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Diary & Weather Plems

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RESIDENCE.

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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 I cooked three small pieces of meat & fried
four eggs all we had for supper a little thickened
cream & a 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 furs to Dodge or Spearville a distance
of 80 miles for \$2.00 and he paid then or later
their expenses very soon Gather agreed to do so next morning
June 4th Gather went to Quanah after furs
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.