

LOUISIANA MOORE RICKER DIARY 1883

Monday, January 1, 1883

Weather gloomy, cloudy and threatening snow. Jennie went home last Tuesday, Lizzie is at her home in Henley, fifteen miles from here, Father, Mother, John + Enos and Mary are at home. Jas is home and today went out to make calls with Misses Draper and Helfenstein. Dr. Dr. Trumper was also to have gone with them but was occupied at Mr. Lodwick's on account of the death of Wes Lodwick. Miss Hart of Logan is visiting Mary so she received today, Flo McConnell + Fanny Moore being with them.

Tuesday, January 2, 1883

Weather still unpleasant.

Our Lizzie is sick with cold and fever, has been in bed all day. Ma and Miss Hart went to Wes Lodwick's funeral at All Saint's Church. It is sad to lose such young men as he has always been. His mother will feel his loss most keenly. I began some letters this afternoon but did not finish them owing to interruptions.

Wednesday, January 3, 1883

Weather still dark and cloudy. Jas went to Cin this morning to attend to some business. He took Willie with him. After they left I went over home to bid Miss Hart goodbye as she left at noon. The folks asked me to dine with them and I did so, first seeing that my little people were all provided for. Wrote to Mary Warner, Aunt Betsey and Jennie Ricker. To Mother R. also I believe. Lizzie is not improving so I called the Dr. who said she needed fever medicine.

Thursday, January 4, 1883

Sleet and ice today with some rain. Weather very damp and unhealthy. I never knew a time when so many persons died from fever, not epidemic. May Hancock who has been sick about as long as Wes Lodwick, died today from Typhoid fever. Lucy Molster, Dr. Norton, Mrs. Gordon, Mr. Chas. Kehoe, Mrs. Martin + Mrs. Cunningham have been buried here within the last few weeks, besides a number whom we do not know.

Friday, January 5, 1883

Weather a little brighter. Lizzie is better but Mary has fever and is coughing hard. Have been busy this week renovating the children's school clothes but intended commencing today on under clothes for myself. The home folks were of the same mind and began on them before I was ready so I took up Margaret's aprons and want to have one ready for her as early next week as possible. Wrote to Lizzie and Jimmie who has not yet returned from the city.

Saturday, January 6, 1883

Weather dismal, rained a little in the afternoon. Rich came in late yesterday and returned today. Mary talked of going out with him but decided not to go as he had another passenger left over by the mail man. Sewed all day on the aprons but did not get them done.

Sunday, January 7, 1883

Dark and gloomy. Jas and Willie came home early this morning and said that Miss Emma came up on the boat which I was glad to hear as my little folks are not well enough for me to have to go to S. School in her place. I did not even go to church. Was over home a few minutes before tea. John + Enos came to sit a while after dinner with us.

Monday, January 8, 1883

Week of Prayer

Weather wet and unpleasant. Miss Maggie A. Connor came this morning to sew a while. I have fallen so far behind with my work that I must have help to catch up and get started right again. The first thing to be done was everyday dress for myself, black cashmere to be made over. Had a letter from Mary Warner containing two of her photos which are very good and she speaks encouragingly of the visit. I proposed she should make us.

Tuesday, January 9, 1883

Cooler with a little snow.

It took us until evening to finish off my dress and then it was not quite ready to wear. I wrote for Lizzie to Carrie Jones, no I am too fast, did not write to anyone today except Mary Warner and that was short.

Wednesday, January 10, 1883

Snowed slowly but steadily all day and by evening there were two or three inches of snow and by church time it was blowing hard and so stormy that Jas did not want me to go out as I had intended. This is the Week of Prayer but so far I've not been able to get out once. The little girls are better but not well. Lizzie had become quite hard of hearing on account of her cold and throat trouble.

Thursday, January 11, 1883

Bright and clear which is a real treat as it is the first cheerful day in this year. Finished off my black velvet skirt which we have been making over for a best dress. The home folks had a dinner party but I did not see anything of it, was too busy and more over was not invited. Began making over my cloak which needs renovating and retrimming. Jas + I went to prayer meeting after which I wrote to Mother Ricker.

Friday, January 12, 1883

Weather bright and moderating so the snow is melting in the sun but is still frozen on the shady side of the streets. Had a long walk up + down street to get a small piece of fur to match the new trimming on my cloak. It now looks about as good as new.

Saturday, January 13, 1883

Icy and disagreeable.

My new diary came from the book bindery today so I have had to write up for nearly two weeks. We almost made two pairs of pants for the boys today. Miss Alice Ross sent me word that I might keep Miss Maggie next week which will enable me to do up nearly all that we need for the present.

Sunday, January 14, 1883

Cold, damp and disagreeable. Went to church this A M and was thankful I had my heavy cloak fixed so I could wear it. Jimmie and Will went to church in the evening as usual.

Monday, January 15, 1883

Colder than it has been lately. Ruth could not come today so Annie had all the work to do. We were up early as I wanted to be ready for Miss Maggie, went to church in the evening, the attendance is not very large. There is a great deal of sickness in town and many fatal cases.

Tuesday, January 16, 1883

Weather cold.

We are busy as we can be with white sewing and it is more encouraging work as we can do so much in a little while. Ma and Mary were over and said they were over and said they were going to invite some friends to dinner on Thursday. We were to have been among the number but I cannot spare the time just now to go anywhere except on errands and to church. This evening we had a Bible reading.

Wednesday, January 17, 1883

Weather rather wintry.

There was skating today and Willie enjoyed it greatly. No letter from Mother Ricker today but it will probably come later. I wrote a hasty letter to Miss Mary Warner after church this evening giving directions about the trip which she promises to take. We are anticipating much pleasure from her visit. The boys had an oyster for supper over home and sent Jas a plate of oysters which he + Carl ate after church.

Thursday, January 18, 1883

Thawing rapidly. The ice in some places is good for skating yet wet the wind (?) is deep and plenty before reaching the ice. Will went after school and his father, Maggie + Carl went after him and all came home with all they could carry on their feet. Went to borrow an apron pattern from Mrs. McConnell, then to the store to get material for Lizzie's aprons. Mrs. Agnes Warner, a most esteemable lady and a member of our church, died today.

Friday, January 19, 1931

Weather mild and muddy. I never saw the streets in worse condition. Jimmie and Will went to church in the evening and I stayed home in obedience to my mother's wishes as I had some cold. I finished off Lizzie's second white apron and one other garment Miss Maggie had left to begin on in the morning. Went down and got the ruffling for my linen pillow covers which have been on the way a dozen years.

Saturday, January 20, 1883

Wet, gloomy and unpleasant. I went up and down street on errands which were partly unsuccessful and did not pay for the injury to my clothes. Miss Alice called to say she would not need with Maggie now at all so I shall keep her until I get through. We are making the brown cashmere dress Jennie gave Lizzie for Christmas. Maggie spent the day with Lena Kline. Mary Ellen was here while I was out.

Sunday, January 21, 1883

A sudden and great change took place in the weather last night, the streets were like huge pans of batter last evening and this morning they are frozen very hard. It is clear and very cold. We went to church as usual, some of us- Maggie was not well and did not go out anywhere.

Monday, January 22, 1883

Colder than yesterday or any day this winter I think. Miss Maggie came again this morning and sewed on dresses again for Lizzie and Mary. Ma, Mary, Jimmie + I went to Mrs. Warner's funeral at our church at 10 AM. Dr. Pratt the choir and some of the congregation had just come from the funeral services of Mr. Ferd Stork another member of our church. Mary went from the church to the deposit as she was going up to see Jennie for a few days. Mr. Caudill from Ashland came to preach for us this week and is stopping over home.

Tuesday, January 23, 1883

Weather still cold but not as windy as yesterday.

Miss Maggie spent the whole forenoon on ruffles for the linen pillow shawls which I have had for so long. There are a few things for the children to be done besides and then comes the button holes and buttons.

Wednesday, January 24, 1883

Weather still cold and raw. This is Miss Maggie's last day here and we tried hard to finish up everything but had to leave the pillow shawls for another time. After dinner I took the check Jas gave me before leaving for Cin this morning and went down to pay Mr. Brodbeck and one or two bills. Ma went with me and we went to the hotel and Dr. B treated me again, the treatment being severe but I hope to be better soon. Of course I could not go to church, was glad to get to bed.

Thursday, January 25, 1883

Was not able to get up this morning but hope to be better in a day or two. Mary did not come this afternoon as we expected but Lizzie and her children came, it was not very cold though snow fell. I was so glad to see her when she came in, I little thought she would come and find me in bed. Of course the little ones and I could not go to see the baby so must wait a while longer.

Friday, January 26, 1883

I looked all day for Jas but in vain, we have also been looking for Mary ever since Wednesday she came on the afternoon train, sick with cold. In the evening Uncle Sam came bringing the cretonne for the lambrequins but he could not tell when Jas would be home. I felt that he surely would come on the late train and so he did. Ice in the river so the boat will not go down this trip. M. E. came to invite Pa + Ma to take tea with them tomorrow. Mary brought the baby to see me.

Saturday, January 27, 1883

Still in bed and not even comfortable there. I can manage to do a little knitting and mending however. With Ma's help I have finished the stocking I began some time ago. It has been damp and gloomy all day. Mrs. Geo Davis was here this A M to see about medicine for Georgie's throat. Mrs. Pratt was here to ask for some things for a sick baby.

Sunday, January 28, 1883

Not able to be up so spent the day in bed. Had lessons as usual however and the rest went to church both morning and evening. Mr. Condit preached a most excellent sermon they said. Mary is sick (sister) and Ma was up with her nearly all night so they of course were not out. It's seldom Mary is so sick as she is this time and it all comes from cold.

Monday, January 29, 1883

Still in bed- I had hoped to feel quite well by today and able to begin house cleaning and prepare for my company. I am missing all the good sermons too and am very sorry on that account. I wrote to Jimmie Ricker today. Telegram from Mr. Warner saying Mary would start Wednesday (DR.) Aunt Maria came to see me today, she came up Saturday but I only heard it last night.

Tuesday, January 30, 1883

Weather quite bright and unpleasant. Still in bed and unable to rise or even have much comfort anyway. My time can ill be spared to spend in this way where Miss Warner is to come soon. I have been making button holes and mending all day notwithstanding my discomfort. Had a letter from sister Jennie which I answered at once while in bed. Ma came over and made my new lambrequins for me ready to put up.

Wednesday, January 31, 1883

Weather damp but the sun came out quite bright and it looked pleasant outside. I got up at noon and dressed but took landamen (?) to relieve my pain and enable me to keep up. I got too much and the doctor was called in haste and found me in rather a dangerous condition. He came there three times before bedtime and then left me feeling quite comfortable. Jimmie stayed right by me all the afternoon and night.

Thursday, February 1, 1883

Bright and pleasant. I was unable to rise until noon when I made an extra effort and kept up all afternoon helping with the lambrequins, beds etc. and at night felt worse for it of course. Lizzie kindly came over and helped awhile. I also had Ruth, and Jas did several things for me so with their help we got things into tolerable order. Went to bed as early as possible.

Friday, February 2, 1883

Weather damp and warm and sunny most of the day. I was up and helped put things in order before breakfast which was kept waiting until the folks came, bringing Miss Mary but they had been to breakfast so we ate our alone. I am just able to be up and that is all, hope I shall improve soon or I will not be able to entertain my company as I should like to do. John + Enos were in to call upon her after tea. Jimmie, Enos + Will went to hear Mr. Condit preach the closing sermon of this week's service.

Saturday, February 3, 1883

Weather very warm and close, so oppressive that we can hardly do what is necessary. Miss W. went over home awhile and I did what I could to clean up but Dr. Pratt called before dinner. In the afternoon Miss Alice Ross, Fannie + Mary Moore called. No one came in after tea and we spent a quite evening alone.

Sunday, February 4, 1883

Bright and pleasant, a little cooler than yesterday. Miss W. went to S. S. with MA and took charge of the infant class for Miss Emma who is sick. We all went to church and heard a real stirring sermon from Dr. Pratt who says Mr. C. is to return tomorrow and preach for us this week. Uncle Jimmie was here to dinner and Enos and Dr. Gibson called in the afternoon. Willie, Miss W. + I went to church in the evening.

Monday, February 5, 1883

Rained before daylight + was damp and gloomy during the day. We are both suffering from cold so did not go out to Prayer meeting or church. Clara Pursell called in the afternoon. She is just as nice and as she can be. I am always glad to see her.

Tuesday, February 6, 1883

Rained hard all day and in the evening it was a steady pour, never the less Miss Mary and Jimmie went to church, he wore his rubber boots because it was so very wet. Dwight Greene called in the afternoon as he had promised to come in the evening and it was rainy and icy that he tho't best to come in daylight. Miss Mary + I were down street in the morning. Letters from Mother Ricker + Aunt Betsey.

Wednesday, February 7, 1883

Damp and disagreeable. The rains have brought the river up very fast. I was at home all day. Mary + Miss Warner went to prayer meeting at 4 o'clock and afterwards did some errands. While she was gone Flo McConnell and Venetia Ramsey were here. Jimmie and Willie represented the family at church. John was here in the evening. Wrote to Mother Ricker. Mary Murphy called to see Miss Warner.

Thursday, February 8, 1883

Cold and rather windy. Miss Mary, Jimmie + I walked down to see the high water this A M. We walked out in the suspension bridge as far as the piers, the water is over the far end of the bridge and rising fast. We dined over home with The + Al Johnson, their wives, Minnie Johnson, Fannie + Mary Moore, Gussie Cutler and Mary Reed. We had a pleasant day. In the evening Dr. Gibson + Wm Waller called, John was here also and made it lively for us. Miss Mary, Jimmie + the home folks went to church. Clara Waller + Kate Reilly called.

Friday, February 9, 1883

Clear and not as cold as it has been. The rising water is causing great excitement today. We walked down Front Street this morning and in some places the river was up halfway over the pavement. This evening it is all over 3rd Street and in our churches as high as the seats in the basement. People are obliged to ferry across 3rd Street and the water backs up the gutter past. All Saint's Church. We called upon Mrs. Murphy, Mrs. Pursell, Clara Waller, Fannie, Mary Moore, Alice Ross + Flo McConnell. As our church is surrounded by water, Mr. Condit went home today. Clara Waller + Kate Crichton called.

Saturday, February 10, 1883

The water was very high this A M. 3rd Street was all under and boats ran the length of the street. A temporary bridge over Market Street enabled us to cross and J. W., Mary Warner, Margaret, Will, Carl, John Moore went over on the KY hills to see the water. We returned to dinner at 1 PM, John was with us and while we were at dinner, sleet + rain began to fall we went over home to tea, Jennie Gharky, Miss Washborne, Flo McConnell, Mame Pratt, Tracy Johnson, Dr. Gibson, Dwight Greene, John, Enos, Mary Warner, Jas, Lizzie, + I were there. It poured rain all evening. The water is in our church.

Sunday, February 11, 1883

Still rainy and the water is rising. We intended going to All Saint's Church but the water came over the church steps and there was no service there or any other church except perhaps in 6th St M. E. church. No S. S. anywhere, the rapidly rising water demoralized the entire population and people did little more than walk about and watch the rivers move out of the way and help others to do so. We had our usual lessons and during the day, the home folks were here, John was here most of the day. Uncle Sam, twice.

Monday, February 12, 1883

River 60 feet, 8 inches by the Water Works Marks.

Bright and clear. All day the rivers rose until the waters went on Market Street, 5th, the street on which we live, is under and boats, rafts, etc. have been flying past all day. Before dinner we walked in the middle of Court Street to 4th but soon after the water covered that ground until men with high rubber boots could scarcely wade over. After dinner we rode around where there was enough ground out of water and saw sights, some amusing others sad. The water came up to our front steps and within 2 ½ inches of the top of the steps, there it stopped at 60 feet 8 inches by the Water Works marks.

Tuesday, February 13, 1883

Clear in the morning but cloudy after dinner. After a good sound sleep we woke to find the water beginning to recede. 5th Street in front of us looks like a river and our yard is covered half way back with water. One house opposite us has water on the floor and the family were obliged to move out. Rubber boots, boats + rafts are in great demand and so much of the town is under water that one cannot do much or go far without one or the other convenience. Jas took a boat and went across the street after Ruth to cross watch.

Wednesday, February 14, 1883

This morning we awoke and looking out saw the river fast receding from our street. By 9 o'clock it was all gone from in front of our house but it rained again and it will perhaps be on a stand for a while. There was a pouring rain tonight. Our lecture room still has water in it so it cannot be used. John was here this evening.

Thursday, February 15, 1883

Cloudy with some rain.

Miss Warner spent the day over home with Clara Waller, Kate Crichton and Allie Terry. I went over after dinner and took Lizzie + Mary, rather Margaret, dressed them and brought them over to me. In the evening Missis Stock + Tremper, John + Enos Moore called. Jennie Gharky, Miss Washborne, Maggie Peebles and Mame Pratt called in the afternoon.

Friday, February 16, 1883

Bright but rather windy in the afternoon. We were at home all day. Thought of going to call upon a few friends but decided to remain in until tomorrow. Julia and Margaret Johnson and Miss Minnie Johnson called. John was here in the evening. The water is falling slowly. Cincinnati is suffering greatly and the river towns are nearly underwater.

Saturday, February 17, 1883

Weather rather gloomy, muddy underfoot, cloudy overhead, windy and it snowed in the evening. Miss Warner + I returned a few calls, Clara Waller, Kate Crichton, Maggie Peebles being the three decided upon. We also called to see how Miss Emma Bell was at Mrs. Damarin's and found her doing well. John and Dwight Greene called in the evening.

Sunday, February 18, 1883

Somewhat colder but the snow which fell last night melted away after the sun came out. There was no S. S but service was held as usual in the church. We were out in the morning and in the evening I stayed at home with the children.

Monday, February 19, 1883

Weather colder, bright and clear. Was at home in the forenoon and after dinner we went to return some calls. We first went to Mrs. Tewksbury's, found she had gone to Cleveland and Margaret was out. Miss Minnie Johnson was at home but Julia who is staying at Mr. T. N. Johnson's was sick so we did not see her. Jennie Gharky and Miss Washborne were out, so was Mary Pratt and we came home but went afterwards to Mr. Reilly's for Mary. Called upon Kate at the store. Fannie + Mary Moore + Mary Reed + Estella Reed called while we were out. John came in about 9:30 and found Will + Clara Pursell, Dr. Gibson and Russell Tewksbury here. I called on Carrie Greene and Alice Higgins called here.

Tuesday, February 20, 1883

Weather pleasant. Decided to have a little company Thursday evening. Lizzie + Miss W. went down street before dinner and I went over home to make out my list and programme. After dinner Mary + Miss W. went to invite the guests. Ma came and helped me with some curtains for the boys' wardrobe. Mollie Murray + Julia Pratt called. After tea, John, Fannie + Mary Moore, Enos, Sam + Tracy Johnson called. Mary was here also. We had a very pleasant time.

Wednesday, February 21, 1883

Weather not cold but dam. The water falls slowly. We have been busy all day cleaning house and making ready for the party. In the evening Uncle Jimmie came to tea after which he + I went to Dr. Pratt's to prayer meeting as our church is too damp for use yet. John was here to spend the evening.

Thursday, February 22, 1883

"Beautiful snow" began falling in the morning and made the walking unpleasant but no snow stayed on the ground. Ma, Mary + Lizzie helped today so we got along nicely. Our list contained about 40 names but several did not come. Will + Clara Pursell, Mary + Lee Murphy, Alice Higgins, Alice Ross + Sam Johnson, Tracy J, Jennie Gharky + Miss Washborne, Will + Clara Waller, Mr. Trumper, Julia + Mary Pratt, Mr. Stork + Ella Reed, Dr. Gibson + Flo McConnell, Enos, Fannie + Mary Moore, sisters Mary + Lizzie Pursell Tewksbury, Minnie Johnson, M. J. Peebles, John M. + Mary Warner, Dwight Greene and Mother. Father was not well so did not come. Mary Peebles, The + Julia Johnson, Kate Crichton + Kate Reilly, Mary Reed, Rich, M. J. Murray + Mrs. Higgins did not get there. Mary Murphy's Birthday + Aniniver. Jan. 13th.

Friday, February 23, 1883

Beautiful day. Home folks were over as usual. We got straightened up nicely but I have been too tired for other work. Mame + Julia P. + Kate Crichton called. Had a call from Rich this evening, he came on the late train last night. Father + Mother, Dwight G + Mary, Jn + Mary W. went to the Opera House to hear Pry (?) Mendenhall on "sound." Wrote to Mother R.

Saturday, February 24, 1883

Rained hard all the forenoon and until 3 P M or after. We could not go out to return calls today so Mary W. made a drawing in an album for Mary and showed Lizzie about some embroidery. Mary Ellen called in the afternoon. I was busy all day mending. John was here in the evening as usual.

Sunday, February 25, 1883

No Sabbath School again this morning making the third Sabbath in succession it has been omitted on account of the flood. Many houses are yet damp from having water in them. I went to church both morning and evening as Jas stayed with children in the evening.

Monday, February 26, 1883

Beautiful day. We are very, very sorry the time has come for Mary W. to leave us. She was ready in good time this morning and went with Mary up to say goodbye to Uncle Jimmie Wood. While she was gone Uncle Sam + Aunt Mary, Fannie M and Lizzie Peebles came to see her off. Uncle + Aunt left after a short call and the rest of us went to the boat with her. It was very lonely without her this afternoon. John came over and stayed awhile. Ma had a telegram from Bartie, is quite sick and asking her to go up in the morning. We are quite uneasy about them.

Tuesday, February 27, 1883

Beautiful day. Ma went on the 4 o'clock train. We had postals + telegrams during the day saying Bartie has Cerebrospinal Meningitis and Elizabeth is down with Lung Fever, the baby is not well either and poor Jennie would not be able to do anything unless compelled by circumstances. (I went to return the last of Mary W.'s calls today. Called upon Mary Reed, Estella Reed, Mary J. Murray, Mary Ellen and for myself I called upon Carrie Greene) Visited Carl's school this A M.

Wednesday, February 28, 1883

Another lovely day. I went to see how Carl is doing at school this morning. Had a telegram saying the children are better. I went to make a few calls this afternoon. Had letter from Mary Warner. Fannie + Mary spent the day over home and I was there a few minutes. Called to see Hattie Norton at Mr. Peebles. Went to prayer meeting at Dr. Pratt's.

Thursday, March 1, 1883

Warm and bright like spring. Have been at home all day mending. Wrote Jimmie this morning. Read a letter from Ma talking about the children. Two of them are dangerously ill. The trouble with Bartie is a very serious one, often proves fatal and sometimes is followed by more to be dreadful than death. I am so very very sorry for Bart and Jennie and wish I could help them in their trouble.

Friday, March 2, 1883

It seemed like rain this morning and while we were at breakfast, Rich came to borrow Jimmie's raincoat as he was going on horseback to Henley. It cleared up later and was delightful. News from Jennie is more encouraging. We now hope they will all get well. Jn Peebles left today for Cin and Monday Mr. Ketchum will join him there and both go on to California. This afternoon Jimmie brought the buggy up and took Mary and me out riding as Lizzie was at school with Maggie and while out we called to see Mary Bannon. I've not been there for years before. Clara Pursell + children were here.

Saturday, March 3, 1883

Another beautiful day. I sent for John + William this morning and they were having a good time when Rich returned from Henley and Wm insisted on going home with his father but John stayed until after our children we all in bed. In the evening then I took him home. I sewed industriously on one of my linen pillow shawls this afternoon until the ruffle was basted on then I went to say goodbye to Miss Washborne but she was not in so I missed her.

Sunday, March 4, 1883

Beautiful day but quite cold. Margaret and Willie went to S. S. this morning but the session was very short as the room was considered too damp for the children to sit in very long. We all went to church as usual and then after had dinner our usual lessons. Before we had quite finished the last one Lizzie came over. Jas had gone over to carry the baby for her and she stayed until nearly tea time. Tomorrow she leaves for her country home and we shall miss her very much. Letter from Jennie saying they thought all the children better. Carrie + Jose Murfin's 9th Anniversary.

Monday, March 5, 1883

Lovely day but rather cold. Lizzie with all her little folks and baggage were ready early for the trip to Henley. Jimmie went to drive and bring the team back, Will + Carl went for the ride and they made a jolly load. They returned about 8 o'clock in the evening. In the afternoon Ma came home from Jennie's and reported them all doing very much better.

Mrs. Draper was here late this afternoon.

Tuesday, March 6, 1883

Rained quite hard all the forenoon and was quite cold. I went over home with my work and sat an hour or more with Mary. After dinner I took a missionary contribution down to Mrs. Draper and then called to see how Uncle Enos was as he had to stay off the

boat yesterday in consequence of cold having settled in his eyes. Came home and stitched some on my work which I am finishing.

Wednesday, March 7, 1883

Bright and cold, some indications of snow. May had letter from Lizzie and I had one from Mary Warner, May + I each wrote her. Went to see Jennie Gharky and arrange for music lessons for Margaret. Sewed some and late in the afternoon I took some work and went to sit awhile with Thereza Spry. Did not go to church. Mrs. Kehoe was buried today. John was here this evening.

Thursday, March 8, 1883

Bright and clear but frosty. Jennie went quite early to All Saint's church to attend Mr. Lou Jones' funeral, intending to accompany the friends to Jackson. The funeral was in charge of the Knights Templar, Orin Murfin being in command. Jas came here at the close of the service in the church and told us that Orin Murfin had died in the church. Heart disease probably the cause. It will be a terrible loss for Josie. Jas went to Jackson and returned at 5:30 P M. Mollie Murray + Mary Coles were here to tea. Note from Mary Warner. Mary Murphy was here this A M. Alice Higgins in the afternoon. Miss Jennie Gharky gave May her last music lesson.

Friday, March 9, 1883

Beautiful spring like day. Had a letter from Mother Ricker + answered it. Uncle Enos called to borrow Jimmie's colored glasses for his eyes as they are still weak. I went to see Ella Bonsall + Ella Overturf this A M. Ma sat awhile with me after dinner and after school when Maggie was here Jimmie and I went up to see Josie Murfin. It is hard even to see one in such trouble, how much worse to have to bear it. I feel very sorry for her. Rich came in today and brought a note from Lizzie. Jn has been making some cards for me and brought them to me today.

Saturday, March 10, 1883

Very windy and blustery. There were several blinding snow storms today but no snow remained on the ground. Sister Mary went out home with Rich to stay until next Tuesday. Miss Gharky came this afternoon to give Maggie her music lesson. She thinks Maggie make a very good beginning. Wrote Jennie today but did not sent the letter tot eh office, will do so tomorrow.

Sunday, March 11, 1883

A good deal of wind and a little now characterized this day. We went to church as usual in the morning and immediately after dinner, Jimmie +Willie went to Orin Murfin's funeral, they could neither get into the house nor the church but found room to walk to the cemetery and there in trussed to the burial. I stayed at home and heard the usual lessons.

Monday, March 12, 1883

Bright and sunny but very windy. Cut out an under waist this evening and spent most of the day fitting it. Wrote a short letter to Jake Ricker asking him to visit us this summer. Had a letter from Mary Barr which I answered in the evening. Wrote to Mary Warner also. Late in the afternoon Ma + I went up to see Mrs. Peebles, then she went to Mrs. Greene's to visit while I went to see Josie Murfin and Hattie Norton who has opened Mrs. Gaylord's house for her father who can't live much longer and needs her care and attention.

Tuesday, March 13, 1883

Beautiful bright day but quite windy. After breakfast Jimmie took Lizzie in the buggy and went to Henley after Mary. They returned at supper time without Lizzie as they wanted to keep her awhile. In the evening Ma + I went out to Susan Lester's and engaged a colored girl to take Annie's place as she leaves soon. After dinner Ma brought her work and spent the afternoon with me. Flo and Jessie McConnell were her. One year ago today Jas left for Dakota.

Wednesday, March 14, 1883

Some indications of rain in the evening but it cleared up and was lovely all day. Maggie took her third music lesson. Julia Pratt called and got her fan left here the night of the party. I finished off my two under waists. Miss O'Connor called and told me I could have her services the first two weeks in May instead of June. I have missed Lizzie very much today, she is seldom away.

Thursday, March 15, 1883

Bright in the morning but it clouded up, grew colder and began to snow after dinner. Ellen Coleman (col) came this morning and Annie showed her about getting dinner before she took her final leave. She will probably be at Miss Towne's as soon as they expect to return before long.

Friday, March 16, 1883

Bright and not cold but not quite windy. Ruth told me this morning that she could not wash for me now and I spent most of the day in search of someone who could. Finally went and told her she must come next Monday anyway as we are going to Henley after Lizzie. Mrs. Lornes and Mrs. Greene called today but I was over home when the former called so she asked for me there. Charlie + Ella Nichols have been married three years today I think.

Saturday, March 17, 1883

Bright and would be pleasant but for the wind which whirls dust over everything. Willie took a sudden fancy to study music this morning and spent most of the forenoon and all of the evening with the instruction book at the piano. I gave him a lesson and he seemed to learn rapidly. Margaret seems afraid he will outstrip her in the race. She took a lesson

this afternoon. Letter from Mary Warner. Fannie Moore was here this afternoon and John came in the evening.

Sunday, March 18, 1883

Bright but very windy and dusty. Mary ventured out to church without wraps as it was not very cold in the morning. I went over home a little while after lessons. Was tired and retired quite early, almost as soon as Jas and Willie went to church.

Monday, March 19, 1883

Beautiful morning, not very cold. We were up early and started about 8 o'clock after Lizzie. It began turning cold some after we started and grew colder all the way. Just after we reached the house it began to rain then sleet and finally turned to snow. Lizzie P. was glad to see us and we spent about five hours very pleasantly with them then started for home in a snow storm with our little Lizzie. Reached home about 7 PM and found all night. Mary was over home all day but all had had their supper when we came and were soon in bed.

Tuesday, March 20, 1883

Not so cold as yesterday but quite sharp yet. The folks came over early this morning to talk over the trip we took to Henley yesterday. After they left I straightened up the room and sewed on Willi's night clothes until nearly 2 o'clock then I walked out to see Miss Hutchison. Came home and sewed again until supper time.
Letter to Mother Ricker.

Wednesday, March 21, 1883

Bright and rather cold.

Mrs. Brince with her two children Constance aged eight and Ernest, four years old came this AM to visit Ma. Mrs. B. has grown large and fleshy since we last saw her. In the evening Willie and I went to prayer meeting at Mr. Peebles' house. The lecture room is not yet in condition to be used.

Thursday, March 22, 1883

Quite bright and pleasant. Pa is sick in bed with cold. I went to return some calls this afternoon and began with him and Mrs. Brince. Then went to see Alice Higgins, Clara Pursell, Carrie Brooks, Maggie Josie Murfin, Mrs. Hawkes at Prof, Lowes and lastly to the new piano at Uncle Enos'. I am so glad he got it as the girls needed one very much. M. E. was here this morning and told us to call + see it also invited us to tea tomorrow evening.

Friday, March 23, 1883

Bright but rather windy and quite cold. Mrs. Brince and her children came to late dinner with us and were to have spent the day but she was not feeling well so went home to lie down as she is invited to Uncle Enos' to tea. Jimmie and I were there also and were agreeably surprised to find Maggie Mason when we entered the parlor. Ma, Mrs. B Mr. + Mrs. Draper, prof + Mrs. Lowes, Mr. + Mrs. White, Mr. Hawkes and ourselves constituted the

company which was very pleasant and we had some good music on the new grand piano, rendered by Mrs. Draper.

Saturday, March 24, 1883

Weather cold and disagreeable. Have not felt very well today, various things have kept me on my feet all day. Enos went down to spend Sunday or a part of it with Lizzie, left about 5 o'clock. In the evening Maggie, Willie and I went to Miss Jennie Gharky's parlor recital and Maggie played a duet with Jennie. It was her first appearance and she did nicely, it is less than three weeks since she began taking lessons of Miss Jennie.

Sunday, March 25, 1883

Bright in the morning but before night it began to sprinkle and as it is Easter we may look for seven rainy Sundays so some people say. Maggie is not very well so she did not attend S. S. or church but went over home and stayed most of the day with Constance + Ernest. J. W. the boys and I went to church in the morning. I have felt miserable all day and went to bed early.

Monday, March 26, 1883

Rainy so very wet that no clothes could be hung out of doors. Today I have been getting out the things which Jimmie will need this summer. Went over to see Pa a little while he is not yet able to be out in such weather. Had the piano tuned by Mr. Hooper and paid him 3.00. In the evening J. W. attended the G. a. R. meeting and I wrote to Mary Warner, also finished up a letter to Jennie which Willie had commenced. Mrs. Brince left. I called to see Maggie Mason.

Tuesday, March 27, 1883

Damp, cloud and some rain. Jimmie has been busy all day paying bills and preparing to leave tomorrow for Dakota via St. Louis + Kirkwood. I have been putting his clothes in order. After tea John + Mary were here a few minutes then J. W. had to go down street to finish up his insurance business. While gone Uncle Jimmie and Dr. Kline called to see him, both waited until his return. After they left he packed his trunk. I feel badly about his going but we think it is best and will try to make the best of it.

I weighed 120 ½ # today.

Wednesday, March 28, 1883

More pleasant than yesterday during the day but it began to rain again during supper time. Ellen failed to appear until about 9 o'clock this morning and as we had fully expected her, we did not rise as soon as we should otherwise have done. So were late with our breakfast. Jimmie was very much hurried but left at 10:45 AM on the Bonanza and the first thing I had to do after he left was a turn he always did, and the tears would come as I took place remembering how long it will be before his return.

Maggie Mason called to see me. Had a letter from Mary Barr. John was here twice.
Wrote Mother R.

Thursday, March 29, 1883

Cloudy and damp. Have not done much today but visit. Both Father + Mother went to see them and a visit to each used up nearly all the forenoon which was left after the morning work was done. Carl and I bought a birthday card for Miss Warner and I bought a doll for each of the little girls, paid 10 cts for each doll and they gave perfect satisfaction. Wrote to Jimmie, also answered a letter from Jennie.

Friday, March 30, 1883

Weather more disagreeable than yesterday. After the children went to school, I went to see the sick Father would be able to go out if the weather was fair, but will not venture now. Mother seems better and was over home in the afternoon. Was just telling me of an idea Father has of going to Europe this summer when Thereza Spry came in and the conversation took another turn. Had a card from Jas and wrote him a letter this evening. Jn was here a few minutes. I took dinner over home with Maggie Mason and Emma Williams.

Saturday, March 31, 1883

Weather worse than yesterday. Rain, snow + sleet combined to make it very unpleasant. Went down street to get a curtain fixture, or part of one, then over home to see the folks. They are better. Ma was over in the afternoon. Mary comes every day to cheer us up a little.

Had a letter from Jake Ricker and Mary Warner today.

Sunday, April 1, 1883

A little rain, a little snow and a great deal of mud. Willie went alone to S. S. then he, Carl and I went to church. Had our usual lessons after dinner then I went and sat awhile with Pa who is still confined to the house with his cold and the damp weather. Uncle Jimmie called but did not sit down as he had been to tea.

Monday, April 2, 1883

Weather no improvement over the past four or five days. It is chilly, damp and unhealthy. The river is rising rapidly again. Is all over the tow path on the canal. I paid Mr. Brodbeck this AM also Mr. Warner, called at Uncle Enos' and Mrs. Pratt to see her especially, then came home and found Mary here, Ma had been and was gone. After dinner I got out the summer clothes to see what was good and what we could need.

Letter from Jimmie. Wrote him tonight.

Tuesday, April 3, 1883

Pleasant, the first day for nearly a week when the sun shone out bright and clear. Have been mending a little today and made half a doz new sheets. Ma was here most of the afternoon. Had a book she wanted me to read and I did so. No letter from Jimmie but I wrote him and also Mary Barr in the evening. The girls all talk of or write as though they were anxious to visit us this summer.

Wednesday, April 4, 1883

Beautiful day. Was at home most of the day mending al altering things for Maggie and Willie. Took some work over home late in the afternoon but Ma + Mary were out calling so I came back. Had two letters from Jimmie tonight. John went and got them after tea. I wrote to him and Uncle Drew after the rest were all in bed. I asked Uncle D's consent to the proposed visit from the girls.

Thursday, April 5, 1883

Cloudy in the morning. I went down street after some trimming and just as I returned it began raining and kept at it all day. Ma was here in the afternoon with a letter from Mrs. Brince which I read. After tea I went over home and played awhile on the piano then John came home with me. He showed a card from Tiffany's which is a regular fraud I think is. Sewed for Maggie today until I was quite tired. Pa talks of taking Ma to Europe in the summer.

Friday, April 6, 1883

Rained very hard all forenoon and was cloudy and damp the rest of the day. Have been sewing for Maggie. Went over home in the rain this morning to see Uncle Sam who was to stop over there. Had letters from Jimmie and Mother Ricker, sent Willie to mail one to him + one to Mary Warner but he lost the letter on the street, the first time he ever was so unfortunate. John was here awhile after tea. Rec'd \$1.00 for mile, being the first money that has been paid as we have been paying our debt with milk but it is all cancelled now.

Saturday, April 7, 1883

Very pleasant. Sewed all the forenoon on Margaret's underclothes but did not finish what I was doing as we had preparatory lecture in the afternoon and I went to it. Four children were baptized, Jas Lewis Jones among the rest and he objected loudly to being there. I hurried home and sewed until supper time but did not quite finish the garment after all. Had a letter from Jimmie. He has decided to remain in K. until Monday. John was here this evening. Wrote to Jimmie.

Sunday, April 8, 1883

Lovely day. Went to church in the morning and communion in the afternoon. Seventeen untied with the church. Among them Sarah Bell one of my S. S. scholars. It was an unusually interesting occasion. After service Uncle Jimmie came to take tea with us and John was here awhile. I had a card from Jimmie written yesterday afternoon. Mrs. Pond died today at the Biggs house. Emma Newton is very low with Spinal Meningitis. She was one of my S. S. girls also.

Monday, April 9, 1883

Another beautiful day, a little cloudy but warm and pleasant without a sprinkle of rain. Mary went to Cin to do a little shopping as Fannie Moore went down and she could have her company. I finished the garment on hand and then went to see Nettie Row Black who is here visiting her mother. She is another of my S. S. girls. I then started out to inquire

about Emma Newton but met her sister who told me she was too low to see anyone and it would be useless to go so I came home. Sewed in the afternoon, lengthened two dresses for Maggie. Went to see Sarah Bell + Mrs. Tewksbury who was out. Wrote to Jimmie + Mary W.

Tuesday, April 10, 1883

Lovely day. Sewed hard all day lengthening Maggie's skirts. Maggie Peebles called to see me. Ma and John were here also. He is not well and has been home nearly all day. Had letters from Jimmie and Mrs. Singleton who is now in California and says she is improving in health. I had begun to think my letter to her was lost.

Wednesday, April 11, 1883

Beautiful day, and one which reminds me of Mary W. as it is her birthday. Mary Moore returned from Cin. Emma Newton died last night so Ma and I went out there after dinner, we also went to see Mrs. Belle Tracey and then down street to the shop where we watched them make two large castings then to Reilly's to look at paper, then to price furniture. Wrote to Jimmie, Uncle Drew, Jake, Mrs. Barr and sister Jennie. Had letters from Jimmie + Uncle Drew.

Thursday, April 12, 1883

Weather pleasant. Was very busy at home all forenoon and as soon as dinner was over I went over home to Emma Newton's funeral which was held in our church of which she had been a faithful member for years. She has suffered greatly and would have been blind had she lived so the Dr. thought. The church was full, the public school teachers, Board of Education, her school, s. s. teacher and friends attended the body. She lived and died a Christian. Wrote to Jimmie and Grandma.

Friday, April 13, 1883

Beautiful day. Ma and Mary went to Henley to see Lizzie so I went over home to dine with Pa and the boys. To our great surprise when the folks came back and Lizzie and the baby were with them. It was so good to see her, she is so cheery and pleasant that her presence always light up the room. Wrote to Jimmie as usual in the morning. Intended writing to Lizzie this evening but went over to see her instead.

Saturday, April 14, 1883

Very warm, hot you might say. Was over to see Lizzie several times. Have been fixing some lighter underwear for Willie who just "melts" when the sun shines on him. Anniversary of Pres. Lincoln's Assassination, Eighteen years ago I think. Late in the evening I went up street to do an errand. Have about finished putting up seeds and roots but the geraniums are not yet out.

Sunday, April 15, 1883

Cooler and we made a fire.

Pleasant day but it seemed a little like rain. Lizzie went with me and the four older children to church so our corner was well filled for once. Dr. Momfort of H. + P. preached

and we enjoyed his sermon very much. It rained in the afternoon and evening. Willie went to prayer meeting and church in the evening. Uncle Jimmie was not here.

Monday, April 16, 1883

Beautiful day. Have been mending and sewed on the machine too much for my good today and almost laid up. Was out to Ella Bonsall's and up to Mr. Peebles' this afternoon to see Mrs. Rachel White who is visiting there with her father. No one but Maggie was in so I sat quite a while with her. Was over home after tea and on my way back saw Mrs. Towne in her parlor, they are just home from a winter in Washington so I went in to welcome her home. Wrote to Jimmie as usual.

Tuesday, April 17, 1883

Weather beautiful. Was up early and ready for Lizzie and her baby who are to spend the day + night with us. We had a good visit. I did not write in the evening as it is so rare a treat to have Lizzie with me. John and Mary were here also most of the evening.

Had letters from Jimmie and Mrs. Barr who says her girls will visit us in June, (D. V.) and me are just delighted to think of it.

Wednesday, April 18, 1883

Beautiful day but rather too windy for comfort. After breakfast, Ma called for Lizzie and they went up street together. Mary stayed here to take care of the baby until their return so I had a little visit from her. Maggie took her music lesson but her eyes are bothering her so I sent her with Ma to Dr. McClure again as he cured them the last time she had trouble. Lizzie went home to dinner then Rich + the boys came in Henley and all went to Mr. P's to stay a day or two. Dr. B. said today I am cured. Wrote to Jimmie and answered Mrs. Barr's letter.

Thursday, April 19, 1883

Pleasant. Mrs. Webb and I did a good day's work. Maggie's eyes hurt so badly she can't go to school so she has been up at Mr. Peebles' most of the day taking care of Lizzie's children. They are making a little visit there before going back home. Had a letter from Jimmie which I answered as usual in the evening.

Friday, April 20, 1883

Beautiful day and I have been at work all day helping Mrs. Webb clean house and after we had put the carpet on the boys' room, replaced the furniture and straightened the East room as much as possible, we went to the stable and cleaned it all up as well as we could. Lizzie and her family went home quite early this AM. Maggie's eye is so sore she has to stay out of school much to her regret and mine. I wrote to Jas as usual in the evening.

Saturday, April 21, 1883

Very pleasant but some cooler than it has been for days past. I have been busy all day trying to put things in order about the place. It is hard to do as carpets have to be changed around and are obliged to be torn up in two or three rooms at once. I began a

letter to Mary Warner and wrote one to Jimmie tonight, Had one from Jake two from Jimmie and one from Mother Ricker today.

Sunday, April 22, 1883

Rainy all day but it was not so bad but that Willie, Carl, Lizzie and I went to church in the morning. Dr. P. was away and Mr. Guthrie of Chillicothe preached an excellent sermon on Joseph "A man who in whom the spirit of God is." Late in the afternoon Maggie who had been over home, came back saying a telegram had been rec'd saying Uncle Sol McCall had died this afternoon, at his home in Buena Vista.

Monday, April 23, 1883

Rained hard most of the day. I was busy among the trunk and boxes all the afternoon. In the forenoon Ma got ready and went to Buena Vista to see Aunt Maria, so I went over home to see if I could be of any assistance to her.

Maggie's left eye is giving her a great deal of trouble and it looks as if we would have to take her to Dr. Williams again. Letter from Jimmie which I answered, also finished Mary W's letter.

Tuesday, April 24, 1883

Cleared off this morning and was quite cold, I went over home early to see what the arrangements for the funeral were and found the folks were to be upon the Scioto or fashion about 11 o'clock then go out to the cemetery at once. Uncle Jimmie closed his store and came down, went to boat with Mary and me, there Ma + Pa got into the carriage and we all went out together. After dinner I went over home and then Ma, Mary, Mrs. Longhey and I went to see Aunt Maria at Uncle Enos.' Ma says that since Uncle Sol's concession he has been the main leader in the church + s. s. at Buena Vista and they all mourn his loss.

Wednesday, April 25, 1883

Finished off the new waists for Lizzie and Mary then went down street, but first I went over home in the morning and Mary + I went up to see Aunt Maria, Uncle Sam, Uncle Enos. Ma, Mrs. Loughry, Roby and all the family were there. Aunt goes home today. Late in the afternoon I went down street, found Ma + Mary at Miss Robinson's and we all went to look for matting, got some at Mr. Brodbeck's. Had letters from Jimmie, Mother R. Mary Barr and Jennie Ricker today.

Wrote to Jimmie + his mother.

Thursday, April 26, 1883

Lovely day and house cleaning has been in order again. Mrs. Webb, Ellen and I cleaned the parlor and put down the new matting which is quite pretty, being the new style in checks, instead of white. Nettie Black called to see me while I was taking down the matting Miss Emma came later while I was replacing the books in the case. Linseed oil + rubbing have made the piano, book case etc. look like new. Misses E. stayed to tea with us at our urgent solicitation. Letter from Jimmie. John was here a few minutes.

Friday, April 27, 1883

Beautiful day and I have put in the time at hard work. Mrs. Webb came and we put down the carpet up in the front room then she and Ellen scrubbed it and I rubbed the wardrobe in oil. The bed and busear (?) had been rubbed and now the room looks new. This is Father Ricker's birthday, also Mr. Tewksbury's, he is just five years older than Father R. I had no letter today, the feast of yesterday was the forerunner of a famine. Wrote to Jimmie then went to bed.

Saturday, April 28, 1883

Pleasant most of the day but windy and cool late in the evening with rain tonight. Have been busy all day finishing up the week's work. Planted a few more seeds and the little box wood trees Pa sent me, they are forlorn specimens but may possibly grow. Maggie's eye seems a little better and she took her usual lesson today. We were greatly surprised and shocked to hear of Frank Connolley's death this afternoon and his wife is in California with her father when they went to see her brother Charlie who is very poorly. It will be a dreadful shock to her when the news reaches her. No letter from Jas.

Sunday, April 29, 1883

Weather pleasant. Margaret did not go out today but three of the children and I went to church in the morning. It rained some last night. We had our usual lessons and Uncle Jimmie was here to tea. It turned so cool in the evening that we made up a fire in our room. John and Enos were here a little while.

Monday, April 30, 1883

Bright and pleasant. I washed, ironed and partly fixed Maggie's green wash poplin dress today and it tired me very much. After our tea was over I went over home and sat with the folks while they ate supper then Mary and I went over to see Mrs. Connolley and Gussie who are in deep affliction, Frank's death being a very great shock to them. Neither of them are well and having to sit and wait for Emma to come from California will be a great strain on their strength. May God comfort them for none other can.

Letter from Jas which I answered. Ma + Mary were down in the country today.

Tuesday, May 1, 1883

Pleasant. Finished Margaret's dress. After dinner Mother + I went to the shop and I got \$40.00 with which to pay bills. There was very little left when I was through. We met Mary at Miss Robuised's and all went together to see about Mary's hat. Father + Mother were invited up to Mr. Harry Greene's to tea but could not go as Father is not well.

Wednesday, May 2, 1883

Lovely day. I have been very busy cleaning all day and got very tired. Intended going to prayer meeting but did not get ready in time.

No letter from Jas. Did not write tonight as Mother came over after tea and before she left Dwight and Mary came in after prayer meeting and made quite a visit. Margaret and

Lizzie went over home to sleep as our room was all empty. Set out 13 gladiolus bulbs which Mary sent for.

Thursday, May 3, 1883

Beautiful day and I have worked very hard all day putting down the carpet in my room. It looks new, being turned wrong side up. I am tired but thankful. I gave up trying to dress for the tea party and sent my regrets to Mrs. Lowes but she seemed so disappointed that the children insisted on my going so I went with Mary and enjoyed a pleasant evening with Dr. + Mrs. Dennis, Dr. + Mrs. Pratt, Mr. + Mrs. Kline and Mary Ellen. Prof + Mrs. Lowes entertain nicely.

Two letters from Jas.

Friday, May 4, 1883

Beautiful day but rather dusty. Hung the pictures in my room this morning and then dressed myself to go over to see Gussie Halderman. Mother went with me and we found her some better than she has been but her mother was lying down and we did not see her. Had a letter from Mother Ricker. Wrote two to Jas, one to Jennie Greene, Jennie Ricker, Mrs. singleton, Aunt Maria McCall, Mother Ricker.

Maggie Peebles + Mrs. Rachel White called in the afternoon.

Saturday, May 5, 1883

Very pleasant. Margaret had expected to go to Henley today and was ready a long time before we heard that Rick did not come in but would be here the first of next week. I was busy as usual and after dinner I washed my gray dress preparatory to making it over next week when Miss Maggie comes. This is Father + Mother Ricker's 43rd anniversary I believe.

Letter from Jimmie which I answered in the evening as usual.

Sunday, May 6, 1883

Beautiful day. Margaret + Will went to S. S. then Lizzie Carl + I went with them to church. Dr. Pratt preached a very good sermon.

Had lessons in the afternoon was over home a few minutes, Uncle Jimmie W. was here to tea, he is very kind and attentive to us.

Monday, May 7, 1883

So cool that I started a fire in the hall quite early but later in the day it was very warm. Miss Maggie O'Connor came to sew and we began on my gray dress but had to lay it aside for want of lining so she attended my satin polonaise into basque + over shirt. Was surprised by a delightful little visit from Aunt Maria who looks well and seems as cheerful as possible considering her loss. Had no letter, yes I had two a short one from Jimmie and wrote him one. Frank Connolley was buried this morning.

Pa went to Statesville + saw Jennie.

Mrs. Duduit was here.

Tuesday, May 8, 1883

Dry, warm and dusty. Sewed all day. Had letters from Mary Warner and Lizzie P. Margaret went to Henley with her uncle to stay a few days hoping the change would help her. Miss Emma Bell was here to tea. Wrote to Lizzie and Jimmie had a letter from him today. Little Lizzie is perfectly happy with a Chinese hat trimmed in pink and blue bow, a present from Aunt Mary.

Wednesday, May 9, 1883

A little cool in the morning and evening but pleasant during the day, hot in the sun. We have worked all day on Maggie's dress. I put in my spare time in trimming for my gray dress. Went over home in the evening and went to church with Mary and Fannie Moore. Had a card from Mammie Barr. They expect to start on the 18th or 20th of June. Wrote to Jimmie as usual.

Thursday, May 10, 1883

Cool with some rain, enough to settle the dust and make the air fresh and pleasant. Have worked on my gray dress and finished Maggie's silk. Had letters from Jimmie and Mother Ricker, wrote to both of them in the evening. John was here for an hour this evening. He has not been here much since I began house cleaning, there was little to attract a visitor. Uncle Same Moore is fifty years old today.

Friday, May 11, 1883

Quite cool but bright and a good day for sewing. I was not out and no one came in so we had a good opportunity to work. My gray dress was finished all but the fastenings and we began attending the old basque for morning also began altering another light dress. Letter from Jimmie and a note from Maggie who is enjoying herself very much. Miss Emma was here a few minutes and showed us a photo of Ruth Hawthorne. Wrote to Jimmie.

Saturday, May 12, 1883

Bright and pleasant. About 11 o'clock AM I went down street to get some material we needed in sewing. Had to go again late in the afternoon and then got what I needed to trim up my bonnet for tomorrow. After everything else was done + it was almost dark I began my bonnet, a myrtle green straw and trimmed it up with satin ribbon the same shade and light pink. We finished off the dark dresses and began a blue seer seeker for Maggie. No letter from Jimmie today but I wrote as usual + began a letter to M. W.

Sunday, May 13, 1883

Beautiful day. Went to church in the morning as usual. Pa brought me a letter from Jas while we were at breakfast. Had lesson I the late afternoon and after church in the evening Uncle Jimmie came out and we had a little talk on church matters. Dr. Pratt talks of going on General Assembly at Saratoga this week.

Monday, May 14, 1883

About 9 o'clock AM we had a shower which did not last long enough to ever settle the dust well. Again this evening it is showery. Letter from Jas this morning which I shall answer. John was here to see me and talk about the awning elevator which he prepares to make for me. We, Miss M. + I, finished off Maggie's blue dress and tomorrow will begin new work. Miss Emma was here to tea. Ella Bonsall called to say goodbye as she leaves in the morning for her new home in Elizabeth N. J.

Tuesday, May 15, 1883

Lovely weather, the mornings are cool enough for fire and some nights. I kept up all night, the changes from warm to cold are quite sudden but I enjoy it all. We have been working on furniture covers for the sofa and large chair and found it almost too cool in the parlor to work comfortably. The covers are made of red = white and drab striped ticking bound with scarlet braid.

Wednesday, May 16, 1883

Have been busy all day, was down street on an errand and in the evening I went alone to prayer meeting. Dr. Pratt was away and Uncle Jimmie led the meeting. We have been working on a blue seersmoker (?) dress for Maggie. I sent Lizzie a letter last evening with a sample of the goods or rather it was in the letter to Maggie which went at the same time.

Thursday, May 17, 1883

Beautiful weather.

Pa had his hand hurt this morning while trying to throw a bell off a wheel or pulley or something of the kind. It needed a stick or two taken in it will disable his hand for some time.

We have worked hard to get something ready for the children, I got something of the kind. It needed a stick or two taken in and will disable his hands for some time.

We have worked hard to get something ready for the children, I material for dresses for the little girls but we will not be able to touch them for the other work in hand.

Friday, May 18, 1883

We began on shirt waists for the boys today. Miss Maggie cut out and I sewed on the machine. We have worked on about thirty different pieces within the two weeks and will get them all ready for the finishing stitched by tomorrow night. I had four letters today. One from Lizzie, one from Jennie, one from Mother Ricker and Maggie. Ma was sent for last night in great haste to go to Lizzie so she went early this AM and took Dr. McClure with her. I went over to see Pa while he was at his breakfast.

Saturday, May 19, 1883

As this was Miss Maggie's last day with me I was very busy and tried to finish up all the articles we had begun. We got them all ready for the fastening and finishing touches but there will be a good deal to do yet before they are ready to use.

Miss Emma was here to tea with us. Ellen told me this afternoon that she intended leaving Monday morning. Ma and Maggie came home from Henley today. Mary + Mother P. went down this morning to stay a while with Lizzie.

Sunday, May 20, 1883

Lovely day. It rained in the afternoon but it only seemed to add to the delight of the day. The trees in fresh green foliage are beautiful. We had no service as Dr. Pratt is at General Assembly. John was here for an hour or more in the afternoon. The children had their lessons as usual. I was over home a few minutes in the afternoon.

Monday, May 21, 1883

Rained nearly all day so the washing could not be dried and had to be left for me to dry whenever I can. Ellen left soon after breakfast this morning. She had made all her arrangements to go before saying anything to me about it. She did not suit me in all respects anyway so I do not care only it is not pleasant to be left so unexpectedly. Wrote to Jimmie tonight + sent him Mother P's letter.

Tuesday, May 22, 1883

Still damp and raining a little. There have been severe storms in many parts of the country but we have escaped so far with nothing worse than rain. Went over to see Pa a few minutes this morning and he had me read some accounts of the storms.

Had a letter from Jimmie saying he hoped to be home soon, that I need not write again after Tuesday.

Wednesday, May 23, 1883

Weather about perfect. Just the kind I should enjoy very much if it were possible for me to go out but I cannot go anywhere. Rich and little John came in this forenoon to bring Mary and Maggie Peebles who have been out to Henley for several days. I wanted to go but could not leave home. Went to bed as early as possible. Miss Gharky came this AM and began Maggie's lessons again.

Thursday, May 24, 1883

Lovely day. Jas Peebles came soon after breakfast to see the children and stayed until almost 4 o'clock. When his father called to take him home. I was very busy all day and very tired in the afternoon. I could have enjoyed a ride or walk or rest of some kind very much but could not leave home. Letter from Mother Ricker. Uncle Jimmie came in a few minutes to see how we were getting along.

Friday, May 25, 1883

Delightful weather, showers keep the air cool and the dust well settled. Ruth came to iron for me today and got dinner while I cut and basted up a basque for her. I went over home to tea and met Mrs. Hoy the Temperance Lecturer's wife there. Margaret, Willie, Carl + Lizzie went to the Panorama given by him in the evening. Wrote to Mother R but not to J.

W. as he will soon be home. Mary Peebles called to see us this morning. Aunt Mary Sam was here today.

Saturday, May 26, 1883

Very delightful, dry but then some very threatening clouds which however only sent down a few refreshing showers. Several storms in other localities have made us rather fearful when the skies look threatening. Have been very busy all day with the regular round of work. In the afternoon Willie went fishing with Harry Johns and was caught in the rain. Letter from Jennie Ricker but none from Jimmie. Miss Emma was here at tea time.

Sunday, May 27, 1883

Another charming day thou it sprinkled in the morning and after dinner we had a very hard rain with hail. Did not go anywhere until after supper when I went to see Pa a few minutes. Mrs. Hoy is taking her meals over home and in consequence of the rain was there most of the day. No service at our church and I was unable to go out anyway. Went to bed at 9 o'clock and before 10 o'clock I was awakened by the door bell and found Jimmie at the door. I could scarcely be convinced that it was he as I had a letter in the morning saying he would probably be detained for a few days.

Monday, May 28, 1883

Beautiful day, cool and fresh. Aunt Maria and Ma were here after dinner. I have been busy all day and am tired of course. Have just written up my book for more than two weeks.

Tuesday, May 29, 1883

Warm and pleasant. Having no girl I am doing with as little working as possible so we live on strawberries and cream, bread + butter, milk etc. and live well only that I have so much to do besides that it just wears me out. J. W. is a great help to me since his return, I could not keep up much longer without his help.

Wednesday, May 30, 1883

This is Decoration or Memorial Day, a national holiday so the children are out of school. It rained in hard showers several times during the day but that did not prevent J. W. and the children besides hundreds of others from going out to see the sights and coming home they were "sights" themselves. Wet and muddy all of them. Willie went with his father to the A. R. and had his dinner of beans, something J. W. did not care for.

Wrote to Mother R. and Mary Barr.

Thursday, May 31, 1883

Warm and pleasant.

Mrs. Bickel came today and cleaned the kitchen and pantries. Tom came and finished cutting the grass which improves the look of the yard very much. I managed to put in a few stitches today, cut out some work to do for Mary but can't accomplish much in that line while doing the kitchen work.

Friday, June 1, 1883

Weather just lovely and I want to go out and enjoy it but have no time. Had Mrs. Bickel cleaning house a little for me today and took a little time to begin sewing for Mary who very much needs some under clothes. Mrs. Towne called to see me this afternoon. Went down street to get some stockings for the children but was not gone long.

Saturday, June 2, 1883

Pleasant. The days are so full of work in the kitchen that there is little of interest to record.

I could manage economically and will if I was only able but my strength soon gives out. Miss Kline called this morning to see if I wanted to go down to see the large organ at the cathedral. She practices on it daily. I couldn't go of course.

Letter from Mary Warner.

Sunday, June 3, 1883

Rainy but pleasant.

Having no help and being tired I did not try to go to church today. No service at our own so J. W. and Willie went to All Saints to hear Mr. Badger both morning and evening. Had our lessons at home in the afternoon but J. W. helped me by hearing Willie. I went over to see the folks a little while before supper. Jn took dinner with us and Uncle Jimmie was here in the evening but ate no supper.

Monday, June 4, 1883

Bright, warm and lovely. A washerwoman spent the day with us. It was nearly 8 o'clock PM when she and her little boy went home and I was more tired than she was. I have no prospect of a girl as yet and am tired out with work accumulating every day.

Tuesday, June 5, 1883

Looked like rain but no one came, it is warm and dry. Before I was dressed this morning a girl came wanting a place so I engaged her at once and she helped me with breakfast. There was a good deal of sweeping and cleaning to be done so we were busy all day. After tea J. W. and I went over home a while then I came home and wrote a note to Lizzie which we took to the office before going to bed.

Wednesday, June 6, 1883

Quite warm. Late in the afternoon J. W. brought the buggy and took me out to the green house where I got some plants for the flower beds. A hard rain came up and we came home through the worst of it. I papered the closet in the back room upstairs. Put out the plants and went to prayer meeting.

Thursday, June 7, 1883

The new girl does not help me much, she is rude without knowing it, ignorant + untidy so I can't leave her alone to do anything. Miss Emma was here this afternoon and stayed to tea with us. I made button holes while talking with her. Maggie Peebles came to the gate to say that she and John were going to Henley tomorrow. After Mrs. Rachel White and Mr. R. P. Peebles, her father.

Friday, June 8, 1883

Beautiful weather. Willie was rejoicing all day over the delightful time. He hopes to have with his bicycle when it comes. He can scarcely wait now that he knows about it. I was down street early in the morning with Ma to see about a girl and then Jimmie and I went to look at furniture at Mr. Nichols'. After dinner I went and got matting for the new room. The new awning came.

Saturday, June 9, 1883

There are busy times of course with me. The girl I have is worse than none so I paid her off today but she is to remain here until she finds another place. Another named Maggie Dill came along with her Aunt so I engaged her hoping for better success. I have had to put in the day imitating her and doing what little I could in other parts of the house. Put down the matting in the blue room and go it all ready to set up the furniture when it comes.

Sunday, June 10, 1883

Rather cloudy in the morning but we went to church to hear Dr. Morris of Lane Swimming (?) and before we were downsized, a hard rain set in which lasted some time and many people had to send home for umbrellas but I had my gossamer so got home all right. In the evening J. W. went alone. Just at church time this morning Rich sent a driver with a note for Ma to go to Henley at once as Lizzie is very sick. She went in haste so I did not see her at all.

Monday, June 11, 1883

Miss Maggie was to have been here today to help finish off some garments but did not come. Sent word she would be here tomorrow. The kitchen maid from Jackson left to my great relief. The one who is here now it homesick and wants to go home. The one whom I was building my hopes came to stay. Our new bedroom set came in the afternoon. The three pieces with wire mattress and the other one to go on top cost even \$50.00. The furniture is oiled with Lenses (?) marbles and is very pretty. Mrs. Lowes called.

Tuesday, June 12, 1883

Beautiful day until late in the afternoon when some very threatening clouds made their appearance but no rain fell until after midnight. Mary and Dwight Greene went out to Henley today. She had a note from Ma saying Lizzie was better and wanted her to go out. Miss Maggie and I sewed busily all day, made a dark blue calico dress for Maggie and one for Mary. Jimmie arose at 3:30 this morning and went to New York on business. Fannie M. called. Letter from Mary B. which I answered.

Wednesday, June 13, 1883

Rainy most of the day though there were some gleams of sunshine. We did not begin anything new but made button holes, sewed on buttons and finished off things. This is Fannie Moore's birthday, 22nd I think. Jn was over this evening and told me that he bought tickets today for Father + Mother to go to Europe, they are to sail on the 28th of June. Ma has not yet returned from Henley and expects to go to see Jennie as soon as she gets back. Mrs. Greene has just come from there with the report that the doctor is anxious about her.

Thursday, June 14, 1883

Pleasant, it did not rain this evening much to the satisfaction of the graduates of High School. There has been a stormy time between the class and school board and it was doubtful until this afternoon how the matter would end but the class yielded + the exercises took place. The trouble was about the awarding of a prize for Elocution. The class did not want the prize presented on commencement evening neither did the Sept. Mrs. Tracy called.

Friday, June 15, 1883

Weather delightful.

Rich brought Ma home today much to our joy. She decided not to go to Jennie's, wrote her a letter instead. She came to see me and we decided that my dark green pelisse was just the thing for a traveling dress on shipboard. It seems strange that she is really going across the ocean. This is Carl's 7th birthday. The Alumni meets this evening but I will not be there.

Saturday, June 16, 1883

We have been very busy today. Maggie the cook left directly after breakfast and I made a trip up street to change some money then away down street to see a girl but heard nothing very encouraging. I spent the day fixing up a side board and other things. Miss Maggie sewed alone and had to leave some things undone.

Sunday, June 17, 1883

Did not go to church today as there was no one to get dinner and look after the little ones. Rev. Mr. Morey preached in the morning and after that there were no services in our church as it was the time for the Union Bible meeting which was held in the upper Episcopal church.

Monday, June 18, 1883

A bright morning and very hot day followed by a rain storm in the afternoon. I did not think it was possible for me to go to meet the girls as I had promised, since there was no one to take charge at home but the home folks insisted and promised to see after things here if I would go so I went on the Bonanza and had a very pleasant trip down. Miss McClaine of Moscow or vicinity was my roommate. Lizzie P's birthday.

Tuesday, June 19, 1883

Delightful day after the rain yesterday. Was up early + went up street with Uncle Sam and Aunt Mary, they bought a suit for Sam + I, a coat for Carl. Met Enos as agreed upon and we went to the Depot and found the girls waiting for us. Their Uncle had come to Cin. with them on his way up the river. We went about shopping a little and seeing the sights until noon then went to the boat and had a most delightful trip up the river. We had plenty of good music which all enjoyed.

Wednesday, June 20, 1883

Mary + Bess Barr came to visit us.

Beautiful day.

We were all up quite early and waited some time for an escort to make his appearance but Carl was the only one who came to the boat until John saw us from Front Street and came down. We left before the boat breakfast and as ours was over at home I set about getting a little something to eat. No girl had come consequently the visit began under adverse circumstances. The girls went to church. John + Enos called.

Thursday, June 21, 1883

Rained in the forenoon but was clear after 11 AM. Mary + Bessie Barr, J. W. + I took dinner over home with Fannie + Mary Moore. Jennie and the family were to have been there but they did not come at all until after dinner. Lizzie + Rich did not come at all but expect to be in tomorrow. John + Hen (?) came with Mr. Hesmith to Mr. Peebles. This is the longest day of the year.

Friday, June 22, 1883

Maggie took her music lesson as usual and I wanted Miss Gharky to see the girls but she said she would call tomorrow and preferred visiting. We were over home awhile in the evening + John + Enos came home with the girls. We have a slight prospect of a girl. J. W. + I went out in the buggy to see after several of whom we heard but none of them were available just now. Jn, Wm, Bartie, Elizabeth + Edward were here most of the afternoon.

Saturday, June 23, 1883

Beautiful day. We were back and forth several times today. We, the girls + I, went up street and started out on a girl hunt, but were caught in the rain. Jennie Gharky called this afternoon or just at tea time. Having no girl the meal had to wait until I had the leisure to prepare it. Jimmie + I went out to about a girl who lived with her aunt but is out of town now.

Sunday, June 24, 1883

Quite warm and as the folks were late getting ready they went to All Saints ch instead of the 2nd Pres. In the evening Jimmie, Bessie and I went out then and Mary stayed at home she had John for company.

Monday, June 25, 1883

We could not settle down for anything today as it is the last day before the folks leave for their trip. This afternoon Mary, Bessie + I went out to do an errand and were caught in a shower so had to come home. I paid Maggie Lloyd + Miss Robinson then Jimmie + I went in the rain to see if the girl had come back to Seal's and were told that she had come back to town + would be around tomorrow. Bessie treated us to ice cream. Started a letter to Ma, one I have been several days writing.

Tuesday, June 26, 1883

Weather fair and pleasant. J. W. and I went over home at 4 PM to see Ma + Pa start on their trip to Europe. Rich + Lizzie, Mary + the boys were there also. Jennie made her adieux last evening as she had to be up at Mrs. G's. Rich went home today + took Maggie O'Connor. Lizzie was not well enough to go + she was worse afterwards + sent for the Dr. Mam Pratte + Mary Reed called also. Mrs. Murphy, Susie the girls came. Mary, Bessie sent with John + Dwight Greene to a party given by Jennie Gharky.

Wednesday, June 27, 1883

Pleasant but rather warm. This afternoon we went out to return the call of Mary + Fannie Moore, Jennie Gharky, Minnie + Lillie Johnson and Jennie Greene who is up at Mrs. Greene's keeping house for her while she goes to Pittsburg. We went to church in the evening and when we came home John + Enos + Tracy Johnson were here. Uncle Sam called this morning + Uncles Enos + wife this evening.

Thursday, June 28, 1883

Lizzie was better today but not well and could not go home. It was still damp this evening. I remember it because Lizzie, Maggie and I made a trip out on Washington + 11th to see an old man whom she thinks of engaging for man of all work at Henley. On our return we had calls from John + Enos, Mr. Tremper + Mr. Coates. We made ice cream this afternoon + had it this evening. Rained hard in the afternoon.

Friday, June 29, 1883

Rain nearly all day. It was coming down steadily when we awoke and of course our plan for a trip to Henley was spoiled. Even Lizzie could not go. In the afternoon. She brought her work and baby and spent the afternoon with us. She was cutting out work. Jn was here a few minutes but went home early to make up the sleep he has lost this week. Letter from Mary W.

Saturday, June 30, 1883

Warm and dry. We went to the Foundry early in the afternoon and saw them cast then came home got ready + called upon Mrs. Towne, Mrs. Murphy, Maggie Peebles and Mary Moore.

John took Mary Barr out driving. Jennie, Mary Moore + Lizzie with her children went to Henley today with J. W. to drive for them. Mrs. Gharky + Margaret, Jennie Gharky + Nettie called.

Sunday, July 1, 1883

Warm. Bessie + Mary went to S. S. with Mary and the former went with her to church but Mary went with us. Dr. Pratt has returned from his summer trip. In the evening Jimmie and the girls went to church. Mary Ricker is not well and I had to stay at home. I have missed Pa + Ma very much today. Mary + the boys looked lonesome when I went over before supper.

Monday, July 2, 1883

Pleasant but rather warm. We should have made calls today but were expecting a caller who did not come. After tea Enos took Bessie rising and before they returned John, Mr. Hawks + Fannie Moore, Mrs. Stock + Mary Pratt called. We had quite a lively evening. We expected Jake before the girls leave but he does not seem to think he can come. Had ice cream over home this afternoon.

Tuesday, July 3, 1883

Quite warm, hot in fact. We arranged for a small picnic over on the Ky Hills this evening and about 4:30, Mary, Bessie Barr, Fannie Moore, Jennie + Nettie Gharky, Maggie, Will, Carl, J. W. + I went over taking lunch with us. We rested and enjoyed the scenery until Jn came over after 6 PM then had supper and started home before dark. Just as we landed on this side two drunken roughs began a fight with J. W. + Jn one of them spoke to me first then tried to grab Bessie by the arm which was resented by Jn of course + a fight was the result which frightened us all dreadfully and J. W. received a hard blow to the cheek which made a mark. The failure of the boats oars to attempt to keep off the roughs was the cause of much trouble. It was a bad ending to a right delightful little picnic.

Jennie went home.

Wednesday, July 4, 1883

An old fashioned hot 4th which we still spend as quietly as possible, John with Mary + Bessie Barr, Fannie and Mary Moore left early for Henley. Mary + Dwight Greene went later. Enos is at home and it will be very quiet. We had enough excitement yesterday to last us a while.

Wrote to Mary Warner. The young folks returned from Henley about 9 o'clock.

Thursday, July 5, 1883

Very warm. After dinner the girls and I went out to return our calls. Went to Dr. Pratt's, Mrs. Spry's, Mrs. Tewksbury's and Mollie Murray's. Had to leave off Jennie + Nettie Gharky and Aunt Mary Ellen until another time. Went to Uncle Enos' after tea but the church bell rang in less than ten minutes so we did not have long to stay. Prayer meeting was deferred until this evening. John was here both before and after church.

Friday, July 6, 1883

Very warm. The case of those men who gave us trouble on the ferry boat Tuesday was called this morning and after a short hearing they were bound over until Oct. term of court. John came to tell us the result. Fannie Moore + Sister Mary were here at the time.

Saturday, July 7, 1883

Hot. Susie the girl went home this morning and O had to take her place. Was busy all forenoon of course but managed to get to Preparatory Lecture though a little late. The girls + I went. Jake cam on the 2:35 train and after church we came home, received a call from Josie Murfin + Minnie Gould and then went to the gallery to have a group taken. Fannie + Mary, John + Enos Moore, Mary + Bess Barr, Jake Ricker, J. W. + I comprised the group. Lizzie Kalsheimer came to try the work. Jake Ricker came.

Sunday, July 8, 1883

Rained in the morning but cleared off and was pleasant later. The girls, Jake, J. W. Willie, Carl, + I went to church in the morning and in the afternoon all but the children went to Communion. Jake and Mary went to the 2nd church at night.

Monday, July 9, 1883

Pleasant. Fannie + Mary and sister Mary came to say goodbye to the girls and Fannie went to the boat with us. We fell sorry to see them go and will miss them ever so much. Their stay has been very pleasant.

This afternoon I went up to Linn Murray's to see after Willie who was out rising his bicycle. He and Linn went five miles out the pike. I came home warm and tired. Jake went to Mr. Tewksbury's to tea and returned here about 10 o'clock. Called Dr. Kleene to see Lizzie who he said had Bronchitis. Trent Jim Jones Called. Dr. G. S. B. Hempstead died.

Tuesday, July 10, 1883

Warm and dusty but a pleasant breeze relieves the heat somewhat. After four o'clock Mary and I called upon Mrs. Alex Warner, a bride of less than a month. Called upon Emma Williams. After tea John + Jake + I went up to see Fannie + Mary Moore. Jimmie was going also but decided one of us should stay with the children. Lizzie is better. Letter from Mary + Bessie Barr.

Wednesday, July 11, 1883

Warm in the morning with hard rain about 3 o'clock. We had gone to Dr. Hempstead's funeral and just got into church when the rain began. Jake went to Ironton this morning. After prayer meeting we, J. W. + I, started up to Mr. Peebles' to see the friends from up river but met John who told us Libbie Ferguson and Mattie Wood had gone to our house so we returned. Mary was sick last night, seemed crampy and coughed hard. I think they may be taking whooping cough.

Thursday, July 12, 1883

Delightful day. We arose early in order to have breakfast in time for the folks to reach the train as they went back to Ironton. After tea Jimmie and I went up to Mr. Peebles to see Mrs. Hamilton, a visit we have long talked of making. She seemed glad to see us. Saw Mary and Hattie Peebles but Maggie and some of the others had gone up to Mrs. Gaylord's. Hard storm this afternoon.

Friday, July 13, 1883

Beautiful weather. After dinner Jimmie and Carl drove up to Franklin F'ce to meet Jake and bring him home. I began a letter to Ma but do not know when it will be finished, we do not yet know where to send their letters. It is twenty years today since the Union Army reached Yazoo City and brought us out of the country. It was after 8 PM when Jimmie, Jake + Carl returned.

Miss Mary Damarin called.

Saturday, July 14, 1883

Pleasant. We have rains often but most of them seem to be at night and it makes the weather lovely. Rich, Lizzie and the children came in town to spend Sunday but as I think our little girls have whooping cough none of us will see them this time. Jake took tea at Mr. Tewksbury's.

Sunday, July 15, 1883

Lovely day. We went to church as usual in the morning and had John here to dinner with us. After dinner Jake went home with him and will stay all night.

Monday, July 16, 1883

Cloudy with rain in this vicinity but none here. I had Mrs. Webb engaged to come today then sent her word not to come but as Jane was lame I had to send again for her to come tomorrow. Lizzie did not go home as she had intended. Jake went to Mr. Tewksbury's to take tea and stay all night.

Tuesday, July 17, 1883

About midnight were aroused by a hard rainstorm, the wind made everything rattle but did no more damage than blowing over some trees. There is a party camping out at Turkey Creek who have been treated to two severe storms since last Thursday. Jake was here to dinner but went over to take tea and spend the night with John.

Letters from Mary Warner and Mary Barr. Went up street on an errand and called at Clara Pursell's but she was not returned from her trip East. Comes tonight.

Wednesday, July 18, 1883

Pleasant. Jake came home before we had finished our breakfast and after prayers he packed his baggage and went to make one or two farewell calls. Then he and Jimmie met here and after his goodbyes were all said, he went to the boat and started on his journey to Eaglesfield where he will spend a day or two visiting Mary Barr before going home.

Thursday, July 19, 1883

Warm and dusty. The days are all much alike when I have the work to do. It takes all my time so I cannot do anything else or go anywhere.

Friday, July 20, 1883

Bright and warm. All this forenoon I wasted while waiting to see if I was needed at the Court House where the lawyers engaged in defending those men were trying to have a trial and get them out of jail but I was not sent for as the Prosecuting Attorney + Judge Turley thought they ought to be held until the Oct. term of court. A good long letter from Ma to Mary + a long one from Pa to John came today. They were not seasick and are well and enjoying their trip.

Wrote to Jennie Ricker, Aunt Betsey, Mary Barr, Jennie and late in the evening wrote Lizzie Peebles.

Saturday, July 21, 1883

Warm during the day but a little cool at night. Usually our nights have been pleasant. Had a note from Lizzie who wanted some errands done so after supper Jimmie and I went up to Mr. Knittels' last night with the order and also the letter from Ma and had the things ready to go out early this morning. Mrs. Webb has ironed all day for me and my Saturday work has been rather hard on me.

Sunday, July 22, 1883

Very warm, hot I might say. Was not out to church at all today, was not well enough and had no one to get dinner anyway.

I am almost sick from over work and heat.

Uncle Jimmie did not come today as usual.

Monday, July 23, 1883

Very warm and dusty. Late in the evening it began to rain to our great relief. I am getting tired out with the work and hope a girl will come soon. I had a letter from Ma this afternoon written from Manchester, Eng. They go from there to Sheffield thence to London. Began a letter to Pa but did not finish it.

Tuesday, July 24, 1883

Cloudy all day with several showers during the forenoon. Enos had a letter from Ma which he sent us to read. I had begun a letter to Pa so I finished it and sent it to their London address, City Hotel No 7 King Street, Cheapside, London. I had a letter from Lizzie which was answered in the afternoon. The girl did not come today but I hope she will tomorrow.

Wednesday, July 25, 1883

Rain is over and this has been a delightful day. In the evening a light shawl was comfortable. Tillie Hartley came about 8 o'clock this AM and promises to do well at least begins as though she knew how to do everything. After dinner I got ready and went up to Mr. Peebles' hoping to see Rachel White but she and her father left Friday. I then went to see Mrs. Lowes who returned last week from her summer visit. Went to prayer meeting in the evening, both Jimmie and I. Had a letter from Bessie Barr.

Thursday, July 26, 1883

Soon after breakfast I went up to see the mirror Mrs. Lottie Stewart has made for Lizzie who intends it as a birthday present for Rich tomorrow. I spent more than an hour trying to find Jimmie and ask if he would take it out to Henley for them. About 2 Pm he started in Mr. P's carriage with Willie, Carl and Lizzie and cannot come home until tomorrow. I went over home a while before tea. Thereza Spry and Jennie Gharky were there. Alice Higgins spent an hour or more with me this afternoon.

Friday, July 27, 1883

Somewhat cloudy but no rain. The folks did not return until late supper time so I had a rather lonely day. Maggie was over at Alice Higgins all the afternoon. I wrote to Bessie Barr, Mother Ricker and Mary Warner. Some of the writing was done last night but the letters all went today.

Saturday, July 28, 1883

Warm and dusty. Have not felt very well today and did nothing of any account but wash the children and my own hair. Wrote to Ma this morning. Lizzie and her baby came in this afternoon in the stage, the boys came yesterday with Jimmie.

Sunday, July 29, 1883

Bright and would be pleasant only it is dusty.

We all, four older children, J. W. and I, went to church in the morning and I went again in the evening with Jimmie. Lizzie Ricker is five years old today, sister Jennie is thirty and Ira Ricker is sixteen.

Monday, July 30, 1883

Bright, beautiful and warm. Had letters from Ma this AM, Mary, Lizzie and I each one. We three went up street to do errands and were gone a couple of hours. Upon my return I found Mary had fallen out of the little wagon and cut her forehead so badly that Dr. Gibson had been called in to take a stitch and fix it up. Her father had come home to write a letter and was here to attend to her which was very providential as they did not know where I was. Grandma Moore is 90 years old today, is very well and cheerful. Aunt Maria McC. had a dinner party for her at Buena Vista where she is staying. Fannie Moore was here.

Lizzie + her three children spent the afternoon with us. I cut out pants for Carl but lack the sheet for my machine so I could not sew. Mrs. Lowes was here.

Tuesday, July 31, 1883

Pleasant but dusty. Lizzie and her children with Maggie went to Henley today in the stage. In the afternoon I took the two little girls over to Alice Higgins for a call. After tea Jimmie and me went up to Uncle Enos' to make a call.

Wednesday, August 1, 1883

Cloudy but no rain in our immediate vicinity though there must have been some near. I sewed on the pants, having had the shuttle mended. Had a letter from Mother Ricker telling of a new cousin who has arrived in Charlie Ricker's family, last Thursday July 26th being his birthday and Nelson Drew being his name.

J. W. and I went to prayer meeting which was slimly attended. Had a letter from Lizzie P. and finished the one I began to Ma some days ago.

Thursday, August 2, 1883

Have been at work on the pants all day and think while I am at it I will make several pairs and be done with it. Have some muslin to make covers for the mattress and feather bed. There are ever so many things to be done if I can only manage to do them.

Friday, August 3, 1883

Warm but pleasant where the street sprinklers keep the dust settled which is not in front of our house. I wanted to see Fannie Moore and sent for her but she did not come so I went around there. The baby is not well but asked Uncle Enos + M. E. to come and take tea with us tomorrow, they cannot come, so I asked Fannie and Mary. I was down street to get some jeans for Carl's pants.

Saturday, August 4, 1883

Warm and dry. I wanted Fannie + Mary Moore, Ralph, Mary, Jn + Enos but it seemed likely that some of them except Mary + Jn would get here. Fannie came before noon to say neither she nor Mary could come as company had come. After dinner Clara Pursell called and when she left I took the little girls and went to call upon the guests one of whom was Pa's cousin Mrs. E. J. Gum Cartwright + the other Miss Cartwright, Mary + Jn came before tea time and Ralph and Enos later. Covered the mattresses.

Sunday, August 5, 1883

Bright and pleasant. Carl and Lizzie started to Sabbath School today. Carl has not been going for more than a year and Lizzie is just beginning. Mrs. Sam Baird gave me a beautiful magnolia blossom, one of three which she and Mr. Baird took to church for the pulpit this morning. Dr. Pratt preached at Turkey Creek this afternoon so we had no service and went to 6th M. E. church.

Monday, August 6, 1883

Still dry and dusty. It looked like rain this morning but none came. This is Margaret's birthday, she is twelve and not at home to receive congratulations. I wrote to Lizzie about some errands she wanted done. After dinner Mary and I went to call upon Clara Pursell, Aunt Mary Moore and visitors Mrs. + Miss Cartwright, Mrs. Kline, Mrs. Draper and Miss Mary Damarin, the latter was not at home.

Tuesday, August 7, 1883

Warm and dry. The dust tomorrow when stirred up by the crowds of people and houses will be fearful. Margaret came home from Henley this afternoon with Mr. and Mrs. Thompson who came up to the Circus I suppose. Lizzie sent Mary some lovely rosebuds and other flowers. She, Rich and the children left home today for Adams Co. Springs.

Wednesday, August 8, 1883

Hot, dry and dusty. This day has been given over to Bannam's (sp) great show by nearly everybody. Tho' I only went out in the morning with Mary and the little girls to see the parade, I did not do much the rest of the day because of the crowds of people who were coming and going all the time and I wanted to see them. Jimmie had a telegram from Cin and went down on the night boat. Tillie went to the show so I could not go to church. I wrote to Mother Ricker in the evening.

Thursday, August 9, 1883

Pleasant but for the dust which is now deep and very annoying. A while before tea Mrs. Cartwright and her daughters came to stay all night. Soon after breakfast when I had done up my work I went out to do some errands and went to seventeen different places before dinner. Mrs. E. B. Greene's being the most distant, called at Julia Johnson's, Margaret Johnson's, Mrs. Tewksbury's and Clara Pursell's besides the stores and groceries, yes and Bessie Hall's + Mrs. Badger's. Had a postal from Mary Warner at Columbus.

Friday, August 10, 1883

Not too hot for comfort. I had a bushel of tomatoes to put up this forenoon but had them in the dining room and talked with the guests while they left and Thereza Spry came with her work and stayed until almost dark. I enjoyed her visit very much. After tea we went to pitch horse shoes with the children, John came over + Jimmie joined us and we had a real pleasant time. Had letters from Mother R. and Mary W. at Pitts. Mrs. Mary Warner called. Sent a letter to Mary W. before hers came.

Saturday, August 11, 1883

Quite warm, dry and very dusty. I had eight gallons of black berries to put up today and it was a hard day's work with what I had to do besides. This is the anniversary of father's + mother's marriage, thirty-six years ago. I wish I could see them today. It is also the birthday of Uncle Sam's youngest child who is one year old. I was so tired that I went to bed as soon as possible after the children went.

Sunday, August 12, 1883

Warmer than it has been lately, dry and dusty. 5 of us went to church in the AM. No service in the evening. Just as I was finishing the lessons Mrs. and Miss Cartwright came and stayed until after tea. Uncle Jimmie failed to come. After tea I went over home awhile with them. How glad I shall be when I can go there and see father and mother again.

Monday, August 13, 1883

Cloudy in the morning but the sun came out toward noon. This is Mary Y. Moore's birthday, twenty-one years old. Mary E. Moore gave her a beautiful night dress. I began a letter to Pa and Ma together and will finish it tomorrow. It will soon be time for them to sail and we will not write many more letters.

Tuesday, August 14, 1883

Dry, warm and dusty.

Have been working on pants for Willie, that is cutting and lining and getting ready to sew. Began a letter to Mary Warner but did not finish it. Little Mary's head is doing nicely and though it will always bear the scar, we are thankful it is no worse.

Wednesday, August 15, 1883

Spent nearly all the forenoon sewing on pants and most of the afternoon picking over huckleberries. Uncle Jimmie went me word he was coming to pitch horse shoes with us after tea and so he did. We pitched until church time then he, Jimmie + I went to church. John was here afterwards and showed us some match chains which had been sent him to select one from the number. Rained when we came from church.

Thursday, August 16, 1883

The rain last night was very light but it did some good. I had two gallons of huckleberries to finish up today, then bought 2 galls of blackberries for jelly. Received Mary Ricker's photo which is excellent and very acceptable, later in the day I had letters from her and Mother Ricker. Finished one to Mary Warner and wrote to Mother Ricker. After tea Jimmie took little Mary and me out riding and we made a call to Mr. + Mrs. Sam Baird.

Friday, August 17, 1883

Warm and dry. Had no time to sew on the pants today as I did the sweeping and dusting for Tillie and made such thorough work of it that it took me until 3 o'clock. I put down the stair liner also. Mary and I had agreed to make a few calls together while she finished her preparations, I went to call upon Mollie York, Flo McConnell and all of them. Mary + I went to Mrs. Lowes', Mrs. E. B. Greene's + Margaret Johnson's. Wrote to Mary Ricker + Jennie Greene.

Saturday, August 18, 1883

Quite warm during the day. Rain is much needed. We have had an unusually busy day getting ready for tomorrow and Monday. Tillie will go home to spend tomorrow and Monday. We want to have a tea party in honor of Enos' birthday. Maggie has taken the little girls walking and the boys went with their Papa in the buggy out to the pasture.

Sunday, August 19, 1883

Dry and dusty. Jas and the children went to church in the forenoon and I stayed at home to get dinner on Tillie went home to spend the day. I expected to go in the evening but there was no service. Had a letter from Pa today written in Rome two weeks ago today. It was sixteen pages, closely written a remarkable letter as he seldom writes more than one or two pages at most. It was descriptive of their journey from Paris to Rome. I shall keep it with great care.

Monday, August 20, 1883

Very close and warm, we had just a light sprinkle, not enough to do much good. Enos is 23 years old today and we had a small tea party for him. Mr. + Mrs. Alex Warner, Dr. Gibson, Fannie + Mary, Dwight Greene + Mrs. Row of Springfield being the guests. Mr. + Mrs. Rusk of Cin were expected to visit Mary but did not come. I wanted to write to the folks but did not have time. Tillie came back at 10:30 AM and did nicely. Letter from Maggie Bell.

Tuesday, August 21, 1883

A little more pleasant. Some of our neighboring towns must have enjoyed the rain which passed us by. Tillie washed today and it was a busy day for all of us. I wrote to Pa and sent the letter to Liverpool in care of the city of Rome. Letter from Lizzie who has returned from the springs. It was written there and waited at Henley.

Wednesday, August 22, 1883

Willie is ten years old today. I put up half a bushel of pears in the forenoon. After I was dressed for the evening. Dena came over to invite Mr. R. and me to take tea with them as Miss Ellise was there and the other guests invited failed to come. We went and met Mollie York there also. Had a pleasant evening but missed prayer meeting which I had not intended to do. Had letters from Mother Ricker and Mary Warner. Began a letter to Maggie Bell but did not finish. Wrote to Lizzie.

Thursday, August 23, 1883

Worked nearly all day on crab apples which Lizzie sent me. Prepared and cooked them and hung them up to drip for morning. After tea we went out for a little drive, Jimmie, the two little girls and I, he took the others out later. The horse from the foundry is here under Jimmie's care and he uses him occasionally.

Friday, August 24, 1883

Quite warm. After breakfast I made up the crab apple jelly and then put the house in order, dressed myself and helped Jimmie get ready to go to Wenona with Enos. After he was gone I went to inquire about Mrs. Hamilton who is more comfortable but no stronger. Came home and found Mollie York waiting for me. I had invited her and her husband to dinner and tea but he could not come, so Mollie, the children and I had it all to ourselves.

Ralph, Lucy + Edith and their mother were here. Finished Maggie's letter and wrote to Mother R.

Saturday, August 25, 1883

Very dry but a little cooler and more comfortable than it was yesterday. Spent the forenoon cleaning up and after dinner I took Carl down street to get him a hat and also one for Willie. Called to inquire about Mrs. Hamilton who is very low. Then called to see Mary Mason. Was over home a few minutes. No letters. Mrs. Lowes and her sister-in-law Miss Lowes called while I was out. Mr. Miller came and took the horse + buggy away while we were out and the children are regrettably grieved over his departure. They are very fond of Barney and are more so since he is nearly blind. Jimmie + Enos returned from Wenona .

Sunday, August 26, 1883

Weather comfortably cool but still dusty. We went to church as usual but missed several regular attendants. Enos was the only Moore as our folks are away except Mary who is not well. I don't know where Jas was but Uncle Enos' family went o Buena Vista to see Grandma. The Peebles family were at home with Mrs. Hamilton.

Monday, August 27, 1883

Beautiful day. I sent Carl twice to inquire about Mrs. Hamilton. She died a few minutes after Carl left the first time, about 11 Am but I did not hear of it until he came back the second time at 5 PM. Jimmie and I went up after tea and stayed about an hour. I worked all day at crabapples, preparing them for Jelly.

Tuesday, August 28, 1883

Cool mornings and evenings but not in the sun. Made 38 glasses of jelly and then dressed to go up to Mrs. Peebles' again with Mary. Looked for Lizzie and Rich today but they did not come. Had a hard rain late in the afternoon, one that was much needed, but did not last long enough.

Mary had a letter from Ma either yesterday or today written from Mayence.

Wednesday, August 29, 1883

Just a perfect day after the rain. Was busy sweeping and cleaning up all the forenoon. After dinner J. W., little Lizzie and I went up to Mr. Peebles' and then to the funeral at 1st Pres. Ch. There were a great many of friends and relations from other places. Dr. Pratt, Mr. E. P. Adams, Mr. Rankin and Mr. Ketchum took part in the exercises. After tea we went up and saw the friends before the left for Ashland, Ironton + H. Rock.

Thursday, August 30, 1883

Pleasant. Spent most of the day putting up a half bushel of peaches. After that was done I took my sewing (pants) and went over to sit awhile with Lizzie who is not well. Her sick in through the fog made her sick as usual. Mrs. E. B. Greene and her two visitors Miss Row and Miss Leslie of Springfield called at Mary's and as I was there they did not come here. Wrote to Mother Ricker and sister Jennie. Lena Kline spent the day here.

Friday, August 31, 1883

Still pleasant but getting dusty again. Sewed on pants again this forenoon and have now finished off two pairs for Willie minus buttons on one which will be laid aside for future use. After dinner I put a new lining in Willie's everyday coat. Rich and his family went home this afternoon. Enos had a letter from Ma but I have not seen it. Was not away from home except to see Lizzie. Mrs. Gharky and Mrs. Tarus (?) were here.

Saturday, September 1, 1883

Bright and dry, cool and foggy in the morning. Miss Gharky came to give Maggie her lesson this morning.

I spent some time this afternoon beginning a letter to Mary Warner but did not finish it.

Sunday, September 2, 1883

Cloudy but not all day. We went to church as usual, Jennie Damarin sang a solo at the end of services. The new organist improves with practice and perhaps will do very well after a while. I went to church in the evening with Jimmie and Carl. We took Dwight's umbrella to return to him but as it was raining when we came home we brought it with us again.

Monday, September 3, 1883

Lovely weather. The children all went back to school this morning. As Maggie had to go to a different building I went to see her knew teacher Mrs. McKearn. I then went to the Office, saw the improvements, the new stable, etc., was weighed and my weight found to be 117 lbs, more than it has been for some time. Did some errands and after dinner cut out and nearly made a pair of pants for Carl.

Tuesday, September 4, 1883

Pleasant. I washed Lizzie's gray dress today and after it was almost dry, I ironed and made it over, the parts that needed altering, so it is almost like new. I also finished off the pants for Carl which I began yesterday. Sent off the letter to Mary Warner to which I began some days ago.

Wednesday, September 5, 1883

Cool morning and evening, hot in the middle of the day. This is the day when the City of Rome sails from Liverpool and out folks will go abroad either there or at Queenstown. I was busy all day putting up corn and tomatoes, did not get through until late then I got ready for church. Barton brought Elizabeth down to play with the children this afternoon. He and Elizabeth came last night and went to Mrs. Greene's. Jimmie, Carl + I went to prayer meeting.

Maggie had a letter from Ma.

Thursday, September 6, 1883

Cool and foggy in the morning but warm later in the day. I went to the Office this Am to ask Uncle Enos if the girls might go with us to New York if we go. He promised to see how the land lay at home and that is equivalent to saying they can't go as Mary Ellen never wants them to go anywhere if she can help it especially if we ask it. Wrote to Mother Ricker this evening. Made a dark skirt for myself.

Friday, September 7, 1883

Bright and pleasant though quite cool in the morning. There is some talk of Mary and myself going to New York to meet the folks next week, I have been doing a little fixing today to be ready of we decide to go. Took Lizzie in the forenoon up to Mr. Connolley's and got some collars and other little things. Mollie York was here in the evening. It is twenty years today I think since we moved to Ports. Was over home with Jimmie a little while in the evening, Willie and Isabelle Murray were there to tea and Mollie York stayed all day with Mary.

Saturday, September 8, 1883

Cool in the morning and later in the day it became cloudy and cold so that a fire was necessary to comfort. It is the first we have had. It is my birthday, thirty-five years old. It has been a very pleasant birthday throughout. The children surprised me at supper with a pretty little pen knife, pearl handle, and a birthday card. Jas gave me a gold pen, something I have wanted for two or three years as the one I had was spoiled. I tried again today to get Uncle nos to say the girls might go with us to New York next week but do not know the result yet.

Sunday, September 9, 1883

Cool enough for fire in the sitting room. We went to church morning and evening. Just as we were finishing lessons in the afternoon, Mr. Tracy called to see us as he has just returned from Dakota and is going East. Fannie Moore came and spent an hour or more and Enos was here also. The girls can't go because M. E. is opposed to it. Tillie told me at tea time that she would leave when her week was up, but she changed her mind later.

Monday, September 10, 1883

Weather just lovely, only the dust was troublesome. Tillie was all serene this morning so we left, Mary + I, on the 8 o'clock S. V. train for Huntington with every prospect for a pleasant trip. Took a sleeper at Huntington and settled down for the night. The scenery from Charleston to White Sulphur was grand and we enjoyed it from the rear end of the car.

Tuesday, September 11, 1883

A light rain fell all day as we journeyed and while stopped in Phila We were almost three hours late reaching Washington, had late breakfast then went to Phila, saw Mary Warner and her Aunt Mrs. Eyster at the depot, as Mary Moore was sick we went home with them for the night. Mr. + Mrs. are boarding and insisted on giving up their room to Mary

and us while they found accommodations elsewhere. After supper Mr. Eyster took his wife, Miss Craig and me to hear D. L. Moody at Y. M. C. A. Hall and it was a rare treat, both his discourse and the singing. Mr. + Mrs. Eyster are just as kind and pleasant as they can be and did all they could to entertain us. We left Phila at 11 o'clock (Wed) for Elizabeth where Mary Jordan met us at the depot and took us home in a carriage.

Wednesday, September 12, 1883

Rainy all day and we did not go out anywhere as it was no use, No I had forgotten- This morning Mary, Mary Warner + I went to see Jn Wannamaker's great store, it was raining but we had not far to go and after seeing the sight we went to the depot and there bade Mary Warner goodbye. We had a delightful ride to Elizabeth as the rain settled the dust and made the air cool and pleasant. We were welcomed by the family and as Aunt Betsey was still there we all had a pleasant afternoon + evening. Mr. + Mrs. called to see us the same evening.

Thursday, September 13, 1883

Cloudy and raining slightly yet. Before leaving for the city Mr. Dimock promised to let us know when the City of Rome was sighted so we could go in to meet the folks. The message was telephoned at lunchtime so we went in at 1: 55 PM and were just at the ferry by Mr. Dimock who kindly went to the Pier with us and waited until the vessel landed and the passengers came off at 6 o'clock. There were 600 1st Class Cabin passengers and it took a long time. Ma went to Elizabeth with us and Pa went to the Astor house for the night.

Friday, September 14, 1883

Clear once more. We had a good night's rest and were ready to go to the city this morning with Mr. Jordan, Frank and Mr. Dimock. They kindly went with us to the street car where we started for the Pier to meet Pa and get the baggage. It was a sight to see the passengers with their baggage and the customs house officers examining the trunks. When theirs were passed, we all went up to the Astor House, the Ma + I went out together a little while and after dinner we went again to buy tickets home, sent word to Mary to meet us and got some little presents for the children. Left Pa in N. Y. and we three started home at 7 PM in a B + O. Mr. Dimock brought Mary to the city to meet us. He has been just as kind as he could be.

Saturday, September 15, 1883

Pleasant. Reached home at 10 PM and found all well. This is the double birthday, Ma's and Mary's. Jno, Enos, Mr. Peebles and Rich were out to the train to meet us. Jimmie had to stay with the children. Lizzie was at home with her children and had the house all decorated + lighted up in honor of the occasion.

Sunday, September 16, 1883

A lovely day. We are all glad to have Ma home again and the girls, Uncle Enos, Uncle Sam and Aunt Mary came to see Ma before church. Neither Mary nor I were able to go to

church but MA went. I have travelled every day this weekend and am tired out. It is Uncle Sam + Aunt Mary's anniversary. Had letters from Mother R, Jennie R, Jennie G + Maggie Bell.

Monday, September 17, 1883

Cloudy with a light shower which hardly settled the dust. Ja went out in the country with Mr. Jenkins today and did not get home until after dark. While I was fastening the cow in the stable she accidentally struck me on top of my head making it bleed profusely, frightening the children badly and creating quite a commotion. The wound proved slight however. We have not done much today but talk. Ma was away a good deal on matters for other people. Wrote to Mrs. Eyster. Letter from Mary Barr.

Tuesday, September 18, 1883

Weather cooler than yesterday. Lizzie came today with her children to make me a little visit. Jennie and Bartie came in the afternoon and Pa came on the 10 PM train. Jimmie, Jennie, Lizzie and I were on the steps to meet him. Mrs. McFarland, Mrs. C. C. Damarin and Mrs. Colton were here in the afternoon. I went up to the stores but was not gone long. Wrote to Mary Warner and Lizzie Dimock.

Wednesday, September 19, 1883

Weather delightful but rain enough to settle the dust would improve matters. The trunks which have been lingering on the road came in this morning and the little keepsakes were distributed, we have quite a number, I have a silk umbrella which will be highly prized. All the children were remembered with gifts. Gloved, halkfs (sp), ties, etc. were literally given out. Mary has a seal skin dolman and each of the boys had a watch but John had supplied himself so did not need his. Clara Waller called. Fannie Moore was here.

Thursday, September 20, 1883

Beautiful day. We arose about 6 o'clock and decided to go to Ironton to the Reunion of the Army of W. V. A. of which Jimmie is a number. Lizzie kindly insisted upon keeping house for me and looking after the children so I went cheerfully. Had a pleasant trip and found Aunt Ad Ricker and the girls expecting us. Went to the fairgrounds after dinner but could not have anything of the speeches and returned early just escaping a rain. It is Mary Ricker's birthday, she is three years old today.

Friday, September 21, 1883

Bright this morning but sloppy after the rain. The parade in the morning was very good but it was miserable for those who took part in it. After dinner Aunt Ad, Hele, Addie, Ella Ricker + her cousin went out to the F. G. and before the exercises were over a very hard rainstorm came up and I never was out in such a one before. There were thousands of people with only a dozen of umbrellas and had it not been for Frank Tomlinson's kindness in sending back Mr. Ellisin's carriage there is no telling when we would have gotten away.

Saturday, September 22, 1883

Lovely morning after the rain. We were pretty well dried off this morning and prepared to come home on the 11 o'clock train. Made a call at Mrs. Ellison's just before leaving and she showed us all her flowers which are very fine and thrifty.

Reached home just at dinner time and found all well and Lizzie with her children gone home, she left this morning. Fannie Moore went with her. Jimmie received a handsome alligator skin pocket as a present from Pa from Europe.

Sunday, September 23, 1883

Beautiful day.

Children went to S. S. as usual but we had no service at our church so J. W. and I + Willie went out to hear Mr. Ketchum. There is talk of his leaving here, he has had a call to Middletown, O. His address today was good, it was in the form of a talk to the children about Samuel, and the parents of Eli.

Monday, September 24, 1883

Cloudy and rainy in the morning but a wind arose and blew the rain over and dried the clothes. Had a nice letter from Mrs. Eyster in Phila, also a receipt from the Treas. of the Y. M. C. A. A. for 5.00 which I sent them. Called to see Mrs. Connolley. Jas left tonight for N. Y. and Phila to be gone a few days.

Tuesday, September 25, 1883

Cloudy and late in the afternoon, it rained a little. I began on aprons for the little girls today but did not do much. Went out after four o'clock and did an errand at Mr. Brodbeck's then called upon Mrs. McFarland whom was not at home. Went up to see Julia Johnson and her baby, Russell Tewksbury, they were in of course. Made some pickles after dinner.

Wednesday, September 26, 1883

Bright and clear. Cool enough for fire. Was busy nearly all day making quince jelly. Maggie Peebles called this afternoon. Had a letter from Mary Warner in Phila. Wrote to Mrs. Folson. Went to prayer meeting in the evening. Dr. Pratt is sick and Prof. Lowes conducted the meeting.

Thursday, September 27, 1883

Cool, had fire in the morning but being busy with catsup in the kitchen most of the day, I allowed the fire to die out. There was quite a torchlight procession tonight in honor of Sen. Sherman who spoke at Court House Square. I wrote to Mother Ricker, it has been two weeks since we heard from her I think. I also began a letter to Mary Warner, she sent my lost clothes' brush by express.

Friday, September 28, 1883

Lovely day, warmer than it was yesterday. Have sewed on aprons today. Miss Gharky came to give Maggie her first lesson on the third quarter. Had letter from Lizzie who also sent me 2 galls apple butter. Wrote to cousin Bessie Hosford. A mysterious box delivered by the Express man at our door today proved to contain a small cook store marked "Mattie" on the front. We imagine it was Mattie Meredith's from Coalton (sp) but there was no explanation.

Saturday, September 29, 1883

Beautiful day. After the morning work was done I sat down to sew on the gingham aprons. Ma came in soon after and said that Uncle Reuben Smith died this AM about 6 o'clock so I went down to Uncle Jack's with her and Mary. While we were there the fire alarm sounded and as it was up in our direction we hurried home. Found it was the Flour Mill on 5th Street above us. It was about two squares away so we were in no danger but eh fire proved serious, burned the mill a dwelling on one side and a church on the other besides some stables across the alley. A wind would have made it much worse.

Sunday, September 30, 1883

Bright and pleasant in the forenoon but rain about 3 o'clock. The children went to Sabbath School as usual and as we had no service, Maggie, Willie, Lizzie and their Papa went out to the 2nd church to hear Mr. Ketchum. It was one o'clock when they came home and we had to hurry through dinner to be ready to go to Uncle Reuben's funeral which was held in the County Church below Carey's Run. Rev. Mr. Berketusser conducted the services. His remarks were very good. Uncle Reuben has never enjoyed good health or much comfort but his wishes were gratified in spending his last days here and being buried beside his mother in the old graveyard.

Monday, October 1, 1883

Gloomy and threatening rain all day. I have been finishing off aprons. Ma + Mary went to Henley with Maggie O'Connor, Jno has not come home yet and today the men were released from jail, the ones who were to have been tried today for the assault on board the ferry boat.

We have had no letter from Kirkwood for nearly three weeks and wonder greatly at the silence. Finished Mary W's letter + wrote to Mary Barr.

Tuesday, October 2, 1883

Rained. Finished the gingham aprons today just at noon. After dinner the man brought a barrel of apples and we began paring them for apple butter. I got Jimmie to help and when he had finished about four he went off in search of a parer and made two trips down street before he found a good one, it made up for the lost time however and he soon finished all there was. The new girl who takes Tillie's place began work this morning.

Wednesday, October 3, 1883

Cloudy we were all up early in view of the work before us. Tillie left about 9 o'clock and Janie Beesler and I had the regular work and a barrel of pared apples to take care of. We cooked them at home all ready for cooking down and then took them over home to finish the wash house. Was all day doing one boilerful + then had more to do.

Had letters from Mother R and Jennie Ricker. At Poughkeepsie. Mother R has been busy + says she only missed one week but we have no letter since the 14th or 15th of Sept. Wrote her this evening.

Thursday, October 4, 1883

Very pleasant. Spent the forenoon making the rest of the apple butter and it took one most of the afternoon to put it all away.

There seems to be a great many things waiting to be done and I scarcely know which to do first.

Friday, October 5, 1883

Somewhat cloudy but no rain. Worked in the closets in the forenoon and after dinner I dressed and went out to make a few calls and do some errands. Went out to make a few calls and do some errands. Went to see Miss Emma Bell, Mrs. Lowes, Margaret Johnson, Mrs. Harry Greene and Hattie Scudder. Spent some time with Margaret as she was showing me hoe to crochet a lambrequin of searing tureen work my Margaret can do without hurting her eyes.

Saturday, October 6, 1883

Beautiful day and I have spent it all of it making up pickles, putting away and straightening up things. Late in the afternoon I got through in the house and went out to work awhile in the yard. Put down a few rose slips and some foliage plant slips in the sand pit. Think we will not try to keep the pit up this winter as it needs a new sash and will cost too much to fix it. Little Jno. G. Peebles called upon us today in pants, his first.

Sunday, October 7, 1883

Cool, we have had fires all day. We heard about 9:30 o'clock AM that Mr. Switzer, Mary Ellen's father, died early this morning. They did not send us word but we went around as soon as we could but found there was no way in which we could help them so Ma, Mary + I went to the Baptist church, Jimmie and the four children had gone to Bigelow with Uncle Sam. In the evening Jimmie + I went to our own ch to a meeting conducted by Rev. Mr. Ellis and Mr. Sam Baird on favor of the 2nd Amendment which is to prohibit the sale of liquors.

Monday, October 8, 1883

Beautiful Autumn day, bright and sunny. Short funeral services were held at Uncle Enos' house this AM over the remains of Mr. Switzer and then Uncle E. + Prof. Lowes with their wives went to the boat en route to Dayton where interment will take place. This is my

father's birthday, sixty-eight being his age. We have about decided to send Lizzie to Kirkwood with Uncle Jimmie Wood for a short visit.

Wrote to Lizzie. Got material for a cloak for Lizzie also medicine from Dr. McClure for her.

Tuesday, October 9, 1883

Was very busy all day with the cloak. After dinner Ma came and sewed all afternoon with me until it was almost done. She will do the button hole in the morning. Mary Y. Moore brought Lucy and Edith made us a visit. While here she retrimmed Margaret's last winter's hat for Lizzie. It will do her nicely. She and Uncle Jimmie Wood leave on the Ohio tomorrow for Cin and there Mrs. Boyer will join them and all go on to Kirkwood to visit Grandma.

Wednesday, October 10, 1883

Lizzie and Jimmie went.

Cloudy and a little cool. Promised to go down street with Ma and while waiting for her I went to see Mrs. Towne a few minutes as she is just home from Mis. Ma and I did our errand down on Front St. and upon our return both of us stopped to see Mrs. Towne as my first call was very short. Carl and I went to prayer meeting in the evening. Wrote to Jimmie Ricker. Little Mary + I called upon Clara Waller + Miss Wood, Clara Pursell, Mrs. Iams + Mrs. Gharky + Fannie M.

Thursday, October 11, 1883

Weather as pleasant as it can be. I wanted to go out to Mr. Bell's today to see Maggie but J. W. had other matters on hand and the girls was going out so I gave it up but he came home about 3 o'clock and we got ready and took Mary with us. The trip on the street car was a treat to her and the visit was pleasant. On our return J. W. came directly home and I took Mary with me to call upon Mrs. Lowes who has returned from her father's funeral.

Friday, October 12, 1883

Beautiful day. After doing my usual morning work I cut out and made a pair of sleeves for my red basque. Lizzie sent me a piece she had left when I had failed to find any at the stores. The basque is now ready for service again. After tea John called and made us a little visit. Carl had met him on the street and told him I would like to see him.

Saturday, October 13, 1883

Weather very, very pleasant. Sat with the windows open and there was some complaint of oppressive heat but I did not feel any too warm. Geo + Maggie Bell and little Georgie Bell Wright, who was named for Geo and is visiting here with them, spent the day with us. She is a very lovely little girl and Mary was delighted with her company.

After they left I followed the children to Miss Gharky's when a musical was given by her pupils and Margaret was one of the players.

Letter from Uncle Jimmie saying they would not leave Cin before Monday.

Sunday, October 14, 1883

Quite chilly. We have had fire and when we went to Bigelow to church we wished they had fire on or we had more heavier wraps. Rev. Mr. Evans preached. We had no service as Dr. Pratt is still absent at Louisville and unable to preach. In the evening J. W., Carl and I went out to the 2nd church and heard Mr. Ketchum.

Monday, October 15, 1883

Quite cool and rather windy. Began ripping up Margaret's school dress to make over next week. Late in the afternoon J. W. and I took up the geraniums and brought them and a few other things into the house. Put them upstairs where I hope they will continue to blossom. Have been busy all day at home. Clara Waller and her friend Miss Wood of Ironton called this afternoon. Finished and sewed the trimming I have been knitting for Margaret on a skirt (red flannel) which I lengthened for her today.

Tuesday, October 16, 1883

Clear and cool. A good fire was needed all day. Spent the day preparing work for next week. Ripping, washing and pressing goods. Went to the dyers late in the afternoon. Saw Ella Wright just coming in from Lizzie's. Had a letter from Mother Ricker written before Uncle Jimmie + Lizzie reached there.

Wednesday, October 17, 1883

Pleasant day. I had to go down street to do some errands and while out went to see Ella Wright at Mrs. Draper's. After dinner I went to see about having a comfort made over. Was surprised by a call from Mattie Wood and Sadie Crossley who came from the "Rock" today. Mattie is making her farewell calls before going to California. After they left Ma, Mary + I went up street and I went to see Margaret Johnson about the crochet work I am doing. Jimmie + I went to prayer meeting and then I up to Mr. Peebles where we saw Mattie + Sadie again. Also Mrs. Neal + Her daughters.

Thursday, October 18, 1883

Beautiful warm day. Have been hard at work all day house cleaning. Did not get any help and Janie was in the kitchen most of the day so I was about tired out at night. However I wrote a letter to Lizzie in place of Grandma this week, it was two sheets full and I think she will be quite pleased. The Germans celebrated the 200th Anniversary of the Landing in this country today. Jimmie had Mary out and she, Georgie Granford, Dave Glidden + Belle Brooks watched the procession together. Margaret attended Mattie Peebles' birthday party. Pa's old stable was torn down.

Friday, October 19, 1883

Rainy. The clouds and sprinkles of the forenoon proved a hard rain later in the day word came that Lizzie was sick + Ma tried to go out but did not get off. Telegram later said she was better. Mr. Bierce came in the afternoon. He will preach for us Sunday.

Margaret took her music lesson as usual. I have been at work at the windows all day. Had a letter from Uncle Jimmie saying Lizzie is well and happy.

Saturday, October 20, 1883

Cleared off and turned colder. Was busy about the house nearly all day. When the Henley stage came to our great astonishment Lizzie came too with the baby + Miss O'Connor who has been sewing for her three weeks. Lizzie has been sick in bed for several days + only got up to dress in time for the stage today. It seemed like taking a great risk to ride in such a day as this but she felt she must come. Got Maggie's hat which she needed for tomorrow. Mr. Tracy called for J. W. after tea and he was not fit to come home.

Sunday, October 21, 1883

Pleasant but cool. Went to S. S. to teach Maggie Peebles' class. She is away. We missed our little girl very much all day. All went to church and heard an excellent sermon both morning and evening from Mr. Bierce. We missed Uncle Jimmie in the afternoon, his visits are very pleasant to us and we miss them while he is away.

Monday, October 22, 1883

Windy and cold. Miss Maggie O'Connor came this morning to bring sewing. I had Margaret's school dress ready to commence on so it was out first work. Lizzie Peebles had a hard chill this afternoon and I was over home with her awhile. In the evening Mr. Bierce gave a Bible reading and a number of people were invited to be present. We were among the number to be present. It has been a busy day for all of us.

Tuesday, October 23, 1883

Bright but rather cool.

Had a woman come and iron today and it was out of the way early. We finished Margaret's dress and got some other little things that were to be fixed up and I went late in the afternoon and got some things from the dyer which had been cleaned so we will begin on them tomorrow. In the evening we went over home and heard some good singing by Mr. Bierce. Mr. Nichols, Mr. Jones and Rich Peebles.

Wednesday, October 24, 1883

Weather still cool but pleasant. No frost yet to hurt flower. We began on my green cloth flannel dress today. Maggie Bell called to invite me to an Anniversary dinner in honor of their 18th Anniversary. It is to be Mr. Bell's tomorrow evening but I do not think we can go. Lizzie had another chill this afternoon, not so hard as the last one. We went to church in the evening. Dr. P is home, came yesterday. Mr. B conducted the meeting. Wrote to Mother Ricker.

Thursday, October 25, 1883

Rainy and stormy most of the day though there was one gleam of sunshine I believe. This is the anniversary of several weddings. Geo + Maggie Bell's eighteenth year. Margaret + Julia Johnson have been married one year today + Geo Jones + Ada Finch were married today + left for Washington Territory. We spent the evening over home and heard some more singing by Mr. Bierce + Mr. Nichols and enjoyed it very much. Fannie was there again to school this afternoon the teachers have gone to some Institute.

Friday, October 26, 1883

Damp and cool. No school, all our children are at home and Jno and William have been here most of the day so we had a lively time. The sewing goes on however and we are getting something done. I have been out doing errands nearly every day but this one and today has been devoted to sewing. Miss Jennie came to give Margaret a lesson + next week goes to Boston for a vacation.

She takes Nettie to the music school there. We went to a Bible reading at the church.

Saturday, October 27, 1883

Rain over and weather pleasant. Finished off my green dress and after dinner I wore it down street and got my bonnet made to go with it. Got a set of fruit plates to send to Mrs. Bierce for her China Wedding present, their anniversary was the 17th of Sept. but it is better late than not at all. They have been married 20 yrs. We spent the evening over home. Lizzie is better. Postal from Grandpa today says Grandma is better + Lizzie is quite well. Aunt Mary Sam was here.

Sunday, October 28, 1883

Rained very hard in the night and this morning. I + the children went to S. S. in a drenching rain. It was over by church time and we had a pleasant day which we greatly enjoyed. In the afternoon when lessons were over we went over home and had some singing and a Bible reading conducted by Mr. B. Mrs. Draper + Etta, Ella Wright and Mr. Nichols were there besides our own folks. Mr. D came late.

Monday, October 29, 1883

Hard rains again this morning. Began on my new cashmere wrapper and was busy all day. Mr. B left for Ripley + then home. Uncle Sam was here on an errand. Letter from Mary Warner who reached home this last Thursday. John was here and spent the evening with us.

Lizzie is better has missed two chills I think.

Tuesday, October 30, 1883

More rain and beautiful skies after it was over. There have been several rarely beautiful sunsets. We are busy sewing and I have to go somewhere every day to run errands. It interferes with my sewing but is good for me. I am better than for years past.

Wednesday, October 31, 1883

Cold. We sat near the fire all day with our work.

Went to prayer meeting in the evening and being too early we went up to Mrs. Tewksbury's to see her and Jennie who came home with her last Monday. This is John Peebles' birthday, six years old. Had a letter from Uncle Jimmie wood saying Lizzie was still well and happy. We will be glad to see her home again. Uncle Sam brought to book he bought me in Cin.

Thursday, November 1, 1883

Cool, quite cold in the morning. Lizzie and her children went home this morning in a closed carriage, accompanied by Miss Ella Wright who will go on home by rail from Henley. Jimmie went with Mr. Prescott and some others to look at piece of timbers land and was gone all day. We made an everyday dress for Mary.

Friday, November 2, 1883

Beautiful day. We have been sewing busily all day. I went late in the day and got a new dress for Lizzie to have it ready for her when she gets home. Mrs. Towne called and asked me to call upon her cousin who is coming to visit her. Miss Maggie went over home to sew on Mary's machine awhile as she cannot use mine.

Saturday, November 3, 1883

Lovely day. It is the 14th Anniversary of our wedding, we have been married thirteen years and have had much to be thankful. We did not celebrate the day except by a quiet family tea. I gave Jimmie a large Bagster Bible and he gave me a cashmere wrapper several days ago which we finished today. We finished it up all the garments we began and Miss Maggie went away after tea, having been here two weeks.

Letter from Jennie.

Sunday, November 4, 1883

A beautiful Indian Summer day. I and the children went to Sabbath school then I came home and dressed for church. Dr. Pratte preached, the first time for several weeks. We had communion in the afternoon. Theo and Julia Johnson united with our church, the first by letter, the latter on profession. Miss Hattie Curtis invited by letter also.

Monday, November 5, 1883

Beautiful mild day. P a + a went to Buena Vista today to see Grandma Moore who is at Aunt Maria's. After dinner I went to see Lizzie Steadman and then made some calls. Mrs. Towne + her cousin Miss Nye were the first ones I called upon, then Mrs. J. B. Nichols, Clara Waller, Mrs. Tracy, Mrs. Tewksbury. Mary Peebles, Mrs. Tremper and Hattie Scudder + her baby were the last.

Tuesday, November 6, 1883

Rainy and not pleasant. Have been making button holes, sewing on buttons and finishing off the work we did while Miss Maggie O' Connor was here.

Wrote to Jennie in the evening answering a letter from her Saturday.

Wednesday, November 7, 1883

Beautiful day, warm and bright as spring. Have dine a little sewing and in the afternoon I steadfastly resisted the strong temptation to go out and spend the time mending and putting away the ironing.

Thursday, November 8, 1883

Cloudy and showery.

It is Jno's birthday. Mary left at noon for Wenona to make Jennie a visit. After dinner Ma came over and spent most of the afternoon with me then we walked down street together, did a few errands and went to the office and visited awhile with the boys until quitting time then walked home with them. I wrote to Mother Ricker and Mattie Wood. Began a letter to Mary Warner.

Friday, November 9, 1883

Several hard showers fell in the morning. As soon as the boys were dressed they went to the river to meet Lizzie but the boat had not come so they went after breakfast and rode up in the bus with her and Uncle Jimmie. She had a nice trip and we are glad and thankful to have her home again. Uncle Jimmie took tea with us and had much to tell about their visit. Jimmie gave me a beautiful new striped piece of goods for a wrapper.

Saturday, November 10, 1883

Rather mild and pleasant but cloudy. After dinner Maggie and I walked up street and wore no wrap. Maggie wore a gingham dress and was comfortable. Coming back I saw Ma sweeping her pavement so finished it for her then she came home with me and I taught her how to crochet. She had never used a crochet needle before but soon learned.

Sunday, November 11, 1883

Rainy again this morning.

Four of the children and I went to Sabbath school. There was a slight increase in numbers present but still great room for improvement. I never saw the school so small as it had been since I have been there this time. Yesterday was the 400th anniversary of the birth of Martin Luther and Dr. Pratt preached a very good sermon commemorative of his life + work.

Monday, November 12, 1883

Cold and clear. There was ice on standing water this morning, the first of the season, and clothes on the line froze. Rich came in late this evening but I did not see him. Ma and I went to S. S. teacher's meeting at the church. It was very well attended. The old officers were re-elected with one exception I think. Maggie Peebles succeeds Mrs. Draper as 2nd Ass't.

Tuesday, November 13, 1883

Cold and clear. Jimmie talked of going west today so I have been at home all day in order to see him off, but he did not go after all.

Have not done much but visit with Ma. Mary's being away leaves her alone so she comes often to sit with me. Rich was in town all forenoon but went out soon after dinner. Mrs. Towne and Miss Nye called.

Wednesday, November 14, 1883

Cold and clear. A little snow was scattered over the ground and houses this morning, the first of the season. Jimmie left on the boat with Mr. P. C. Kinney for MO and Kansas. After dinner Ma + I went out together and made a few calls. Was going up to see Mrs. Theo Johnson but seeing her in at Mrs. Tewksbury's we stopped there and saw Jennie, Margaret + Julia Mrs. Johnson + Minnie as well as Mrs. T. Called upon Mrs. Dennis later but she was out. Found Mrs. Alex Warner at home.

Willie has the care of two cows + a calf while his papa is away and does very well so far.

Thursday, November 15, 1883

Freezing all day with a freezing wind. We keep four fires going all the time and it makes considerable work but I cannot do much except tend fires because I am so cold. Wrote a note to the girls yesterday morning and this evening I wrote to Jas at Springfield MO where he expects to spend Sabbath, finished Mary Warner's letter which has been on hand a week. Cut out and almost made a suit of underwear for Carl.

Friday, November 16, 1883

Cold and clear but not so windy as yesterday. Still freezing. Mary came home from Wenona this afternoon. I went to tell Mrs. Peebles or Mary that I could not teach Maggie's Sunday class as Janie expects to go home to attend her sister's wedding and will not be back until Monday noon. We will be left alone two days with one calf, two cows, four fires + five children.

Saturday, November 17, 1883

Not so cold as yesterday for which I am thankful since Janie went home at noon to be gone until Monday and the cold weather makes more work. Mrs. Smith came and took one of the cows and the calf to the farm which will lighten our labors considerably.

I have had a busy day and am very tired tonight. Letter from father Ricker saying Jimmie had left there for Springfield Mo yesterday morning.

Sunday, November 18, 1883

Bright and not very cold. Much milder than it was two days ago. Of course I did not get out to S. S. or church having all the work to do. I had no time to sit down until afternoon then Ma came over helped me with the children's lessons.

Monday, November 19, 1883

Lovely day, as mild as spring. The little girls played out in the yard most of the afternoon. Janie did not come until we were at supper so I had the whole day's work to do. Letter from J. W. from Springfield MO. Mrs. Harry Greene and Mrs. Wm Beyerly called just before supper.

Tuesday, November 20, 1883

Just a beautiful day. I have been busy at home all day however, there seems to be a great deal to be done.

Mia and Mary brought their work, at least Mary brought her silk quilt which she is just beginning and while she worked at that fascinating employment, I was repairing the boys' pants and "silk like" (?)

Wednesday, November 21, 1883

Cloudy with light rain most of the day. Weather quite warm. I spent the entire forenoon working in the yard. It was a good time to clean up the yard and it was very well needed.

Sister Mary went to Cin today on the boat. Uncle Enos is not well, hasn't been for some time and is not on the boat. Heard from Jimmie who went to Carthage MO Saturday night.

Thursday, November 22, 1883

Rainy and gloomy all day. Have been busy at home. It did not rain all afternoon though it looked as though it might. Mrs. Lowes called and as Ma was here she made a call long enough for both of us. She has always been friendly and pleasant with me and I like her very much.

Letters from Jimmie from Carthage and from Mother Ricker who is very much better than she has been for some time.

Friday, November 23, 1883

Still rainy and unpleasant. Mary came home from Cin but I have been so busy all day that I only saw her a few moments. Before I was through my morning work Mary Peebles, the Misses Neal of Ironton and Mrs. Pratt had called. Mrs. P. wanted patterns for the Industrial school which I cut out and took to her after dinner. Mary P. invited me up to see Mrs. Stuart take some china pieces, out of the kiln, which she and Miss Alice Neal had painted. I did several errands and then went home for Ma who went to Mrs. Peebles with me.

Saturday, November 24, 1883

Very foggy and warm. Sun came out late in the day and it was pleasant awhile but the clouds settled down early and night came very soon. I was out on some errands and called to inquire about Uncle Enos who said he was no better and expected to leave Monday for New Orleans. Letters from Jimmie who is at Wichita Kansas. Jno was here this evening.

Sunday, November 25, 1883

Mild and a little cloudy. I made a great haste to get to Sabbath school and then found Maggie Peebles with her class. I was glad to see her but as my services were not needed I was coming home when Mr. Helfenstein said Maggie Gaylord's class needed a teacher so I went back. Aunt Maria is up to see Uncle Enos and I saw her over home. Pa told me this

evening that if I wanted to go to Europe with the boys next year he would pay my passage over + back. He is just as good to me as he can be and always has been. Mr. Bell was sick and absent from S. S.

Monday, November 26, 1883

Another rainy day and as usual a busy one for me. The sun came out a little while before dinner so I went down street to do some errands and saw Uncle Enos and Mary E on their way to the boat, they leave today for N. C. on a trip. I altered by new basque to make it comfortable then began a gingham apron for myself. Mary has not been well today, has a cold.

In the evening I made nearly half a lambrequin of sewing tureen No letters.

Tuesday, November 27, 1883

Bright and clear and colder. Ma had given me the carpet which was on the hall before the change was made in it which rendered the carpet too small. She said I might have the library carpet to put with it and cover my parlor but I found it would waste it greatly to cut it to fit my floor so I persuaded her to take it home again and we cut it to fit their hall nicely. Mrs. Greene and Johnson called while I was over there. Mary was very croupy last night and is till hoarse tonight. A letter from Jimmie at Wichita, Kan.

Wednesday, November 28, 1883

Quite pleasant. I went up street to do some errands intending to hurry home in time to see Ma before she left for Wenona but I stopped at Uncle Enos' to see the girls and Clara Cook when I reached Ma's she had gone, the ges (?) having called early as the man had to go up after Mrs. Harry Greene who is going with her.

Wrote to Mother Ricker as usual this evening. Am hoping Jimmie will spend his Thanksgiving with them tomorrow. Went over home after tea to see Lizzie who came in the evening to spend tomorrow at Mr. Peebles. Letter from Mary Warner.

Thursday, November 29, 1883

Beautiful day and so mild that I started to church without my cloak but widely concluded to return to get it. Dr. Pratt preached in our church to both congregations. We had our dinner alone and it seemed very unlike Thanksgiving. We missed Jimmie very much then Uncle Jimmie was sick and would not come. Ma is away too and the table was small over home. Wrote a letter to Mary Warner.

Friday, November 30, 1883

Mild and lovely. Lizzie and her baby went to Cin today to visit Ella Wright. Rich is in town to his father's birthday dinner. He is 70. Pa is about sick with cold and has been in the house all day. I spent some time with him both before and after dinner. My Mary is better but has been hoarse and coughed every night for a week. Mr. Bell is very ill and not expected to recover. Had a letter from Jimmie from Kirkwood written Thursday morning. Ma glad he got there in time for dinner which he took at Uncle Drew's.

Saturday, December 1, 1883

Bright and somewhat cooler in the forenoon but not freezing. I went early and found Pa better. Came home did my work and took the boys to have their picture taken together. After dinner I took the three girls and had theirs taken on one card. Ma came home at 2:35 and brought Bartie for a little visit. Mr. Robt Bell died today. He had been Sept of our S. S. for nearly 30 years and for many years was an elder in the church. We all have colds both at our house and over home, but Mary seems better than for a week. I wrapped her up well when she went down street.

Sunday, December 2, 1883

Weather mild and pleasant. Went to church both morning and evening. Before we were up in the morning the doorbell rang and the children ran downstairs and let their papa in. I had not expected him quite so soon knowing that Jno had telegraphed him to wait in St. Louis for him. Mr. Bell was sadly missed in S. S. this morning when they all knew that he would never be there again.

Monday, December 3, 1883

Beautiful bright day but quite cold. Was busy all morning putting the house in order as Clara Cook was to be here to dinner. She came and stayed until nearly 4 o'clock and we had a pleasant visit together. I mended stockings and clothes most of the day then worked some on a lambrequin. Would go out to Mr. Bell's if it were not so far and I have a cold which would be worse. Sent a letter to Mary Barr and received one from Bessie B. Elizabeth Peebles is one year old today.

Tuesday, December 4, 1883

Warmer, cloudy and rain in the afternoon. We all went to the church to attend Mr. Bell's funeral but it was so crowded that we could not get seats so Lizzie + I came home. Mr. Bell had been S. S. Sept in our schools for 38 years and three weeks ago was re-elected to the office though in justice to him he should have been excused. He was Sept in Circleville 12 years before coming here which made 40 years in all that he served. Jas left this evening for New Orleans.

Wednesday, December 5, 1883

Weather very pleasant for the season. I went to the office this morning to see Enos and then called to see Dell Ramsey and talk over the election. After dinner I went to see Miss Emma but she was not in from the country. I then went to see Flo McConnell. In the evening we went to prayer meeting. Dwight Greene, Dr. Corton + Dr. Gibson were elected elders.

Thursday, December 6, 1883

Pleasant enough for the little boys to play out of doors. Before dinner I was up to see Miss Emma a few minutes and also spoke to Rosa Gisler about hoods for the little girls. I want them for Christmas presents. After dinner Jno, William and Bartie came to spend the afternoon and I had a lively time with all the little folks together. Ma + Mary went to help

Fannie and Mary sew so they are having a tough time with sewing and everything else on hands at once.

Friday, December 7, 1883

Mild and not very bright. Mary went down on the boat today to meet Lizzie and return with her from Cin. Bartie did not get away today and was here awhile. Ma brought Jno + William over in the afternoon. I cut the tureen for fringes on the third lambrequin and in the evening finished it ready for ribbon

Saturday, December 8, 1883

Cloudy in the forenoon but near noon the sun came out beautifully. I helped Ma sew carpet a little while then came home and dressed the girls to take them to the photo gallery and try their picture again as the first negative was not good. Had a long letter from Mary Warner. Had the little girls up to see Miss Emma but she was not at home.

Sunday, December 9, 1883

Beautiful day, every twig in the trees was laden with frost so heavily that when the sun came out the water dripped like rain from the trees. Dr. Pratt preached a good sermon on revivals and seems anxious to see the church aroused and earnest. We went again in the evening.

Monday, December 10, 1883

Beautiful day, mild and bright. Was busy most of the forenoon putting the house in order and then Lizzie and I went over home to see the folks but they were all gone out so we came back and I sewed on my gingham apron which I finished soon after dinner and then went up street to see about yarn + stockings for the boys, called to see Mrs. Grice but she was out. Afterwards I went down street and ordered the children's pictures. We have good negatives.

Tuesday, December 11, 1883

Very pleasant. Lizzie and her family went out home again this morning expecting to come in and spend Christmas. I have not seen much of her this time as she only spent a day or two here as she went to Cin + returned and most of that little was at Mr. Peebles.' I am happy to get my four hat bands or marks done this week. Was out seeing about stockings for the boys. Have a great mind to buy a knitting machine and make my own hosiery.

Wednesday, December 12, 1883

Very pleasant. Went down street to do some errands for myself and Mary and met Enos who told me there was a letter from John for me at the office so I walked down with him after it but Jimmie had taken it. I met him on the street and got it. John told me to go to Pa and get some good news which I lost no time in doing. Jno has been spending a few days in and around Kirkwood and has succeeded in arranging matters with M. W. to his entire satisfaction and I may say of our whole family. I wrote to Mary Warner, Maggie Bell and John after I returned from prayer meeting.

Thursday, December 13, 1883

Mild and pleasant for the season. I have spent most of the day embroidering. Had a few errands to do which took me out a little while. After the children were in bed I wrote my usual letter to Mother Ricker and then returned myself as I was up late last night and was tired.

Friday, December 14, 1883

Rainy and disagreeable all day. So dark that I found it difficult to embroider as the marking was indistinct. Letter from Mother Ricker who did not mention John's being there though Grandpa spoke of it in his note. She said she had a tea party of young folks Saturday night but did not tell who was there.

I am curious to know.

Finished the fourth lambrequin ready for the ribbon. Both of the little girls are about sick with cold. Was down street a little while after dinner.

Saturday, December 15, 1883

Turning colder, bright in the forenoon but cloudy after dinner. Was busy until nearly noon with the work and then spent all the time I could embroidering that hat mark for Christmas. Got the little hoods which Rosie Gisler made for Lizzie and Mary one light blue the other pale coral color. Ma rec'd Bessie Dimock's photo today and ordered a white hood for her for Christmas. Miss Emma Bell was here to tea. She was here three weeks ago today to dinner or tea. Maggie wrote to Flora Field, sending a Christmas card.

Sunday, December 16, 1883

Cold all day but moderating a little in the evening with indications of snow. Went to church as usual and upon our return to dinner had Miss Emma to dine with. I remember now that it snowed before she left, at least it had been at noon instead of the evening. Jimmie and Willie went to church in the evening and there were less than fifty persons present Owing to the snow storm.

Monday, December 17, 1883

Snow several inches deep and the children perfectly happy. I was out doing errands and became very tired but had half promised to go to hear Miss Della F. Broon the Elocutionist who reads tonight for the G. A. R. so I went with Jimmie and the children and enjoyed it very much.

Tuesday, December 18, 1883

Moderating enough to make slush of the snow and render the walking very bad, especially as it rained just a little all the afternoon. Ma and I went out together to do a number of errands and got pretty damp. In the evening I made a bracket lambrequin ready for fringe and then wrote a note to the Tract Society. Made the letters on a hat band or mark for Enos and then discovered that one initial was stamped crookedly.

Ma sent a beautiful little white hood to Bessie Dimock and I sent her mother a pair of the new photos of the children.

Wednesday, December 19, 1883

Snow again this morning deep enough to cover all trace of the thaw yesterday. Fortunately I have not been obliged to leave the house until prayer meeting time in the evening. Very few out. Finished off the five lambrequins today by putting in the ribbons and they look very pretty. Began on Jon's hat mark. Had letters from Mother Ricker and Maggie Bell. Ans'd the first.

Thursday, December 20, 1883

Very pretty weather overhead but oh! the walking. I was at home all the afternoon working on Jno's monogram hat work red white and blue letters on terra cotta satin and it is beautiful, even though I did it. I will send it to him.

Jimmie + I went over home a few minutes after tea to see Bessie Dimock's hood and some other things. Margaret + Will went down street to look for a present. They have a little money and want to make it go a long way.

Friday, December 21, 1883

Snow covers everything but it is quite bright overhead.

Was out awhile this morning getting a little more stamping done. I enjoy the embroidery so much that I feel I shall not care to take up my usual plain work again after Christmas and I know already of some mending which must be done during the holidays. Carl brought home a xmas card from his teacher and the older children brought encouraging reports of their standing.

Saturday, December 22, 1883

Heavy snow and quite cold but a prospect of more of the same weather. The sleighs have been flying past all day. I was so fortunate as not to be obliged to go out. Stayed with him and embroidered a hat mark for Uncle Same Moore, and finished up the perfumery satchels which I was making for the girls. Margaret has been making some leaves for scrapbooks of paper muslin for the babies and after tea Jimmie and I put the covers on them. Miss Emma's bonnet which I intend for her Christmas gift is ready for her. Subscribed to the H. P. for Uncle Jno Smith.

Sunday, December 23, 1883

A fresh snow falling during the night has piled up the beautiful higher than I remember to have ever seen it before. About 5 o'clock this morning we were aroused by the fire alarm which persistently for some before we could make out what signal they were giving. Finally Jimmie and Will got dressed and went down to 2nd street where they found a destructive fire. Several stores and offices were burned. The Express Office among them.

Monday, December 24, 1883

Rained slowly all day melting the snow quite rapidly. It is very heavy and settles fast. I was not down street at all since all my little purchases were made last week. I made another hat mark today, one for Jake Ricker. After the two little girls went to bed, the tree was brought in and set up. Margaret, Will + Carl helped put things on it and when they had

finished and gone to bed Jimmie + I added our share. The children spent all their money on presents for the rest of us and made very good selections. Jimmie got a scroll saw fro Will + St. Nicholas bound for Margaret.

Tuesday, December 25, 1883

Weather moderating much milder than for some days past. Snow still deep in places and the streets in bad condition. We were all well and up betimes to see the Christmas Tree which springs up in some places for the children. This time it was in our parlor and gave great satisfaction though unfortunately there were none but our own children to enjoy it. Jennie + her family did not intend to come this time and Lizzie and her family were disappointed by the high water of the creeks around them. The stage could not get to Henley and we could get no word from them. Uncle Jimmie Wood took dinner with us. The home folks were all over to see the tree and Miss Emma came in the evening. Mary Y. Moore came and got the few little things were had for them. Arthur + Sam came after their things and all seemed to have a good time. Jno is in New Orleans and away from all Christmas festivities but still he is happy. A box came from Grandma and Grandpa, bringing a fresh invoice of happiness as it was too late for the Tree last night.

Among my presents was a beautiful pair of ball ear-rings from Mary and Mia has pieced nearly enough squares for a Japanese silk quilt for me. The Barr girls sent our girls each a handsome Christmas card. I made four mantle lambrequins of seining tureen and ribbon also one small one for bracket, I finished eight hat marks for brothers, uncles, husband, cousins and have four yet to do. Made three satin perfumery sachels embroidered with initials for sister Mary, Fannie + Mary M.

Wednesday, December 26, 1883

Weather disagreeable, more snow. The Wenona trunk came this morning and there was another grand distribution. We got a goodly share which we brought home and put on and under the tree hoping Lizzie and her children would come before we have to take it out. After dinner, Ma Mary + I went up to Mrs. Greene's to call upon Mrs. Belle Greene + her sister. We also called upon Margaret Johnson who was down to her mother-in-law's with her baby. Mrs. Carrie Greene was out also.

Thursday, December 27, 1883

Still a good deal of snow on the ground. Have been working on hat bands again all day trying to get done. Finished Jake's and began Ira's. Went over home awhile before supper. I washed the stair carpet this afternoon and hung it up to dry then went over home. Ma has put scarlet velvet paper over her mantel and it looks very pretty. Rec'd a beautiful plaque from Mary Warner and Uncle Jimmie got a pallet with poppies painted on it. Ma + Mary had Christmas cards. Wrote to Mary Warner tonight.

Friday, December 28, 1883

Bright. I swept, dusted and cleaned house generally today. After dusting the parlor I put down the stair carpet and linen, the scrubbed the shelves in the china closet and washed some of the dishes. Later in the afternoon I intended going over home but did not

get through in time to go anywhere. Wrote to Mary Warner last night and sent that letter to the office this morning but Carl lost it on the street. I hope someone put it in the office. Wrote to Aunt Betsey.

Saturday, December 29, 1883

The snow is disappearing and the streets are in bad condition. I have been almost sick today with cold which I began taking yesterday. Had to give up all idea of company this evening so just put on my new wrapper and worked on Frank + Willie Ricker's hat bands until it became too dark then I practiced about an hour. Went to bed early. Had a letter from Mother R. this morning, also one from Maggie Bell thanking me for Christmas remembrances. Intended writing Lizzie this evening but Ma said they had a telegram last night saying she could be home tomorrow.

Sunday, December 30, 1883

Rainy and disagreeable. I was not well enough to go to church on account of a severe cold but J. W. and the children went. Rich + Lizzie and their little folks came up on the Bonanza this morning. Henley is only 15 miles away but they had to go to Cin in order to get here. Uncle Enos and his wife also came up on the boat from their Southern trip, have been to N. C. Florida and I do not know where else.

Monday, December 31, 1883

Rained all day and before noon it thundered and lightened some. It was one of the darkest days of the year. Our colds are not much better and I felt very little like doing anything. Finished Will L. Ricker's hat mark which makes eleven that I have done. Lizzie + Ma were over a little while and L. brought me a drab lambrequin and four squares of my silk quilt besides handkfs for the little girls and some other things for the children. Had a letter from Jno who is in N. C. and would much rather be at home.

Wrote Mother R. and sent the last two hat bands for the boys.