

Louisiana Moore Ricker Diaries

Friday, January 1, 1864

Portsmouth Scioto Co Ohio

This is the second book Pa has gotten for me to write in. The first one I have written all up not omitted a day. I have made three resolutions relative to this one. 1st to be very careful about my writing and try to improve every day. 2nd to write every night unless it is impossible. 3rd to mark every Sunday that I am absent from school. The weather is very cold the Thermometer stands at zero. Pa says that he thinks it is colder than it has been in the recollection of the oldest inhabitant.

Saturday 2

The weather moderated a little. I think I will try to keep an account of every thing that is bought for me and perhaps I can make a calculation of how much it costs Pa to keep me a year. Lizzie is sick again to night the effect of eating too much of some thing. I hope we will get to go to Sunday school any how, as it is the first Sunday in the year and we did not go to the celebration. Pa got me a fine pair of shoes to day they were... I don't know how much.

Sunday 3

Yesterday ma fell down stairs and hurt her right hand so that she can't do anything. Lizzie is sick, we have no girl and Mary and I have the work all to do, so we did not get to go to Sunday school or church. It has been snowing all the evening and everything is white and cold. I am very sorry that we were absent from school to day as it is the first Sunday in the year and we wanted so much not to be absent this quarter so we might have a red card however if we get a green one we will do well.

Monday, January 4, 1864

It snowed all night and nearly all day. The snow is several inches deep. We did not start to school as we expected to. The Prof. came this morning as usual. Mary got a letter from Mrs Harrison, no news of importance from below. Pa got a letter from Mr Shepherd who says that Mrs Rundel is dead. I have got a very bad cold. I am nearly sick with it. This evening I saw a sleigh all rigged up and the bells ringing as merrily as could be.

Tuesday 5

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The weather about the same as yesterday only it did not snow any. There is considerable sleighing going on. Dr Pratt was here this evening. The children are all better again.

Lettie Morton

Wednesday 6

We had a fire in the parlor this morning to say our lesson by. We are getting more and more disgusted with our teacher every day. I am quite sure we do not learn any thing besides it is a great expense. Pa bought four tickets for the lectures but I don't expect we will go, any of us.

Thursday, January 7, 1864

I went around to Aunt Mollie's to day for the first time since Christmas eve. Letty and I walked down street together. We went to see Aunt Maria Moore. I was down on front street and saw what I don't remember ever having seen before a river full of floating ice. Letty got a letter from Jonathan yesterday he said he wrote me a letter the same time he wrote hers but I have not received it yet. I am mistaken, all this happened yesterday.

Friday 8

The sun shone beautiful all day long and had it not been for the wind it would have been a very pleasant day. Ma went down town and got me some red morocco and some pieces of ribbon for my (herssof) which I intend making for the fair. This evening while out on the walk the sleighs flying past and bells ringing so merrily I heard a laugh which made me start, for it sounded like one I had heard many times before.
Clara E Swain

Saturday 9

It was very pleasant to day. The sun was out all day. Pa is not very well my cold is better. Roby McCall was here to day, he is staying at Aunt Maria Moore's to go to school. Our thermometer was broken to day. Ma done up the work down stairs and oh it is so nice the safe is full of

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light bread, pies and cakes but we cannot appreciate it as we would have done this time last year.

Sunday, January 10, 1864

It is very cold yet but much pleasanter than last Sunday. We all went to Sunday school and stopped at Uncle Enos's to warm, going and coming. We got pretty school books. I got "Katie's Secret, Mary got "The Lost Key" and Jenny got the "Rebel Reclaimed".

Ada Johnston

Monday 11

Pa is sick, Letty came to stay two or three days with us. The river was frozen over to day. Letty, Mrs Ashle, Mary and I all went down to see it but it had broken open about 20 minutes before we got there. Mary and I went to Caroline Gunn's. Pa gave me five dollars. \$5.00

Mrs Churchill H. Holloway

Nannie Hyatt

Tuesday 12

Yesterday I was downtown buying articles for my needles book, but did not accomplish much so I had to go again today. Uncle Will brought Grandma and Aunt May up to Aunt Mollie's. Grandma and Aunt Mollie came to see us. Grandpa and Mr Kineman was up to day and brought us a half a hog and about 5 lbs of butter.

Wednesday, January 13 1864

The snow began to melt, but the river froze over again. Pa, Jennie, Milton, Enos and Annie are all sick in bed and we have no girl Letty sat up last night and had to go home to day to get some sleep. The Prof. came today but Uncle Enos told him that we would not take any lessons. Tonight ma ran down town and found a girl. Eliza Chatfield.

Ada Meade

Thursday 14

The snow melts so fast that it is quite sloppy today. I heard the river grinding again this morning which shows that it has broken open again. All of the children are better this morning but Annie who was quite sick ever since ten o'clock this morning. We got another girl this morning, Susan Nunnemaker. The children are sick so much that we are not going to get a chance to do any thing for the fair.

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Friday 15

The sick are all better. The day has been gloomy enough. Pa spoke to me about writing to my old friend Lizzie Young. I have been thinking about it since and I have concluded to write to her (sa) soon as I can.

Anna Wallis

Saturday, January 16, 1864

Very pleasant but muddy walking. Susan went away. Uncle Enos said that there was a letter in the office for Mary and Jenny. Mary and I went down to see but could not get it. Mary was very much disappointed as she was expecting Mifs Richardson's photograph in this letter. Mifs Lide and Mifs Augusta Varner called to see us this evening. Uncle Saul and Roby were here this evening.

Fannie Wallis

Sunday 17

It is a wet disagreeable day. Mary and I went to Sunday school, but as there was no church and it was raining we went and stayed at Aunt Maria's until dinner time.

Jennie Blundel

Monday 18

It has been a very gloomy day. The fair opened today. I hope every day will not be as unfavorable as the first one has been. Ma went down town not withstanding the rain. Pa was up most all day. Uncle Enos was here all evening.

Annie Montgomery

Tuesday, January 19, 1864

Mary and I were going to spend the day with Aunt Maria but Jenny took sick last night so there was an end to that plan. This morning when we got up the ground was covered with snow. Letty went to the fair last night liked it very well she was up here today.

Lolie Toulon

Wednesday 20

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Jenny is improving slowly. Lizzie is down again. The snow is all melting off again. Aunt Maria sent a note to ma saying that if any of us wanted to go to the fair that Uncle Enos would go with us. Ma said Mary and I could go but Pa thought it was too wet. I ran by to yesterday's papery that some of the young ladies of Vicksburg has been ordered outside of our lines for acting disrespectfully towards our Government and President. Good for them.

Thursday 21

Ma went over to Mrs Griffith's whose little boy is dead. Jennie suffered a great deal with her side. Aunt Lizzie was here and told ma that Grandma is sick and Uncle Reuben is dangerously sick, but ma cannot go to see them on Jennie's account. The Mite Society meets at Aunt Mollie's to night. Aunt Lizzie gave ma Mary's photograph she is three years and five months old. Mary and I went down town. The weather is very disagreeable but not very cold. This is Annie Lora's birthday she is one year old.

Friday, January 22, 1864

It has been a very pleasant day. Pa went down town this morning and got his dinner at the Ladies Hall it was too far to come home. Jennie is much better. Aunt Maria and the children spent the day with us. Mary and I did not say any lesson today. I cannot imagine what is the reason we don't get a letter from Mifs Richardson we wrote to her on the fourth of last month.

Martha Letitia Leake

Saturday 23

Ma went down to Grandma's. Grandma and Uncle Reuben are sick. Grandpa was up to day.

Mar. J

Sunday 24

Mary and I went to Sunday school and church. Pa and Uncle Enos came in afterwards. I saw Letty.

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Monday, January 25, 1864

Uncle Sam was up to see us today he says he expects he and Aunt Mary will come up tomorrow or next day and stay a while with us. Aunt Lizzie was she says Jonathon has written to me twice but I did not either letter. Mrs Murray called on ma this evening. Uncle Reuben and Grandma are both better. S. Aunt Lizzie was here

Tuesday 26

Ma and I took Annie down to get her photographs she sat as still as I could, but the man broke the negative. I got my photograph taken 6 standing and six sitting. Uncle Sam brought Aunt Mary up to day. Letty and Mrs Ahston was here to get the book per promised to contribute to Jonathan's circulating library. Pa brought me a letter from Miss E.D. Richardson. I got a letter from Jonathan.

Wednesday 27

Ma and Mary took Annie down again to try and get another negative, but she was acquainted and would not be still. Uncle Sam and Aunt Mary came here Mrs Pouskirk and Mrs Uri Gracy called in the evening. Mifs Clary McDowell and Mifs McIntyre called on me. Pa started to Cincinatti [sic] but did not get off he got a cake of maple sugar. I wrote to Jonathan

Thursday, January 28, 1864

Weather beautiful. Ma went down town and so did Aunt Mary. Pa went on the boat to Cincinnatti [sic] Uncle Sam wrote Pa's name in all of his books. After dinner Uncle Sam and Aunt Mary went out calling. Mary and I went too. We called on Mifs Overcrier, Lizzie Culbertson. Mary Glover and Mifses Varney, Mrs Robinson and Mrs Tewksbury call on ma. I received another letter from Jonathan Caroline and Mary Jane spent the evening with us.

Friday 29

The Proffessor came as usual. I went around to Aunt Mollie's before I took my lesson. Letty, Aunt Lizzie and Mrs Ashton spent the day with us and helped us make our new dresses. Uncle Sam and Aunt Mary went home today.

Addie Taylor

Saturday 30

Ma and Letty went down town. Mrs Aston and Letty was here to night.
Sue Orsborne

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Sunday, January 31, 1864

Mary and I went to Sunday school and stayed to church I got two library books. "Evelyn Grey" and "What a little money is good for". Ma, Mary and Lizzie went to church this evening. Mr Pratt preached a very good sermon today, his text was, 13 chap of Luke 24 verse. Strive to enter in at the strait gate, for many I say unto you, will seek to enter in and shall not be able.

Monday, February 1, 1864

Last night it blowed and rained but this morning it is clear. Mary and I commenced school. I knew my Geography perfectly and missed $\frac{1}{2}$ in Grammar and did not quite finish the last example in my Algebra. Pa got Ma a wardrobe and a set of parlor chairs Lizzie was taken sick again. Ma got us some black lustre aprons to be braided with rose color. Uncle Enos and Uncle Saul were here.

Tuesday 2

I was punctual to school all day. knew all of my lessons perfectly. Lizzie is no better Jennie is well.

Beatrice Orsborne

Wednesday, February 3, 1864

I sat up until twelve oclock last night with Lizzie. I was at school in plenty time but had to go down to the drug store for the doctor. It made me a few minutes tardy but Mr Bolton excused me I did not go to school this afternoon. The French teacher came to the school house today he brought his bill, Mary and Lizzie Glover came here to night to see if it would be convenient for them and their brother to spend the evening with us tomorrow evening.

Thursday 4

Our company came and we spent the evening very pleasantly. It rained a little in the evening. I was perfect in all my lessons today. ma got my apron done this evening. I got my photographs.

Alice Powell

Friday 5

I stood 93% this week. Letty was here this evening she took Aunt Mary and and [sic] Lizzie a picture of me and kept one herself.

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Alice Pemberton

Saturday, February 6, 1864

The weather is very pleasant but rather chilly. Aunt Lizzie was here today. she brought us Letty's photograph with Mr Busey.

Eudora Bell

Sunday 7

Mary and I went to Sunday school and stayed to church our Sunday school lesson was

Uncle Enos came to our church today. we went home with him and stayed a few minutes. Uncle Jack is at home he came last night. Mary and I went round and took supper with them.

Jennie Bell Mrs James Partee

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Monday 8

I was going t try and be perfect all week but missed a half of a question in grammar this morning Kate Glidden came back to school.

Mrs Laura Clark

Laura Young

Tuesday, February 9, 1864

The weather is cold and clear as a whistle. I have not been absent or tardy but unfortunatly I miss another ½ today in geography. the charm is broken and I will miss it this week again. Kate Glidden came home with me from school. I saw Emma Wait my first soul-mate in the high school today. I took Annie's Green merino dress to Miss Bretheridge to get it stamped.

Hattie Prewett

Wednesday 10

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I was perfect in all of my lessons to day we got out at recess. Aunt Mollie was here, I went out to Mrs Glover's to see when Annie St Claire would come to sew for us.

Mifs Jennie Wilson

Thursday 11

I got along tolerable well to day got out of school at ½ three. Ma and I went round to Aunt Mollie's Uncle Reuben and Grandma are there.

Katie Wilson

Friday, February 12, 1864

John Morton took dinner with us Grandma and Uncle Reuben are here to stay all night. I had an unfortunate day in examination. Uncle Sam was up to see us today.

Ophelia Pope

Saturday 13

I went down to the dentist's to get my teeth fixed but could not get it done until week after next. Mary Cress, Carrie Stearn, Jennie Stewart, and Lou Grimes called this evening. John Morton took tea with us. Ma finished another new calico dress for me.

Sallie Pope

Sunday 14

Jennie went to Sunday school with us and stayed to church. Pa came and so did Uncle Enos and Aunt Maria.

Annie Bowman

Monday, February 15, 1864

I stood 100% in all my lessons to day. Mrs Kelley Pa's cousin came to Aunt Maria's to day I expect she will stay a while with us. This morning the frenchman and I had a little spat we are going to finish this month and quit.

Libbie Potts

Tuesday 16

It is very cold and the wind blows very sharp I only stood 90% today. I did not get time to get all of my algebra lesson. Enos is sick again.

Carrie Roberts

Mrs. Carrie Roberts Hunter

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Wednesday 17

Enos is better. the weather is extremely cold and the wind is very sharp and cold. It was so cold ma told us not to come home but to go to Aunt Maria's we went and found Pa and Aunt Maria McCall there. I stood 100% all round to day.

Carrie Allen

Thursday, February, 18

Aunt Maria McCall stayed all night with us last night. It is awful cold. I stood 100% to day.

Lizzie Young
Mrs Albert Riddle

Friday 19

The weather has moderated some and there is no wind blowing. I think I will average about 97% this week including my attendance and deportment. John Morton spent the evening with us. It is very entertaining to hear him describe his escapes and the war on the river. He talks very well. I like to hear him very much.

Annie Mosely

Saturday 20

Ma and Aunt Maria McCall went down to Grandpa's and spent the day. Emma Spry spent the evening with me.

Alice Leonard

Sunday, February 21, 1864

We went to Sunday school and church as usual I went to evening service for the first time.

Mittie Bosworth

Monday 22

This is Washington's birthday. We went to school and I celebrated it by having perfect lessons. Ma and Aunt Lizzie went down to Grandma's. Mifs St Clar's came to sew for us this week. The weather is moderating very much. I finished my letter to Jonathan but have not put it in an envelop yet. I saw Jennie Stewart and Charlie Lewis downtown.

Tuesday 23

I did not go to school this evening, but this morning I was perfect in all my lessons. Mrs Caroline Kelly, Mrs M.A. Gunn Mr Gunn Uncle Sam & Aunt Mary, Uncle Enos and Aunt Maria Mifs C. Gunn Uncle Jack Uncle

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Reuben took dinner with us. Mr John Gregory his father and his wife spent the evening with us. This is a very windy and dusty day for the season.

Wednesday, February 24, 1864

I was at school all day and missed one question in Algebra Grandma was here to day and went down home Letty was here this evening.

Raphael Moore

Thursday 25

Letty stayed all night with me we lay in bed until about two O'clock talking. I was perfect all day.

Mary Bradford

Mrs S G Moore

Friday 26

Mary and I took supper at Uncle Enos' and he took us down to Caroline Gunn's where a few ladies and gentlemen and gathered to spend the evening.

Laura Boyd

Saturday, February 27, 1864

Mary and I went down town to day and had quite a long walk. Aunt Lizzie and Mrs Ashton was here tonight to borrow some glasses. Uncle Jack is going to have a few friends to spend the evening Ma and Pa went and stayed until 11 O'clock. }Martha Boyd to William Warnock

Martha Boyd

Sunday 28

It has been raining all day. We were at church and Sunday school in the morning. Ma wrote a letter to Mrs Kelly.

Laura Jackson

Monday 29

We went to school the roads are muddy. I was perfect all day. Kate Glidden stayed all night with me I got a good long letter, no I didn't either. Pa went to Cincinnati

Laura Hennes

Tuesday, March 1, 1864

March came in like a lion it snowed all night last night and all day to day the snow is about six inches deep. It is dreadful going to school I was 100% all day. I received a good long letter from Jonathan he sent

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me a few pressed flowers that he had gathered in Feb. his is at Natchez.

Bennie Johnston

Wednesday 2

This month has surely come in like a lion. I hope it will go out like a lamb. I was perfect this morning, absent this evening, spent the evening with Letty Wrote to Jonathan, Uncle Jack and Joe went to Vicksburg. Wrote to Mifs E.D. Richardson

Ida Tilly
Mrs Major Hoaks

Thursday 3

I was perfect all day. Letty stayed all night with me. She says Joe has joined the Methodist church. I never was more surprised or rejoiced.

Jennie Chambers

Friday, March 4, 1864

I was unfortunate this afternoon. I made a slight mistake in my grammar manuscript Mrs Mary Glidden and Mrs Bell called on ma Pa returned from Cincinnati. Mr William Moore an old school mate of Pa's took breakfast with us.

Pauline Wilson

Saturday 5

Ma Mary and I went to church this afternoon Mary and I were examined before the Session and will join the church tomorrow if nothing prevents. Aunt Maria Moore, Aunt Mary Smith and Mifs Mary Burwell were also before the Session. We received letter form Mifs E.D. Richardson.

Bertha Glidden

Sunday 6

Mary and I with five others joined the church today.

Lizzie Bell

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Monday, March 7, 1864

We went school. Mary and I Lizzie went this morning but it made her sick. Uncle Sam and Aunt Mary were here to day Uncle Sam is going away Wednesday. I took Annie's rose colored skirt and sack to Mifs Bretheridge to get it stamped.

Nettie Row

Tuesday 8

Lizzie and Enos are sick. Mifs Annie St Claire came to sew. Mr Moore stayed all night here.

Annie Ross

Wednesday 9

Uncle Enos and Uncle Sam went to St Louis. I saw Letty and Joe this evening. Joe is going to run on this river and not go South as I thought Mary and I took supper with Aunt Maria and Corinne Mary and I got a cocoanut

Virginia McFarland

Thursday March 10, 1864

I received a letter from Jos. I was perfect all day Dr Pratt was here this evening he left a book for me to read.

Lizzie Pratt

Friday 11

I averaged $99 \frac{2}{3}$ this week. The weather was very changeable it changed two or three times and this evening it was very windy. I was down on front street twice. I rode home with Mr Belle

Minnie Terry

Saturday 12

It is a beautiful day I wrote Jonathan last night. Mifs Lucy Bell came home.

Julia Pursell

Sunday, March 13, 1864

I went to Sunday school but did not stay for church. In the evening I took care of the children while ma and Mary and Jenny went to church.

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Aunt Mary's children were baptized. it was windy to take Annie and Enos out.

Julia Pratt

Monday 14

I was about one minute late to school this morning but was perfect all day. I was down to the P.O. to take my letter to Jos. I also went out to Aunt Mary's and Letty walked home with me as far as Mrs K----- on Sixth Street.

Mary Pratt

Tuesday 15

I have been perfect all day. Joe came to see us and took supper with us I am writing a composition for Friday subject The Atmosphere.

Mary Lizzie Smith

Wednesday, March 16, 1864

Letty is here Kate Glidden was here. I have been perfect all day.

Mary Glidden

Thursday 17

Letty stayed all night with me. Mary and Jennie stayed all night with Aunt Maria.

Jennie Stewart

Friday 18

Today I was very unfortunate I only stood 90 in each examination, Mrs Bolton gave me 100 for my composition my weekly average was 94. Mr B has since changed it and I stand 100% in Algebra.

Maggie Smith

Saturday, March 19, 1864

Letty and I called on Lucy Bell, we are still without a girl. It is very windy and cold to day.

Fannie Moore

Sunday 20

We went to Sunday school and church. I did not get any Sunday school book.

Maggie Stewart

Monday 21

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I was perfect all day six of us girls in the C Class are going to have a paper. I thing they have decided to call it "The Wreath". Kate Glidden, Callie Scott, Emma Spry, Clara King, Ella Holman and I are the correspondents, editors, readers and everything.

Ellie Stewart

Tuesday, March 22, 1864

We had quite a fuss in school to day. yesterday Mr Bolton whipped a girl in one of the primary rooms and to day her parents had him arrested and were going to have a suit, but he got his lawyer and then the people were all afraid to sue him it caused Mr Bolton a good deal of trouble but nothing else. I was perfect in all the lesson we said. Pa gave me a dime bill with the metal mark on it.

Wednesday 23

The weather is moderating a little today. I was perfect in all my lessons. Letty was here a little while. Grandma Smith stayed all night to night. Ma got her two new calico dresses and one for Grandma.

Ellie Holman

Thursday 24

Grandma stayed all night and Aunt Mag stayed too.

Pattie Hobson

Friday, March 25, 1864

I was perfect all week and in Geography to day but I mifsed a question in Algebra and that make me average 93% for this week.

Laura Levy

Saturday 26

We are still without a girl. Pa gave all of the children a small bill to keep. I had my teeth fixed again.

Mrs A.J. Young

Margaret A. Conklyn

Sunday 27

I did not go to Sunday School for the first time this year. Mary brought me a book named "Uncle Jabez".

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Stella Bower

Monday, March 28, 1864

I was not very well today and ma would not let me go to School. Kate stopped as usual.

Ella Kendall

Mrs J.W. Overturf

Tuesday 29

I did not go to school again today. The tree and everything is budding.

Mary Bower

Wednesday 30

Kate stayed all night with me last night and to day I went to school, was perfect all day. first wrote my composition tonight subj Water.

Jennie has the chicken pox.

Linda Hardin

Thursday, March 31, 1864

Went to see Letty this evening. got a letter from Jos. Kate was here.

Lucy Bell Rifenberick

Nellie Allen

Friday, April 1

Went to school it rained and I did not come home to dinner. answered the letter I got from Jos. The first (no?) of the (new?) paper was read to day by Emma Spry and Callie Scott.

Callie Scott

Saturday 2

Nothing happened of my (experience?)

Mrs Annie Regnier

(Mifs Annie Overclier)

Sunday, April 3, 1864

We went to Sunday school. Lizzie went with us and it made her sick.

Lizzie Burr

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Maggie Jones

Monday 4

We have a week's vacation. Pa started for Pittsburgh but he came back.
Pa talks of sending me to Mr Clark.
Mrs Mary E. Churchill

Tuesday 5

Pa started to Pittsburgh. I went to see Letty. Aunt Lizzie and Lottie are
going to Little Rock to Uncle Tommy Grandma came up to see us.
Lincoln

Wednesday, April 6, 1864

Grandma, Aunt Mag and all of us are sewing for Aunt Lizzie and Letty.
It has rained
Laura Laughry
Emma Miller

Thursday 7

We are still sewing. Mifs Annie is at Mrs McFarlin sewing. Ma bought all
of our spring gingham and my summer hat it was 9 dollars.
Ma got a letter from uncle Tommy and his picture.
Benj. Butler

Friday 8

Mary and I paid for the goods and brought them home. We borrowed
\$40.00 from Uncle Enos. Aunt Mary Bradford Moore is going to St
Louis.
Farragut

Saturday, April 9, 1864

It rained nearly all day Grandma and Aunt Mag went home. Uncle
Reuben stayed all night with us. I was around to Aunt Lizzie's.
Com. D. Porter

Sunday 10

We went to sunday school and church.
Com. Gilmore

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Monday 11

We commenced school again today. Mr Bolton did not mark us at all. I knew all of my lessons. It has been a most beautiful day. Ma took the children and spent the day with Aunt Maria. Annie is sick with the Chicken pox.

S. Brough governor

Tuesday, April 12, 1864

It showered several times to day. Ma, Mary and I were up last night and consequently we did not go to school. Kate was here. Rell Martin called. Edward Everett was seventy years old to day.

Lucy Hogan

Wednesday 13

I went to school this morning but not this afternoon we are taking the chicken pox, received and answered Mifs Richardson's letter Mr Murray sent Ma word that we may expect Pa home tomorrow evening.

Rosa Worthington

Thursday 14

Kate, her mother and Flora were here and took tea, we are expecting Pa home. I did not go to school.

Mary J Murray

Friday, April 15, 1864

I did not go to school Pa came home and brought Mary and me a box of crayons, and ma a beautiful photo graphic album.

Luzinca

Saturday 16

I felt very badly all day it rained a little now and then all day.

Callie Dunham

Sunday 17

This morning it rained and snowed but it cleared off and was a beautiful day.

Luelle Wynn

Monday, April 18, 1864

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Went to school all day averaged 80. Went out to Mr Bell's nursery and got four plants. one cactus, one wax plant, one cape jassamine and one cloth of gold rose. Pa says he has rented the Damarin house and I expect we will move next week.

Fannie Cummings

Tuesday 19

Mrs Doyle did not come so that we could not begin to get ready.

Ella Cummings

Wednesday 20

Mrs D- came and we have begun in earnest we are all staying out of school until after we move. I got a letter from Jos. Kate was here

Julia Cummings

Thursday, April 21, 1864

Mrs Cook has been here all day taking up rose bushes to set out at the house where she lives she showed me how to make sponge cake.

Nannie Hyatt Mrs C H Holloway

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Friday 22

Mrs Cook was here all day again she gave me two or three Caly canthus roots and a beautiful lilly, white

Mrs Murdock

Saturday 23

Mrs Glidden came and spent the day with ma showing her how to make soap. Grandpa came up to see us. It has been very warm all day.

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Mrs Reagan

Sunday, April 24, 1864

It showered a little now and then all day and once there was quite a wind storm. There was no sunday school. Grandma Smith came up today.

Mt Vernon

Monday 25

It rained some this morning and then the clouds broke and it looks as if it was going to clear off. We did not go to school any of us. I answered Jonathan's letter.

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Washington

Tuesday 26

We have been moving all day, the family all went round to the new house to sleep. Mary and I stayed all night with Aunt Maria Lafayette.

Wednesday, April 27, 1864

We are all upside down working around trying to get straightened up but things look very much tumbled up.

Rell Martin.

Thursday 28

Kate was here and says that Mr Bolton is going to war with the militia.

Clara. E. Swain

{ Nannie Catchings

John Johnson

Nannie. L. Catchings.

Friday 29

Kate was here all the evening, her brother is going with one of the companies.

Ella Greene Lillie Johnson.

Mattie Murray

Saturday, April 30, 1864

Mifs Annie was gone and Nannie went away and we were left without anybody. We had some pie plant for the first time this season.

Annie Lora Moore

Sunday, May 1

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We went to Sunday school and came very near being late. They have been repairing the room and it looks very nice now only I do not like the seats we occupy now as well as those we had before

Annie Bratt Willie Molster Venitia Ramsey Mary

Crees

Maria Bratt Mary Davis Emma Ramsey Anna Suter

Anna McGiahy Olive Newton Ella Greene Sarah

Kittles

Emma Goff Anna Campbell Ella Whigman Jennie

Gibson

Monday 2

We had no school today Mr Bolton was expecting to go with the militia.

Mrs Chas Newman

Mattie Hazlett. Hattie Burkhalter

Nettie Campbell. M.J. Murray

Tuesday, May 3, 1864

The board of trustees hired a substitute for Mr Bolton and we are going to have school. I commenced to day but it was so cold without fire that we could not stay in the afternoon Mr Bolton had a chill and we had no school.

California S Scott

Wednesday 4

Pa went to Cincinnati and expects to be gone some time. Lizzie is sick.

Mrs Connolly and Amelia called this evening and I went home with Amelia. The militia went away to day we had no school this forenoon and this afternoon I could not go.

Thursday 5

There was a man here from Grandpa's he brought some butter and eggs. Ma said Mary and I might go back with him but his aunt was with him and there was no room for us. I was out to Mrs Green's to get some eggs for grandma but did not get any. Mifs Addie G has come and she looks as if she would be a very pleasant girl.

Friday, May 6, 1864

Grandma and Grandpa came up to see Lizzie but she is well and up again.

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Callie S. Scott.

Saturday 7

Mary Jane Gunn's school had a picnic to day and Mary Jennie and I went. We had a pretty long walk, good dinner and were very tired when we got home. Mifs America Wheeler and Jennie came over and spent the evening.

Sunday 8

I did not go to sunday school. I am so very tired after my tramp yesterday that I can scarcely move. Pa came home this morning and Grandma went home.

Monday, May 9, 1864

The weather is beautiful but very warm in the sun Debby Chandler, Anna Carey, and Cora Conway spent the evening here. I like them very well, they are all good union girls. Mr Powell began the hear a part of our classes. Clara King was here. Pa gave me a new watch chain.

Emma Pope

Tuesday 10

The weather is delightful, this afternoon it rained. Kate G is staying here all night. I like Mr Powell very well thus far. He lips and I like to hear anyone talk that way. Grandpa was up. Aunt Maria and the children were here this afternoon. We have some very interesting news today both from the Army of the Potomac and South-west. Kate, Emma Spry and I walked down near the river this forenoon. The Kentucky hills are perfectly beautiful. (the name Clara K. is written and crossed out)

Wednesday 11

The news from the Army of the Potomac continues to be favorable.

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Mary E. Adams	D,B, Stephenson	Ella Kendall
Mary J. Murray	W.B. Stephenson	Nellie Allen
Hattie Berkhalter	Mr Bigler	Ella
Tewksbury		
Mattie Hazlett	W.L. Brayton	Ella Miller
Nettie Campbell	J. Bannon	Lizzie
Barr		
Mifs Bickham	D. Perkins Pratt	Louise
Moore		

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Thursday, May 12, 1864

I got a letter from Jonathan
Debby Chandler called to see if I was going to the concert.
Lizzie McFarland

Friday 13

I did not get along very well in school today when I missed the teacher would mark us and when I was perfect he did not mark us. our school is decreasing very much there were only 14 scholars there to day.

Saturday 14

Grandma came up and it rained nearly all day. I began to give Mary and Jennie music lessons and to read the testament through.

Sunday, May 15, 1864

I went to sunday school, and church twice today Mr Waddel was here to day.
Ellie McFarland

Monday 16

l(t) rained but we went to school. Uncle Enos and his family came to stay with us until they get their house painted. Grandma went to Aunt Mollie's.
Emma Johnson.

Tuesday 17

It rained again. Mr Bolton spent the evening with pa. Grandma went home, ma and Letty went down to Grandpa's. Uncle Saul was here to dinner.

Wednesday, May 18, 1864

Grandma went home yesterday. I don't know what happened today.
Chattie Lewis

Thursday 19

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I did not go to school. Kate came home with Mary to dinner. Ma and 3 of the children are sick. Aunt Maria's folks went home. I went around to Aunt Mollie's this evening and found Aunt Lizzie and both of her children sick. Uncle Tommy has not come yet.

Friday 20

Uncle Tommy came home. Ma and the children are better. Jennie is gone to school and Mary and I are at home waiting on the sick. It is a beautiful day and warm. The water is very high it is over the tow path.

Saturday, May 21, 1864

The weather has got very warm. Uncle Tommy is sick I went around to see them this evening. Mary and I went down to the bridge to get a girl. Emma and Venitia Ramsey called on me, I have (been) sick all day.

Sunday 22

I did not go to Sunday-school. I felt so badly we had no books the librarian would not give any out.

Sallie Lewis.

Mrs Sam Gilbert.

Monday 23

I went to school this morning but had to come home I felt so sick. I made my striped, figured, green organdie. Kate and Ella Holman were here.

Tuesday, May 24, 1864

Letty and I went down town this evening and ran around a good deal and wound up the trip by going to the "Ice cream" salon to get some Ice cream, it was the first I have since I went with Uncle Sam last summer. It sprinkled several times during the day.

Wednesday 25

The weather is very pleasant it sprinkled several times to day I was at school but Mary was not Ma bought the lace for my mouse colored silk. she is making Mary a red silk with pinked flowers. Kate was here a little while. I gave Jennie a music lesson. I went to see Debbie Chandler. After supper I dressed Annie and we went up to Aunt Maria's where I met Chattie Lewis and her brother.

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Thursday 26

I went to school. Kate was here to dinner. I went home with Emma Spry and took tea with her after which I went down to the store with her where we stayed about half an hour. Then I came home and she came with me and stayed a few minutes.

Friday, May 27, 1864

I have been perfect all day at school. It rained a little. Uncle Tommy came here expressly to pay me a visit he said. Ma and Aunt Maria went calling. Mary was sick last night but is better this morning.

Miss Lide Varner

Saturday 28

Anne got my new silk dress shirt done and in the afternoon Ma and I went out calling we made thirteen calls. Mary and the children went down to the foundry. Uncle Tommy was here twice and I was at his house twice.

Miss Augusta Varner

Sunday 29

I went to church to hear Mary J Glover's funeral sermon preached the house was full. Mary had belonged to the bible class and all of the members but one or two besides myself were mourners.

Monday, May 30, 1864

Ma paid the milk bill. I was at school all day. Kate was absent today. Mary is still sick. Ma went around to Uncle Tommy's to see Mrs Eliza Brown who came yesterday and is going home tomorrow. Mary Vaun the young lady who came with her intends staying until Aunt Lizzie is well when they will both go. Uncle Tommy will accompany Mrs Brown tomorrow as far as Cincinnati.

Tuesday 31

Mr Bolton told the girls to appoint a committee to make the arrangements for the singing at examinations which they did. Emma Wait, Emma Goff & Emma Spry.

Sallie Tewksbury.

Wednesday, June 1

I went home with Emma Wait from school and stayed a while, and after I came home Chattie Lewis came to see me.

Mrs Joseph N

Murray

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Ella Tewksbury

Thursday, June 2, 1864

The weather is very pleasant Chattie Lewis was here this evening.
Cora Conway.

Friday 3

Mr Gunn, Mifs Mary Bunn and Debby Chandler were here this evening.
Mrs Miller
Anne Carre.

Saturday 4

Ma, Mary and I went to church this afternoon. Uncle Tommy came back
from Cincinnati. Grandpa was here.
Debbie Chandler

Sunday, June 5, 1864

It is communion Sunday the church was crowded this forenoon. We
had a stranger to speak to us in Sunday school to day. Letty joined the
church to day.
Mary. E. Adams.

Monday 6

Mary & I went out home with Kate Glidden to stay all night. They have
a very pretty place out there and we enjoyed ourselves very much. It
showered once or twice to day and that made the walking a little
muddy and the grass and weeds wet after we got there. We bought
home a very pretty boquet of roses for ma. Before we went out Uncle
Tommy took K.G. Emma Spry, Mary and Me to Switzer Saloon and we
had a nice time.

Tuesday 7

We arrived at home all well and found all the rest so too but pa has
been a little lonesome and has not read the paper he got last night at
all. Emma Spry came up to night to practice our piece together for
examination

Wednesday, June 8, 1864

Kate was not at school. I have been all this week.

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Celia Shearer.

Thursday 9

Uncle Tommy took Aunt Lizzie and the children to school Louisville. I believe Letty as far as Fayetteville Uncle Tommy gave us a large photograph of the "Home".

Friday 10

While we were at school this morning a call from Gov. Brough was brought and read to us as soon as recess I proposed a Little Aid Society and it was received with cheers. I have got twelve to join it and I expect more will be at the meeting tomorrow at Dr Crees' I went to see Debby Chand Annie Cary and Cora Conway. I am perfectly delighted with the Idea.

Saturday, June 11, 1864

Ma went to the Large society this morning and took two great loads of things. There were nine members to day and we have \$16.80 to begin with. I got some yarn for the girls to commence knitting.
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Sunday 12

Annie, Enos and four other children were baptized today. Dr Pratt preached his quarterly sermon to the children.

Monday 13

I have been to school today and went through the same old routine. Kate was not there.

Tuesday, June 14, 1864

Clara King was here to spend the evening. Sarah Reed and Belle Gregory were here to call this evening. There is not much of interest going on. Joe called today to say that they had got a dispatch from Letty saying she was sick.

Wednesday 15

Louisiana Moore Ricker Diaries

There has been three fires in town to day. Doubtless the work of an incendiary. Anna Carey has been out in the county and returned to stay she will join our society the next Saturday. Examination will come off today week. The Ladies of the Aid society are having a festival tomorrow night.

Thursday 16

Kate Glidden is staying all night to go with us to the festival tonight. Ma made me such a pretty peasant-waist to day. I made a mistake all this happened Friday.

Friday, June 17, 1864

We went to the festival and had a very nice time.

Emma Wait

Saturday 18

Ma made my pink muslin dress. I went to market with Pa. I cut out ten shirts for the Society today, we had eleven members. Met at Cora Conways.
Saidie Wait

Sunday 19

Pa and I went down to Grandpa's had as many strawberries as we could eat.

Monday, June 20, 1864

Ma has been out all day with uncle Tom and Aunt Lizzie looking for a house for them. I cut out 6 more shirts. Mrs Lewis was here Anna Bratt & Anna McGinley were here also Emma Spry.

Tuesday 21

Ma went down to grandmas and brought her up Uncle Reuben was here. I hardly know what to write so little is going on. I went to market this morning the first time I ever went to the lower market house.

Wednesday 22

I commenced writing my composition for Public examination subject, Music, I expect I will make a complete failure. Emma Spry and Hannah Carrie were here.

Thursday, June 23, 1864

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We are not doing much at school now Mr Bolton is very busy examining the other rooms and he hardly finds time to hear our lessons. I took John and Annie to Aunt Lizzie's and Uncle Tom took us out riding up to see his house that he is going to live in. Mrs and Mr Gregory spent the evening with us. Pa and I went to market this morning and got some rasp-berries the first that have been in market this season.

Friday 24

We had school this morning but not this afternoon. Some of us girls went and cleaned up the room and Library. Emma Spry, Hattie Ball, Callie Scott, Clara King, Mary Crees, Florence Collett, Ella Hohman and myself. I polished the stove, Pa took Mary Jennie & me down to the saloon and got us some ice cream. It has been very warm today.

Saturday 25

The Society me at our house Emma Johnston joined we have seven shirts and three socks done. Grandpa and Ruie came up. Ma and Mrs Gregory went out riding this morning on horseback. It has been excessively warm today, pa gave me a pretty present for Mr Bolton. A real bug, green and tiny spots like gold on him with gold legs and pin, it is a breast pin made from a bug.

Sunday, June 26, 1864

Dr Pratt has gone to see his mother and will be absent about three weeks. Mr Miller I think it was taught our class. We had a stranger to preach for us this forenoon.

Kate Glidden

Monday 27

I went to school the forenoon and gave Mr Bolton that bug. He seemed very much pleased. He excused me to stay at home and write some more to my composition. I am nearly through with it.

Flora Glidden

Tuesday 28

The examinations commenced. I did not attend any of them. Ours will come off next Friday Forenoon. I wrote my songs off for that occasion and tied them together with red & blue ribbon the paper being white. I sat up until 12 o'clock to write off my composition.

Wednesday, June 29, 1864

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It sprinkled a little today, Mary received Mifs EDR's picture and I got a letter from her. I attended two examinations today Mifs Williams & Mrs Stone. I copied my composition again.

Rosencrantz.

Thursday 30

Spent nearly all day at the School House, Helped to fix up High School Room for Grammar School Examination before noon, attended their examination in the afternoon after which we decorated the room for our own use tomorrow fore noon, there are four large flags besides a great many small ones and wreaths, Ma bought quite a quantity of new calico and also a new lawn dress for Mary together with some drilling and domestic Jennie went to Grandpa's with Uncle Enos, Old Muly came Mary wrote for me to night.

Friday, July 1

We had our examination passed off well there were a great many there. Uncle Tommy came back from Cincinatti. Aunt Mary and Mr Norton brought Letty Morton home from Fayetteville dead.

Saturday, July 2, 1864

Lettie's funeral will be preached at the Presbyterian Church this evening at four o'clock. It will be four weeks tomorrow since she joined the church and the first time she has entered it since that day being sick and absent the intervening Sundays.

Sherman.

Sunday 3

Dr Pratt got very enthusiastic over his sermon today and kept us forty minutes over the time. He preached a very good sermon.
Unconditional Surrender Grant

Monday 4

Almost every body went out of town Pa and us children went over on the Kentucky hills to get huckle-berries got a few and some sarirs (?) pa said more than he had got before for 30 years. Grandma is 73 years old today. It has been a very dull fourth.

Tuesday, July 5, 1864

Fannie went home yesterday and has not come back yet. Grandma and Uncle Reuben are here we have all worked very hard today. Ma is sick in bed from it. Mrs Gregory was here several times.

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Three Cheers for Dennison.

Wednesday 6

Harriet Parks came. Grandpa came up and Mary & Jennie went home with him. Uncle Tom and I went out riding, we went out to plant some moss on Lettie's grave but the gardener had not fixed it yet.

P. Sheridan Ohio

Thursday 7

I did not go to market this morning. We had quite a little thunder shower this evening which was very welcome to us, it was much more pleasant afterwards. Aunt Maria and the children stayed with ma while I went to the society. Mrs Jones was here. We had some cherries today for the first time this season.

Friday, July 8, 1864

Kate and Flora came in and spent the afternoon with us. Clara Fine and I went home with her and got some apples. Uncle Tom went to Cincinatti.

Saturday 9

Mary and Jennie came home. Ma and I went down to the saloon and got some ice cream.

Sunday 10

We went to Sabbath school but I did not stay to church Miss Bell our good Superintendent told us that our annual picnic would be Thursday down the river a short distance at the "Old Fort"

Monday, July 11, 1864

Ma, Harriet, and I sewed all day. I wrote to Mamie Catchings and Mifs Richardson. Ma wrote to Mrs Kelly in Yazoo. Our patent sweeper came

Tuesday 12

The Bigelow Chapel Sunday school had their picnic went eleven miles out on the cars. I borrowed aunt Lizzie's baby carriage and took Annie a very long ride.

Wednesday 13

Ma and Mary & I went down to the Saloon and got some Ice cream.

Thursday, July 14, 1864

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Pa, Jennie, Lizzie and I went to the Sunday school picnic. I don't think I ever saw more fun. Today is the day for our Society to meet but it is deferred until Saturday on account of the picnic.

Lou Mangum

Friday 15

Mary and I spent the day out at Jennie Stewart's we had a delightful time.

Laurentina Phillipps.

Saturday 16

The Society met at our house we appointed Sarah Raugh Secretary in place of Clara King who has gone off on a visit. We also decided to have a Mite Society which will meet for the first time at our house Tuesday 8 o'clock P.M. Mr & Mrs Nichols and Belden spent the evening.

Sunday, July 17, 1864

I did not go to church this forenoon but went this afternoon. We are all well and the weather is very hot.

Fannie Mangum

Monday 18

Ma took Milton and Enos and went down to Grandpa's and stayed nearly all day Mary Jennie and I stayed at home by ourselves with Annie. Lizzie was up at Aunt Maria's all day. Pa went to Cincinnati.

Mrs Dr John Pease

Emma Evens.

Tuesday 19

The man brought the new washing machine for Ma to try. Aunt Lizzie Uncle Tom and several more were here to witness the operation. The Mite Society met here to raise money for our Aid Society. We got \$7.

Kate and Flora stayed all night.

Wednesday, July 20, 1864

Another call came from Gov Brough to which we are going to respond.

Mary Kate Flora and I have been out all day begging and have the promise of a great many things. I wrote to Callie Scott. Pa came home, Ma got our new washing machine.

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Thursday 21

Our Soldiers Aid Society met here this evening. Last Tuesday there was a call from Gov. Brough and today we sent two (2) boxes to Columbus to Merrill Barlow Q.M.G. (Quarter Master General) Celia Shearer & Hannah Currie joined our Society. I wrote to the Q.M.G. on behalf of the Society.
Hennie Chambers.

Friday 22

Jennie and Milton had their photographs taken. Pa, Uncle Enos Mary and I went over on the Kentucky Hills after huckleberries and got about a half a gallon.

Saturday, 23, 1864

Lizzie Jack called on me The weather is very warm that is about all I know to write we had a little rain. Got two letters from Jonathan.

Sunday 24

I went to Sunday school and stayed to church did not go in the afternoon.
Lizzie Rundle.

Monday 25

Lizzie and I were going down to Grandpa's and take Annie, but she got sick last night and was sick all day until night when she got better.

Tuesday, July 26, 1864

Uncle Enos brought Lizzie and me down to Grandpa's where I now am Late in the afternoon I mowed a row of hay about 20 yds long and I don't believe I will get over it for a month it raised ten blisters on my hands. We are going to stay until Saturday.

Wednesday 27

Uncle Sam and Aunt Mary came home today and brought a baby. I was very glad to see them. Ruie and I went over to the orchard and got some apples.

Thursday 28

It is excessively warm today and the flies annoy one nearly to death.

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Uncle Sam desires me to say that
his little son is sucking his fist today.

Samuel G Moore
Mary E Bradford
Raphael Moore

Friday, July 29, 1864

Uncle Sam came up to town to see the folks and he brought Lizzie and me. Mifs Caroline and Mifs Mary Gunn were here. Uncle Tom promised to come around this evening but failed to fulfill his promise.

Saturday 30

Our Aid Society met at Cora Conway's we have concluded not to sew any more at least for the present but knit. So Hattie and I went and got five lbs of gray yarn and enough of white to knit with it. Uncle Tom Mary and I went out to the graveyard to plant some white moss on Lettie's grave after which we went to Mrs Stewarts.

Sunday 31

A stranger preached at our church today Mr Ballentine. It has been a very warm day.

Monday, August 1, 1864

Mr Seigfried the man who taught singing here last winter began to teach another class this evening Mary Jennie Lizzie and I all go Grandma came up to town. I received an answer to the letter I wrote to the Quarter Master General. Merrill Barlow

Tuesday 2

Grandma came to our house. Our "Mite Society" met at Mrs Gregory's we raised nearly \$7.00. We had to go to singing school first.

Wednesday 3

We went to singing this forenoon and afternoon too. Mary and I went over to Belle Connolly's John and Helen came and brought Johnny they are staying at her mother's.

Thursday, August 4, 1864

This is a day set apart by our president as a day of fasting and prayer. Mrs Glidden and Kate were here. Our Society was postponed until

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tomorrow. John came up to see us. Pa went down to grandpas and brought home a large bag of apples.

John M Milton.

Friday 5

The Society met at Mrs Johnson's on Second Street Lizzie Glover joined and Addie Smith said we could put her name down and she will pay next time. After singing school we went to the shoe stores with Aunt

Lizzie

Levi Moore

Saturday 6

We are so much occupied with our singing school that we don't do anything else. Uncle Sam and Aunt Mary came down this morning and intend staying until tomorrow evening.

Sunday, August 7, 1864

Uncle Tom came home again. Uncle Sam went to church with me. Pa and I took a walk. Uncle Sam and family went home.

Lizzie Moore

Monday 8

Uncle Enos and Aunt Maria went to Minnesota this morning and took the children with them. I was at singing school three times today.

Pa went down to Buena Vista to see Aunt Maria McCall.

Annie Moore

Tuesday 9

Pa came home. We put up five pecks of tomatoes.

Wednesday, August 10, 1864

Mary, Lizzie Smith is 4 years old today.

The class of select singers met at Mr Tewksbury's to practice this evening.

Mary E. Moore.

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Thursday 11

To night is the night of the concert there are about 175 singers. Mary, Jennie, Lizzie and I are going to sing. It was a beautiful sight to see so many children dressed in white dresses with a blue sash and bow at the left side with wreaths on their heads and flowers all over them. Camilla Robinson was queen Lizzie Lloyd, Hattie Hempstead, Addie Smith and Eunice Hall were the maids of honor.

Friday 12

The concert was repeated, everything went off very well. Uncle Sam was here.

Virginia Moore

Saturday, August 13, 1864

The society met at Debbie Chandler's we bought five dollars worth of white yarn. The weather is very warm but we had quite a refreshing little rain.

John Bolton

Sunday 14

The weather is very warm. There was a little sprinkle of rain this morning. Instead of having afternoon meeting they have changed it is night meeting.

Laura Bonsall

Mrs Ben Richardson

Monday 15

This has been the warmest day we have had this summer. I went up to see Chattie Lewis she is sick and Mrs Lewis is away from home. I began another soldier sock.

Mrs Martin

Tuesday, August 16, 1864

Tonight is the night that the nite society meets up to Lizzie Glover's it has been raining a little now and then all the afternoon I cannot go because Uncle Tom is not here to go with me. Uncle Sam was here to dinner.

Mrs Kate Gregory

Wednesday 17

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We were looking for Uncle Tom today but he did not come. I have forgotten what happened today.

Lizzie Culbertson.

Thursday 18

The Society met at our house Uncle Sam came up to bid us good bye he is going tomorrow if nothing prevents.

Friday, August 19, 1864

Annie is 19 months old today. Oh no I have made a mistake it is day after tomorrow.

Clara King

Saturday 20

It has been raining again today. Mary and I took Annie up to Mrs Martin's. In the evening there were several girls here to sing in "Flora's Festival" It rained and lightened and thundered this evening after dark.

Enos is four years old today.

Aggie King.

Sunday 21

It is raining again to day. We are very thankful for it after the long drought. Annie is 19 months old. Dr Pratt's text was "Wisdom's ways are ways of pleasantness and all her path are peace Proverbs 3.19 I finished the first volume of Banerof's History of the United States"

Monday, August 22, 1864

Mary and I went up to Sciotoville on the cars to see Mell and see if we could get any butter. We intended to come back on the eleven o'clock train but it came in earlier than usual and we were left to come on the six o'clock train. Mell came down with us and stayed at our house. Mr

Wm Cutler died.

Tuesday 23

Ma went to Mr Cutler's funeral this evening. Mell stayed all night to night and will go home tomorrow. I commenced the second volume of Banerof's history of the United States. Mr White General Superintendent of Public Schools delivered a lecture in the lecture room of our church tonight.

Wednesday 24

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Mifs Fristo called on me it has been very warm Uncle Tom has not come yet. I commenced to take lessons, on cutting by a chart from Mell's Mother Mrs Evans.

Thursday, August 25, 1864

The Nite Society met at Casie Conway's Nellie & Jennie Cook joined we had a pretty full attendance. I called on Mifs Mollie Craigs I received a letter from Callie. We got a letter from a Soldier in the Hospital acknowledging the receipt of a Can of Cherries sent by our society to Nashville.

Friday 26

I sent a couple of letters for Ma one to Aunt Maria the other to Mrs Young. Pa got a letter from Mr Sheppard

Saturday 27

Nothing worthy of note transpired today.

Saidie Poe.

Sunday, August 28, 1864

I was at church twice today. Uncle Saul came up and will be here a day or two.

Hurrah for Bundy.

Monday 29

We have been trying to get to sewing today but could not. I am very anxious to get back to school. We all went to gardening today and succeeded in making a flower bed in the front yard. Chattie Lewis is better she was down to our house a while today.

Tuesday 30

The Mite Society met at Mr C.S. Smith's not very many persons present. Made \$4.45 Uncle Jack came home this morning. Mary and I commenced to wash this morning but gave out before we got through. Uncle Saul went home. Mary wrote to Mifs Richardson

Wednesday, August 31, 1864

This has been a very lonesome day. The nights are getting cool. The grapes are beginning to ripen. Huckleberries are in market yet Pa says he never knew them to hold out so well.

Lilla Harrienn

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Thursday, September 1

Our society does not meet until Saturday, as school begins Monday it will meet on Saturdays after this Mary and I went out to Mr Bell's flower garden to get some flower roots but they did not have the kinds we wanted. We took Annie in her buggy.

Lulu Harrison

Friday 2

Mrs Evans came and gave me another lesson. Grandpa came up and brought us some vegetables We got the news that Atlanta is captured.

Maggie Harrison

Saturday, September 3, 1864

Our Aid Society met at Mrs Currie's three new members' four pairs of socks. The new organ is finished I went to choir meeting with Mifs Anne Overdier also went down to Thurza Spray's with her. Went to church to the preparatory lecture tomorrow being Communion Sunday. There was a very hard thunder storm to night about midnight attended with rain.

Sunday 4

This is Communion Sunday. The third since I joined the church not one joined to day. The middle block of pews was full of communicants. It rained again to day.

Rev Dr E.P. Pratt.

Monday 5

School commenced to day but Mr Bolton had not time to teach in our room so it will commence tomorrow, I am very anxious to go again. Vacation seemed so long. The weather is warm to day. The Hundred Day men got home today.

Tuesday September 6, 1864

This is Clara Swain's birthday 16 years old. I wonder where she is and if she thought of me today. I went to school today. There are several

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new scholars from the Grammar Schools. The weather is pretty cool today.

Abraham

Wednesday 7

Uncle Tom got back with his family today and is moving into the house they have rented up on Second Street. School was dismissed at recess this afternoon. Emma Spry and I went nearly down to the bridge on front and up to Aunt Lizzie's on Second, a long walk. Ma and I went to see Mifs Adams the Music teacher to see what hours we could take lessons we were ahead of every one else and got the preference Clara Swain is.

Thursday 8

This is my birth-day. 16 years old. Pa gave me a splendid diamond cross containing 24 sets. There was Union Speeches here this afternoon and night I went to night Mr Bunch, Mr Dan McFarland & Col Herd spoke liked it very much. Grandpa was up.

Friday, September 9, 1864

I took my first lesson from the new music teacher Mifs Adams. Pa got a letter from Uncle Enos.

Abe Lincoln

Saturday 10

Mifes Laura Loughlin & Lizzie Burr called on me Sallie Tewksbury & Lizzie Watson joined our society we bought another bundle of yarn. The weather is very warm
Allie Buskirk

Sunday 11

I went to Sunday school but did not go to church once.
Andrew Johnston

Monday, September 12

Two of our old scholars came back today we have quite a full school now.
Kate is not here to day.

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Nellie Morton.

Tuesday 13

I was expecting to attend our mite Society to night but was disappointed. A great many girls on our street are going. Emma Spry Clara King and I wrote a most remarkable letter to Kate today.

Wednesday 14

I did not practise any today Mary was ciphering and I had to help her. Kate came back to day just in time to save us from the "rule desks" I expect for we would probably have written another letter and I don't know what the "consequences" might have been.

Thursday, September 15, 1864

Today is Ma & Mary's birthday. Pa gave Mary a book called "the Keepsake" & Ma one called the "Atlanta Souvenir" both are pretty books ma gave M- a watch & chain. Emma Spry, Clara King, Kate Glidden & I are having a glorious time at school.

Friday 16

It is just a year to day since Uncle Sam was married, we have been in town 1 year, 1 week, & 2 days, I went with Clara King to the dedication of the Jewish Synagogue but could not get in on account of the crowd.

Saturday 17

The Society met at Clara King's E. Holman joined we had a pretty full attendance bought another bundle of yarn.

Sunday, September 18, 1864

Went to Sunday school. Mr Riggs taught our class. Went to Dr Burr's church with Mrs Gregory. Saw Callie Scott she has just got back from Chillicothe was very glad to see her.

Mary Gaylord

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Monday 19

Callie Scott came to school this evening to see the girls she is going out
West visiting
Mattie Gaylord

Tuesday 20

Jonathon has got home

Wednesday, September 21, 1864

I wrote to Lizzie Young to day. I don't know how she will receive it and am
very anxious to here from her.

Thursday 22

This afternoon while at school I wrote a letter to Mifs E.D. Richardson.
E.D. Richardson

Friday 23

I was at school to day this evening Emma Spry came home with me and
stayed a while.

Saturday, September 24, 1864

It rained this morning so that the Baptist S. School did not have their picnic.
A few of the members of the Aid Society met at Celia Shearer's I called on
Lizzie Burr, Laura Loughrie and went to see Emma Spry she begged me to
stay to supper and I would not, she felt so badly about it that she cried. The
wind blew and whistled last night like winter. Ma got a letter from Mr Miller
20th Wis

Sunday 25

I went to Sunday school and then went to Bigelow chapel with Madge
McKune.
Emma Spry.

Monday 26

Mr Bolton began to examine us in Physical Geography Mary gave me a new
slate pencil I want to see how long it will last.

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Tuesday, September 27, 1864

I wrote to Aunt Maria for ma. Mary wrote to Mr Miller It began to rain about dark.

Nellie Thomas.

Wednesday 28

I cut a dress pattern for myself and one for Lizzie. The cistern is progressing finely. Our school is pretty full and we have a nice time.

Nannie Sessions

I commenced crochet Ma a scarlet breakfast shawl. Gus Connolly showed me how to begin it.

Thursday 29

Today Mr Bolton told us that we must have compositions for tomorrow, I have tried to get one and the result is an Essay on the "Mission of the Dew Drop" I saw Mr Bell & Dr Pratt today so it appears that they have got back. It rained very hard today. We had our last examination on P. Geography this morning. I think I will be above average per cent which is only 60% In that case I will wade through P.G. into Chemistry.

Friday, September 30, 1864

This afternoon we did not do much at school Mr Bolton talked some and gave us some questions in Arithmetic and dismissed us at recess a few of us had compositions but did not read them. My General Average for the month ending today is .99%.

Saturday, October 1

The Society met at Celia Shearer's only nine members present I received a circular from Merrill Barlow the "Quartermaster General. It has rained nearly all day and is very hard tonight. Last night I ripped ma's shawl all out and began it again this morning.

Sunday 2

I went to Sunday school this morning. At two O'clock Mary and I went to our church to hear Mr W. Corson's funeral preached by Rev W. Clark. At four O'clock we went to "All Saint's" Church to the Bi. Monthly Sunday Association. The church was crowded.

Monday, October 3, 1864

I went to school as usual. Pa went to Cincinnati. The Hon Saml Calloway spoke at the market house this evening at 7 ½ O'clock. Mifs Annie Overdier stayed all night with us also Rachel Givens, Emmily McCall, Uncle Saul

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McCall and his cousin Mr McCall and Mr Givens, Rachel's brother, and Uncle Reuben the house was full. There was a great crowd out to hear the speech about fifty persons came up from Beuna Vista but did get here until too late.

Tuesday 4

All of the folks went away to day.

The weather is very pleasant.

We had a called meeting of the Aid Society which met at our house we decided to commence right away and get up another box.

Wednesday 5

Pa came home to day. Grandpa was up.

Thursday, October 6, 1864

Here it is Thursday and I have not written a composition yet. Well I will have to write it between now and Monday which will do quite as well. Enos has the Scarlet Fever.

Clara Waller.

Friday 7

Grandma Smith is at our house today. Mr Bolton commences to make the scholars exercise in Gymnastics we had a good deal of fun in consequence.

We are looking for Cousin Duvall & Will every day.

Saturday 8

Our Society met at Lizzie Watson's we could not go in the afternoon but as the girls insisted on packing the box to night I had to go up to night after dark and help them. It hailed this evening. Annie took the Scarlett Fever this afternoon. I got a letter from Aunt Maria.

Sunday, October 9, 1864

Dr Pratt has got home. Mary, Jenny & I went to church. I received a red card at Sunday school today, for being present at S. school every day in last quarter.

Ella Holman.

Monday 10

I was up to Mrs Watsons this evening after school to finish packing the box. The children are getting better.

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Alice Enslow

Tuesday 11

This has been a very pleasant day. This is election day for congressman. Everything is quiet from all appearances nothing unusual is going on but a great deal depends on the result the election for President will go the same way that this election goes. I commence (this was not finished)

Wednesday, October 12, 1864

We have heard from the election. Bundy had a large majority and Gov Morton swept Illinois his opponent had no show at all. Cousins Duval & Will Young came today.

Thursday 13

Today Cousins Duval & Will and Pa went down to Grandpa's and stayed all day. I wrote to Lizzie Young.

Lizzie Young.

Mrs Albert Riddle

Friday 14

Pa went up to Zuliski on the cars this morning Cousin Duval & Will expected to go away to day but we persuaded them to stay until Monday. Cousins Duval & Will and I went up to Mrs Strunby's this evening and spent about an hour. Ma received a letter from Aunt Sallie Young and I one from Lizzie, she had not read the one I wrote two or three weeks ago.

Saturday, October 15, 1864

We have been running around a good deal to day Ma took Cousin D... to see some houses he has a notion of buying Mrs Gregory's house I hope he will. We all went up to see Uncle Tom's folks this afternoon Little Maggie cut the end of her little finger off. This evening we all went up to spend the evening with Mifses Gunn. Pa came home on the cars.

Sunday 16

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We all went to church this morning Cousin Will Mary & I sat in Uncle Enos' Pew. ...afternoon Ma Mary & I went of church we could not find Cousin W... Pa and Cousin D.. went out walking. Mr Pratt's text was "The power of an endless life". Very good sermon. In the evening Cousins D... & W... Mary and I went to hear Mr King his text was these two words "Without Christ".

Monday 17

Our visitors left today. I went to school we began to respond with a bible verse or proverb when Mr Bolton calls the roll he call the roll until he came to my name which is near the last, and no one would say their verse, but I was determined to say mine, I did and then he began and called it again and some responded with a verse. I commenced another letter to Lizzie Young, Harriett made 7 gallons of Apple Butter today. Mrs Glidden dined here today

Tuesday, October 18, 1864

I wrote to Aunt Maria today. Uncle Sam has come home, he came last Sunday morning I wrote to Lizzie Young.
Sallie Chandler.

Wednesday 19

Grandpa was up to day. The weather is getting right cool in the mornings & evenings.
Celia Shearer.

Thursday 20

I wrote in Alice Enslow's Album this evening I began to draw my fingers in Philosophy in my old drawing book.
Lucy Chandler

Friday, October 21, 1864

The weather is very cool. This is composition day but Mr Bolton told us that had compositions last Friday that we might read a select price (piece). I chose The Price (Piece) Entitled "Today" in Tupper's Proverbial Philosophy. Mr Bolton preformed some experiments in Philosophy. Pa is having the cistern fixed. Ma has gone down to Grandpa's on horseback.

Saturday 22

I have a very bad cold so Ma would not allow me to go to the society. I finished Ma's breakfast shawl and began one for Mary the girl that is living

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with us. I also commenced my soldier sock and knit a great deal. Mary took the Scarlet fever.

Sunday 23

I was the only one able to go to Sunday School. I went to S. School and church in the forenoon and at quarter to two o'clock went to our church to hear the funeral of Lusy Higgins there were a great many mourners. At 3 o'clock our Sunday school went to the Baptist church as there was a mass meeting of the Sunday school there and addressed by some of the Baptist minister who came to the convention both the church above and the basement were crowded.

Monday, October 24, 1864

Went to school as usual nothing happened I believe Mary is better.
Annie Woods.

Tuesday 25

I was at school nothing going on except E Spy is teasing me most unmercifully and I don't know how to match her. I took my music lesson this morning as usual wish I did not have to take lessons I dislike it very much.

Wednesday 26

Mrs Gregory came in this evening after tea and stayed quite a while. No one ever comes about my house now on account of the fever I have not had it and don't think I will.

Thursday, October 27, 1864

I have been trying to write a composition all this week and have not succeeded until tonight this must be the charmed night for I never can write any other time. My subject is "A leaf from my Journal" and I have a little over six pages of foolscap paper. I will have a good time copying it. I took my dinner to school to day and stayed. Ma got me a new pair of shoes.

Friday 28

I did not copy my composition today. Em copied a page of it and I will have the rest to do tomorrow. Mr Bolton dismissed us at recess this afternoon. This morning Mifs Adams gave me a piece "Sunny South Gallop"

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Saturday 29

Grandpa was up today I copied a part of my composition this forenoon. Went to the Society this afternoon at Mary Crees'. Clara King is going away and expects to be gone all winter. The Kentucky hills are perfectly beautiful.

I finished my copying at bedtime tonight.

Sunday, October 30, 1864

I went to Sabbath school but have not been to church today. Uncle Sam brought Grandma up to stay a while with us. Jonathan was here this afternoon to see pa. Pa and Mary are both better. It has been a beautiful day.

Monday 31

Aunt Maria McCall came up to stay with us awhile. Uncle Saul was here to dinner. Aunt Maria gave me some chestnuts the first I have had. Pa got a letter from Cousin Duval and read in the paper tonight that the boat they were on going down, is sunk. Agreed today to write to Kate G Glidden one year from tomorrow where ever she is if we are both alive. Got letter from Uncle E. they are coming home.

Tuesday, November 1

Aunt Maria & Grandma are still with us. It is quite cold to day had frost this morning.

Wednesday, November 2, 1864

I took my dinner to school and stayed. Uncle Sam came up and took Grandma and Aunt Maria down home with him. I got a letter from Lizzie Young tonight. Emma Spry and I have fallen out. She has been carrying on at a great rate at my expense and I don't like it particularly well.

Kate Tillow

Thursday 3

Today Em took her dinner and I didn't. She has not spoken to me since yesterday.

Florence Tillow

Friday 4

Pa went to Cincinnati today. This afternoon first before school took in Em came running up to me and hugged me and kissed me and made great demonstration over me. It was very unexpected on my part. She had been pouting around all noon and she said that she had been nearly crying ever since she quit speaking to me.

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Written in the margin along three entries on this page are these words referring to Clara, Emma, Kate & Louie (the author):

4 of the greatest friends in the world almost

Saturday, November 5, 1864

This has been a beautiful day. Uncle Sam brought Aunt Maria up to day, they and Uncle Tom & Aunt Lizzie were here to dinner I went to the society at Alice Coriell's.

Wrote a letter to Lizzie
Clara L. King.

Sunday 6

Ma, Aunt Maria and I went to church. I went to Sunday School.
Emma J. Spry.

Monday 7

Aunt Maria went home. I went to school to day everything went on as usual.
I wrote to Mifs Richardson.
Kate G. Glidden

Tuesday, November 8, 1864

It rained all day to day and this evening it was raining so that Mrs Glidden gave her consent for Kate to stay with me. I wrote to Lizzie Young. I took my music lesson.
Louie M. Moore

Wednesday 9

Last night Kat, Mary L and I went over to Hurd's and purchased some turnips had good deal of fun over there. Kate & I did not go to sleep until about two o'clock in the morning. We had a good talk. This evening Em got sick and had to go home, rain worse and more of it.

Thursday 10

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This is the day for my composition. My subject is "coffee". Grandma Smith is here. Kate, her mother, Flora & Kate Brockman stayed all night at Mr Pursell's because it rained so they could not get home.

Friday, November 11, 1864

Last night at the mite Society over at Mr Chandler's they collected \$22.40 quite a handsome sum. They had an oyster supper. There was a wedding up on Courts Str. Last night attended by a "chivaree". I read my composition on 13th of July to day. I was the only one that read. The boys spoke their piece.

To divide 12 exactly in half and half = 7 XII
I took my music lesson.

Saturday 12

The Aid Society met at Cora Conway's. Thirteen present we concluded to have our Mite Societies again. The weather is pretty cold.
Emma Bell.

Sunday 13

I went to Sabbath school and stayed to church. Dr Pratt preached a very good sermon.

Monday, November 14, 1864

I went to school today as usual. Our class was examined in Philosophy. I am looking for a letter from Lizzie every day. It seems almost useless to write letters, for I hardly ever receive one although I write a great many.

Tuesday 15

There is to be a wedding at the Episcopal Church this evening. Mr George Oldfield and Mifs E. Baker. Lizzie Burr and Mary Damarin are to be the bridesmaids and Henry Tracy and the groom's men. I would go if Annie was well. I took a music lesson.

Wednesday 16

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The newspaper this evening contains some very interesting items. One of which is Mr Foote's speech on the Rebel "House of Representative's"

Thursday, November 17, 1864

It has been raining raining all day. I took my dinner to school. Celia Shearer, Mary McIntyre Cora Conway, Flora Glidden & I stayed. Uncle Enos and his family came home today. Tonight I wrote my composition. July 14th 1862 being the subject. I commenced a letter to Lizzie Young I don't see why she doesn't write.

Friday 18

This is composition day but we did not have any read or any speeches made but we got along very pleasantly it rained this morning

Belle Newton

Mrs MawuCin

Saturday 19

I finished my letter to Lizzie. The Society met at Celia Shearer's. Saidie Wait joined.

Lizzie Lloyd

Sunday, November 20, 1864

Dr Pratt is away. I went to the Episcopal Church with Willie & Sallie and Jennie & Maggie Stewart.

Ella Bentley

Mrs Rich Lloyd jr.

Monday 21

It is pretty cold and looks as if it would snow.

Laura Bentley

Mrs Charley Lloyd

Tuesday 22

Tonight I got a letter from Clara King who is in Washington. Mary got one from Mr Miller at Navy Cove Landing Alabama. The weather is extremely cold it has been snowing a little all day. Our Mite Society meets at Uncle Tom's tonight but it is so cold that I don't think that any one will go.

Wednesday, November 23, 1864

I wrote to Clara King to day. We are not to have any school after this evening until Monday. The weather is very cold for this time in the year.

Annie Cook.

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Thursday 24

This is "Thanksgiving Day" We went to hear Dr Pratt he preached a very good sermon. We had a good dinner. Ma and I spent the afternoon with aunt Maria.

Lou Peck

Friday 25

It makes the time very long not the have any school and we have none today. Pa received a letter from Cousin Duval he says that they reached home safely. We got no paper tonight.

Mary Damarin

Saturday, November 26, 1864

I finished the shawl this evening that I have been making for Mary Stropes. It is very pretty. The Aid Society met at Hannah Carrie's I took a music lesson this evening.

Eunice Hall

Sunday 27

It rained a little all the fore noon. Mary & I went to the Episcopal church this morning. The Bishop is here twenty four persons were confirmed among whom were Chattie Lewis, Inez Davis, Kate Moore, Eunice Hall, Mary Gunn, Florance Tillow, Mr Gregory, Lou Peck, & Annie Cook.

Monday 28

Kate Glidden came to school to day. We got a letter from Mifs Richardson and I answered it. I wrote a few words to Callie in Kate's letter.

Tuesday, November 29, 1864

I went to school as usual. The weather is very warm and pleasant. I am keeping a journal at school commenced it yesterday. Took my music lesson this morning. Pa has not got home yet.

Hattie Hempstead.

Wednesday 30

Mary took her music lesson. Pa is not home yet.

Mifs Safford

Thursday, December 1

Pa came home last evening. Today he bought me a dozen little bottles to put my chemicals in that Mr Bolton is going to give me.

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Friday, December 2, 1864

We had a grand spelling match at school and our side were beaten. 6 to 7. But I think if we had spelled until only one was left that our side would have beaten. Ida Applegate was our captain Saidie Wait the other one.

Saturday 3

Dr Massey was here this morning to see Lizzie who is sick again. Our society girls are going to have some Christmas trees in our vacation week.

Nettie Row

Sunday 4

This is communion Sunday my fourth. Miss Sallie Pond wants me to take her class in Sunday school & I am going to try it at least for a while. I am very sorry to leave the dear old Bible Class.

Monday, December 5, 1864

I am troubled with a bad cough, Pa says that he will take me out of school if it does not get better pretty soon. I took my bottles to school again.

Lizzie Watkins

Tuesday 6

I got a letter from Lizzie tonight she says that they expected to start north next week which would be about the 1st of Dec and told me to direct my next letter to Moscow Ohio. O won't it be a pleasant meeting. Pa went up to see dear Mrs Martin this evening to get a little advice from her relative to our getting the Hall for our Christmas Trees.

Wednesday 7

Emma Wait came home with Mary to stay all night with us. It is very rainy, cold, and disagreeable. It is the measles Lizzie has had.

Florance Vincent

Thursday, December 8, 1864

Today it is clear and cold very cold. Everything is going on in the same old routine. I commenced a letter to Lizzie Young but did not send it.

Florance Brockman

Friday 9

This forenoon while Mr Rich was busy explaining to us the wheel work of a watch who should come in but Pa. He came to take our Chemistry class down to see the gas factory. There were eight of us. Emma Spry, Kate

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Glidden, Ella Holman, Jennie Wheeler, Hattie Ball, Sallie Kittles, George Padan & myself, we visited the gas factory twice and both the rolling mills, we had a splendid time but got nearly frozen. It began to snow this evening and by bedtime the ground was covered. Mill came to stay awhile with us, Mr Chandler was here this evening also Mrs Martin & ...this entry just breaks off after the "and" sign

Saturday 10

The snow is about 3 inches deep. Very cold. Society met at Mr Ball's. 6 girls joined. Appointed committees to see after the things for the Christmas trees. Ma made her velvet bonnet & our scarves of plaid silk.

Sarah Ball

Sunday, December 11, 1864

This morning I took my place in Sunday school as a teacher. It seems very strange to me. I like the class very much and am especially pleased with Belle Whitney. It is very, very cold.

Belle Whitney

Monday 12

Monday morning again & I am at school again everything goes on the same here day after day and I have nothing to write.

Ellie Thompson

Tuesday 13

Took my music lesson and done an errand for Mifs Adams' which made me half an hour tardy.

Wednesday, December 14, 1864

I was at school today, the scholars have fallen off until there are only a few in comparison with the beginning of the term.

Emma E Miller

Thursday 15

I went down town this morning and came home sick with the measles. I got a fancy letter from Em Spry portraying herself sprawling on the pavement.

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Laura Loughry

Friday 16

I did not go to school today. I am not well enough. Debbie brought me a note from Em.

Lizzie A Burr

Saturday, December 17, 1864

The Society was to have met at our house today but all seven of us have the measles. It met at Saidie Wait's. Willie Molster joined, Becky Higgins came here to the society but went up to Saidie's.

Emma B. Regnier

Sunday 18

I stayed in bed all day to day for the first time I have been laying down & getting up before I am very sorry I can't go to Sunday School. Wish I had some books.

Florance Gaylord

N.Y.

Monday 19

I feel tolerably well today, the measles have not broken out on me yet. Mrs Lodwick was in to see us today. Cora, Debbie, & Sallie Chandler were also in but I could not talk to them on account of coughing.

Bettie L Brant

Tuesday, December 20, 1864

Today the measles broke out on me just as thick as they can be. I am a perfect sight. I have felt very badly all day & did not eat anything all day.

Kate Glidden was here.

Wednesday 21

I got a letter from Clara King today a good long letter. I tried to send a note to Em Spry but Jennie Wheeler did not call for it. Mifs Adams was in to see us. This is the first night of Bigelow Fair.

Savanah captured by Sherman

Thursday 22

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Mell is here but talks of going home. I feel very well today but don't want to get up until tomorrow. This is the second night of Bigelow Fair.

Friday, December 23, 1864

I got up today for the first time. I was in but eight days. Debbie Chandler has been very kind to me since I have been sick she came in almost every day & sometimes twice a day. Grandma came up today in a skiff. The wind is very high and it is very cold the pavements are sheets of ice. Mell & Mary went up home today & left Ma alone.

Saturday 24

It is growing warmer the ice & snow are melting Madge McKune was here this afternoon. Emma Spry was here & stayed quite a little while. I was so glad to see her it is the first time she has been to see me since I was sick. I knit nearly a whole sock today could have finished it but had no yarn.

Several days at the end of December have continuations on later pages.

Sunday 25

Bright, clear & cold the snow is nearly all gone This is the third day I have been up. Today is Christmas but of course will not be celebrated. Clara King has got home & I saw her to speak to her a few minutes I am so glad she is home. I also saw Belle Connolley today she has come home to spend her Christmas vacation. I wish it had been so that I could have treated my little Sunday School class to a Christmas Tree or something nice.

Later in Diary is this: Christmas Day continued.

Today the weather is very pleasant with the exception of the mud caused by the melting of the snow. Last Christmas the first I ever spent in the North, was very cold we could hardly keep warm in the house with a large fire. The Christmas before where we were at home in Y__ it was pleasant weather, we all got presents had company and enjoyed

ourselves very much. Perhaps we may here some tome but it doesn't seem much like it now. But still we have a great deal to be thankful for then we were all well and happy but had never had any of those contagious diseases to which all children are subject, now we have passed through them all safely and have them to dread no more. There we were cut off from communications with the rest of our friends and relations, here we

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have them all around us and see them very often. We did not go to church today not one of us all of us children were too unwell & Mamma had to stay at home to see after us and get dinner as the girl was gone. I am afraid that we will none of us get out to the Sunday School Celebration on New Year's

Eve. It was so cold last year that we could not go and this year we are all sick. I have not been to Sunday School but one Sunday since I got my class.

Mamma told me today that Pa heard yesterday that Aunt Sallie Young's family were at Cincinnati the day before. I expect they are at Moscow before this time. And I think it will not be long before they come to see us.

Monday, December 26, 1864

Kate came today to stay several days with us but concluded to go home & stay with her mother this week while her mother is out of school and stay with me afterwards. She stayed all night however. Aunt Lizzie was here, Cora Conway & Debbie were also here. Debbie brought me her new Godey's Book to see the plates & read if I liked. Debbie has been very kind to me ever since I was taken sick & I shall always like her for it. Pa got us some books to write in next year. I do not like mine very well it is so unhandy. Mary Stropes got back from her frolick, sorry that she went I guess.

Tuesday 27

This is a very gloomy looking day out side. It looked like it was going to rain this morning but did not. Kate went home today. Hannah Currie went home with her. This is the first day for a long time that no person has been in to see us. It is not very late and perhaps someone will come yet. I am going to take a blank book that I had already, for a journal. I like it better than the one Pa got for me. Mamma has gone up to Dr Cree's and we are alone with Grandma. I am busy trying to get to work on my fancy articles for the fair in February.

Tuesday Dec. 27th continued

I have some ribbon and dolls and things but I lack one or two little things which I can do nothing without I practised some today, the first time for two weeks. Mifs Adams was here yesterday and she said that she wanted to have her Soiree next Thursday but would have to wait until Mary and I got well enough to go as she wanted all of her scholars present. She gave each of her Sunday School scholars a present of a little picture which was very pretty. Mary and Jenny each got one they being her scholars. Later in the evening Mrs Gregory came in and sat awhile with us. The weather is warm and getting warmer I believe.

Wednesday 28

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Weather very pleasant the sun is out bright. Mamma has gone to take a ride on horseback may go out to Mrs Glidden's before she comes back. Emma Spry was here a few minutes this morning she is going up to her sister Mrs Pursell's to spend the day, says his mother said she might spend the day with me one day this week. Somehow or other I can't get to work at my pretty things. Mary and I took a music lesson. After Mamma came home she went down street and got the ribbon and thread to fix my needle book and I

Wednesday 28th continued

now have the pockets done and the pincushion so that it won't take long to finish it. Papa is very unwell, nearly sick. Today the shade for the brass clock which he sent for came and it was broken all to pieces. Uncle Enos brought the paper for papa and read the telegraph news for him and I read the rest, he has now gone to bed. Aunt Maria was down to see us today and stayed quite a little while. Mrs Nichols and Belden called to day. I think she came in to see me and tell me about the meeting at Mr Holmes. Mary & I could not go but Debbie told me all about it. She looked so pretty this evening. I have almost persuaded Debbie and Emma Spry to keep a journal like mine, My Dear old Journal! Some parts of it are not written very neatly but for all that I would not take a good deal

Starts another page: it. Today besides working on my needle case I knit a little pink mit for Lolie and put it on her after she was asleep, I expect she will not thank me tonight when she goes to suck her thumb. Today when I went to try it on her she said "It fits enough" and didn't want to be bothered with it any more. Debbie said perhaps she would come and stay all night with me some night soon. Emma said that she got a good many things Christmas and she showed me a little box with things for sewing in it which her sister Mrs Pursell gave her. I did not get anything but a most ridiculous red cover for my nose which she knit and gave me. I suppose it would be very comfortable if it were only, fashionable but of course I can't wear it only I mean to see how long I can keep it just because she gave it to me and it is so funny and the only present I got. I am feeling very well and very wakeful but I don't think we will go to Mifs Adam's soiree which is to be a week from next Tuesday. The weather is damp and unfavorable for us to go out and especially at night. Oh! I do hope that Mrs Young and family will come soon. I think it was time that I had a note from Lizzie who must be at Moscow by this time at least. I have become very much attached to this book and regret giving it up but I think that the other one is so nice that I am anxious to get to writing in it.

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Last night while we were all asleep the weather turned very cold. Today Papa is no better and Mary Stropes is sick with the measles her sister Malissa is going to take care of her. Mamma is nearly worn but she thinks she had a chill tonight she took a foot-bath & some hot tea and we are in hopes that she will be better tomorrow. I don't know what on earth we would do if Uncle Reuben was not here he is so handy & just as good as he can be, he gets the meals, brings in coal & water makes the fires and in short does all the downstairs work.

Thursday Dec 29th continued.

Emma Spry was up to spend the day with me and I am afraid that she did not enjoy herself very much we were all sick or so nearly so that we could not wait on one another. She was very kind she helped mamma as much as she could and waited on the children. She brought her "Game of Authors" & "The Four Ports" and we played some, then she knit some and I worked on my needle book. I have the cushion ready to stuff and the pockets are all sewed on. Mary began to make a game of authors like Emma's. We have practised our piece until we can play it very well. Emma Wait called this afternoon to see how we were all getting along. Cora Conway brought me some yarn to finish my sock, she did not come until late and never even sat down.

Friday 30

Mifs Adams came this morning but we did not take any lesson. I finished my pair of socks & washed them. I made a "Game of Authors" nearly twice as large as Emma Spry's. Mary is no better & Uncle Reuben is still doing the work. I am very tired tonight & can't write much.

Saturday 31

Mifs Adams did not come today. Mrs Crees & Mrs Gregory were here. I practised four hours today. Cora Conway Debbie & Willie Molster were here this afternoon. The Society met at Mrs Currie's and there is to be an extra meeting there sometime during next week. This is the last time I will write in this book. Tomorrow I will write in my new book. The snow is quite deep and the sleigh bells are jingling by continually. Tonight while we are all asleep the old year will pass a way and the New Year

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will come bringing its joys and its sorrows as the Old Year passed away with many things which it will be pleasant to remember in years to come. During

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the last year Mary & I joined the church and I have been a member of Dr Pratts Bible Class until within two or three weeks when I had a class given me. I attended the Sabbath School Picnic at the Old Fort and enjoyed myself very much. But with all the pleasures there were some sorrows. The only daughter of Aunt Katy and the only one of my cousins for whom I had any affection died, and her funeral was preached in the church which she joined only a few weeks previous to her death. This evening at half past six the Sabbath school children have their annual New Year's Celebration I regret very much that none of us can go. None of us went last year either.

The End
of the Diary of 1864

Appearing later in the diary is this note. It is in pencil which Louisiana had not used in the diary. It may have been added by her at a much later date or perhaps one of her descendants.

The High School Paper

Originated by six of the "C" Class girls March 21st 1864. Kate Glidden, Callie "California" Scott, Emma J. Spry, Clara L. King, Ella Holman & Louisiana M Moore. Who composed the entire editorial staff. Each contributor being obliged to copy, on the sheet, her own article.

The name first proposed, The Wreath, probably suggested the flowery "Noms de Plume" which appear on the pages. This was later changed to "The Gem". The first number was read Friday afternoon, April 1st 1864 by the two who were appointed as readers, Emma J. Spry & Callie Scott. There being but one copy issued each time, owing to lack of press facilities, the copy probably became the property of one of the editors according to arrangement.

The only copy known to be in existence is nearly fifty years old, having been preserved by one of the editors.

Also in later pages is what appears to be a list of school students in the Second Street Building.

		Teacher & Supt	
		John Bolten	Assistant Powell
Number	Portsmouth High School Roll July 1 st 1864		
1	Lizzie Burr	26	Emma Wait
2	Charlotte Lewis	27	Sarah Raugh
10	Inez Davis	28	Mary Crees

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11	Lizzie Culbertson	29	
12		30	Lizzie Glover
13	Julia Pursell	31	Sarah Kittles
14	Ella Hyatt Dukes	32	
15	Virginia Wheeler	33	Mary Loper
16	Emma Keogh	34	Maggie Jones
17	Kate Glidden	35	Callie Scott
18	Emma Spry	36	Alice Eusler
19	Lou Lloyd	37	Clara King
20	Anna Neill	38	Ella Holman
21	Hattie Montgomery	39	Hattie Ball
22	Minnie Terry	40	Mary Mallin
23	Carrie Stearnes	41	Lizzie Herbert
24	Jennie Stewart	42	Anna Varner
25	Louie M. Moore	43	Barton Greene
26	Emma Wait	44	
		45	
48		46	George Padan
49	Florence Collett	47	Frank Kricker

There is also what appears to be a family tree.

Levi Moore to Amanda Gunn
Wm Moore / Milton / Maria / Enos / Lora / Samuel / Ellen

Samuel G Moore Sept 16th 1868 to Mary E Bradford
} Raphael

Enos B Moore to Maria P Pratt
} Fannie Maria
} Mary Young

Maria Moore to Saul B McCall widower with one son } Roby

Milton Moore to Hannah Waller
} William

Oct 8th 1815 b. William M. Moore / Alexandria, Scioto County, Ohio
to
Sept 15th 1826 b. Elizabeth Frances Smith / Alexandria, Scioto County,
Ohio

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Children

	} Louisiana Margret Moore, 1848	Gretna, Louisiana	b. Sept 8 th
1850	} Mary Elizabeth Moore,	Yazoo City, Mississippi	b. Sept 15 th
	} Sarah Virginia Moore,	Yazoo City, Mississippi	b. July 29 th 1853
	} Lizzie Florance Moore,	Yazoo City, Mississippi	b. June 18 th 1856
	} John Milton Moore,	Yazoo City, Mississippi	b. Nov 8 th 1858
	} Enos Levi Moore, 1860	Yazoo City, Mississippi	b. Aug 20 th
	} Annie Lora Moore,	Yazoo City, Mississippi	b. Jan 21, 1862

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