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Diary & Weather Plots

Hodgeman Kan.

June 2nd 1880

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June 2nd 1880 Gather Julia Collier & myself
planting rice corn on my claim all day
Etoile Housekeeper John's foot so he cannot
walk & Gracie stays at home we had corn
bread and a very little bacon for our dinner
when I came found none of the little ones
had eaten anything since morning how sad
I felt & cooked these small pieces of meat & fried
four eggs all we had for supper a little thickened
orange & cup of tea was our supper poor Gather &
dear little ones how sorry I am for them does
it pay to deprive ourselves of so much to save
our farms I have no money & nothing scarcely to
eat what shall I say Our Gather who is
in Heaven give us this day our daily bread
I feel more sorry for others than myself must
try to pass something tomorrow how sad I am
God in mercy forgive my unbelief & help us
that we may know the best not forgotten us
June 3rd Gather & Julia went to office and to the
ranch after some milk Etoile & Collier planted with
me until Gather came up with the horses & some
lunch of some milk & Johnny cake with a little
butter on it we skinned from the butter milk
Gusky came to see if Gather would take a
load of fumes to Dodge or Spearville a distance
of 30 miles for \$2.00 and he paid then or later
their expenses Gather agreed to do so next morning
June 4th Gather went to Quanah after fumes
I rode with him to Gridsby's to borrow a little flour
until he came back got 6 1/2 lbs then to & I went
to the timber claim to plant when we had planted
20 rows Julia came out for me as Etoile she
heard was unstruck I came home & she
got better I worked at my sewing in the house
which was quite a privilege June 5th Julia Collier
I worked hard planting all day finished
one piece just got home as Gather came from
Spearville with two dollars he got a sack of
meat 4 lbs of meat bar of soap paper of soda
little salt paid a debt at Hemmers of 23 cts
worth of crackers & cheese some of
which he divided with us after he got home
cold and chilly Julia worked with a shawl
tied around her all day I with a sack or and
too cold without we were busy at work.

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June 6th Sunday warm & pleasant - I traveled
about 7 miles going for milk & to the post
office. got no milk as Mrs Temple was
away from home as she generally is.
Father is writing to bro Joseph. I am too
tired & discouraged to look upon the bright
side of anything.
June 7th Father sowed out with the horse
Cloth Collins & I planted all day Johnny cake
is all the bread we have Julia keeps house
and always has supper ready when we come
home. June 8th Julia & I planted
sugar cane all day as before Cloth kept
house Julia & Collins have gone 3 miles
for some milk for supper and I am
going to make mush while they are gone.
Oh when shall we ever again have
the comforts of life I am trying to
help put a crop on father's shoulder
claim to help him save it I am sad
to see these poor children suffer for
proper food. we set a hen
June 9th Father marked & Julia Collins & I planted
on father's binder claim very warm indeed
nothing unusual transpired 10th warm but
strong south wind Julia Housekeeper & E & C
planted all day, very hot all of us a lot
of ponies 85-0 passed before we had got
out of sight. 2 men called for breakfast
nothing to get for them or Julia would
have got them some so much for being
hard up. Little Fannie & Collins caught
a rabbit & Julia dressed it for breakfast
for to marrow. 11th All went into the field
and finished planting father's 5 acres. Some
men drove up as we did and wanted to buy
some bread but I could not sell any as I had
no flour to make any our dinner was
clear Johnny cake & water we went three
miles for some milk & to buy one lb of butter

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but she had no some milk or butter I asked
for syrup but she had none finally I bought
about 3 lbs of milk paid 10 cts she gave me
some pickles & vinegar poor children went to
bed hungry father & I eat some mush & milk
& Julia then saved some of the 3 lbs for the
childrens breakfast. 12th father & I & Grace
went to Hiners a little store 5 miles from
here to pawn some of my jewelry for some
flour but he said no we had 25 cts
we went 1/2 miles to buy a little butter for
our supper A neighbor the night before
told us butter was 11 cts a lb she asked 20
00 I bought 1/2 lb for 10 cts and got about
2 qts of buttermilk we took supper of
Johnny cake butter & buttermilk & were
thankful. but we had so little. 13 Sunday
father & I went to Mr Rumples for some milk
& 1 lb of butter for 11 cts she gave us milk
but could sell no butter this was before
breakfast. 14th we went to see a man about
trading our cow coming in the 1st of Aug
for one giving milk now & coming in in Jan
next He wanted \$7.00 to boot & our cows
calf beside but must wait until he saw our
cows first we took dinner with them & came
home with nothing for the poor children I got
them some mush fried each one an egg &
they ate some very some milk & went to bed
but before this Julia started for the post office
five miles distant on horseback Collins went
to look up Cleopatra and found her little
dead colt we were all very sorry I was very blue
& discouraged but knew it was wrong to
mourn too much I washed a tub full of
clothes then started to meet Julia as it was
after dark. I met her she had got a registered
letter from Uncle Harrison with \$10.00 in it
and other news of encouragement I was
ashamed of my unbelief and unfaithfulness
Dear Father how much comfort he is to me
and how I love to hear him pray. little Grace
wished that I would send her some flour
but we have no more flour

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June 15 very pleasant - Gather Collier & I went into the field and buried Elea's colt. brought her up & picketed her we went to Vernon store spent \$2.25 for sack flour 60cts worth sugar Soap 10 starch .05 - .05 - worth crackers as we had had nothing since morning Julia Collier & Eloise gathered a nice lot of green grapes for canning with nothing to eat only we gave them a few crackers when we got back about five o'clock then took Louis & Grace supper & now all are to bed or preparing for it but me. we have not had any flour in the house for about two weeks except 6 1/2 lbs I borrowed. we went 1 mile out of our way to buy 2 1/2 lbs butter price 12 1/2 June 16 Julia Collier & Louis planted on Joseph's timber claim to save it - Father furrowed out - Eloise was sick I gave her a sweat then was taken with severe pain in my side could hardly stir but just after they came from the field I got better. June 17 I worked in the field with the rest - Eloise was some better. June 18 Collier & Louis went out to get the horses & found Minnie had a nice little colt - then we all went to work again planting. the night before we had a little shower. June 19 Eloise Collier Gather & Louis and I planted hard all day Julia worked in the house. June 20 Julia & Eloise went to see Mrs Grigby's baby from the 4th. she sat steady at home. very dry hot & windy. butter gone we have nothing to eat but bread & a little sugar - oh how hard it is to keep soul and body together.

Monday 21st All worked in the field planting Sugar cane Mrs Grigby wanted me to come down to her house & do the work while her husband was

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gone I started early this morning & Mr G came home at night - unexpectedly very warm & strong south wind

22 Very Warm Strong South Wind I arrived home about 11 o'clock after doing up the work at Mr Grigby's planted on Uncle Joseph's timber claim & finished the 5-acre Eloise's hard rain in her Bowels to night very Cloudy looks like rain but no one can tell when it will rain by signs in civilized countries.

out. here mamma went to Genples for sour milk & some sweet for Eloise when she got back Eloise was better. 23rd Went to Vernon got 6 lbs butter @ 10 1/2 2 sacks flour 1 of meal 3 lbs sugar little rope traded over five dollars worth.

24 Gather & I walked about 7 miles to Mrs Andrews to see our cow and here another got caught in the rain & staid all night - had mush & milk for supper. 25th hired the use of a young cow for 76 - a week and father & I got her most home when the children came out to meet us she got frightened & run way back most home to Mr Beaudman's herd Father was thrown down his finger hurt - Collier Julia & I went after her found her about 3 or 4 miles away but could not get her back sent Collier to have father fetch the team but he could not find

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the horses Julia & I waited for them at Mr Cummings farm 1 mile to then walked home. I then walked two miles back to look for the horses but did not find them 26. Father & I got the horses & went to Beaumans herd for her but could not & had to wait another day felt sad & discouraged. 27. 28 day is Sunday but we thought best to go and get the cow as we told them to tie her for us at night. We went after her & brought her and picketed her got some seed for chickens from Josephs as we had to have something for them to eat got supper milked and only had about 3 pts all asleep but me I am blue dont think people ought to work on the Sabbath if they can avoid it. God looks at our hearts dont feel as if I had lived as become a Christian to day. 28. Went 3 miles for milk & to the post office got a card from Prindle got no milk. 29. Father & I went after horses found Queens head all swelled up with a rattlesnake bite put soda on it and mud but at night it was no better put thought she would get better in the night or she would die. 30. horse alive but no better kept mud on her Father & Julia got some remedies gunpowder yolk of egg & salt gave her some ammonia Mr Grigsby helped put some ammonia down her she seems worse. **July 1st** horse alive but very bad hope & trust she may get better feel very bad.

Queen is better than she was this morning sucks a little meal & milk & drinks water. We all hope she will live. Boyd passed along the road

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walked all the way from Dodge says Soda is the best thing for rattlesnake bite. Cloudy but no rain warm & clear to night nothing done but chores & tend to sick horse. Teams all the time passing bound for

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July 2 warm & dry I have helped about the chores after dinner father plowed his garden & sowed it to sugar. Etoile, Collier & Louis went with him to help plant but he plowed it in then got water from Grigsby's to wash with. Julia & I sowed and worked in the house as Julia & Collier wanted to go to a picnic tomorrow three miles from here. Etoile has no shoes & father nothing suitable made to wear as I work outdoors so much I have little time to sew. Horse is better. I am very thankful to Him who hears our poorest cry. Oh that we might always do just right and trust in the Lord. **July 3rd** warm Julia & Collier went 4 miles on foot to a picnic but came home thinking it did not amount to much not as good as our picnic last year when they were entertained by speaking & singing. Etoile & Louis & Grace Grandpa & I staid at home & had no shoes. I washed & helped attend to Queen who gets along slowly but I hope she will live. To day is the 14th anniversary of our marriage and oh how I miss my darling husband. But I am anxious to live for my childrens sake and to comfort father who is so much comfort to me but hope I shall meet him in heaven and my dear mother. How different I am situated now from

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fourteen years ago then we were gay & happy with sister Julia & family in Wilmington. I'll now brother & sister are both gone & I am here in the far west with father & five dear little ones suffering all the privations of a frontier life in a land that has been suffering a terrible drouth for two years. All asleep but me and I must soon go as I am very tired. July 4th 30 day is the anniversary of our glorious National Independence warm & pleasant. I received a package of temperance papers also Collier brought 2 letters to me one from bro Dr the other from sister Laura & my niece Jennie we are glad to hear from our friends it makes our hearts lighter and I feel thankful for all the blessings we have. July 6th Father & I wrote to the Dr. and to Mrs Andrews on business we went to the dance intending to go to Vernon but the Pawnee Creek had risen so high on account of the hard rain we had last night that we could not cross water stands in all the draws I then pulled her picket last night and went off I found her feeding and left her her face is considerably swelled now we have no butter or meat or sugar. I am thankful to God for all the blessings he has bestowed upon me but oh how I wish he would cause me to get my person that I might make father and the children comfortable.

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July 6th Father & I broke a little on father's claim with Bird & Minnie July 7 went to the ranche & the creek was so high we could not go across returned went to Marina. They had no flour or meal or meat I bought 2 lbs of sugar & 2 of maceuil I got supper partly cut father's pants out & it was too dark we mailed one letter to H & L one to Aunt Seymour one to Mrs Clark one to the Dr. one card to Mrs Andrews at Marina. July 8th Father & I broke on his timber claim with Deles. she was hard to drive & broke the plow but I am thankful it is no worse & when we came home had supper already gotten by the little girls with a nice cake in honor of my sweet little boys birthday one is 9 & one is 6. 9th we have been plowing all day the stock are having nice feed since the dry rain & plenty of water in the draws I am thankful for the blessings I have that God remembers us and all our wants although so very small. 10th plowed all day and felt much worn out 11 Sunday Collier went to the office no mail 12 plowed all day & Collier bore on the beam finished father's timber claim I was never gladder to finish any piece we had broke. The handle to our plow several days before & now we must break a new one. 13th went to Vernon nothing to eat for several days but bread & milk & a few eggs once in a while. a very little sugar but everything used up this morning and I had only \$1.65 to get anything with & pay a debt of 20 I got 1 sack of flour \$1.50 then lacked 29 of paying him but he was very kind and trusted me for 8 lbs butter box matches little

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sack of salt - I now owe him 60 cts -
 we called at Mr Temple's to keep
 out of the rain & get the girls who
 were left there to fish got 3 very small
 ones we had a nice rain cane home
 with water stank in the road
 14th I have stayed at home worked on
 father's pants Gatter & Leallie
 & dragged in some sugar cane for feed
 on father's new Arelakij Etale most
 very well I am sitting up to bake
 my bread all the rest are in bed.
 15th Father & Leallie finished sewing cane
 on his lumber claim I finished father's
 pants sewed on my dress and Julia
 and I covered a parasol I had had
 long before I was married. 16th I went to
 the post office received a letter from
 good bro & sister Harrison & Harriet - said
 they had plenty of rain was afraid the wheat
 would be injured heard Edith Gowdy had died
 and left a little baby 8 weeks old.
 17th I washed a few things used up all the soap
 I had. A herd of ponies stayed all night
 close by here 18th Gatter has written to Joseph
 and I to W. Fitzgerald rained last night
 night before last & a shower today
 plenty of rain here now. 19th went to Nelson's
 & picked up a load of chips and wood
 Gatter & Louis crossed the prairie at Adair's
 and Julia & I walked to the office & back
 a distance of 8 miles ~~there~~ almost on an
 empty stomach as we had eaten scarcely
 any thing since morning after dark when
 we got to the office ~~we~~ were so hungry
 we ate the new corn stalks then got home
 long after dark supper was waiting good all asleep
 but Gatter I mailed 3 letters one to W. Fitzgerald
 one to Joseph & one to the Dr. now we are
 almost out of flour.

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July 20th At home it rained last night
 and was lowry & rained some during
 the day I sewed & baked all my flour.
 July 21st Pleasant & sunshine Gatter &
 Etale went to Vernon got 26 lbs flour
 & gal syrup 40 soap 25 - rope in all I
 think 82 cts 22nd July Julia & Gatter went down
 to father's house and brought his bed clothes
 I sewed. 23rd Leallie rode down with
 mail carrier for mail could not
 cross the creek. 24th Julia & I sewed &
 Julia got her lesson in Arithmetic
 Gatter went to Weares to see about
 relief. 25th Leallie rode to office got no
 mail we all read and spent the day
 26th we went after cherries at the dry
 run called at Mr Robinsons & father
 called upon several families to see about
 relief. Very pleasant, grass very green many
 persons are going away but the country
 looks lovely with its fresh robe of soft
 green. July 27th Out of flour & meal except
 a very little don't know where the next
 will come from. 28th nothing but hominy
 and milk. I sewed father after buying
 several pairs borrowed rolls of ~~material~~
 29th nothing but hominy & milk to eat
 30th Gatter borrowed 10 lbs of meal
 of Mr Temple. We went after some
 more cherries. fat pretty blue
 Gatter went to Kerners to get some
 flour & meal but he would not trust
 but rather sad. 30 day is good bro
 Harrison's 52nd birthday.
 31st Gatter borrowed 15 lbs of flour of
 Mr Wilson. found Mrs W with a young
 baby but very kind & pleasant -
 he tried to get some at Weares but
 he would not trust when father
 came home hungry with the flour

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he raised the sack & swung it to Julia who stood watching him for joy he who knew so little of being deprived of the comforts of life until he came into this state of Kansas. Aug 1st A lovely lovely summer day only too warm for comfort. I rode to the office & walked back Father & children had a call from Mr. Hauser of the Hodgeman and Mr. Humbolt - they admired our horses but had no money I guess to buy them. Oh how I wish I could sell one of them we need money so much.

Aug 2nd Father went to Vernon and got traded for 1 sack flour about 25 cts worth of sugar I should think although we called for 50 cts worth a box of Malheur I stayed with Grace to dinner with Mrs. Grigsby we had basenut & butter dutch cheese a few Kansas string beans & molasses coffee this is to show how people fare in Kan. I relished it - for we have very little butter at home. Aug 3rd Father & I wrote to Harrison & Louis had a call from a Soldier in the regular army to look at our colt. Lightning for a friend in Garfield he said. Apr 4th Father & Collie went to see about cutting our mill. I worked at sewing the children studied their lessons. Father mailed the letter to Louis. I sent a Postal to Stokes today. Aug 5th Father went to Mr. Fairbanks and ask about his fixing the plow. Collie went to Mrs. Anderson to see if our cow had come

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in. We all staid at home I baked and ironed to save wood the children worked and studied I felt very blue I was afraid Collie's horse would hurt him because her colt was left at home when father came home he said some had more trouble than we did. Said Mrs. Willson & lady he had met about a week ago with a young baby living 3 1/2 miles from here was dead, died suddenly I was very much shocked and saddened she left the children a girl 12 & boy 4 and a baby one week and a husband who seemed most distracted. I tried to be thankful that death had not crossed our door. But my dear husband's loss will always be heavily felt by me. Aug 6. Father & I attended the funeral a very respectable and sympathetic crowd of people were there a sermon preached by Elder Newcom from Amos 4 - 12. Prepare to meet your God. Aug 7th The weather is lovely save to those whose hearts are full of sorrow. Father went to Mr. Robinson's and to Marena for him I made a pair of pants for Collie beside other work the children studied their Arithmetic. Aug 8th Went to Mr. Grigsby's on my way to the post office found he had called for my mail and I returned soon as they had a house full of company Mr. Gentry's family I think it a poor time to visit on Sunday. I mixed up all my flour and made three loaves of bread no butter no sugar no eggs only a very few. a day we sit an other kept yesterday our hens all sit late. Oh how hard it is for me to live from hand to mouth not knowing even where our bread is coming for it seems dark to me but I think some good will come out of this if none of us actual starve. I am so sad and feel so

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I hardly know what to do with myself
but will try and do as well as I can
and trust the Lord for the rest.

12 Grandpa & Collie went to
Browns Grove to get trucked
for something to eat. got ~~nothing~~
nothing & no mail borrowed
14 1/2 lbs flour & 14 1/4 Meal of Mr
Quance 13 Fixed the well rope
& getting ready to go to Larned
Grandpa went to Mr Robinsons
11th Grandpa Mamma & Collie
started for Larned & tole Collie
Louie & I staying alone bucket-
rope wheel & all fell in to the
well I took Princes Rope off him
& hooked it all out at night.
Deaf & Dumb man came &
picketed Prince 12th Deaf & Dumb
man came & held cow while
I milked & he tended Prince
13th Collie & I done chores all
alone cow kicked at me 5 times
& I sit down & cried Grandpa
& Grandpa & Grace came home
before noon but Mamma
staid at Larned & worked at
The Larned House I cried

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cried I hate to have poor little
Mamma work out & be domineered
around I had a great deal rather
work out my self. 15 Drizzling rain
& then hard raining this after-
noon to day is Sunday wrote to
poor little Mamma 14 Collie
went to the Post-Office after Gran-
dpa came back from Mrs
Andras & he learned our cow had
come in she came in Friday had
a little bull calf Collie was out-
in an awful rain I was awful
worried & cried & took on but
after the storm he came home
safe & sound he was not wet-
he had staid at Mr Grigsbys
& she had given him much & milk
he got a letter from Uncle Louis
with 2.00 in it & a promise of
5.00 in 10 days he is coming
out here first of September
18 Grandpa Collie & I went after
the cow she is just as fat as
butter & just as handsome as a
picture we took dinner at their
house I forgot to write that when
Grandpa came home from L-
he had 2 sacks flour 1 sack meal
25-lb sack Graham 40 cents
sugar

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18th Grandpa & I went to Vernon
to spend 2.00 & get the mail
when we returned I bought
10 cts salt - 25 cts beans 1.00
butter 10 cts writing paper 1 box
bluing for into 5.0 cts well rope
came back no mail wrote a postal
to Uncle Louis Grandpa & I wrote
to Aunt Belle 19th the cows gives
bloody milk out of one tit it
ruined steady late last night
Grandpa walked over to Mr Rob
insons to see if he could cut
the millet - 20th Friday Grandpa
& I went to the office He wrote
to Mamma the mail did not
come in the creek was so high
I felt disappointed I expected
to hear from Mamma 21st
was taken sick in the night &
was sick all day Grandpa & boys
got a load of wood at Nelson
whitman 22nd Sunday I am better
23rd day Grandpa wrote to
Uncle Louis & Uncle Harrison
they are awful good men & I
love them & I will always be
good to my friends

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23rd Grandpa & I went to the
office I received a letter or postal
card rather from mamma she
is not well she works too hard
I am afraid I wish she was at
home I sent her back a card
24th I worked very hard Etile
in addition to our usual
house work washed ironed
mopped washed windows &
doors & cleaned up generally
Grandpa went over to Mr
Robinsons Mrs Butts youngest
boy 3 years old has the typhoid
fever 25th Mr Robinsons came after
me to come & stay 3 days &
night but I could only prom-
ise to stay to night the child
is not expected to live Grand-
pa has gone to draw Mr
Robinson a load of wood
I was sick last night but it
was some stringbeans that
relaxed me so & Grandpa
was the same way Grandpa
is going to the office to night
We are all well & I am very
Thankful for there is so many

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sick around here 26th Mr Robinson could get no one else to stay with the sick child & I was obliged to stay for I could not be so cruel as to leave the woman with her child alone when he was liable to die any time he is awful sick 27 I am still at Mrs Butts Mrs Robinson has tramped all over but can get no one to help her I will have to stay to night Collie came over & got my horse for I rode Bird horse back Grandpa wanted to use the Bridle I had he tried to cross the Pawnee creek but could not 28 Grandpa came after me I sent word for him to be went after ~~Mrs~~ Heimer to come in my place but could not get her so Old Mrs Robinson came I went home & went after the mail could not cross the creek I have to go back to Mrs Butts tomorrow morning

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29 Grandpa & I went to the office no mail 4 men had eat breakfast at our house (bread & milk) & willingly paid us 60 cents - Grandpa & I went to Sears & bought 40 cts worth of Dried Apples when we come home we eat dinner & Grandpa took me over to Mrs Butts the child I could see had failed

29 ~~28~~ I have made some mistakes in dates but to day is the 29 Grandpa came after me I can leave my work at home no longer I came home Mrs Butts arrived home soon after I left ~~29~~ ³⁰ I eat home to work all well This afternoon went to Post office got a postal from Poor little handworking mamma she was to stay 2 weeks more if possible ~~30~~ nd at home working I wish I could hear how Buddie Butts was

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Sep 1 At home looks like rain
At night rained quite a little
& the wind blew terrible

Sep 2 Mr Ward came over
this morning & told us Bud
die Butts was dead & wanted
us to go after the coffin at
the grave we went 7 miles
of the 10 & was informed
they did not keep coffins
there we went to the Office
no mail Oleo got cast
on her stomach while we were
coming up the creek we
got her up all right for Mr
Ward was with us & she was
not hurt anyway I don't know
when the funeral will be.

Sep 19th Sunday all at home
mamma still away toiling for
bread for her children. We are
out of flour & have to eat rice
corn last week he tended to
Sorghum on Uncle Augustus' timber

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claim cutting & carrying it to
mill 4 miles from Sargnum-field

We have been to the post-Office
Mon Wed & Fri every time for
5 weeks Uncle Louis has wrote -

a spell ago & promised to
send \$150.00 by express
We have had hot winds that

burned the Beans & we have
got no one to cut the millet.

Oct 15th It has been a long time
since I have written in this diary
I have been away working for six
weeks at Sargnum something I never
had to do before but it seemed best
at the time I worked hard and
had some unpleasant things to
put up with beside being away from
father and the dear children but
I think it will be an experience
in my life that will be for the
best I have been at home nearly
three weeks and worked out in
the field with father & the little
ones every day except this week
3 days we had rainy weather they
yesterday we worked but today the
wind has blown and it rained some
and was very cold and snowed a very
little just enough to kill snow on it was
that the 20th of this month we
received \$50. from Louis

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we are anxious to sell Lightning to fix our house & barn and relieve us of present necessities. We received a letter from Ballie W's good little girl. I have written one letter to Louis since I came home I am glad to be at home with my dear family again. 16th Gather Etoile Collier & myself worked on Dr's timber claim cutting cane the weather was cold and raw but we felt we must work. Julie Louie & Grace stayed at home kept house & gathered cow chips to burn. Julie got dinner for Elder Newcomb. 17th Today is Sunday we all staid at home as usual pleasant and warmer. Today is the 6-3rd anniversary of my Dear father's marriage so well remembered by him. Julie went to the office but got no mail. I forgot to say that the 15th in the middle of the storm Ballie discovered a skunk in the barn and was much frightened for fear he would bite something or somebody. Father took a pitchfork and went after him into the privy where he had taken refuge. Stuck the fork into him and then we could kill him no other way than to heat water and scold him which we did until he was most dead then father chipped him into water. Collier helped him by the fork. 18th Worked in the cane weather cool Elder Newcomb called staid to dinner also Mrs Butts glad to see them but felt sorry to leave my work. Gather came from the mill and saw them a short time brought two letters one from sister Belle one from Mr Barto glad to hear of Dr's prosperity &c. Mr Barto wished me to come and

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take care of his sick wife as he could get no one around there very difficult for me to leave as I work hard every day in the cane. 19th Pleasant Gather went to the mill we worked in the cane. 20th Gather went to mill with one load Etoile & Collier worked with me Julie & Grace kept house and gathered stuff. A fuel called butfals chips. Lovely day we got dinner for a man from Col. he paid me \$50. I told him it was too much but he said no then I went into the field and worked until after dark. I am thankful for the blessings I have life & health for myself and family although we all work very hard. hope the dear children & father will have it easier before long. Nov 8th Most eleven o'clock over two weeks since I have written in my journal I have worked about every day since I wrote before in the field up to last Thursday when I gathered fuel with Gather & the children then Friday had our family here I used them well although they are not much company for me last Saturday father got some poles to partition the barn as our stock stay out most every night because we have not our barn fixed no hay but cane sticks then the weather is nice for this time of the year Mr Robinson fixed in three windows for us which made it very pleasant after waiting so long to have it done. It chanced me very much to have them fixed for it has been pretty dark the same night a man & boy with some cattle stayed over night & fed their horses & charged 90 which I wish some one would come that I might buy my girls some calico dresses which will only cost \$1 1/2 for 16 yds. last Sunday we spent quietly as usual and I could hardly see where the day had went gone to some of the past two weeks I have felt

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pretty sober but today a large herd of cattle passed here and they gave us a little helper calf 2 months old that was tired out - I was thankful and full grateful for all my blessings and that I can see God's hand in so many things. Father & the boys picked up a load of wood fuel and I picked some and up until 4 o'clock when we did our chores & then every I have cut out two little undergarments for precious little Grace a chemise out of a flour sack a pair of drawers out of ham cloths & saved while at the shop little Louis went to bed with a headache I am afraid he works too hard he is only six and works about every day steady & is very smart and ambitious I hope he will be well in the morning he is an excellent boy and oh how his mamma loves him Father is very busy all the time and has too much care I hope God will ever be with us and do what is for our good. 9th last every at commenced raining cold rained all night & a fine rain all through the day. every thing looks blue no barn for stock a cold house poor clothes & c 10th Father & boys got another load of light wood & brush very difficult to get up on the banks of the creek the girls & I worked in the house and helped the chores 11, Mr & Mrs Gregory brought us up a load of squash and pumpkins & Mrs Gregory spent the day I intended to cut cake or pick rice corn but the children except Grace went with Grandfather & picked a load of rice corn I got supper & father took Mrs G home & bought 2 bush of beans

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We received a letter from the Dr writing me to send him a photo of himself as he was a young man to have some taken from it - Nov 30th about two weeks ago Mr Gregory helped father one day for the barn as we could put every thing in except lightning we had no halter for him and were not leave him in the cor has no place fixed for her we have kept the horses in the barn about one week the weather was so cold we have had some winter weather for three weeks with occasional snow storms snowing only a few inches. my two little calves died I was sorry but am glad I have had no greater loss. I later about all our time to get wood pick rice corn get stalks & do the chores I feel sorry to think I have so little time to work in the house and teach my children Collier & Louis only 9 & 6 years of age help do the chores attend to horses chop wood and work like little men I hope they will grow up good men and blessing to their mamma and an honor to the world and my girls do all they can. Dear father is a blessing to us all we could not live without him last week we had a letter from sister Harriet how glad we are to hear from her, we all work hard and sometimes get discouraged but God has said as the day is so shall thy strength be we have been without flour for one week nearly or we baked the last about one week ago no meat & very little butter, plenty of excellent soyhumb & yam about 60 lbs of milk a day today we bought a sack of flour paid \$1.40 for 50 lbs equal measure paid 35 cents. pretty cold today. Dec 1st very pleasant - Father & the children cleaned out the barn & cleaned the floor in the house and baked we picked the houses out the first five over a week

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The children worked hard Julia
laughed - Elsie & Collie writing in the
evening Louis was too tired &
sleepy. Dec 2nd Pleasant - Father &
I got a load of wood and were
very comfortable Julia melted and
and hurt herself lifting. God is good
to us he remembers us in a great
many ways. Dec 3rd received a letter
from Louis or card in Chicago
we got a load of fodder & corn
Julia went with us Dec 4th got a
load of wood very pleasant until
we started for home when in
3 miles of home it thickened
up the horrid blue winter
cold the moon was hid
we feared the children could
not get 3 young horses in the
barn. We saw a light at the
window when we were a mile
away we got home all worked
hard the children got the sleds
in and we were thankful
5 - pleasant but cold pecked
the sleds got our chores done
early had a strong cold wind
in the evening. Dec 5th very pleasant
Dec 6th quite pleasant but cold Father Julia
Elsie & Collie got a load of rice corn I washed
Louis cut wood Grace helped her mamma
I finished washing Collie cut wood the girls
& father got rice corn Dec 7th Father Julia &
Elsie got rice corn very pleasant - 9th Pleasant
got rice corn. 10th Father Elsie Collie & I

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got a load of rice corn Julia & I stand at home
and worked. The weather was very pleasant
about out of floor. Oh I am so tired of
being pinched. Julia laugh - the children
enjoy this coming and I heard Louis read he
was too tired he dropped asleep when he was
reading poor children no time to study only
in the evening when they are so tired.
Dec 11th the 1st I have written this week very
pleasant father got one each of flour box of
a spoils of thread 1 1/2 lbs of meat
which took all my money except
Saturday we got a load of wood Julia
went to the Grove 10 miles on an arched
horseback and earned millet for the horses
as father said he would take the pay in
millet - the girls & I got a load of rice corn
while father & Collie were getting a load of
millet - Louis & Grace stand alone until
grandpa went 2 1/2 miles and got a load of
millet - I think they done well for children
only 6 & 4 years old got our chores done early
Louis read and wrote - Julia Elsie & Collie
studied arithmetic & C & G are most through
their books but I study a Higher Arithmetic
I am sorry father has so much to do for
he is too tired at night. he is an excellent
father I hope God will bless him & we will
all try to be better I am too impatient.
Dec 15th - Father Julia Elsie Louis & I got a large
load of rice corn we all done the chores except
Julia got supper the children studied writing
Julia & I arithmetic Louis & Grace read I looked
out some hard examples in mental arithmetic
for Collie all the children were tired out
and pretty cross I am too impatient but
I will try to do better poor little tired children
work hard & study in the evening when they
are tired. 16th Father was tired out the children
except Grace went with me and got a nice load
of rice corn 17th Julia took my place & went with
father & Collie for a load of fodder I partly
made two pairs of pants for the boys
18th Father Collie & I went for a load of brush

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4c Julia made her a pair of drawers & partly made Etile a pair. 19th I forgot to note that we received a letter from Sister Belle with their family pictures we were very glad & a nice letter from Mrs & Goss men I owe you 8 dollars Friday morning I went to the office today no letter from Bro L who said he would send me some money owing me by the 6th of this month and would be here in two weeks no letter no money. flour most all mixed up little meal & some rice corn meal Mrs Grigsby gave me today three dollars in the house beside Gracie 10^{cts} - I rode to the office with the mail carrier & walked home distance 4 or five miles I feel rather better but God knows what is best. Oh I hope I can send Julia to school soon & find time to teach the little ones except in the evening Jan 3rd the last two weeks has been very cold for 4 or 5 days we hardly saw the sun one week we went 8 times to the office got wood done chouse for Ward same one said our colts had damaged him we gave him a load of corn for the trouble we have waited for money and none came we have lived for corn bread for nearly two weeks Christmas chicken & corn bread Julia & Etile made candy & popped corn for the children Santa Claus did not come here New years corn Julia & Etile walked 3 miles to get some money a man owed us to buy flour as our meal was most gone no money but they came home & took the team went back & he let them have a sack of flour yesterday Julia went to the office one Bird got a letter from Harriet

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and a package for father New pants and undershirt from L. & H. yesterday Jan 4th Father & I got a load of wood children done the work at home. Father & I got a large load of stalks and I got a small load. Jan 5th Julia and I got a small load. Jan 6th Father was too tired out. Very pleasant & commenced raining before he unloaded stalks then it turned into snow we had a very bad storm Collier dug for the colts Father & Julia walked home too. Jan 7th Father & I got a load of wood it was cold but we got along very well Jan 8th another very severe snow & blow storm we all felt discouraged Jan 9th Very cold day we staid at home and tried to keep warm Jan 10th Father & I got a load of wood and the good little children I done the work yesterday I went to the office on foot and brought some rice corn Mr Grigsby gave me home it was poor but he more out of flour & meal except flour enough for tonight once I was tired and very much discouraged I cried and felt as if only trouble was before me a large family and very cold weather & nothing to eat After he went out we saw a man Mr Whitman he was kind told us to come to his place and get a load of brush I felt better hearted to night my dear little Collier felt unwell hurts his stomach I hope he will be better in the morning for his mother thinks a great deal of his little man 9 years old who works hard every day like a little man load help us all. 11 Father & I got a large load of brush children done the work Collier hurt his wrist no money no flour quite pleasant 12. 70 day is lovely bright warm sun Father & Floris go to sell a little calf going to get flour I borrowed little Gracie 10^{cts} to buy thread with

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Gather picked out the horses before he went away everything seems to enjoy the sunshine Julia & Etta & Corrie are cleaning out the barn I am alone in the house with Grace, Mr Ward has been here for 5 gal of sorghum I measured out one gal and wait until Saturday or next week from Saturday for our pay, Jan 21st. I have not written for some days this week so far has been a busy one as usual mon we got a load of brush this, I walked to the office got a registered letter from Harriet with \$5.00 in it from good sister H who knew I had waited so long for my money from L also some packages one for father a lb of tea some cotton cloth for me a package for Grace & Louis with some little stockings all felt thankful when the mail man told us there was one at the office for us all expected my money from L but were sadly disappointed when we found it was from H instead of L but we were very thankful. Wed we went to Mr Wrights paid him 2 gals of syrup towards what I owed him got his advice about fixing the barn & his promise to help fix it by coming tomorrow Thurs went to Mrs got 1 sack flour 1 sack meal 1/2 gal kerosene his slate pencils 10 cts machine oil all came to 2.35. Today we went to Mr Arlens bought \$1.00 worth of poles to fix barn got part of them took dinner with Mrs & Wright who was very kind got home found the children had done up their work nicely we have heard most all the lessons as the children all study at home what time they have in the daytime & finish their lessons in the evening except my little man Corrie cant find time except in the evening because his work keeps him busy. I through the day we hope he will make all the better man for his care and work when he is so young being only 9 years old we think we have got good children we mailed a letter to Harrison this morning. We are reading a loud from Samuels in the army

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23 this week we have got our barn fixed
 paid Mr Knight for 2 days work 1.70
 some him five cts he fixed one half
 of it said he would trust us for poles
 for another half
 Jan 30th rather pleasant picked out our
 things and read some
 31st I got a load of wood pretty cold
 1st Feb Gather went to town meeting pretty cold
 2nd Feb + Julia got a barrel of water to wash
 3rd Feb Corrie & Corrie got their lessons
 4th Feb warm & pleasant Gather & I got a large
 load of cane for stock. Then I commenced
 washing my washing moped
 5th Feb Julia & Corrie about their lessons
 6th Feb Corrie & Louis went for a load of wood
 7th Feb the horses down as they were not stod
 8th Feb felt bad & frightened when they told me
 9th Feb nothing serious will come out of it
 10th Feb very windy and cold today Mrs Butts
 11th Feb visited us today Gather went to Mr
 12th Feb bought 1 sack of flour kerosene & lbs
 of sugar some soda all came to \$2.00
 13th Feb forgot to mention that last Friday we
 received a letter from Wm with \$5.00 inclosed
 he had heard we were hard up and sent
 it to us He is a good boy I hope God
 will bless our dear friends who are so
 good to us. Last week we also received
 a letter from Joseph and one from Dr
 I have now a letter to answer to Joseph
 one to Wm. one to H. one to my little
 niece Jennie Wickey or rather her mother
 I should have said and one to dear
 Mrs Clark to night I have written a
 card to Mr David Knight - Give one to
 Mr Barto also send a letter to Dr B yesterday
 14th Feb went to take Mrs Butts home got a
 sack of flour from Mr Ward who owed us
 and now owes us 90 looks like rain
 and tonight we have quite a shower
 15th Feb the ground is covered with snow
 we were glad we had wood & enough

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to eat. - Feb 7. from this time until the 12th has been almost- continual stormy with one or two days that was rather pleasant- overhead but the 12th Father & I went for a load of wood as we were out- and afraid it- would not last- until we returned. we paid him in sorghum. 13th rather pleasant 14th stormy again all feel blue 15th very cold but pleasant- obliged to go after wood to camp and pick up brush on the snow only got enough to last a couple of days. 16th Julia & Father went 2 miles south to Mr Robinsons to get some millet- as we were out- and they & several others were out- or had been Julia heard there was a school that was wanting a teacher she thinks of applying when the going is better 17th Father & I got- another load of brush it is brush children help- house done the chores well as they always do we have had a letter written to Mr Wm ever since the 18th not mailed 18th Father & I got a load of millet at Wilsons paid at the rate of \$6.00 a ton 19th very pleasant- but cold all staid at home mailed a letter to Mr Wm 20th very pleasant & mild it- has thinned some we have had a halter on lightning for one day I have written to Mary Wheeler also a letter to my friend Mrs Clarke also to Joseph we have had no mail for one week mails have been delayed on account of storms. 21st very pleasant and warm but wet under foot Father Julia & I went to Mr Robinsons got two letters one from the Dr & Belle one from sister Laura Collier is studying Grace has read her lesson in 4th file of 4th or words of 4 or 5 letters spoken her

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Julia Louie has gone to bed sold the Wilsons equal syrup we got a load of wood. on bases. Father & Collier 22nd Pleasant and warm Father & Collier went to Wm Robinsons bought 1 sack flour 50 lbs meal soap matches, went to the office received one letter from good sister Harriet- and 4 packages from Laura & I a dress and undergarment- 2 spools of thread & 2 corns and 2 lb tea from Gb & dress for Julia and a pair of stockings for Father and Collier we were very thankful I hope I shall be able to pay some of their kindnesses I hope God will bless them I have been washing all day Julia & Elsie did Collier's work sent down my precious little Grace is fine today and I oh how her mamma loves her Julia make a cake this evening in honor of Grace's birth day. 5 years ago today I will remember my darling husband was alive. I hope I shall one day go to him when my life work is done. 23rd very frosty. scarcely seen the sun today. very wet and muddy Father & I went for a load of wood children staid at home, this evening they got their lessons and I did up the work for Julia to study we have used up our corn several days ago and are waiting to get money to buy feed for the horses I thanked the Lord to night- for what he has done for us and will trust him for the future hoping we shall soon be supplied with what is necessary for us 24th Father & Julia went to Mr Butts left a letter for Mr Silva also took 2 gal of syrup to the very warm Father did not wear out over coat- 25th Pleasant let all the horses loose but Prince all staid at home to day is Dr Bondy's birthday hope he is happy today 26th Father & Elsie went to Mr Robinsons Mrs & Mrs Briggs visited here. 27th very pleasant let the stock loose except lightning & Prince. saw the grass had started 28th Father & I went after brush wrote a letter to Laura the Sheriff called for the taxes seems hard but I

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Mar 1st very Pleasant and warm let all the horses loose I cut out a wrapper for myself children got their lessons had the door open nearly all day it was so pleasant - Leallie & I went to the timber claim for the horses
 Mar 2nd Pleasant let all the horses loose Mr Grigsby came here and wanted Gatter to go to Larned for him Friday but after he went home we had a small snow storm and it all disappeared the next day Gatter & I got a load of wood at Mr Whitman's then I went from the hill to the office but got no mail I called at Duncans & Grigsby's
 Mar 3rd Gatter & Julia went about 9 miles to Mr Indiges father collected 87 owing us the air was cold and raw Julia saw Mr Mack in regard to a school
 Mar 4th Gatter & Etta went to Duncans Julia and I washed got a sack of flour and 2 bush of corn for horses and a little millet from Grigsby's
 Mar 5th It has snowed all day and to night it is a wet rain all I staid at home we are almost out of cane stocks how are we to get a log in our destitution but the Lord has had mercy upon thus far and I don't think he will forsake us. The children take turns in reading the bible at prayer time which I think is very nice I hope God will take us through our trials and perplexities. Our timber claims are to be sealed this month and I can not see how we are going to accomplish all this without God's help so I am thankful for all our blessings but we all feel sad.
 Mar 7th Gatter and I went to Duncans for some millet but we had no money and he talked as if he had none to sell It has snowed some but is clear and nice tonight tomorrow we expect to go to the sugar mill about 5 miles to get some cane we left there in the fall

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as our last resource, we came home and the dear little boys had cut and brought in a large lot of wood. How much I think of those precious little men only six and nine years old the girls had did what I told them had supper going and to night I bless the Lord for the dear Lord he has given me and my excellent father I feel like saying 'All's well'.
 Julia wrote to Mr Mack in regard to a school Gatter a postal to bro H & last night I sent a postal to Lawrence for such I feel as if I could not be as happy in any place as with father & the children at home. Gatter & I went to Simpson's & got some cane we found a poor load the children sent off our mail.
 Mar 9th Thawing nearly all day 9th Pleasant & thawing all day very wet underfoot Gatter let all the horses out - loose except Primer. I mended nearly all day we had a chicken for supper Julia examined the children to & E and Arthure's Geography & spelling then average each nearly the same she is a good girl to help her brothers & sisters.
 10th very windy all at home I cut out the undergarments for the girls out of bags mail carrier from the Marens office
 11th Still very windy mail carrier stopped here and fed his horse we ripped & washed an old coat that had been left year or more ago to make Leallie one as he was none fit to wear the mail carrier brought a pension letter from O K Clarke nothing satisfactory in it
 12th very windy and cold but Gatter & Etta I went down to cases for wood called at Mr Sanborn's.

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Mar 13th Pleasant - no snow to be seen horses all let loose but Prince & he picketed. Father Julia & Grace went to the post office & got a letter from good sister & with one dollar in it and a new apron for me also some papers from Lake Co. Ill one stated the death of an old acquaintance by a railroad accident - which is sad also that Father Simon's was still alive. Our feed was gone and we had to go on to father's timber claim and cut a load of stocks I sent a letter to M. H. Dunnell M. L. in regard to my pension (oh how anxious I am to get one). Father wrote to Aunt F. from the office a postal. 14th 40 day - would have been my dear mother's birthday I often find myself wishing her back to earth again. It was so hard for me to give her up. It has been cold and windy. Father bought 14 bags of broom corn seed of Quance for \$2.00 paid \$1.00 down and the other to be paid in 10 days. The dollar was one Harriet - sent us yesterday. Our flour was all baked yesterday we have meal enough to last a few days. I cut out a coat for Collier out of a coat and coat I had extra pieces in it - where I had to piece it beside a great many darns. Children got their lessons except Louis & Grace have been neglected today. Father has wrote a letter to bro Louis. 15th It is cloudy we had quite a hail storm. Father & I commenced plowing the garden then we took E & L and went to the timber claim & got some old stocks for the horses and found some cane seed. 16th It has been very pleasant and warm. Father Julia & I went to plow my timber claim. We left E & L to pick

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up cane seed on father's claim a mile from us we plowed 6 rounds Julia & I plowed 3 rounds and let father lay down in the wagon box Julia drove and I held the great breaking plow she drove nicely and we were very proud to think we could plow without father's help. We went to the claim and help the children load in their seed and came home. Collier & Grace kept house. Collier chopped all the wood watered Prince & the cow & picketed her they were good children and I love them better than gold & silver & precious things. All a bad out me and I am going now. 17th Julia & I plowed on my timber claim all alone. E & L cut rice corn stalks for fuel. E & Grace staid at home. Father borrowed 13 lbs of flour of Quance & went to the office and got a registered letter from Good sister - it with \$1.00 in it. Since the day before at noon God has remembered us again. 18th Father & Julia & I plowed driving Heliofara. Father & Julia & I drove 6 furrows and Julia & I drove a plow. Collier cut stalks & E & L & I staid at home. It looks cloudy it snowed some this evening it seems as if winter would never be willing to leave us again. 19th Father went to Quance bought 2 sacks flour 1 gal kerosene 25 lbs meal 1 paper pins \$3.50 Collier & Elsie & I cut stalks & picked up seed. Father & we loaded up went to my claim. E & L cut stalks. Father & I plowed 6 times around we had a call from Mr. Wilson's son & another man pretending to want to buy a horse but we are afraid he wanted to jump our timber claim or for some mischief. All a bad but Julia & I. 20th Mar 20th Father cool tonight Collier rode with the mail carrier part way to Quance to get some flour we left three miles I was not very well we have only a few sticks of wood and tomorrow I must plow with Julia. Oh my lot seems hard but I

Try to be thankful for the dear children
and father and other dear friends I often
feel anxious for fear I shall not train
the children rightly I cant hardly endure
to punish them it seems harder for me
than them 21st Julia C & L went to my inter-
claim with me J & I plowed then C continued
learning to drive for me did remarkably well
L & C cut rice corn stalks for fuel then went
a mile on fathers and out fodder E & little
Grace kept house cleaned her house done house
work got wood and worked hard at home
father walked 2 1/2 miles and back to get a man
to help plow his claim we are all very tired.
I hope we shall have our health preserved to help
ourselves and trust the Lord for the rest.
22nd J & I have plowed all day Louis cut stalks
for fuel E & C picked up some seed Grandpa
& precious little Grace kept house we kept came
home by starlight this morning I felt so sad to
think of the privations and hard work of my
poor children I could not keep from tears
Oh Lord prosper me that I may give the
comforts of life to them and poor father
& thou shalt be praised 23. C & I took turns
plowing with me Elsie picked seed Louis cut
stalks & seed. Father & Grace staid at home. Deane
home helped about supper & did up the dishes
as the children were so tired. 24 Father went
into the field with us helped plow a little cut
corn stalks C drove E & L tacked corn stalks
and seed then we went to fathers claim &
cut some stalks after cutting them for the house
I with all the family are very tired and
I feel discouraged for I cant get the
money owing to me and have to deprive
my family of so much good work beyond
my strength. 25 J was not well staid at home
Father & I finished my claim and commenced
on his cool wind. 26 dear Julias birthday
14 years old. warm & pleasant. Gracie & Wilson
called. 27. very warm dont need fire only to cook
with Collic went to the office got a letter for
himself from his friend Grant Clark father
one from Joseph and one from Drummell
which I will answer tonight. Julia a card
from Mr Maeh. horses all out but Prince
hope nothing will happen bad to them

Mar 28th Collic went to office a letter
from Joseph one from Grant C & I
went after horses but found money
I put or planted some acorns on
fathers timber blain & mine and
Dr. rather cold wind Mr Duance called
gave us some turneps full rather blind
Mar 29. Horses came home last night
Father & I went to office got a letter
from Harriet told us some sad news
in regard to L. he has failed & I fear
caused it too and I have lost \$600
we bought feed for horses & flour & meal
for family at Wears. brought home stalks
to burn 30. Father & I plowed E & C picked
up seed. 31 mailed a letter to Uncle H
C & I plowed broke our whiffletree E & L
picked seed & set a hen. Apr 1st Mrs B
& John B. called father & I plowed.
Apr 2nd Father & I finished his price
and brought home seed & fodder.
J & E cleaned the house & at another house
weather moderate. Apr 3rd rather cool.
I found I had left or lost a box of snail shells.
I went to Mr C & borrowed some before
breakfast got a letter from Laura & answered
it & sent it by the mail carrier today
rather cool fire is comfortable. I
Apr 4th Cool in the mom. Father & I went to drag
on my timber claim Father went one round to
get me started I went 4 rounds alone then we
went to Father's claim where C & L had cut
stalks for fodder loaded on went home for we
expected Elder Newcomb & wife to dinner we waited
untill two then ate but before one table was
cleared they came we got dinner for them & had
us a good sermon and went away this eve. I tried
to sleep on a dress dear sister sent me one year
ago Grace & I based for more supper & ended to
go to the fort for the seed and felt bad for
he had no boots and I had not made his
coat I cut out of an old one E tried to study
and often called upon me to help in her study
I wanted to read from a good book I gave father
a lunch then we had prayers all went to
bed. but I who staid up with me a little
while I am ashamed of my fruitfulness &
mismanaging at my lot but I pity the
dear little Jones and father who are
deprived of so much because I cant get
quite a sum of money owing to me I fear
as we have no more money

Apr 5th I harrowed on my claim Gatter & the boys cut stalks for fuel Mrs Butts got 1 gal of syrup making 2 gal. Mr Ward came for seed
Apr 6th Cool wind I harrowed and finished mine and went 6 times around fathers father & I cut fodder Julia went to Mrs Butts we carried most 15 gals to Mr Ward's Etoile & Grace kept house Our cow is gone I hope we shall find her. mailed a letter to Dr Gowdy yesterday
Apr 7th I finished harrowing fathers tree claim & got some fodder & corn stalks to burn The wind has blown cold all day
8th Julia & I Gatter & Collie rose early to go to Hodgeman as Julia wished to be examined for a certificate we were going to ride with the snail we were ready when he came along but he could not carry us we took off our things and I washed & Gatter & I went to Hodgeman or Johnson & were both examined with two other teachers we liked the superintendent I think we will get a good certificate Julia being only just fourteen was not entitled to a certificate on the account of her age a man was waiting to hire her if she got a certificate she will have to wait until her papers are examined by the board. we staid all night at Mr Beyers also called upon Mrs Hawn 10th Quite pleasant we got home felt very happy over our examinations and the success we had met with although our flour was most gone
11th Gatter & Children got a load of chips to burn & a load of fodder I & staid and worked in the house. Cold raw wind.
12th Last night we had a little snow and it has been a cold disagreeable day the horses have all been in the barn today we were nearly out of flour only 2 lbs. no particular for as I have expected money all winter and now lost what I expected. I thought father better see Mr. Robinson and see if he would let us have a sack of flour & a little salt some hops as he wanted some syrup Gatter went & I went with him we traded 15 lbs. worth

We told Mr R. we would trust him and did a while ago now he has returned the paper to us. Last Sunday we attended meeting at Mr Butts a good sermon. Ye day is my birthday & Julia tried to get as good a supper as she could because it was my birthday Apr 13th Gatter got 10 bush rice corn & 1 bush pea nuts on order of Mr Ware 14th Collie & Etoile & I went to st. Larned after seed found none went to Bartoo's staid all night he told us to go near the grove & get cottonwood cuttings we got some on Mr Deacons got home in the evening felt discouraged & blue
15th We put out 387 little trees on mine father marked it boy warn Julia received our certificates while I was gone mine a 1st grade hers a second because she was so young and had no experience in teaching Her examination entitled her to a 1st grade but as she had never taught and was so young received a 2nd grade expects to teach at Spearville for 8/15 a month and boarded 17th All at home warm & pleasant 18th put in all 1000 trees on mine with the little ones help
Gatter plowed at the house 19th The children & I put out between 2 & 3 hundred on fathers claim 20th Gatter & I commenced plowing on the 50 acre lot at the house Julia done the work Mrs Ward & Hal came after syrup. 20th Gatter & I plowed round 21th Julia went to the office a card from Mr Baird & a letter from Dunnell cant get any pension unless I can get the surgeon's evidence I feel discouraged. 22th Julia took a gal of syrup to Mrs Butts and spilled part of it in the buggy. 23th Gatter plowed most all day alone I washed a little sewed some we had our last corn bread for breakfast - rice corn - boiled for dinner & some beans with a little milk in them for supper Mr Butts owes us for 2 1/2 gal of syrup & we must get some flour tomorrow Collie went to Wears to till

him his Grandpa could not pay ⁸⁴,
he had agreed to pay him and if he
could not wait another week he
was short & crusty he also got a letter
from Sister H saying they would come
here soon. We were glad hope they will
do well here. Mr Wilson called here father
intended to try & borrow money of him
to pay Weare the bought one gal of syrup
24 Gatter went to Mauna for some
flour Julia Eloile & Grace went with
him as far as Mr Butts The boys & I
staid at home Louie was so hungry
I cooked an egg for him he divided
it with Collic then made a little candy
I eat a little rice corn I had presuit
and a couple of eggs a piece & had a
comfortable supper we have 29 chickens
we all feel rather sad & discouraged
a debt of ⁸⁴ to pay and no money to
do it with Oh Lord do help us we
besueh thee. Julia had another school
offered her at Mauna today 25 very pleasant
and warm Gatter plowed alone E & L & little
Grace planted rice corn with me Collic took Mr
Grigsby's corn 5 1/2 gals cane and tried to borrow
\$5.00 to pay Weare but he said he could
not spare it we think he could. Mr Newcomb
called here Gatter & Julia took Lightning behind
the wagon & picked him out near where we
plowed he behaved quite well we were glad
it was as well. We had a hard blow & little
rain last night. Little five year old Grace
told her brother Louie six years old while
planting corn with him to work good and
he should be placed among the stars.

26 Very warm & pleasant Eloile Collic & L
planted rice corn Gatter plowed Julia & Grace
kept house & made a little garden we are unable
to buy garden seeds Oh I wish I could have
the comfort of life but I bless the Lord
for all my blessings E & L got their Smiths
lessons at noon & Louie read & Grace.

Apr 27 1881 Go day is my darling
Eloile's birthday 12 years old today and
she has planted corn all day with me.
Julie helped us after dinner Collic went
after the cow but could not find her
we came from work after dark & had to
bake bread for supper & do a baking after
supper all shed but me and my last
loaf is done Collic brought a young
rabbit & miles on a horse he is so fond
of pets dear children I hope God will
bless my precious children & make them
pathways in some respects more smooth than
mine and Gatter I hope God will bless
him and his faithful men. Oh how sad
and blue I felt when I thought how
poor we were and how many perplexities
we had I hope God will take care of
Harrison on his journey & his family
& all my relatives and save us when we
die I feel sad because I am unable to
pay some small debts. Eloile wrote a
letter & mailed it to her to Gen Grant.
28 ^{very warm & pleasant} Gatter plowed & went to the Blacksmith
got the three horses put-pared & plow
sharpened. took a gal of syrup to pay him
found the cow at Mr Prindle's Gatter &
Collic took dinner there Julia planted with
me until noon then Eloile & Louie planted
corn with me until night 29 Pleasant but
cool this morning Gatter plowed & planted
planted rice corn. I am thankful for all
the blessings I have but I can't help being
troubled about a great many things I am
so poor. Julia wrote to Mr Watts to hear
about her school today. The grass is green
and our stock except the rough horses get
their living and have for two weeks now
they look lovely if those that had any money
other property had done right by me I should
be very comfortable, now the ground is
in good condition for plowing and as
Gatter a man moat is plowing
alone while I am planting one neighbor
has planted 35 acres & other probably
done as well a great deal of garden
is in but we have no money to buy seed

him. Apr 30th The last day of this month
he & father plowed & E. & L. & I planted rice
corn until afternoon when the wind came
up and portentous clouds made their
appearance we hurried come put out our
fire. Collier got dinner & I went out on
here the cow which were picketed. I planted
do in garden. May 1st Warm in morning cool
windy & cloudy towards night we had only
to plow enough for supper father & I went
24th to the office and got a sack of flour
Stokes had sent us we paid 10 cts
for bringing it up. It seemed like a hand
of Providence that Mr Stokes was so
startling. Still I am so wicked I feel
I could because we have not means to pay
it - our debts - I hope I shall be able to pay
I see my honest debts before long for it is
and a trial I received a post lat from Sheldon
wanting Julia to teach. May 2nd Rained
all day I saw on aprons May 3rd Rained nearly
all day father & I went to Nelson's for a load of
a bush took him a gal of syrup now I don't
do it. I see one more Julia rode to Spearville to
see about her school Mrs Waters was teaching
but she engaged another May 4th father & I
offered went to Marks got some garden seeds & plowed
and in afternoon E & I cleaned house May 5th
Grace father plowed & I finished cleaning & washed
Grigsby for Julia May 6th father plowed & the girls
& I ironed & sewed in the house May 7th father
& I went to Mr Bairds found a nice family
the father's birthday. May 8th Today is my
plowed at Mr Kimball's I took dinner
it was at Mr Baird also I found them very pleasant
rain. people Yesterday Mr Matteson took
told lightning some with him for a few
plant days flour most gone I called at Mr
he showed of my way home to see if they had
26th accepted any proposition to teach their
plans school They promised to let me know
kept by Thursday noon they wanted a cheaper
to buy teacher if they could get one I almost
the hope I shall get it - for I need money
for a badly I feel rather blue & sad
lo night still am not unthankful
for the blessings I have I am impatient

Julia commenced her school at Mr Baird
district tomorrow morning gets \$15 a
month & boarded at Mr Bairds I hope
she will do well. May 9th Mr Baird
called to see about getting Julia
to teach his school. May 10th father
and I went to see if we could get
some a few dollars worth at the store
as we had only flour enough to last
for supper but he said no He could
not take care of anybody's family but his
own. We went to Mrs Hinds store
four miles to borrow some money but she
had none on hand but she was
kind like and kind but oh how my
heart ached I could not see why I
lived. On our way home with a heavy
heart we called at Mr Duncans our nearest
neighbors (but a family who had to be
kept from me sometimes before me and
were very hard and oppressive to me) but felt
asked for to borrow 20 lbs for a few days
not knowing where it would come from
Mr Duncans invited me in there we
found that there had been State
at at Lamed Spearville so then we
felt cheered up. 10th Mr Duncans
Simpson & Grigsby came along said the
relief was to be distributed at Spearville
Thursday so we started for Johnson
to have the necessary papers and
were obliged to stop at Mr Harts
Hilly and Edlow found them very
pleasant people. 12th went to Spearville
found the State Agent I think his
name is Holladay or Hollowell a friendly
man we received about \$15 worth of
flour on our way and we stopped
at Mr Sheldon's at Gardham I
found Mrs Sheldon a nice friendly
little woman. 13th Started for home
at 10 miles found they wanted me
back their school I stopped at Mr
Harts for dinner and overnights

school in the afternoon with 8
pupils. 14 taught school. 15 thought
I could walk home but the rain
was too bad. 16 taught as usual
and came back. 17 taught as usual
nothing uncommon to note. 18 taught
18. taught and walked home to see
my family they were all glad to
see me. I did all I could for them
and went back in the morning. I boarded
May 23. I commenced boarding at
Mr. Harris's stable here two weeks
except I went home Friday and helped
my mother little Elsie Henscher.
I afterwards boarded two weeks at
Mr. Wm. Hayes found them very
pleasant & I paid to me with three
pieces bright scholars for me.
I now am boarding about 2 1/2 miles
from Mr. Lays found them very
pleasant and kind but the creek
came up and I go to Mr. Harris
this time they receive me very coolly
as they don't like to board me
although they send 4 scholars and
have not boarded their time out
I manage to finish up the week
I now go a week to Mr. Barlow's
2 1/2 miles find them tolerably
pleasant rather plain fare. I now go
back to pleasant Mr. Lays for another
week then board another week to
Mr. Hayes. I now go to Mr. Demm's
a gentleman family where all look
upon as beneath them but I thought
I would go a few days and please
the two little children they said
if their ways were different from
ours and the walk was a long
one but I don't think I could

very kind willing to gratify my
wishes. When I thought it was
not to be kind to everyone and despise
me without it was for some reason.
I then finished up my time at
Mr. Harris's although they were very
cool at times. before school closed
I was to be more friendly. Father brought
Julia from her school the day before
school closed. I went home that
evening and set up all night to
get my little ones ready for school.
To my school the next day but in
the morning the rain poured down
this was July 29. we had a rainy
morning but it cleared off in the
afternoon. My scholars nearly all had
some nice little pieces to speak.
Then I called upon my four
youngest children commencing
at little 1 year old boy to
speak Mother's God which he
spoke nicely. Then little Son
by grace five years old, then little
Grace Charge of the Six Hundred
which was nicely done then my
little Elsie 12 years old
who should the spirit of
Mabel be proud, nicely spoken
Julia Grandfather Mr. Harris
and Mr. Hayes were our guests.
Now about the 1st of Aug we
hired a man to move for us 9 days
from father and the children
with my help put it into stack.
Julia attended one Dr. school
middle branch, during this time
I went to Mr. Barlow's and
visited her school morning after
morning the account bid \$38.25
of \$45.00 but not me.

could do no better I had taken
up one month's of my wages and
could not collect any more.
but before this money came
we sold our beautiful
lightning for \$120 then I paid
up debts bought shoes for us
all fixed up my harness and
bought other things necessary
for the horses bought a cow
for \$35. after looking two or three
days about the last of Aug
Mr Waterman came and
staid two weeks with us we
made a dress for her we
gathered plants and grapes and
made them up attended at the
Institute and I was chosen as
one of the Committee to arrange
a programme for one in Nov.
Mr Baird wished me to teach
the school. I told him I would
teach for \$20 a month for 11
months. Sept 1-16th Gather & Collier
go to the office to meet Belle &
Fannie we were very glad to them
Fannie's little Fannie she had
been so wise & dear Belle she
seemed like one of our family.
We had traded Black Tiger for
another horse and \$50, and Belle
like an honest little woman
brought it to me then we took
the horse to town Sept 20 to take the
cars at Larned staid all night
at the Larned house. the next day
I paid for father's horse & coat

and lodging and went without
myself until I bought some crackers
father would have went without
but I told him to get his breakfast
I put a fine Homestead on his
land and bought lumber for the
house & barn to be fixed and
paid the carpenter and \$75 I had
owed him for two years.
we staid at Mr Watson's the
21st and they spoke to me about
teaching their school I told them
I would drop them a card if
I would and I went home worked
very hard for the time I staid
collected another month's pay of
my summer school and Friday
morning the last day of Sept. Julia
and I started to Larned to take
teachers Examination to be held
the next day we staid at Mr
Waterman's they were very kind and
seemed glad to see us. we here
met a Mrs Smith who was going
to be examined she rode down
with us and we found her a pleasant
lady. We were examined at
Larned better than I expected but
as our Institute lasted until
after five o'clock we had to wait
at Mr W until Monday when
he took me to town and I
received my certificate then
Mr Waterman took me to
several districts and I found
in the district and introduced
me. then Julia & I had to go

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at the Larned house the next day
I paid for further school

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up one month's leave and
come home to get ready to come back
in time to commence school
the next snow day. We worked
hard although Julia was not well
and started Sunday about noon
and arrived here the 9 of Oct at
11 o'clock, at night but Mr
W's people were kind and as
they could not let us have a
room until Friday night
we were not settled before
Sunday. I commenced school
with 113 scholars the 10 of Oct
in a very pleasant and
comfortable house with
everything nice and convenient
Last week we had two more
new scholars things passed on
pleasantly until Thursday
evening when I was asked
to come and see one of my
little scholars who was very
sick I started right off in
company with Mrs Waterman
I feared the child would not
live I staid as late as I could
as I was not needed, but in
the morning the nurse came
that she died at 10 o'clock
after I left then they wanted
me to not have school as she
was to be buried that day
I went and helped to prepare
her for the grave with a sad
heart thinking how I should

feel if one of my darling's were
taken from me. 27 we washed
and sewed and worked very hard
my arms pained me terribly.
I had forgotten to say I was
obliged to sell a yearling cold
to pay a debt of less than \$40
and borrowed \$5 beside a few
days before I came here I lent
one of my neighbors Mr Grigsby
85:00 to be paid in ten days.
Last Sunday Mr Waterman told
me the district had objected
to my having some of my children
stay with me and go to school
also he did not want little Grace
here only on a visit. I felt
very sad and sorry for my children
who expected to have an opportunity
to come after Christmas for Mrs
Mr spoke in the first place
about my children coming here
she is afraid there will be
too many in the house I pay \$5
a week and I think it is
enough. Mr Waterman has appeared
very cold I don't know why
I have tried to be kind and make
myself agreeable. This morning
she brought me in part of a rabbit
dressed & sweet potatoes and
some pickled beets which was
very kind. Julia feels bad at
so much jealousy for she has
been treated like a lady as

at the Larned house the next day
I paid for father's share of the