

14th Originating in the first
of now the season began to advance & the month of
may came in with its fragrant evenings & Rosey Mornns
the time to plow the prairie soil & put in the corn
began rapidly to make its approach & at the latter end
of May I had nearly two acres of prairie plowed &
sowed with very fine Indian corn which in one
week sprang forth through the sod looking very
fine & green so very exceedingly rich & fertile
is the soil of Kansas Territory
about this time several settlers commenced what they
call using their log cabins of this description can
not possibly be done by one man therefore it
is quite a customary thing to send word to the
neighbours to let them know that such an individual
intends to have a raising on such a day
when five or six persons & sometimes more will
attend & give their very important services gratuitously
it happened to be my lot to be called upon to be
engaged in occupations of this description of character
very frequently which of course I could never & did never
refuse although I was very frequently engaged in
other occupations
in June the prairie grass began to grow very
luxuriantly, fresh & green I resolved therefore in
my mind to purchase a cow & calf the first chance