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Jan. 1: Mary Scott leaves with Dr. Bass & family for Texas today.

Jan. 2: Mr. Darden went to Coz. Sarah Stowers to divide her land. Lewis got 100 acres with the dwelling house & gin. Jimmie got 2 acres next to his land & Lizzie Hicks got acres back towards the Sillers land on the road leading from Fayette to Brookhaven. Cousin Sarah wants to get clear of paying the taxes. She reserves her home during her life time. Put Darden & Jeff Whitney were the other commissioners. Mrs. Steele Drake has another baby; been married 2 years & four months.

Jan 4: Brother Buck came to dinner; went to Jack's, came back here tonight. He wants Henry & Kate to move to Bolivar. Dan Cameron's little boy Dan came home with Sarah from Bolivar.

Jan. 5: Mr. Darden went to Fayette with Brother Buck. Henry & Kate went home with Olive yesterday. Lou Darden is in Bolivar with Minerva Cameron & Jennie McGehee. Old Mr. David Griffin, David Lewice & David McCaa have died in the last two weeks.

Jan. 12: Mr. Darden spent the day with Pros Whitney at Mr. Montgomery's. Rev. Mr. Woodbridge is teaching the girls. I received a note from Lena Montgomery. Hugh writes from Brookhaven that Bell Sillers died in child birth. The baby lived 3 days. Gen. Clark will take Emmitt to educate. The relations all want Jennie. She is at Brookhaven. What a sad thing - poor Robert, how he will miss his family. They will all be taken from him.

Jan. 13: I received a letter from Nannie Sillers Farrar, telling of the death of dear Bell. She was sick two weeks with inflammation of the bowels. It brought on premature birth of her babe. It was a boy, lived 15 minutes. Belle lived six days. She was ready, willing and anxious for the last moment to come. They buried her by her four children at the graveyard at Beulah Church. Robert & Emmitt were at Matilda Sillers since Belle's death. Jimmie & Wattie are deputies for Gen. Starks who is Sheriff of Bolivar County.

Jan. 15: Mr. Foster has bought Capt. Bullen's place. I did not hear when Mrs. Bullen & Miss Abbie would live. Louie Stowers & Martha Campbell are to be married Thurs. night.

Jan. 16: Henry Darden brought a load of cotton the the gin. Little Dan Cameron is with him. Henry says Miss Mollie Bullen & Elic Scott are to be married Thurs. week. Mr. Bullen will give a large wedding. Kate Darden is at her sister's helping to prepare for the wedding. Jesse is eighteen years old today.

Jan. 17: Dr. Hill came & fixed the striking weight of the clock. He says his Uncle, Mr. Harris Hill is dead. Mrs. Sam Hill is moving back to her mother's. The heirs claim the place she was living on. Ben Bullen, Kate Darden, Mrs. Stewart & Mrs. Millsaps & Henry Mayberry are the heirs.

Jan. 18: Jesse got a ticket to Miss Mollie Bullen's wedding this evening. He received a note from Reeves Wade saying Martha wanted Jesse to go there this evening to go to a party. Mr. Torrey told Jesse that Reeves Wade was trying to get a school at Union Church. Louis Stowers & Martha Campbell are to marry tonight.

Jan. 19: Mr. Darden went to Tom Darden's. He was not at home. He went to Put's, they had gone hunting. Mary Lou says her health is bad.

Jan. 20: Mr. Darden went to see Tom Darden; he is willing to give him a deed of trust on all the land this side of the creek to secure the payment of his note which is \$1100 with interest.

Jan. 21: Mr. Darden, Jesse & George went to the Meth. Church. Wes Whitney has just returned from Jackson; he says there is great complaint of hard times. He saw so many gentlemen that had money in Craig & Co.'s hands when they suspended. Craig & Co. had Capt. Put Darden's cotton in their hands. Jake Werthammer, Dr. Noland, & Capt. Morris. They had Mrs. Jane Collier's money \$10,000 that she got for her son (Will Collier) insurance on his life. Mrs. Hicks gave Louis Stowers & bride a dinner party yesterday; Bolls Johnson & bride were there, Dudley Stewart & Mr. Campbell also. Mrs. Stewart & Fannie are going to Mr. Bullen's this evening.

Jan. 24: Jack went by after 10 oc., in his carriage. Kate & Olive were in Uncle Buck's carriage. Henry was on horseback. They were going to Mr. Ben Bullen's to Mollie's wedding. Mrs. Pros Whitney has another daughter born Monday. That is seven children they have.

Jan. 26: Willie Darden went with Jesse & Penn Whitney to the wedding. Jack & Kate, Henry, Kate & Olive Darden all came home from the wedding this evening.

Jan. 29: Buckner & Dan Cameron came for Olive Darden today. Mr. Darden went to Fayette. Dr. Guice wants to borrow \$4500 & give a deed of trust on his house & lot. He says Dick Truly is pushing him & he can't collect.

Feb. 1: Hands owe Mr. Darden \$1432.79, a large amount for the way they work. He has money loaned to different ones to the amount of \$6,513.42. Mr. Darden came home from Pt. Gibson. Mr. Barret did not borrow the \$1,000; he was not willing to give a mortgage on the property he said he would. Mr. Darden eat dinner at Dr. Wade's. He gave the Dr. his note that he held against him for bidding in his land. Julia Wade is cooking for Martha. Annie & his little niece, Lee Wade; has given up farming. Tully Stewart has gone to Texas, so they say. Miss Joe Wade is boarding at Martha's for \$15 a month.

Feb. 2: George went to school. Horace Booth, came home with him. Mr. Booth & family are going to move to Hazlehurst next Wednesday. Miss Kate Whitney & Mittie Whitney are going with them.

Feb. 3: Mr. Darden went to Fayette; loaned Dr. Guice & took a Vendors lien on the house & lot he bought from Dick Truly.

Feb. 7: Henry is building his house on the Hinds land. Henry's baby can walk & talk.

Feb. 9: Dunc Chamberlain went to Mr. Compton's to get him to rent his place, in Fayette. He did not want it. Mr. Booth moved from it Thurs. to Hazlehurst.

Feb. 17: Mr. Darden went to Fayette. Mr. Reed requested Put & Tom Darden to go out to Dr. Tom West. He thought Dr. Ben West was dying. Put Darden's wife has another boy born Tues. 13th.

Thursday March 14: Mr. Darden is 61 years old today.

Mar. 22: Mr. McArn & his daughter Mrs. Dicks came at 3 oc., in the rain all the way from Natchez.

Mar. 23: Mr. Darden went to Olivia's. Mr. Rowan & Farr are to appraise the property today.

Mar. 28: Mary Lou Darden's baby (Thomas William) had spasms yesterday and today.

Mar. 31: Mr. Darden went to see Mary Lou's baby. It had two while he was there. Dr. Richardson thinks it will die. It had 12 spasms last night. Joe Whitney sit up there last night. Cousin Sarah Stowers was there today.

Apr. 4: Mr. Darden went to Fayette. Mary Lou's baby is better. They have quit the Dr. Put said the medicine did no good & it made a bill he would not be able to pay. Ira Martin & Erma Stampley were married yesterday morning. Cicero went by going to the wedding. They are second cousins. The Stampley family believe in marrying cousins.

Apr. 7: It will break up the planters if the hands leave the crop now & go off to work on the railroad.

Apr. 9: Mr. Darden started to Olivia's, got to Mr. Rowland's & met her coming. Jesse went to Jack's to call on Miss Fannie Stewart & Katy Bullen. They heard that Jimmie Hung was very low with pneumonia. They telegraphed to his mother from Oxford, Miss. where he is going to school.

Apr. 11: Jack, Kate, Dewitt, Fannie Stewart & Kate Bullen went fishing at the pond this evening.

Apr. 12: George brought the sad news of Dr. Tom West's death. He was buried this eve in Fayette by the Masons. His family are left destitute.

Apr. 15: Merrick Whitney called a while today.

Apr. 18: Merrick Whitney brought a citation out for Mr. Darden & myself to appear before the Chancery Court of Claiborne County to show cause why William Sillers should not make a final settlement as Administrator of Aunt Sallie Marble's estate.

Apr. 23: Sid Briscoe & Annie McCaleb are to be married tonight. Rev. James Stratton will take charge of the Institute in Clinton. That will leave Jackson Church vacant.

Apr. 25: Mr. Darden received a letter from Mary Scott. They are well pleased, pleasantly situated in Sulphur Springs. The town has 2500 inhabitants. Tom was working with a carpenter; would have farmed if he could have got a suitable partner.

Apr. 26: George went to Jeff Whitney's.

Apr. 28: Jesse & George went to Sunday School, - Mr. Darden went to the Presbyterian Church; there was a meeting of the members. They are going to have a Sabbath School & Bible class at the Church & try to get a preacher. Pros Whitney told Mr. Darden, Sid Briscoe & wife would live at Mr. Harrison's for the present.

Apr. 30: Jack & Dr. Moffit went to the pond & fished some. Jesse caught 10 cats. Mr. Darden saw Cicero today; he told him Mrs. Ab. Shaw, that was, died lately in child bed. I do not know who she married the last time..

May 3: Mr. Darden went with Jesse to Fayette. Jesse bought a light cassimere suit for \$22.50. Reeves Wade & Hugh Montgomery were in Fayette. Merrick Whitney invited Jesse to a picnic to be given at Capt. Harper's tomorrow.

May 4: Jesse went to the picnic. George went to Jack's. Henry came down brought Buckner & Dan Cameron with him. Kate & Jack went to Mrs. Robertson's to see Rosa Dixon baptized. She joined the Meth. Church. Jack & Kate came here to supper. Henry Darden, Buckner & Dan Cameron eat supper here too. Hugh Montgomery & Lena came at 4. They came from Capt. Sam's (M). Rosa is there, she has a good baby. It is a girl named Mary for her Ma. Rosa's husband is going to move from Canton to Greenville in Washington County & have a store. Jesse stayed all night with Ed Hicks. Sid Briscoe & bride are expected back from N. Orleans tomorrow.

May 8: Jesse went to the fair at the fair grounds. Mr. Darden received a letter from Virginia Green. She lives among her children. Ambrose is still dissipated; Willie lives on the old homestead. Mollie & Mr. Anderson have been boarding in Memphis most of the time since they were married.

May 9: Jesse came home this morning, stayed with Merrick Whitney last night. There was very few at the fair. Willie Torrey made a good speech. Maggie Whitney was elected queen; Miss McGuilhey & Ann T. Harper were maids of honor.

May. 11: Mary Lou Darden's baby died this morning. It got well, took cold & died suddenly.

May 12: We all started to church early to go to Mary Lou's baby's burying. It was buried yesterday evening.

May 16: I went to Kate's this evening. Miss Kate & Johnnie Robertson, Jack, Cicero Stampley & Dewitt Dixon all went to Middleton's field for dewberries.

May 17: Mr. Darden went to church; Jesse & Jack went with him. Mr. Montgomery & wife were there. They had been to visit his son Sam. He still has his brother Jeff's children. Has a fine place on the Homochitto river. Mr. Bartlett preached a good sermon. Jack eat dinner here. Henry & Kate went to Jack's; Kate did not have her baby. Lou Darden writes that Mr. McGehee will come home with her from Bolivar.

May 18: I went with Mr. Darden to church. Jesse, George & Johnnie went to a small fish fry at the Robertson creek. Mr. Bartlett preached an excellent sermon. Capt. Harper was ordained Elder of the Presbyterian Church. Mr. Pros Whitney had two children; Mr. Love had two & Mr. Paddock one child baptized. Isaac Burch had a rain lasted two hours. Jack & Kate & Dewitt, Henry & Kate, called at the gate for Olivia to see Henry's baby. It is so much like Henry.

May 20: Olivia started at 7 oc; her Pa went to Mr. Compton's bridge with her. She said she hated to go.

May 23: Jack, Kate, Dewitt & Henry's wife Kate, passed going to the picnic at Mrs. Pearcefield's pond.

May 25: George went to his Uncle Jack's. Henry, Dan Cameron, Cicero Stampley & Jack went fishing with George; did not catch many.

May 26: We went to the Presbyterian Church; had Sabbath School. Capt. Harper hears the young Bible class. Mr. & Mrs. Tunstell, Will Torrey, Dr. Guice, Anne T. Harper & Miss Paddock form the class. Mr. Pros Whitney has the other class. Dr. Richardson, Mr. Paddock, Mr. Darden, Mrs. Harper & Paddock belong to the class. Dr. Richardson read the sermon; he read so well. Mr. Burgess preached at the Brick Church today. The picnic was a failure on account of the rain. Dr. Wade & family & Dick Scott went, but they had to go to Mr. Lawrence Wade's when the storm came up. Jesse & Dick Scott went to a party at Wilson Wade's. Reeves Wade left the Dr.'s this morning. His public school will close this week. He will get a private school then.

May 31: Willie Whitney came home with George. George was shutting the gate near Mr. Davenport's pond, the gate slammed & knocked him off his horse, hurt his knee very bad.

June 1: Jimmie & Johnnie Whitney came this morning; they rode a Genny & a jack. Willie Whitney went home this evening with Jimmie & Johnnie. Olivia & Johnnie came at 11 oc. Jack & Cicero went to see Henry Darden, Jimmie Whitney's Genny threw him.

June 2: Martha sent word that the dance she promised Jesse will be on the 14th of June. Dick Scott, his sister & Sallie Killingsworth spent the day with Martha yesterday.

June 3: Annette McMillan's little girl Lillian died with meningitis. She was 5 years old. Annette was so distressed, she lost her babe more than a year old last Aug. Mr. Darden went to see Sol Rowland buried. He had been drinking a week, walked out in the yard, fainted yesterday morn. His son started for Dr. Johnson. He said he would be dead before the Dr. would get there. He complained of his head being in such a rack of pain; took spasms & died very quick. He leaves a large family. Martha does not know where Julia & Reeves Wade are going to board. They have made enemies of the whole family by going there to live.

June 6: Jesse went to Fayette to a surprise party at Dr. Guice's. Mr. & Mrs. Tunstell, Mr. & Mrs. Paddock & Sid Briscoe & wife were the only married people there.

June 13: Mr. Darden sold 5 bales of cotton for Olivia for 21 cents a pound. Olivia bought a headstone for Dr. Tate for \$45 & one for the child for \$___; the lettering or inscription is extra. Mr. Burgess that kept the Wharf boat in Natchez was buried in Natchez yesterday. He died with consumption.

June 14: Mr. Darden went to the Post Office, got a letter from Mr. Dan Cameron, Elder of Ebenezer Church, with the names of the members that are to join the Fayette Church, since Ebenezer is dissolved.

June 20: Henry Darden called, Jesse went with him to Ebenezer to hear the R. speeches. Henry says his Aunt Sarah is going to Monticello to stay with Annette McMillan during her confinement.

June 21: Jesse came home at 11 oc Capt. Harper, Jeff Whitney, Judge Shackelford & Mr. Kearns spoke yesterday. Good many there - they registered at the church yesterday. Jesse eat dinner with his Uncle Prosper Montgomery. He stayed all night at his Aunt Sarah's. She told him Anne Eliza (McArn) Dicks was very low.

July 1: Horace Booth & Jimmie Whitney came to see George.

July 2: Jesse went this morning to see if he could borrow Henry Darden's buggy, then went to see Charley Coffey; went to hear the temperance speech by Wes Whitney tonight.

July 3: Jinnie Percy got here from Pine Ridge by 9 oc. Mr. Montgomery sent for her. Nelly her little girls looks delicate. Her baby (8 months) is very large & so good, named for her Pa. They live six miles from their old place. Jennie stayed 2 nights with Clara Smith; her babe is not well; is three weeks old. Named it for Willie Smith. Mr. Sam Torrey died suddenly last Fri., June 28. Merrick Whitney called this eve.

July 5: Jesse & Charley Coffey started 10 minutes of 4 oc., this morning. Went by Kingston; expected to go to Mr. West's tomorrow night. Steph Stampley was here this evening, wanted Mr. Darden to go on his bond. His place is to be sold and he wants to stay

the sale and has to give bond that the debt will be paid. Mr. Darden told him he would inquire, about it.

July 6: Mr. Darden went to Fayette. The vote is to be taken whether the County will vote for or against the railroad. Olivia & George went to see Kate this evening. Dewitt was in bed. Kate was complaining of headache.

July 7: Our dear son Buckner is 39 years old today. How much trouble he has ceased having by being called away from this sinful world. He has been dead 10 years the 22nd of June. Mr. Darden, George & Johnnie went to the Presbyterian Sabbath School.

July 8: The railroad was defeated by 60 votes. It is a pity, for the roadbed from Natchez has been graded within 14 miles of Fayette.

July 11: Kate & Dewitt went to see Mrs. Harris (Irene Stampley) this evening. She is very low with consumption. She is Phil Stampley's daughter.

July 12: Put & Tom Darden called to inquire the way to Dr. Tate's; they were going to visit their Uncle John Fleming, not far from Kingston.

July 14: Mr. Darden & George went to Sabbath School. Mr. Darden came back at 11 oc. with a dispatch for me to go to see Laura. I left home half past 1 oc. Called at Dr. Wade's, Martha & Dr. were at Mr. Jack Ross'. I got to Port Gibson at 10 oc; Laura was taken sick early Sat. morning; did not send for Dr. Wharton till Sat. evening. He sit up with her all night. The baby was born Sun. morning at 9 oc. It is a large girl.

July 15: The baby, Irene Darden, was crying all night, like it had colic.

July 19: Mrs. Dr. Will McCaleb died on Tuesday (July 16) with crasypalis. She leaves a babe two months old; had not been married two years.

July 21: Dr. Wharton came out to see the baby; it is growing weaker & continued with spasms till 8 oc.; it's sweet spirit took it's flight to heaven. They buried the baby at 5 oc. this eve.

July 26: Jesse took Henry's buggy home. Annette has another boy. Sarah will come home next week.

July 29: Jennie Percy stayed all night at our house on her way back home. Mary Bondurant has another son. Mat Skinner was with her. The babe is named Milton Skinner. Mat & Mr. Skinner have made friends.

July 31: Drusie Darden Davenport's baby was born today; is a boy.

Aug. 5: Martha Darden called, had been with Drusie. The babe weighed 7 pounds. She left Alice with Drusie.

Aug. 11: Jesse started to Dr. Wade's to attend a protracted meeting at the Brick Church, held by the Baptist preacher, Mr. Percer.

Aug. 15: Jack, Kate & Dewitt passed going to Mt. Carmel to church. There is a protracted meeting of a week going on.

Aug. 17: Sarah Darden sent for Mr. Darden. She is sick with fever and wants to see him on business. It was too late and he will go in the morning.

Aug. 18: Mr. Darden went to see Sarah Darden.

Aug. 19: Mr. Darden stayed all night with Samuel. Sarah was better; she is very much troubled about her home being mortgaged. Says she will never be able to pay the debt; is greatly troubled. Sarah thinks that her brother Guilford Torrey sold her interest in her father's place without her consent. She says she will sue Brother Samuel if he does not compromise with her by paying her some money.

Aug. 20: George took his Uncle Jack's papers to him. Miss K. Robertson was there.

Aug. 21: Mr. Darden went to the Brick Church. There is to be some baptized there today. Jesse got there 10 oc. He stayed all night with Ab. Killingsworth, living at old Mrs. Shaw's place. Jesse says they expected Mr. Bartlett at the Brick Church today. Cabell Richardson, Helen & Dan Wade, Button Wade & wife, Sallie Trimble, Kate Scott, Sallie & Jennie Killingsworth & Dick Scott from Claiborne joined the Baptist Church. Capt. Moore, & John Ross joined too. Mr. Paul, Josephine & Addie Wade & Martha our daughter, joined the Presbyterian Church.

Aug. 23: Jesse will go to Mr. Jack Ross' tonight & go on to Providence Church tomorrow. It is near his Uncle George's.

Aug. 25: Hugh Montgomery that married Lena, is leaving, & got the little wagon to go to Natchez for Lou & Jimmie's trunks.

Aug. 28: Tom Darden wrote an invitation to Jesse to a surprise party to be at his house.

Aug. 30: Jesse got home from the party at sunrise this morning. Sue & Mr. Armistead, Put & Mary Lou, Pros. Whitney & wife, Sid Briscoe & wife, Miss Sue McCaleb, Mollie Reed, two Miss Guice's, Mollie Foreman, Anne T. Harper & Fannie Stewart were the ladies. All the young men were there from Fayette. George went home with Willie Whitney.

Aug. 31: Willie & Marion Whitney came home with George. Mr. Darden went to the office, met Tom Darden & Miss Sophy McCaleb taking a ride.

Sept. 3: Mr. Darden went to Bethel with Jimmie Darden.

Sept. 8: Mr. Darden & George went to the Sabbath School. Mr. Whitney read the sermon. Jesse went to Mrs. Robertson's.

Sept. 12: Jesse went to call on Fannie Stewart; stayed all night. Mr. Darden received a letter from Anna Darden telling him how Sarah Darden had been to her house & abused the Darden family & Samuel in particular. She is very much enraged with the family; Mary Scott's letter came today, dated Aug. 30th, all well.

Sept. 13: Johnnie Darden sent for George to go to his birthday dinner, but it was too late when Jesse got home.

Sept. 14: Mr. Tom McGruder had his steam gin & 15 bales of cotton burned.

Sept. 17: Mr. Darden took Jack's papers to him. Jimmie Darden was there; his Ma has been sick again. Mr. Fay told Mr. Darden he would take Mrs. Charley Carpenter to Clinton with him to teach. The Academy in Fayette is to be sold the first Mon. in Oct. for money borrowed of John Gilchrist. The debt is \$6,490 & costs.

Sept. 20: Jesse packed his trunk.

Sept. 23: Mr. Darden & Jesse started a quarter to 2 oc. this morning. I felt sad when Jesse left. He will not come home till June. We may never see him again.

Sept. 24: Mr. Darden got home at 5 oc., he left Jesse on the Wharf boat waiting for the Pargoud. Jesse will go to Irene's & stay till the school opens in Jackson, La., next Mon. Mr. Darden sold Jesse's bale for 16 3/4 cts. It brought \$72. Mr. Darden gave him \$30 to pay his board & enclosed \$35 to President Andrews for Jesse's tuition for five months. George went to Marion Whitney's birthday dinner. The boys were playing ball, it rolled under Jordan's feet. George went to get it, Jordan kicked him down & broke off his front tooth.

Sept. 27: George went to his Uncle Jack's; Kate & Dewitt were making pies and custards for the meeting at Robertson fork.

Sept. 28: George went to Church at the Robertson fork. Olivia & Johnnie came at sundown.

Sept. 29: George & Johnnie went to Church at Robertson fork. Had dinner on the ground.

Oct. 4: Johnnie Bondurant came at 4 oc., this evening. He came to his Grandpa's on Tuesday. Johnnie is going to school at Baton Rouge.

Oct. 6: Mr. Whitney will begin his school at the Academy in the morning. Mrs. Whitney told me her and Sophy McCaleb went home today with Sid Briscoe's wife to her father's, Mr. James McCaleb. George started to school (Oct. 7)

Oct. 12: Miss Kittie Cage was married to Mr. Bisland on the 5th of Sept.

Oct. 15: Today is the beginning of the fair.

Oct. 16: Mr. Darden, George & myself went to the fair. Dr. Wade, Jimmie & Blount were there. Cousin Ann Eliza Clark was there. She has broken so much. Lena & Miss Kate Montgomery, Hugh & Blount, Dr. Wade, Jimmie & Blount dined with us.

Oct. 17: Mr. Darden & George went to the fair. George rode in the equestrian ring. Lawrence Buckles got the premium pair spurs. Anna Darden got it for butter - night gown. Coz. Sarah Stowers for silk & cotton quilt. Mrs. Truly took prize for babe dress & silk & bead work. I took premium for crowder peas & got a medal for pecans.

Oct. 18: We all went to the fair. Willie Gibson took the premium in the gentlemen's equestrian ring. Tip Stanton took in horses. Mr. Armistead for carriage horses. Sid Briscoe for riding horse and Georgia Torrey for buggy mare. Had a race between Judge Shackelford & Penn Whitney's horses. Penn's horse beat.

Oct. 22: Jack Darden, Cicero & George Jones called this evening. Jones has bought Cicero's place. He gives him 14 bales cotton now, the balance in two payments. He pays between 4 & 5 thousand dollars.

Oct. 23: Mr. Darden received a letter from Jesse, also one from Professor Andrews, President of Centenary College. He acknowledged receipt of \$30. for Jesse's tuition fee which Mr. Darden sent in a draft to him this morning. Jesse is boarding at Mr. Tom Carney's and rooms at the College, with a young man studying for the ministry. Jesse entered the sophomore class.

Oct. 25: George went home with Mott Coffey.

Oct. 26: Henry passed, he said Jimmie Darden started back home last Tuesday. Dan Cameron went back with him.

Oct. 27: Mr. Paddock & Vic Harper started to Texas last Monday.

Oct. 28: Mr. Darden went to Jack's found Ira Robertson & wife, Miss Kate Robertson, Joe Davenport & Sue, Cicero & George Jones there. Henry & Kate were there too. Mr. Darden asked Ira Robertson about the money he owes him. He said he would pay it soon as he could.

Nov. 2: Mr. Darden went to Fayette. Dr. Wade was there attending the Medical Association. They are trying the case between Dr. Richardson & Guice. Dr. Guice accused Dr. Richardson of acting unprofessionally with him. (That is trying to get Dr. Guice's patients.) They had not decided the case when Mr. Darden left. Laura Bridewell is 28 years old today.

Nov. 3: Tom & Jennie Percy are coming to live at Mr. Montgomery's next year. The swamp does not agree with Jennie. Anna Darden paid Lena a visit last week. Dr. Guice did not sustain his charge against Dr. Richardson.

Nov. 4: The academy is to be sold today. The debt \$6,458. What a shame when it could have been settled for \$500. Mr. John Gilchrist bought the academy for \$2,800.

Nov. 5: Mr. Darden went to Fayette, voted for Greely for President; Judge Cassity for Congress, Eisman for Supervisor & Will Torrey for Magistrate.

Nov. 7: Mose Jones was in Fayette getting his license; he is to marry Sarah Jane Baldrige tonight. Mose invited Mr. Darden to the wedding. Mr. Corban married Emily Baldrige tonight. Lucy Baldrige & Billy Adair are to be married soon. Mr. Darden went to Jack's, they were not invited from there, so he would not go.

Nov. 10: We went to the Presbyterian Church, Mr. Love preached an excellent sermon. He is the father of Mr. Love that lives near Fayette.

Nov. 11: Mr. Whitney has three new scholars - Bob McCormick & his two sisters.

Nov. 12: Mr. Darden went to Fayette, got his mail. Dan Wade was in town, all well at Dr. Wade's. Mr. Darden paid his taxes, they were \$509 more than they were last year.

Nov. 17: We went to the Presbyterian Church. Mr. Love preached such a good sermon. They made up money to defray Mr. Love's expenses, here & back. Capt. Harper gave \$10, Mr. Darden \$10, Mr. Rob. Love \$10, Mrs. Torrey \$5. I do not know what Mr. Montgomery, Whitney & Dr. Richardson gave. Mrs. Torrey was sick. Mrs. Lizzie Whitney was at church.

Nov. 18: Major Doss is appointed overseer from our pond to McCoy's store, where this road goes into the Fayette road. Circuit Court in session; Anna Darden was in Fayette. Eisman gave Samuel 18½ for his cotton.

Nov. 20: Mrs. Pros Whitney went to her sister's to help prepare for Tom Darden's & Sophy McCaleb's wedding. Jimmie Whitney came home with George tonight. George was 14 years old today.

Nov. 21: Revilla Cameron & Mr. Cate were married last night. Mrs. Puffer & Mr. Shaifer were married yesterday. Mr. Cameron's son & Bill Shaw's son are to marry the Miss Newmans tonight.

Nov. 22: Mr. Harrison wants Reeves (Wade) to take charge of his swamp place & Julia to stay with Mr. Nat Harrison. Mr. Jones does not preach at Red Lick now, the members were so opposed to marrying Mr. McGill. Miss Nannie Wade is to be married to Mr. Compton of Tensas Parish.

Nov. 26: George met Tom Darden in Mr. Armistead's Brett going to Natchez. He invited George to his wedding.

Nov. 29: George went to his Uncle Jack's. Cousin Henry is going to move back to his Pa's. Kate was complaining of pain in her breast & side.

Nov. 30: George went to call on Tom Darden & bride. Cousin Sophy was very friendly & lively, told him he must come some Sat. so she could ride his horse. She gave him a piece of her wedding cake. Dr. Stratton married them. Nannie & Sue McCaleb & Sallie Garrett were her bridesmaids. Penn Whitney, Ben Williams, I did not hear who were the other groomsmen. Tom & Sophy came home Thurs. evening. Mr. Pros Whitney & wife, were at Tom's when George left. Mr. Whitney came home Fri. evening. Merrick Whitney is very sick with pains in his back & hips. Put Darden was killing his hogs today.

Dec. 1: George went to Sabbath School, very few there. Mr. Pros Whitney was waiting on Merrick Whitney. Penn Whitney & Dr. Richardson's horses have the horse disease.

Dec. 2: Merrick Whitney was better. Put Darden sit up with him last night. He told Mr. Darden he had bloody urine.

Dec. 3: Merrick Whitney was no better, sent for Put to sit up with him tonight. Mr. Pros Whitney sit up last night.

Dec. 4: Olivia is 35 years old today. Olivia, Lulie Wright & Johnnie came soon after I wrote this. Mr. Darden called by Jack's. Henry & Kate have moved back to his Pa's. Sarah Darden thinks of moving to Bolivar.

Dec. 5: Olivia & Lulie went to Aunt Kate's. Jack had a good deal of fence burnt last night. Merrick Whitney is no better.

Dec. 8: Mr. Paddock will go back to Texas before Christmas. He is going to settle in Fort Worth. Mr. Burgess came at sundown; preached at Ebenezer today, had a good congregation. They are going to revive Ebenezer again. There was 25 came forward & put down their names as desiring preaching there.

Dec. 9: Merrick Whitney is better.

Dec. 10: Everything white with sleet, the worst that has been for a great while. Ground frozen, hard. Bob saw Sarah Darden's carriage pass going down the road. She expected to move to Bolivar yesterday, but it was sleeting to much.

Dec. 13: Mr. Darden went to the hiss this side Tom Darden's creek in company with Jack & Henry. They went along with Sarah Darden that far; she was moving to Bolivar. She told Mr. Darden to be patient, maybe she could pay him sometime hence. Mr. Darden said she looks so sad. Lou & Olive were with her in the carriage. Lou's health is bad. Buckner was riding & leading a horse. The wagon had 3 yoke of oxen with some beds, chairs, etc. in the wagon. It is a bad time to move, so cold. Sarah started yesterday but the roads was filled with bushes, she turned back. I felt sad to think of Sarah moving & being so broken up in her old days.

Dec. 14: Dr. Guice told Mr. Darden that Merrick W. still was dangerous, had pneumonia with his other disease. Miss Alice Archer was married Thurs. night to Mr. Steph Archer's brother-in-law. He lives in Washington County.

Dec. 16: Mr. Whitney sit up with Merrick Whitney tonight.

Dec. 18: Got a dispatch from Mr. West. Irene has a boy, both doing well. Jesse wrote on the 12th, he is tired of school - wants to quit school & come home and go to work. Tommie Scott wrote on the 30th Nov. He wants Mr. Darden to loan him \$1000. He wants to buy 45 acres of land near Sulphur Springs. Says the price of the land is \$2,500. Tom has been working at the Carpenter's trade. Mr. Darden saw Tom Darden, going to sit up with Merrick W. Sue Armistead has another boy. That is three boys.

Dec. 20: George went to school, came back home. Mr. Whitney did not have school. Merrick Whitney will not live through the day, Dr. Guice says. Poor Merrick, looked so well at the fair. He was 18 years old in Sept.

Dec. 21: Clear, white frost, the mud holes are covered with ice. Mr. Darden went to Fayette, telegraphed to Mr. West to meet me in Bayou Sara on Wed. (Christmas Day). Mr. McMurchy says it takes a dispatch a minute & a half to go to Bayou Sara. It is 178 miles from Fayette. Merrick Whitney was better. His Pa telegraphed to Penn yesterday he was dying. Merrick is perfectly conscious and resigned.

Dec. 22: Mr. Darden & George went to the Sabbath School. Mr. Paddock left Fri. Ann T. Harper went with him. She is going to teach music. Miss Mary Paddock went back home to Michigan. Emmie Paddock will stay with Mary Lou till after her confinement. Merrick W. is better today.

Dec. 23: Merrick Whitney was not so well today. Mr. Whitney dismissed school for Christmas.

Dec. 25: Merrick Whitney died last night, was sick a month. Poor Merrick, I wonder if he was prepared to die. They will bury him at Tom Darden's at the family graveyard. This is a sad Christmas to Wes Whitney's family. It makes me sad to think of Merrick. Jesse though so much of him.

Dec. 26: We got a ticket to Merrick Whitney's burying. He was to be buried at Tom Darden's at 12 oc., today. Mr. Darden wanted to go, but his horse slipped so he was afraid to start with him.

Dec. 28: Mr. Davenport came at 11 oc., stayed till near 5 oc. He wants to see Mr. Darden his place but he can't give a good title to it. Mrs. Wiggington's children will get it all after her death.

Dec. 30: Mr. Lathan Brown died with pneumonia Christmas day. Mrs. Dave Terry is dead, too. Olivia & Johnnie came at 4 oc. Blount Stuart told Mr. Darden, Reeves Wade & Julia were living on Sid Briscoe's place in the swamp. Blount says he can't pay anything on his note this year.