I in the buggy. heard Mr. Hartt preach for the first time. came back home with Mag, ate dinner and walked over to see Alvin Cone and lady but did not find them at home and we came back and went up to Mrs. Farills and here we are going to stay all night.

Monday April the 1st

This is all fools day. I am spending the day with Mrs. F. Time passed off very agreeably. played and sang on the Piana. am going to stay with Mag to night.

Tuesday the 2nd

Staid all day at Mr. Smiths. Mrs. Farill came down after dinner and staid till late in the evening and Mag and I came home with her and are going to stay all night.

Wednesday the 3rd

Got up this morning and found it raining very hard it continued till about eight oclock. staid at Dr's till after dinner and came home with Sam. called in to see Sarah as we came.

Thursday the 4th

Staid at Sam's till after dinner. Sarah and her children were there allso. I came home with them this afternoon, and am going to spend the night here. I have had the toothache all evening and am afraid that it will ache all night.

Friday the 5th

Came over to Smiths this morning, got here before they ate breakfast. Mrs. Farill came down to the office about 9 oclock and I went home with her and staid till evening. had the toothache all day and am aching all over to night feel very unwell.

Saturday the 6th

Came home this morning with Mag through the rain. She did not stay but a few minuts. Too men called for dinner. I found Ma quite sick when I got home. Mr. Crawford has come to spend the night with us. I am all broken out with nettle rash.(Probably German measles!)

Sunday the 7

Went to church today but I am such a sinner that I did not pay attention to the sermon as I ought. Aunt Lou Uncle Jerry Mr.

Huggins and Laws came home with us and staid for dinner. Mr. Bale came in the afternoon and staid till after supper. He came to see Em. I do not know how it is with them. he loves her but as for her loving him I cannot say.

Monday the 8th

I wrote a letter to cousin Ann Toley today. it rained pretty much all day. Ma is still sick, not able to sit up.

Tuesday the 9th

It has been cold and cloudy all day. I have been reading in Ernest Linwood nearly all day. Mr. Taylor called for dinner, came this way for one of us to go home with him but Ma is sick and we could not go. He had prayers before he left.

Wednesday the 10th

Ma was very sick last night and is but very little better. Mrs. Thompson and aunt Becky(possibly a slave) have been here all day and are going to stay all night. Uncle Isac(McArver) called in to see Ma, Aunt Luvicy (I cannot decipher this spelling. She is my great-great grandmother.) and Finc(My great grandfather.) came this evening. I have not seen them before in a long time.

Thursday the 11th

It rained all night and continued to rain a while this moring. Mr. Bale called and got his walking papers from Emma (!) Mrs. Williamson and Jane came after dinner, Jane, Em, and I went down to see the steamboat. Ma is but very little better.

Friday the 12

It is still raining has been showering all day. Cousin Fine(Whether Fine was a cousin is questionable. In those days close friends were Aunt, Uncle, Cousin, etc.) went to Rome today, and if it had been a cheery day I would have gone with him. Made a dress for Harriet(slave) today. Ma is still but very little better. Cousin Fine has not come back yet and his Mother is geting uneasy about him.

Saturday the 13th

This had been a bright sun shiny day. A kind of day that I love. Ma is still very sick and says that she will not live long. O what will become of us when she is gone. Cousin Fine got back from Rome this evening. He and aunt Luvicy have gone over to uncle J. Mr. Henley and Lizzy are here tonight.

Sunday 14

The sun rose in all its brightness this morning and shone all day. I started to church but did not get very far till the horse gave out and we had to come back. took a walk late in the evening down to the river got a scolding for it when I came to the house.

Monday 15

Aunts Lou and Luvicy came this morning and staid till this afternoon. Cousin is here, he is going to spend the night with us. I have been making tatten today.(Tatting - lace. You can hear A. Nanny's southern voice coming through!)

Tuesday 16

This has been a cold rainy day. I made Grand Mas Latimer(I'm not sure who she was. She may have been someone they took in or she may have been Sarah A. Cathey's mother, perhaps born a McArver) colar to day. Aunt Luvicy came back this evening. Ma is but very little better.

Wednesday the 17

I wrote two letters today. one to Dennis and the other to Cy,(Her brother Cyrus.) and a note to Mat. Yarborough. Got a letter this morning from my darling cousin John of Tenn. He is so loving kind and good I can't help but love him. Aunt Luvicy and Finis left for home this morning. I was sorry to see them leave. Cousin Fine is a nice feilow I like him very much. He is loving Em I think and she likes him.(They were married in Georgia December 5, 1865.) Ma is still very sick.

Thursday the 18

I am just 24 years and one month old today. Nearly on the old maids list. Mrs. Drew and Farill spent the day. they came to see Ma. She is still very sick. I still have the toothache a little, hope it will get well soon. Mrs. Knox sweete heart passed this morning but I did not see him he passed before I knew it. She is very anxious for us to become acquainted.

Friday the 19

I receive a letter from my dear uncle this evening. All are well out there. Mrs. Knox and aunt Becky were here this afternoon

and so was uncle G and S. Mr. Hartt came this morning for Em to stay with his wife. Ma is not any better. aunt Elinor teased me about Thom. He passed here this evening but I didn't see him. I had been thinking of him all day.

Saturday the 20

Mrs. Smith spent the day here and Mr. Smith came after dinner. This was muster day at Coosa, a great many people went along. Dr. called this evening to see Ma she thinks she is a little better. Walked out this evening every thing is beautiful out of doors. I found it very pleasant walking.

Sunday 21

The sun was bright and beautiful this morning. I walked to church to day found it very warm walking. Saw a good many of my friends at church. Slept for three hours in the evening.

Monday 22

Ma is still very sick. Mrs Hartt brought Em home this morning and staid all day. She is very good company. I have been making tatten to day.

Tuesday 23

Quite a crowd has been here all day. first came Aunt Lou and Aunt Ann soon in the morning, then Mr. and Mrs. Hoskinson and after a while Mr. and Mrs. Christopher came and amongst the rest came Mrs Thompson and I can say that we had plenty of talk for one day. I was very glad when dinner was over for it was a great care on my mind when I have to serve at the

table. (Once again, this leads me to believe that the family were more than just farmers. Meals had to be done properly; that sort of thing.)

Wednesday 24

I wrote to cousin John to day and made sucky (slave) a dress. Aunt Ann staid all day here and has just gone home. The girls went to the river with her. Ma is not much better. Dr. was here today.

Thursday 25

Mrs. Robinson and Mary were here today. They have not been here in years before. Uncle J and I (Uncles Jeremiah and Isaac McArver) were also. Em went home with J. I have spent this day in idleness. War has commenced in our land our once free and happy land and what will be the result, nine of the southern states have seceded and I expect the rest will follow before a great while.

Friday 26

No one has been here to day. the first day that we have been by our selves this week. I have read, ate and slept and knit a little to day.

Saturday 27

This day eleven years ago my father died. Oh the changes that have taken place since that time then I was a small girl now I am 5 feet 7 inches high. (very tall for those days) My mother is very

sick and I fear that it will not be long till she will join father in heaven.

Sunday the 28

Staid home all day felt very unwell lay in bed a good part of the day. Mrs. F came up in the evening to see Ma she is still very sick. She and Virginia are going to stay all night.

Monday the 29

Cut out some pants for the negroes this morning but did not get to sew much on them. Mrs. Christopher and Williamson came to see Ma today I was very much surprised to see them Aunt Becky was here also.

Tuesday the 30

Have been sewing heard all day on negro cloths it rained all morning aunt Becky staid till after dinner I wrote to my dear old uncle this evening hope I will hear from him soon.

May the 12

Well old diary I have neglected you for some time I will try to do better in the future. This has been a very warm day. I walked to sabbath school and back, but very few there did not have school. Mrs. F and V came home with us I have been very

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lonely today thinking of war of my dear brothers going and longing for some body to love and to be loved in return.

June the 19th

This has been a sorrowful day to me. My mother died to day. She has joined my dear father in singing praised to God in heaven.

June 20

A very sad day a great many people here to day.

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We buried our mother to day Mr. Crawford preached the funeral sermen. Our sister from Ark with her two little boys came this evening, but too late to see our dear Ma.

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Brother Cy came to day was very much choocked to heare of Mas death.

April the 20 1863

Uncle J L McArver died very suddenly today another sad bereavement.

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Brother Cyrus died today, he is done with suffering here on earth. He I trust has gone to rest Brother Jerry is lying very low not expected to live (Since Aunt Nanny doesn't mention them being killed in the war, I suspect that they died from illness which killed more troops than any battles ever did. An historian we met in Rome told me that at about that time there was an outbreak of spinal meningitis that killed many soldiers from that area).

May 29th

Brother Jerry died today. He has gone to join Father Mother Brother and Sister in heaven. We are left very desolate have neither father mother nor brother, just alone.

Since this was written old journal I have passed through many trying and exciting times some that I hope never to pass through again.

My oldest sister died of typhoid fever July 4th 1863 leaving a husband and three little boys to mourn her loss. She died in Ark.

Saturday April the 16th/64

Lieut thorp and John Collins spent the day here for the last in a long time if ever again. They bade us adieu to night after supper and left for Dalton. I was sorry to see them go.

Sunday 17

Lieut Mills came this morning went with us to church. Alfred (slave) was married at church today by Mr. Crawford. Lieut. and aunt Lou are spending the night with us.

Monday 18th

Aunt Lou left this morning. Cousin Frank staid til evening and then left us probably for a long time. He goes to Dalton in a few days. Got a letter from Mr. Brown today was extremely gald to hear from him and the children, have not heard before since last sept.

Tuesday 19th

Mrs. Knox came this morning to spend the day. Cousin Boon Cathey came on furlough to stay 10 days. I was glad to see him and as he can't get home will try and make the time pass off as pleasantly as possible. Mrs. Knox went home this evening.

Wednesday 20th

Mr. Moody called this morning and talked to cousin Boon, and had but very little to say to any one else. All went fishing this evening except myself. Uncle Isac called with the news from Hervy one whome we supposed to be dead. Spent some time reading a letter from my lover and looking at his likeness.

Cousin Boon, Emma and sis (Sarah, the baby of the family was called Sis and Sally) went to Mr. Mitchels spent the day and returned this evening. Mary and I were left at home read worked and slept got my receipt for my meat as tax in kind. received a letter from J H Hartt tonight Was very well when he wrote.

Friday 22nd

Nothing of interest transpired to day. Cousin Boon shot at a fox this evening broke one of its legs but did not get it. This has been a bright beautiful day.

Saturday 23rd

Mr. Hartt and Mag with the children called today. This morning was bright but this evening is cloudy with some appearance of rain tonight.

Sunday 24th

No church to go to today, will have to stay home and read the bible Cousin Boon had company this evening Messers Mitchel and Bryant called and spent the evening another bright day.

Monday 25th

Mr. Hartt Mag and the children came to dinner today staid an hour or so and left. My old friend or rather my young friend Willie Simmons spent this afternoon with us to day. He is very lively had quite a pleasant evening. Walked down to the shop (1

with him and rode back in his sulkie. Wanted me to go home with him but I could not leave home at this time.

Tuesday 26th

No calls today. Worked all the fore noon and went fishing this evening. None of us caught anything except cousin Boon he caught two small ones.

Wednesday 27

Worked hard all the morning; played cards a while this evening time passes off very swiftly at such amusements. finished my shemise since dinner. All except myself went fishing this evening. Cousin Boon caught one little fish.

Thursday 28

Mr. Mitchel came over this morning to invite us over to feast on some of his wild turkey he killed the day before Boon Mary and I went home with him. Had quite a nice time playing cards. While there I received a letter from my lover, Mr. G. C. T. He was very sick when he wrote and rather sad. He has asked me whether I will grant him sunshine or gloom in the future. We walked home this evening.

Friday 29

Dear cousin Boon left us this morning to go to his command. I regreted very much to see him go, but these war times we have to submit to anything. I have been quite uneasy today. Wrote to brother George cannot realize that I have partially given myself to him. I hope he will soon be well again. May the Lord heal and bless him is my prayer and may He bless our engagement. O Lord show me wether I have done right in this thing or not.

Saturday 30

Our scouts left this morning took our wagon team and driver to hall their forage. The enemy is reported on that road going to Rome and if that be so I may never see our wagon team and driver again. I have had the headache nearly all day have been in beda large portion of the day. Mrs. Pelt called in the evening. Mr. Crawford and Mr. Morison are here to spend the night say it is false about the Yanks being on the other road.

Sunday May 1st

Raining this morning. All went to church except grand ma and I. I gave some milk and Bread to some soldiers. Am not very well today. Emma and Sis have gone over to see Aunt Ann this evening. She has been quite sick. The sun shone bright a while this evening. Nature looks lovely this evening and the birds sing so sweetely. Mrs. Peit and Jo called this evening staid til dark and returned home.

Monday 2nd

Mr. Comer took breakfast with us this morning. Worked hard all this morning on negro clothes. (The girls went from making lace, a ladies occupation, to sewing clothes and making molasses because of the war.) Maggie Bale came just at dinner time and staid til three. had a lively time while she staid. Just before she left George Mitchel came and a little while after wards came Mrs. Pelt. Emma and sis came home this evening. Aunt Ann is no better. Mollie got a letter from our friend J W Collins and Emma got three from Bob one from Frank and one from Boon.

Tuesday 3rd

One year to day since gen Fo. st captured col Strait and his command. Wrote a letter for Mrs. Pelt ro her mother. she was here to dinner. Mr. Byers came at eleven and staid til two. He is very good company.

Wednesday 4th

Bob and Jane McArver spent the day here Bob had a drill Emma and sis went home with them to spend the night. It has been quite cool today.

Thursday 5th

Have been reading all day a new work by the author of beulah the title Macaria of Altars of Sacrifice. I find it very interesting though rather sad. Sis and Emma returned this evening with the

mail, no letters nothing but newspapers. This day one yeare ago was the last time I saw my oldest brother.

Friday 6

Finished my book today, then went to work on negro shirts. Mrs. Pelt came and spent the afternoon I walked home with her to take some exercise. I find that I take to little. Quite a pleasant day.

Saturday 7th

Worked a while this morning. Mr. Mrs Mitchel and their two babies came to spend the day. Mr. Mitchel had to go home with some company. Mrs. Mitchel and children staid had a pleasant time. Mr. Byers called this evening and staid about an hour or so. He was on his way to his command. He said that it is reported that we have had a fight in Va repulsing the enemy and taking 2000 prisoners. I wish it may be so.

Sunday 8th

This has been a bright beautiful day. Did not go to church anywhere. Mr. Anderson dined with us. Mrs. Pelt came and spent the afternoon. Sallie Jones died this evening. She has been sick a long time. I heard that they were fighting at Dalton to day. I do not know how true it is. They have been skirmishing hevily up there for several days.

Monday 9th

To day was mail day the papers came but very little news in them, received a letter from Cousin W.T. Quinn bringing the sad

news of grandpas death (I don't know who this is, but Catheys, Quinns, McArvers settled in Coosa and came from N.C.; so perhaps this person was still in N.C.) poore man he is done with suffering here on earth. He suffered a great deal before he died. Was very anxious to die to try the realities of the other world. He died the 23rd of Aprile, 1864.

Tuesday May 10th

To day has been cloudy all day with a little rain which we are needing at this time we are nearly done planting. Sallie Jones was buried today. I did not attend the funeral it was too far to walk and I had nothing to ride. The news is to day that we are still fighting in Va. that gen Longstreet is wounded and general Jenkins killed.

Wednesday 11th

We had a good rain last night and some this morning. It has been cold and cloudy all day. Mr. Mitchel came over to day. Played cards with him a while. Conscript officer took John Pelt by here to day.

Thursday 12th

Still cold but clear got the newspapers to day. They are fighting in Va. and at Dalton. The result so far is in our favor and I pray that it will continue so. Emma got a letter from cousin F A Mc. I helped to scour the house and fixed up things generally. had a hog killed this evening.

Friday May 13th/64

Have had a bright day to day, had spare ribs for breakfast this morning and fresh meat for dinner. Walked down to the river to see the steamboat this afternoon, came back and did some ironing and fixed up one room. Found to night where some one had cut a piece out of two nice calf skins; nearly ruining one of them. Heard this evening that fighting is still going on at Dalton but no general engagement yet.

Saturday May 14th

This day one year ago was a sad day to us all. Our youngest Brother was taken very bad, out of his mind and the doctor said he would not live longer than evening, but he lived two weeks. I went to church to day, heard col Wells preach. He is col of the 23 Miss regiment. Had an introduction to Mr. Smalls while at church. road home with aunt Lou in the buggy. Mr. Crawford Mrs. Christopher Mrs Mitchel and aunt Lou took dinner with us today. Had fresh meat turkey english peas for dinner the first we have had all year. Still fighting at Dalton can heare no particulars.

Sunday May 15th

Went to church to day had prayer meeting at 10 am and preaching at 11. It was communion day at Sardis Fewer communicants than I ever saw there before. This war if it continues much longer will break up every thing. The sad news came to day that C R Bale was killed last Friday. Had one of his

legs shot off and the other broken. (Poor Charlie Bale - he was the one Emma gave the walking papers to. He is buried at Sardis along with his brother.) Poore Maggie how I sympathize with you in your bereavement only been married a little over three months and a widow so soon. Every one here is excited this evening the report is that the enemy is with in two miles of Rome and are fighting.

Monday 16th 1864

To day has been very quiet but very little passing along the road. Heard that there was no fight at Rome yesterday. Mr. Tomlin passed along with Charlie Bales body this evening.

Tuesday 17th

Cloudy this morning. Went to see Charlie Bale buried today. Had a hard rain just after the corpse got to the church. Opened the coffin. He looked very natural. Maggie takes it very hard. Messers Mitchel and Small were here this evening aliso Mr. Force and Miss Jones and last but not least Mr. Scot. Emma went home with Mr. Mitchel.

Wednesday 18th

The news is this morning that the Yanks are fighting at Rome and we can heare cannonading in that direction. Tis aliso reported that our army has fallen back from Resaca to Kingston if that be the case we are now in the Yank lines. The report is this evening that the Yanks are in posession of Rome.

Thursday 19th

This day one year ago my brother Cyrus died what a long sad year it has been. Oh Lord grant that I may never pass through such another. In the space of three months I lost a sister an uncle two brothers and three cousins. I heare cannonading this morning. I heare that aunt Ann's Bill and two of Mr. Camps negroes have gone to the Yanks Left last night.

Friday 20th

This morning one year ago Newton Fain started with a coffin to Lookout mountain after brother Cy's remains. Oh what a sad day it was. brother Jerry was lying very low at home, did not expect him to live but a few days. Four soldiers took supper here to night. Emma came home this evening. We are now in the Yankee lines.

Saturday 21st

This day one year ago we laid Brother in Sardis church by the side of our mother with the hope that he had joined her in heaven. We can heare no news from our army what it is doing. No Yank has been down this far yet.

Sunday 22nd

All the girls except myself went to prayer meeting. Just before they got back the news came that the Yanks were at Coosa, and one as far down as Guffins. I expected to see them charge up every minute but thanks to the Lord they did not come any

was to look about to see what they could do on their next visit.

Monday 23

Nothing of interest occured to day. Can heare nothing about our army what they are doing. All communications are cut off. I wish I could have heard from George once more before the mail got stoped or rather the Yanks got into Rome.

Tuesday 24

Cloudy and raining to day. Six scouts went up the road to day to learn something of the enemy. I heard to day that the Yanks are moving down on the other side of the river.

Wednesday 25

Scouts returned this evening say that the feds are nearly all gone from Rome. Rained very hard this evening. Spent the evening at Mrs. Pelts, Joanna quite sick. Tis supposed that she is taking the fever.

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ate breakfast and went down to see Joanna still quite sick, gave her a dose of oil and turpentine, came home and warped a web for Mrs. Pelt. Em and Sis walked up to uncle Isac. Jane came home with them. They brought some good news if it is true. Tis said that gen Lee has whiped the enemy in Va. And that gen Johnson (this should be Johnston) has been reinforced at Ackworth allso his report is that he has killed wounded and captured 60,000 since the fighting commenced.

Friday 27

Went down to see Jo this morning found her much better helped Susan to beam her web, and then came home on my way three negroes came off of the mountain in to the road just before me, one of them was dressed in Yankee clothes. I passed them just as if I thought it was all right to see them there, I had no arms or I would have asked them what their business was going through in that manner. Mary Em and Sallie walked home with Jennie this evening. Sallie remained all night.

Saturday 28

Heare heavy cannonading this morning do not know where the fighting is. Went down to see Jonas draw a coal kiln this evening, carried water to help water it out as he drew it.

Sunday 29

This day one year ago brother Jery died and left us brotherless. What a sad day it was. Mrs. Pelt spent the day here to day have heard no news from the army to day. Went down to see Mrs. Pelt tonight. She was taken very bad with collic and sent for me; staid till she got better and came home about 10 oclock.

Monday 30th

fixed my hoop to day got it done and took a walk with Mrs. P. over to see her corn patch found it very warm walking. Have heard no news to day from the army George poore fellow I wonder if he has got well. I wish so much that I could heare from him. I would like to know if he has got my letter and if he

reply to it to see what he would say(She never hears from him and never knows if he died from illness or was killed in combat or if he simply got cold feet over their engagement).

Tuesday 31st

One year ago to day we buried our youngest and last brother. He I trust has been one year in heaven. There is just one half of our members gone I hope to heaven. Nothing of interest transpired to day. I helped to get dinner.

Wednesday, June 1

Spun some sewing thread this morning. Went to see Aunt Ann this after noon found her much better than I expected to see her, took supper there and returned home. Got to the river and heard there that the Yankees came down as far as Coosa taking all the horses they could find. Thanks to the Lord they have not molested us yet and I wish that I may never see any of them.

Thursday 2nd/64

Twisted some sewing thread this morning. Had some rain at the middle of the day. Went down to the shop to file some ox vomit(I have tried and tried to make sense of this but I can't!) and called on Mrs. Pelt this evening. No news to day. Have not heard a word from cousin Boone since he left us, Oh tis so bad to live in enemy lines. Can't heare from any of our friends.

Friday June 3rd

I heare this morning that there is a corps of Yankees coming up from below, if that be so they will ruin us. I spun some stocking thread this morning. Went home with Mrs. Pelt and twisted it this evening. Rained very hard while there.

Saturday 4th

Well the Yanks have come at last. They have been passing all day and as I suspected they have nearly ruined us, have taken our meat five horses and mules all we had, all of our chickens except a few, all of our cattle except three milch cows and some calves. They charged our meat house like so many devills and they say that they are not neare so bad as the infantry which is to pass tomorrow. Rained today.

Sunday 5th of June

I slept but very little last night, up early this morning. The Yanks commenced passing about eight oclock and did not get by till four in the evening. They gave us a guard till the first divisions pass and the remainder we to guard our selves, which we did sucessfully did not but one come in the house all day. rained near all day.

Monday 6th

A quiet day to what yesterday was, no rain to day, sent Alf and Lee to see if they could find some broken down horses. They came back with two. We have three more if we can get to keep them we can get a long on the farm, provided no more Yanks come through here. I am quite sick with flux.

Tuesday 7th

I am still sick but better than I was. Have news to day that general Lee has given Grant a whipping. We have many things to be thankful for Mrs Mitchel sent us a side of meat and a ham, allso some flour and Mr. Thomas sent me a note saying that if I would send to his mill he would give me some flour. I will send in the morning.

Wednesday 8th

Had more rain last night, but clear this morning. Sent Lee to Mag Thomases after the flour. He got it and came home but it rained so hard that he had to leave the flour on the other side of the river. We had a very hard rain in the evening. No reliable news.

Thursday 9th

Glorious news to day it is only true, General Lee has whiped the Yanks worse than they ever have been Johnson is whiping Sherman has backed him four times and is still forcing him (This was not true. Gen. Johnston was retreating toward Atlanta as he did not have the man power to face the Union Army. He made the Yanks pay dearly as he fell back to Atlanta for which he was fired. The confederacy wanted a victory and thought he was cowardly.) and generals Forest and Roely are over in Vanns valley. No rain to day of any consequence.

Friday 10th

No rain today except a sprinkle. Mrs Knox spent the day here. Went down to Mrs. Pelts, found Dr. Stricklin and Mr. Fuller there, still have no news from the army. Heard that some of our troops fired into the train Monday and killed 500 of those Yanks that passed through here on Sunday.

Saturday 11th

This has been a very rainy day. It has rained every day this week. One year today since cousin Jimmie Y was buried. No news today. Saw Mrs Dean she says the Yanks tore her up took every thing out of the house that was worth anything.

Sunday 12/64

Another rainy day. Have not seen the sun today. Mrs. Pelt and Joanna spent the day here. Mr. Withers called and staid a few moments. Some Yanks came down in four miles of this place got scared and went back. They were out foraging after wheat corn and meat. Mary (Uncle Isacs negro woman) died this evening.

Monday 13th

Still raining and quite cool. No news from our army to day. Heard that some negro troops are on Sand mountain on their way through here but I do not think it is so. Mary was buried this evening. Mary Em and Sis went to hunt some whortle berrys this evening, found some nice ones.

Tuesday 14th

The sun is shining this morning. I am in hope we will have some clear weather now. It is still cool. Saw Billy Hardin just from our army. He brings news that there has been no general engagement as yet, but very heavy skirmishing all the time. (This was true.) He brought a number of letters but none for us. He says that all of our troupes are in fine spirits.

Wednesday 15th

Saw several confederate soldiers and one of them gave us a late paper it looked like an old friend. It had been so long since we had seen one. The Yanks came down as far as Uncle Isacs to day. I spun some stocking thread.

Thursday 16

Nothing of interest occured to day. I twisted my thread this moning spent the afternoon at Mrs. Pelts.

Friday 17

Had a Yankee scare this morning. Harriet came in before we got up and said the Yanks were coming up the river road, but it turned out to be some of our own men. Two of the scouts dined with us today.

Saturday 18

Two confederates took breakfast with us this morning and one was here to dinner. Several called in. It has rained stedily all day.

Sunday 19

Three years to day since my Ma died. What tryals and troubles I have passed through since that time. Mr. Crawford called and took dinner here to day. All went to church but me, but there was no preaching. Saw a large squad of confeds this morning.

Monday 20

Went down to the fery, talked to Messers Mitchel and Duval about two hours, got home just as a very hard rain came on. Saw 22 Yanks this evening captured on a train near Resaca, train was burned by our scouts.

Tuesday 21

Still raining saw some more scouts with three ore Yanks captured near Adairsville. This day three years ago my mother was buried.

Wednesday 22

Heard heavy cannonading this morning. I think Johnson is having a regular engagement. No rain to day. Some scouts passed by with 43 blue coats captured two more trains but did not get to destroy one of them. Went up to see Mrs Knox's sick negroes this evening, one of them died after we left.

Thursday 23

Clear to day we are harvesting our wheat. Messers Mitchel Duval Osborn and Lieut Davis called this morning. Went to see that child buried. We heare that Johnson is whipping the Yanks back.

Friday 24th

Saw some more of our scouts to day. Climed the mountain (Turnip Mountain) after whortleberry's, gathered my basket full and returned home wet with perspiration. Good news if true, gen Lee has cut Grants army up so that he has no army left, and the report is that the Yanks are leaving Rome.

Saturday 25th

Two Texans ate breakfast here this morning report it is false about the Yanks leaving Rome, they went in and talked to the pickets.

Sunday June 26th, 1864

Very warm to day. Capt. Shannon with six scouts called this after noon. Had two Yanks with them. Gen Johnson has not had a regular engagement yet. How long, Oh Lord, how long will thou let the enemy run over us. Oh deliver us from their hands. May the time soon come when they will be driven back, never to return. Wouldst Thou strengthen our army and cause it to be successful. May victory perch upon our boughs. O Lord may the time not be far distant when peace will be restored and we will have gained our independence.

Monday 27th/64

Had a heavy rain but did not cool things. We saw some men whome we supposed to be Yanks, which excited us a good deal. Mrs. Knox's negro boy Wallace died to day of consumption. Has been sick about six months.

Tuesday 28th

Three of our scouts ate breakfast with us this morning, staid til 10 o'clock and then went in company with two more in the direction of Rome. three of them came back, without seeing any Yanks and the other two went on to Rome, to try and get some information, as to what number of troops there are. Hemed the skirt of aunt Ann's dress to day. Can't do much work when the soldiers are about. Have to talk to them.

Wednesday 29th

Cloudy this mornng but no rain. Have not seen a confederate soldier to day. Heard that the Yanks took old White last night and tis supposed they hung him as he has not returned yet. Nothing else of interest.

Thursday 30th 1864

Went down and wrote a letter for Mrs Pelt this morning to send to her husband. She had the opportunity of sending it by some of the 6th Ga. Oh what a time this is to live in. We do not know one hour what will befall us the next.

Friday July 1st 1864

Saw nine confederate soldiers to day two of them dined with us. Corptue and Morrow. Heard from the front. They fought last Monday. Our loss between 300 & 400, Yankie loss 13000 killed and wounded and two thousand captured. Gen. Johnson says he is whipping them as fast as he wants and is loosing but very few men. Yanks came down with in a mile of us today. came out foraging.

Saturday 2nd/64

All quiet to day, no scouts and no enemy. Had a light shower of rain and is still cloudy. Finished my stockings and made grand ma a cap. Old man White is not dead but is afraid to stay at home.

Sunday 3rd July/64

Saw some more Rebles this morning, about 80 passed along but did come by the house. One nice young soldier came by to see us. He had been here before. All went to church except grand ma and my self. Mr. Crawford preached. I have not been to church since the third Sunday in May. Had a shower of rain this afternoon, Some person broke open Mrs. Pelts house this evening, threw things all over the floore, but did not take any thing that she knew of.

Monday 4th

One year to day since my oldest sister died. She left a husband and three little boys to mourn her loss. Oh how much I would give to see those children. Poore little motherless children.

They may be fatherless by this time as their father is in very bad health. Mary, Em and Sis spent the day at uncle Isaac to day. He invited them up to eat some of his turkey Jennie and Bud returned home with them. Aunt sent me some turkey. Our old horse died to day.

Tuesday July 5th/64

Very warm. Jennie and bud went home this morning. No news to day. Finished aunt Ann's dress and went down and spent the afternoon with Mrs. Pelt.

Wednesday 6th

We have had a pleasant breeze all day if it was not for that the heat would be all most unbearable. Willie and Brown our Texas scouts called and staid about an hour. Mr. Turner called also. No engagement yet but they are skirmishing all the time. How long will times continue this way. We live in continual dread all the time for fear of the Yanks coming down and taking all our provisions and leave us to starve.

Thursday the 7th

Nothing of interest occured today. I ripped up an old dress to make over. Very warm and clear. Mr Comer was here to day. Heard that our scouts went to the tan yard and pressed a large quantity of leather amongst the rest was one of ours.

Friday 8th

Two Yanks passed here this morning early. About 30 came down to Coosa. We live in constant dread of them all the time. saw two Rebs. Nothing else of interest.

Saturday 9th

Warped our web of dresses in the fore noon. Mrs Knox came this evening, staid about an hour, sent and hauld our wheat home from Mr. Mitchels good many soldiers there can't tell whether they are confeds of Yanks. I heare that they are confeds.

Sunday 10th

No preaching to day. Had a very pretty rain this afternoon. Heard that cousin James Harit is wounded but is getting well, wounded through the body. The report is that general J. is falling back, that he is now across the river, within nine miles of Atlanta.

Monday 11th/64

Cut apples to day all morning. Had more rain to day. Saw two soldiers this evening. They say it is a mistake about gen J. falling back, that his army is still on this side of the river. I hope it is so for I do not want to be left any further back in the enemys lines.

Tuesday 12th

Put our web through the harness and read and commenced weaving today. Heare that three hundred Yankd are at Mr. Osburns about 11/2 miles from here.

Wednesday 13th

About three hundred and fifty feds passed here this morning some stoped but did us no damage. Oh how I hate to see them.

Thursday 14th

Scalled and scoured this morning. Emma and Sallie went to Mr. Mitchels this evening. Harriet went with them as she returned she saw two Yanks. Worked hard this evening seting the house in order.

Friday 15th

Sent for Dr. Stricklin this morning to see Mary she has been sick several days. She is better this evening. Saw our friends Cartright, Corprue and Morrow to day. They say that they captured a suply train of 20 carloads about 15 days rations for Shermans whole army. Mr. Cartwright came after Jonas, to go and shoe their horses. Emma and Sis have not come home yet.

Saturday 16th

Dr. S and M^{rs} Knox called this morning. Mary is better. Em and Sis came home about 10 oclock. I walked down to Mr. Stevensons and back this afternoon. Called at Mr. Comers. Got home just after about 30 Yanks left. They did us no Damage and if they will let us keep what we have got we can live.

Sunday 17

An other sabbath has come and still the enemy are in possession of our country. How long oh Lord will thou permit them to stay, and trample upon us as they are doing. Wilt thou strengthen our army and help them to drive them back. Mary Emma and sis went to preaching. Mr. Crawford came and preached. Miss Georgia Duval came while they were gone her aunt went down to the fery to see her sister in law. No enemy to day. Dr. called this evening with some good news if true Says that gen E Kirby Smith has reinforced gen J and that President Davis gen Lonstreet and gen Braxton are there, allso that gen J was having his pontoons sent back to the river.

Monday 18

Miss Georgia is going to spend the week with us to day has passed off very pleasantly Uncle Isac took dinner with us. No news of impotence.

Tuesday 19

Miss Georgia and I spent the day at Mr. Mitchels saw 5 of our scouts The day passed off finely. Had a pleasant walk home though rather warm. Heard to day that gen Ewell is in possession of Harpers fery and a portion of Lee's army is over in Maryland.

Wednesday July 20th

Good news if true. Lees army is within four miles of Washington City, the people are all moving out. They expect the place to be burned. The Yanks are deserting every night from Rome. I love to hear of them deserting, but it makes me feel sad to hear of the confeds running off.

Thursday July 21st/64

Three years to day since the first battle of Manassas was fought. Oh how many of our brave boys have fallen since that time, fighting for all that is dear to the heart of man. No news of interest to day. I finished knitting my thread and fixed a skirt to day. Had a refreshing shower of rain this evening.

Friday 22nd

Mary finished weaving our dresses to day, wove 30 yards since the 12 of this month the first she ever wove. I cut out two pairs of pants, but did not sew any. It is very smoky this evening the Yanks must have burned some town. I lent aunt Ann \$2.5 this morning. Have not seen a confed since Tuesday.

Saturday 23

Saw Billie Hardin just from the front. The news he brought is not very encouraging. Miss Georgia left us this evening. Her aunt came for her to go home. The negroes pressed out some cider. The first we have had this year.

Sunday 24th

Prayer meeting at prospect to day but did not any of us go. Emma and I walked down to aunt Lous orchard, ate as many apples as we wanted and returned home. Found Mrs Pelt here when we got home. The news she brought is more favorable.

Monday 25th

Have been fixing and hiding from the Yanks all day. Had Jonas to cut a decer through over the dining room. Helped beat apples to make cider. This evening made some splendid cider.

Tuesday 26th/64

Saw some confederate soldiers this morning, the first I have seen since last Tuesday. One of them stoped to pay me for some horse shoes that Capt Shannon got several weeks ago. Saw one who said that hr was just from the front. He brings bad news, says, that our troops were driven back last friday in the last trenches this side of Atlanta and that the enemy were shelling the city. Had burned 5 or 6 houses. We here so many different statements that we do not know what to believe. The news from Va. is more favorable. Emma got a paper this morning, a soldier sent it to her. The news is that our troops are in shelling distance of Washington City and in three miles or Baltimore.

Wednesday 27th

Had a good rain this evening has been cloudy all day. saw some refugees that the enemy had burned out. It made me feel sad to see them for I do not know how soon it will be our condition. Made some more cider this evening.

Thursday 28th

Saw some confederate soldiers this morning. They brought a lady out with them. Just before dinner a regiment of Yankees came along with a forage train, enquiring after the rebs that had the lady, searched our house for rebbles but found none. If they had I expect they would have burned us out. They caught a man down at Mrs. Pelts. Rebs have burned the City of Baltimore.

Friday 29th

Yankies came back to day; took several of our chickens. Moved five familys and a great many negroes to Rome. Took a good many prisoners along. They burned several houses between this and Rome. Gen Johnson has given Sherman a whipping at Atlanta. Killed a great many of them I have not heard our loss. Had a little rain this evening.

Saturday 30th

Made some cider this morning. Nothing of interest transpired to day. Very warm this evening.

Sunday 31st

Mary and Sallie went to prayer meeting this morning. Emma and I stayed home. Saw some confederates this morning. Had a shower of rain this evening which cooled the air.

Monday 1st of August/64

Worked hard all day finished my home spun dress. It fits very well. It was cloudy and sprinklin rain all the morning. Our

friends Cartwright and Corprue called on us this evening. I was a little uneasy for fear the yanks would come and find them here. They have threatened to burn our house if they do find any here and I know they will do it for I think that they want to burn us out any way and only want an excuse. Saw two men this evening who said that they were confeds and had on confed uniform, but I do not know whether they were or not. If they were not we said enough to them to cause the Yankies to burn us out. Gen Lee gained another victory in Va.

Tuesday 2nd

Not very well to day. Wrote a letter for Mrs Pelt to her husband. Emma and Sallie have gone to spend the day at Mr Mitchels. Em got a letter from cousin Frank yesterday. He was well but ina great deal of trouble. They returned this evening with good news from our army. A little rain this eve.

Wednesday 3rd

Very warm had a sprinkle of rain this evening. No news to day.

Thursday 4th

this morning was cloudy with the appearance of a good rain but it passed off with a light shower. Saw two confeds to day the same that passed up Monday. Went down to Mrs Pelts to twist my stocking thread and spent the afternoon. While there I read a note from Aunt Ann in refference to geting her some opium. Two confeds called last night after we lay down. I asked who was there and they said a friend belonging to the 8th Texas. They wanted to know if any Yanks had been down I gave them all the information I could.

Friday 5th

A squad of Yankies have gone below somewhere to day. None but the advance guard called. I will be very glad and thankful if they will pass us by with out a call on their return. They cut me out of a visit over to Mr. Mitchels, by going down. Abe Pelt came home to day. He says that he escaped from the Yankies but I think he ran away. He brings bad news from our army.

Saturday Aug 6th/64

Had a good rain last night but I fear it came too late to help some of our corn. Well I got my wish once. The Yankies passed back to day and never called. They had been to some tan yard. They had a quantity of leather. We have had a very hard rain this evening and it is still raining. It disapointed the negroes in making cider.

Sunday 7th/64

Clear this morning I walked down to see Mr. Pelt, staid an hour or two and came back. Met the girls going to church. Staid at home the remainder of the day. read and slept some. Mr. Crawford A Smith Virginia and Adda Bouchelon came here to dinner. Messers Mitchel and Flemish spent the afternoon. Mr. Crawford staid all night. Mr. Mitchel sent us a large water melon this morning and we ate it this evening. The first we have had this year.

Monday 8th

Made some cider to day. Not very good the apples too green. Mr. Withers came by told us some good news. The news still favorable from the front. He said that Wheeler had killed captured and scattered nearly all of the raiding party that has been tareing up the rail road. Had more rain this evening. A lady has stoped to stay all night. She is from near Rome, but had no news. The Yankies will not let any news get out.

Tuesday 9th

Nothing of interest to day. More rain. Jonas and Alf went to help Uncle Isac thrash his wheat. He is to help us in return. Went down to Mrs Pelts this evening. Had a good deal of fun hearing Mr. Comers Lucy talk about the Yankies. She hates them as bad as the white people. Oh when will we be relieved of their unwellcome presence. Their reward is sure for the way they are treating the people in the south but when will it come. How long before the North experiences what they have caused the south to suffer.

Wednesday 10th

More rain all through the day. I am very much disappointed to day. Mr Mitchel promised to send us some confederate papers up to his house yesterday and I sent for them to day and they had not come. Had some water melon.