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Jan. 1: Jesse has not come home yet. It will be three weeks Sun. since he left home.

Jan. 3: Laura will move to the Vertner place, Monday. Mr. Darden gave drafts and paid for the place.

Jan. 7: Frank Montgomery came to sell Mr. Darden his corn & fodder. He will move to Franklin County. Sam Montgomery's son Fred is not better. He came home from the Asylum. Sam thinks of moving to Summit.

Jan. 10: Mr. Darden went to Fayette. There was a Union meeting of the Grangers in Fayette today.

Jan. 12: George went to see if Mr. Whitney would take him as a free scholar. He will charge \$1.50 a month extra for Latin. The public school began today. Mr. Darden went to see Tom Darden. He was not at home. Jesse went to Uncle Jack's, returned Henry's pistol. Kate's baby is walking, will be a year old 24th this month.

Jan. 13: George started to the public school today. Miss Joe Wade came to assist Mr. Whitney.

Jan. 15: Mr. Darden went to Fayette paid his taxes \$584.14. He came by Tom Darden's to dinner. Tom is not able to pay him anything. Sophie's babe nurses a bottle.

Jan. 17: Susie West is 4 years old today. Jesse B. Darden was 20 years old yesterday.

Jan. 21: Jesse went to Uncle Prosper's this evening. Tip had a chill; his wife left Sat. to take a boat at Rodney to go back to Cincinatti. She took the children with her. Tip will remain till he settles his business. Clara & Austin Smith have moved back to Saragossa. Mr. Darden called to see Jack this evening about the money he owes him. Kate looks bad.

Jan. 22: Put & Tom Darden came at 11 oc. to hunt birds but the rain prevented their going till after 3 oc. Then there was a hard shower; they all got wet.

Jan. 26: Mr. Darden went to Natchez. Lena went to the meeting of the Grange at the academy in Fayette; she would be initiated into the Grange today.

Jan. 27: Mr. Bridewell had gone to get two cows from Willie Darden. Mr. B. was going to trade his gun for the cows.

Jan. 28: Sarah Darden passed this evening in the carriage of John McArn. She talked to Irene, said Rosa came to Natchez with her. Rosa's health is very bad, so lame she has to walk with a stick. Mat Skinner bought the Whitmore place for \$3800. Paid \$3500 cash. Sister Betsy & Mr. Sibley are living with her. Frank Hornsby & his son Jeff stayed at Mat's too. Mr. Fleming told Mr. Darden he had drawn out of the firm of Fleming & Baldwin & Co., was only a clerk there now. Cotton is only 14 1/2 cts.

Jan. 29: Mr. Darden rode down to Jack's to tell Henry not go for Sarah Darden as she had come in Mr. McArn's carriage.

Jan. 30: Mose Jones has bought 100 acres from Mabella Stampley. Gave \$5 an acre. George heard Mr. Harrison was not expected to live. They sent for him family yesterday.

Jan. 31: Mr. Darden went to Fayette to attend the Grange. It was a called meeting. Mr. Harrison sent for Rivers - Mrs. Harrison went.

Feb. 5: Mr. Darden went to see Tom & Put Darden about their notes. Pros Whitney wrote to Mr. Darden he wanted to borrow \$100 & give a note for that he owes now & let him take a lien on 4 bales cotton to secure the payment. Mr. Darden has none to loan. Mr. Darden met Bill Robertson, Gage Fowler, Joe Davenport & Mr. Jones at the pond to make arrangements about building a school house, near the pond. John Robertson is the teacher selected. Mr. Davenport will not send to him, says he is not competent.

Feb. 7: Johnnie Darden came to see George & Johnnie today.

Feb. 9: Ellen Goode has a daughter, this is 3 children. Reeves Wade has the school at the Brick Church; boards at Dr. Wade's. Has Annie with him.

Feb. 14: Willie & Marion Whitney spent the day with George. Mr. Darden went to the Grange, did not get home till night. Hugh Montgomery & Tip M., Eva Seymour, Joe & Wes Whitney were initiated into the Grange today.

Feb. 15: Jack drove Sarah Darden & Kate & her two children here at 12 oc. Sarah has broken so much, is selling off her furniture, says she will not live here again. Sarah talked to Mr. Darden about the note he has against Brother Buckner; said she thought Eisman would pay it.

Feb. 16: Mr. Darden went to Jack's this evening. He wanted Sarah to give him her note for what they owe him \$280 with 3 years interest, but she said she did not own anything and never expected to own any property; that note will be an entire loss.

Feb. 19: Jack & Sarah Darden called just as we were done supper. Jack gave Mr. Darden a new note for what he owes him. Sarah Darden is not willing to pay anything. She has sold near \$200 worth of stock to Eisman. Jack & Sarah had been to Fayette, dined with Lulie Stewart Gordon.

Feb. 21: George took Webster to Uncle Jack's for his Aunt Sarah to ride out home. George went with her, got home at 2 oc. It is a year today since poor little Johnnie (Tate) left his dear mother to come here to stay till she came back from N. O.

Mar. 4: Mr. Spurgeon called this morning, he sold a machine (sewing) to Mrs. Stewart. She is a white woman married to a mulatto man on the old Campbell place.

Mar. 5: Mrs. Pros Whitney came at 11 oc. & just as we were going to dinner. Mrs. Montgomery, Laura Tinney & Robert Sylvester came. Mr. Martin got here at 9 oc. tonight after all had gone to bed. He is the lawyer that is presecuting claims against the United States for property that was taken during the war.

Mar. 7: Calvin Chambliss' wife died in January.

Mar. 8: George & Johnnie went to S. School. Mr. Burgess came here to dinner after 3 oc. He preached at Greenwood, went on tonight to Brother Sam's.

Mar. 12: Henry Smith brought us a ticket to Mrs. Wright's funeral. She died last night; has been paralyzed 4 years; leaves 3 little girls & a boy.

Mar. 13: Mr. Darden took Johnnie to see his Aunt buried. She was buried by the side of darling Olivia. Rev. Mr. Hunnicut from Natchez made the remarks at the house. The hearse broke down before it go to Dr. Wright's with the coffin, had to bring it in a little wagon. Dr. Wright told Mr. Darden his wife suffered dreadfully for a long time.

Mar. 14: It is 49 weeks tonight since our darling Olivia suffered & died far away from all she loved. Johnnie is only left now of the Tate family; - four new made graves in 2 years & 5 months.

Mar. 16: Mrs. George Torrey got here at dark, had been to brother Sam's; took the wrong road at Gravelly Hill. She was trying to avoid Bells creek.

Mar. 18: Mr. Darden, George & Johnnie went to Natchez in the buggy. Irene, Laura, Sussie, Jesse & Martha went with me in the carriage. We started before 8 oc.; got there at 3 oc. Irene had Laura & Susie's pictures taken, 6 of each. The artist is to send me six & six of Irene. Jesse would not be still enough for his to be taken, got in the greatest fret I ever saw him. We went on to Natchez, stayed a short time on the boat with Irene, then bid her farewell for a long, long time. We both parted weeping, not knowing whether we will ever meet again. I hope she will get home safe with her dear little children.

Mar. 20: George went to school, heard Mr. Harrison died Tuesday. He has been sick a long time.

Mar. 21: Mr. Darden went to Fayette. Received a letter from Mary Scott; all well; complaining of not receiving Mr. Darden's letters. Laura says Mr. Evan Jeffries died.

Mar. 24: Mr. Darden went to Fayette, Mr. David Harrison was buried at Beechland (old Will Briscoe place) by his first wife. He swelled so they had to press him in his coffin.

Mar. 30: Mr. Darden went with Johnnie to the store where the school begins today. John Robertson teacher.

Apr. 2: The Presbytery met in Fayette. Dr. Stratton, Mr. Roudebush, Mr. McCallum, Mr. Burgess, Mr. Grafton, Mr. Planke & Mr. Week's. Mr. Weeks & Dr. Wade came home with Mr. Darden tonight.

Apr. 6: Mr. Darden went to Fayette, sent \$100 to Bayou Sara in a post office order. Mr. West wrote that he wanted Mr. Darden to furnish him supplies. Anna Darden told me she had to sell her piano to buy a mule to work in her carriage; one of her carriage horses died.

Apr. 8: George had to swim the branch at Mr. Baldrige's; was very wet. Henry Robertson came home with Johnnie.

Apr. 11: Mr. Darden went to the Grange. Mr. Eisman & James McClure were initiated into the Grange. Lena & Blount were there. Mr. Pros Whitney has mumps.

Apr. 20: Jesse came last night, stayed with Ed Hicks yesterday till after the rain. The Glee Club passed off well; about 100 there.

Apr. 21: Some of the hands went & voted for Capt. Jeff Whitney for County Treasurer. Mr. Darden went in too.

Apr. 23: Mr. Darden went to Fayette to go on Jeff Whitney's bond as County Treasurer. Rev. Will Johnson, his son James & Major Thom Reed were the other bondsmen.

Apr. 25: Jesse went with Ed Hicks to call on Miss Knox at Mr. Torrey's. It is reported that Jeff Briscoe has lost 80 mules from Buffalo gnats in the swamp.

Apr. 26: Mr. Darden, George & Johnnie went to S. School. Miss Knox came with Ella Torrey.

Apr. 27: Jesse got home after 11 oc; he went yesterday evening with Hugh & Lena to see Tom & Jennie Percy. Jinnie has a fine baby named Tine.

May 3: Mr. Darden, George, & Johnnie went to S. School. Jesse went to church with Penn Whitney; then went to Mr. Torrey's to call on Miss Knox. He stayed last night with Penn. Lena Montgomery spent the day with Sue Armistead yesterday.

May 8: Rivers Harrison came home with George. He dined at Mr. Montgomery's. Tip is having chills, looks so bad.

May 9: George, Johnnie & Rivers Harrison went to Middleton's creek to fish the morning, gathered dewberries after dinner. Mr. Darden spent the day at the Grange; all the ladies around Fayette were there. Lena Montgomery among them. Tom Percy, Judge Shackelford & Dr. Moffit were initiated. They are complaining of Eisman charging too much for articles. He is their Grange merchant. Received a letter from Mary Scott; all well. Thinks Tom will visit us this year.

May 10: Mr. Darden, George & Johnnie went to S. School. Rivers H. went on home. Jesse went to the Meth. S. School, came home after dinner, went to Cicero's store to hear Rev. Will Johnson preach.

May 16: Jesse & his Pa went to the fair grounds to hear Mat Harper speak. Dr. Wright came this morning. He wants Mr. Darden to assist him in putting iron railing round the graveyard at Dr. Tate's. Mrs. Wright requested him to do it.

May 19: Cicero Stampley & wife have had a quarrel & will separate. Some say Cicero is crazy.

May 22: George went home with Rivers Harrison tonight.

May 23: Jesse went in to Fayette to join the Grange. Mrs. Judge Shackelford & Ann T. Harper joined too.

May 25: Dan Wade came to dinner. He wanted to borrow \$___ from Mr. Darden to keep his father's place from being sold. Mr. Darden partly promised to loan it to him.

May 29: Mr. Darden worked Jeff Davis the carriage horse in the buggy. Johnnie went with him to the examination. The scholars performed well. Rivers came home with George.

May 30: George, Rivers & Johnnie went to Robertson creek to fish.

May 31: A dispatch came to Mrs. Harrison's this morning that William Sillers was dangerously ill, had apoplexy. Poor William was looking so well when I saw him at the Presbytery. We were raised like brother & sister but it seems we are weaned from each other. We hear this evening that Will Stampley was very low.

June 1: Jesse got home after 9 oc., last night, all well at Dr. Wade's. Had a pleasant picnic. Jesse went home with Willie Darden Sat. night.

June 4: Mr. Darden went to see Willie Stampley; he was dangerous had pneumonia, is better. Mrs. Steph Stampley came while he was there.

June 5: Mrs. Harrison got home from Port Gibson Wed. says William Sillers has conjection of the brain, very little better. Was speaking in the Court house when he fell insensible.

- June 6: George & Johnnie spent the day with Willie Whitney today. Capt. Whitney was sick in bed with cholera morbus. Joe Whitney went to Mr. Hicks Sunday.
- June 13: Mr. Darden spent the day at the Grange. Jesse took another degree. Mr. Dick Foreman, Penn Whitney & Cash Eisman were initiated into the Grange. Tip Montgomery has had an attack of cholera morbus was very sick.
- June 16: Mr. Darden came from Natchez at 5 oc., Jennie Sillers said her clothes were in the wash, could not come. Eugene Montgomery & family expected to reach California today. Mary Adelia did not want to go. They have 11 children.
- June 18: Cicero called at the gate; had a long talk with Mr. Darden about the difficulties between him & his wife. Says he will have to separate from her - was going to Fayette, to see Judge Shackelford.
- June 19: Dr. Walter Bondurant died suddenly in Natchez, last week. He was a nephew of John Bondurant.
- June 20: Willie Whitney came & hunted with Percy Harrison & George. Coz Myra Chamberlain is confined to her bed with consumption, thinks she will die. Jesse rode Sue's mule to the Grange, did not come home, had a picnic at Robertson fork today.
- June 21: George & Johnnie went to S. School. Very few there. Rivers Harrison came after Dr. Guice; Percy has a kernel in his stomach. He is very unhealthy, Jesse went to the concert given at the academy by Miss Belle Tildon, Ella Torrey & others for the benefit of the Meth. Church. Jesse went with Ed Hicks.
- June 26: Mr. Darden went to see Tip Montgomery; he has dropsy, is able to ride out. His wife came with his children Wed. Mr. Darden saw Tip's mowing machine work cutting hay. Tip's wife is very sociable.
- June 27: Mr. Darden & Jesse started to Natchez in the carriage at 3 oc. Jesse will take a boat at Natchez, meet Miss Belle, Mrs. Tildon & Miss Mollie Hopkins there on their way to the commencement at Jackson, La.
- June 28: George stayed at Mr. Harrison's Thurs. & Fri. nights; was going to the swamp, but Sid Briscoe's babe was sick & he did not go. Mr. Darden got home at 5 oc. Jennie Sillers came with him. She is a nice looking girl.
- June 30: Jennie, George & Johnnie walked to Uncle Jack's, stayed half an hour.
- July 6: Mr. Darden went to Fayette, there was to be a public meeting to oppose the repairing of Doby's bridge at a cost of \$5,000. Cousin Myra Chamberlain died Sat. night; was buried this morning. She was 67 years old.

July 7: I see Put Darden's place is to be sold in third Mon. in this month for \$___ by Frank Andrews, the place near Brother George's.

July 11: Mr. Darden went to the Grange this evening, a crowd there. George Torrey, Bryant Armistead & Louis Stowers were initiated this eve. Lena Montgomery sent word for Jennie Sillers to go to see her.

July 14: Jennie has been fixing her dress to wear to the party at Mr. Hicks.

July 17: Jesse got home at 5 oc. Mr. Skinner & Tom Scott came with him.

July 18: Mr. Darden went with Mr. Skinner to Mr. Montgomery's. Tip is improving. Jesse, Tom Scott & Jennie Sillers walked to Jack's after sundown; came back at 1 oc. Rich Compton was there, had some music.

July 19: Jesse, Tom & Jennie went in the carriage to church. Mr. Darden, George & Johnnie went to S. S., then to the Meth. Church. Tom went with Henry Darden to Mr. Gordon's to dinner.

July 20: Tom Scott eat dinner here - he went with Jesse to Mr. Montgomery's after 4 oc. Miss Eva & Annie did not come out. Tip told Jesse they had been making dress & was bothered, was in bed with headache. Tom did not like it. They leave for Wesson in the morn. Henry Darden, Rich Compton & John Robertson serenaded Jennie Sillers at 12 oc. Tom went home with them.

July 21: Henry, Jack & Tom Scott went fox hunting; came by with the fox, went in the garden and eat figs; Jesse went home with them & brought Jack Darden's carriage home with him. Jennie Sillers put up her clothes this eve, to go to Laura Bridewell's in the morning. Henry Darden came after 10 oc. to go with them.

July 22: Jesse, Jennie, Tom Scott & Henry Darden left half past 4 oc; worked our horses in Jack's carriage. Will eat dinner at Dr. Wade's.

July 24: The freemen all went to the colored examination today at Spring Hill.

July 25: George & Johnnie went to Bells creek to a picnic, eat dinner with Willie Whitney. Mr. Darden went to the Grange this evening. Ella Torrey was initiated. Dudley Stewart called to see Jennie Sillers.

July 26: Mr. Darden, George & Johnnie went to S. S. Mr. Burgess preached. Mr. Whitney saw Jesse, Jennie Sillers, Tom Scott & Henry Darden at a party at Judge Wade's Wed. night. Rivers Harrison came home with George. Mr. Tunstall is going to Port Gibson in the morning.

July 28: Jesse, Tom Scott, Jennie Sillers & Henry Darden got here half after 2 oc. They left Laura's Mon.; got to Dr. Wade's at 11 oc. Dick Scott, Miss Sallie Killingsworth met them there yesterday eve. Willie & Tom Scott went home with Henry; Jesse & Jennie were to spend the evening at Mr. Hicks.

July 29: Henry, Willie Darden, Jack & Tom Scott went fox hunting this morning. Mr. Darden got home at 7 oc. He called at the College in Washington; the speaking was over when he got there. Jimmie McClure made the best speech. Mr. Darden made a final settlement with Chancery Court on darling Olivia's estate. He is guardian for Johnnie now.

July 30: Mr. Darden went to Fayette. The Port Gibson Ethiopian band got to Fayette soon this morning. Mr. Henry Bridewell is the head. Tom Scott left Jack's for Mr. Skinner's before day.

July 31: Jesse & Jennie Sillers went to Uncle Blount's. Jesse rode a mule & Jennie rode the little mare. Mr. Bell McLean, Mrs. Job Houth & Miss Moore daughter of John Taylor Moore have died this week. Mr. Calhoun died two weeks ago at Lake Providence.

Aug. 1: Jesse & Hugh Montgomery went to Jimmie Stower's to meet the Farmers' Club today.

Aug. 5: Jesse went to Fayette with Penn Whitney. Mr. Darden & George went to hear Johnnie Robertson's scholars examined. Mr. Long (Superintendent of Schools). Jack Darden, John Robertson, Lillie Scott & Dan Fowler eat dinner here.

Aug. 6: Ed & Stowers Hicks came at dark.

Aug. 7: Mr. Darden & Jesse went to the Grange. Mrs. Dick Foreman & Chas. Coffey put in their petition to join the Grange.

Aug. 9: There is reports against Miss Anna McCoy's character.

Aug. 12: Elic went after lumber at Capt. Sam Montgomery's mill.

Aug. 13: There is to be a party at Tom Darden's tomorrow night. Those that attend the party have to carry something to eat. Sid Briscoe's baby is very sick with flux. Dr. Guice thought it would die this morn.

Aug. 15: Jesse & Jennie got home at 12 oc.; brought Maggie Whitney home with them. Mat Harper came & stayed all night. The party was postponed at Tom Darden's because Sid Briscoe's baby was so sick. Anna McCoy's baby lived 12 hours; her brother told Tom Bouie he must marry her. He asked time to consider, was gone the next morning. I had a note from Martha. Mrs. Wade Harrison & daughter had been to Red Lick, wanted Jennie & Jesse to meet Fred Clarke, Jennie Phillips & Eliza Lee there this week.

Aug. 15: Dudley Stewart & Fannie Stewart came at 11 oc. Georgie Torrey & Howell West came at dark. Mr. Darden went to Fayette, the Chronicle has changed hands - Henry McClure & Kearns are the owners now. Name changed to Vindicator Radicals.

Aug. 16: Jesse & Jennie, Maggie Whitney & Fannie Stewart went in carriage to Bethel. There is a two days meeting there.

Aug. 17: Mr. Darden went to Fayette met Dunbar McCaleb's wife & Lillie going to Sid Briscoe's. Jesse went to Fayette, thought he would call on Miss Lillie McCaleb at Mr. Whitney's, but she was gone before he got there.

Aug. 19: Tom Scott came after 5 oc.; showers all the way to Natchez. Mr. Skinner had rain - his crop very poor. Dr. Sam Hornsby & wife are there.

Aug. 20: Tom Scott left for Jeff Briscoe's this morn. Sid Briscoe's baby is better.

Aug. 23: We all went to Church but Mr. Darden; he had no horse. Henry Darden spent the day here. Dewitt Dixon, Ella & Mattie Mayberry came up & sit a short time this eve.

Aug. 25: Jennie, Jesse & Mr. Darden got an invitation to the Grange party.

Aug. 27: Tom Scott got here while we were at supper. Tom will got to his Uncle Jack's to breakfast in the morning; from there to Mr. Skinner's & then will leave for Texas.

Aug. 28: Tom Scott came while before sunrise. Lum drove Jesse & Jennie to the entertainment given by the Grangers.

Aug. 29: The Trustee for this school district will be elected today at Jones store above the pond. Johnnie has a high fever tonight. Jesse went to meet Put Darden; they have determined to wait on Henry B. McClure & know what is meant by his drilling the freedmen. He said it was for political purposes. They elected Joe Davenport, Dr. Moffit & Austin Martin as Trustees.

Sept. 1: Mr. Darden went to Fayette. The board of supervisors have bought the academy from the county for a public white school, for \$4,000.

Sept. 2: Mr. Love, Jimmie Stowers, Howell West & Dudley Stewart came after 1 oc. They were appointed by the Farmer's Club to examine Jesse's crop; pronounced it good. They went from here to Bob McGinty's. Dr. Moffit, Mr. Jones & Austin Martin came to see Mr. Darden about moving the school house lower down. Dr. Moffit wants Mr. Darden to act with him as Trustee. Austin Martin must have a child 5 years old & a voter in the County. George went to the office, got home at 5 oc., with a dispatch; saying Laura was sick & wanted me with her immediately. I started quarter to 1 oc., got to Dr. Wade's at daylight; got to Port Gibson after 9 oc. Laura fever was off & she was much better.

Sept. 3: I expected Mrs. Mollie & Sue Reed, Miss Anne T. Harper & Jennie Darsey to spend the day with us, but Jennie Sillers wrote to them not to come. Mat Harper came in a buggy after dinner for Jennie. She went back with him.

Sept. 5: Dr. Wharton came to see Laura; she still has fever, her back hurt her so. Mr. Darden & Jesse went to the Farmers' Club at Mr. Love's.

Sept. 6: Mr. Bridewell started by sunrise, eat breakfast at Mr. Peter Stampley's; went to the Brick Church to preaching; eat dinner at Dr. Wade's.

Sept. 10: I left(Laura's) half after 8 oc.; eat dinner at Dr. Wade's. Jennie Sillers wanted me to call at Mrs. Torrey's & bring Eliza Lee home with me, but I was late & did not stop.

Sept. 12: Mr. Darden & Jesse went to the Grange meeting. Jimmie McClure was black balled; that is; three votes against his becoming a member of the Grange. Sam Prosper Montgomery was at the Grange. Dr. Guice withdrew his petition to join the Grange.

Sept. 13: Mr. Burgess came here to dinner, preached at Greenwood. He says Miss Anna McCoy's brothers have sent her to Kentucky to her Uncle. Every one thinks Tom Bouie was the father of her child.

Sept. 16: Ed Hicks & Miss Eliza Lee came at 5 oc.

Sept. 17: Miss Mollie & Sue Reed, Howell West & Sister, Miss Anne T. Harper & Mat Harper, Miss Jennie Darsey, Mr. Cash Eisman & Stowers Hicks all spent the day here. Gen. Clarke has recovered; was given up by three physicians.

Sept. 21: Whittington's & Bouie's stores were burned between midnight & day. The work of an incendiary, no doubt. Mrs. Lewis Dangerfield died Sat. She was a gaughter of Sam Scott. She had got so low in character that not a lady attended her burying. She leaves 4 daughters & a small son.

Sept. 26: Jessie & Jennie went to Mr. Hicks. Mr. Darden went to Fayette to meet Dr. Moffit about the school house. Republican speech in Fayette today by Lynch of Natchez. His speech was conciliatory. Merriman Howard spoke. Mr. Darden did not like the way he spoke.

Sept. 27: Jesse & Jennie got home at 11 oc. Cousin Ann Eliza will move second week in Oct.

Sept. 28: Jesse, Jennie, George & Johnnie went in the concert given by the Glee Club, had a full house. Jennie went home with Eliza Lee to Mr. Hicks.

Oct. 1: Tom Percy says Clara Smith has a boy.

Oct. 9: George wrote to Horace Booth & his Aunt Sarah Darden's Buckner.

Oct. 10: Mr. Darden & Jesse went to the Grange. They had quite an argument from Dr. Richardson about the Grange buying the organ. Dr. R. contended it was not economy to buy it.

Oct. 11: Mr. Darden & George went to S. S. Henry Darden called - the letter was from Annette; Mr. McMillan has bought a lot in Beauregard. Kate received a letter from her Ma, says the crops

are poor in Bolivar; had a drouth of three months.

Oct. 12: George started to school at the academy. Mr. Love formed the classes. George is not pleased, put boys in his class that are not advanced. Wanted George to go back in Holmes History that he studied 2 years ago with Mr. Fay. Mr. Roberts that lives at Mr. Jones called to know where the school house is to be put. He says Mt. Carmel Church was burned down Sat. night; the work of an incendiary.

Oct. 18: Mr. Darden went to dinner at Mother Robertson's with her son, Ira. Ira preached today.

Oct. 21: Mr. Darden received a letter from Mary Scott, are well. Tom returned home last Sept. went by N. Orleans, Galveston & Houston. Mr. Majors living on the Howell Hinds place was killed yesterday evening by Jeff Bargy. He rented land from Majors; they had a difficulty & Bargy ordered Majors off the land - he shot Majors with buckshot. Masons & Grangers went to bury Mr. Majors this evening. Mr. Gerald Brandon's death is announced in the Courier; he died Sun, Oct. 18th. Old Mr. McCullum died Sun. He has lived at Salsertown for over 30 years.

Oct. 24: Mr. Darden & Jesse went to Fayette. They were trying Jeff Bargy. Mr. Darden thinks it was premeditated murder from the testimony. I received a letter from Irene. Mr. West cannot go to Texas as he expected; there is a mortgage on his mother's place, that will have to be raised before he can leave for \$2,000.

Oct. 25: Mary Bondurant had twin boys, named Montgomery Peyton after Grandparents on both sides. They are three weeks old.

Oct. 27: Mr. Darden met Capt. John Cameron moving with his family to Texas.

Oct. 28: Dick McCoy died this morn. at 3 oc. Mr. Darden went there after dinner. Miss Mat Skinner & Miss Ogden were there. Dr. McArn died last night at 7 oc.

Oct. 29: Mr. Darden went to see Dick McCoy buried at Greenwood Church. Joe Grover has got out letters of Administration on Mr. McCollum's estate. He claims to be a relation. Mr. Mc. told several he did not have a relation that he knew of.

Nov. 1: Dr. Richardson over took Mr. Darden; he says Mary Lou Darden's babe was a girl, two hours old. M. R. says Cousin Sarah Stowers has consumption. He was going to see her this morning. She is at Mr. Hicks.

Nov. 7: George & Johnnie went to Uncle Jack's; Kate told him Olive Whittington had a boy, born yesterday. Mrs. Willie Stampley, a girl born this week. Mr. Darden received notice today that Olivia's tombstone had been shipped from St. Louis to Natchez.

Nov. 9: Billy McCaleb called to get water; his Pa & Ma came up to the fair.

Nov. 10: Mr. Darden drove Sue's mule in the buggy, took Johnnie with him to the fair. The Grangers were there in uniform.

Nov. 11: We all went to the fair; fine display of jellies, preserves, honey pickles, butter, etc. Cunningham Whitney had pound fruit, jelly sponge & tea cakes. There was a variety of needlework. Old Mrs. David Hunt was buried Monday (9th). Jimmie Brandon's little boy was buried on Mon. too. He was a great Grandson of Mrs. Hunt's.

Nov. 13: Mr. Darden, Jesse, George & Johnnie all went to the fair. The Earthquakes were there in uniform with false faces & dressed in all sorts of ways. Henry Garrett spoke. Had a tournament. Effie Torrey, Clara Tompson & Carrie Key were crowned a queen of love & beauty. Jesse went to a party at Dunc. Chamberlain's tonight.

Nov. 15: Mr. Darden, George & Johnnie went to S.S. - there was no school. They went to hear a Catholic priest preach in the Court House.

Nov. 17: Mr. Darden started to Fayette, got near Pros Whitney's gate, it began to rain, he turned, very hard rain on him before he got to Robertson school house; he waited there, then came home in the rain.

Nov. 18: Mrs. Pros Whitney has a boy; been looking two months.

Nov. 19: Jack Darden went to borrow our carriage horses to go after Lou Darden & her Ma. They are at Mr. Skinner's. Jimmie Darden came up yesterday, rode Skinner's mare.

Nov. 20: Mr. Darden went to Fayette. Came by Pros Whitney's, bought the sorrel pony & gave \$100 for him. Mr. Whitney still owes \$19 on the note.

Nov. 21: Hugh & Lena Montgomery got here at 1 oc. We were just done dinner.

Nov. 22: Jesse went to his Uncle Jack's. Jimmie Darden came home with him, tonight. Lou & her Ma are at Jack's. Lou is going to spend the winter with her sister Annette McMillan. Mr. Martin that married Mollie Davenport started to Texas last Thurs.

Nov. 24: Jesse rode Sue's mule this morning to Mr. Hicks'. He will go with the boys to a party at Mr. Bachelor's near the Bell Grove.

Nov. 25: Jesse got home from the party after 1 oc., not many there. Dr. Penn Whitney was taking Miss Mollie Reed to the party & his horse ran away, threw both of them out, broke the buggy all to pieces. The buggy belonged to Mr. Love. Miss Mollie had to walk 2 miles. Chas. Coffey took a horse for her to ride. Her leg was cut badly.

Nov. 26: Jesse drove Jeff Davis to Natchez in the buggy. Jimmie Darden is going with him.

Nov. 27: Mr. Darden saw Mr. Jones; he thinks Elic Compton will get the school near here.

Nov. 29: George & Johnnie walked to Uncle Jack's with Jimmie Darden & Jesse went to Fayette to hear Capt. Harper speak at the Bible Society. Mr. Darden went by to dinner at Put Darden's.

Dec. 1: Lou & Kate Darden, her two children & Dewitt Dixon came after 11 oc., stayed till late in the evening.

Dec. 2: Sarah Darden called at the door; she wants to go to Natchez tomorrow, so she can take a boat for home in Bolivar. She said she did not collect the money due her for her furniture; had to sell a cow for \$10 this morning to get money to go home on. She wanted to pay some on the note Mr. Darden holds against them, but could not collect her dues. Amelia Green was married Sun. (29th) to a Dutchman, Mr. Hans; he has worked there this year with Bill Buckels. I received a letter from Jennie Sillers; her Pa was better.

Dec. 4: Mr. Darden & the boys went to the Grange celebration. Capt. Whitney spoke. Jesse came home & went in our carriage to the party with Lou Darden. There was a dispatch went to the Sheriff of Jefferson says there was a mule taken from a negro in Natchez, who said he took the mule from Mr. Darden's living 10 miles from Fayette. It must be brother Sam's mule.

Dec. 6: Russ, son of Capt. Sam Montgomery, was shot Thurs. He sit his gun by a tree, the dogs threw it down, the load went in his arm. It is thought he will lose his arm.

Dec. 7: The negroes are marching on Vicksburg; they were met by the citizens & 20 were killed & more wounded. Jesse went to Fayette, Dr. Shannon telegraphed from Vicksburg that the negroes were burning houses in the country & threatened to kill the women & children. Put Darden got a company, were to start tonight to assist Vicksburg. Tom Darden, Ed & Stowers Hicks, Elic & Dud Scott, Tom Drake, Dick Dobyns, George Torrey & Jesse met near Mr. Torrey's. There was so few they came back.

Dec. 8: The news is all quiet at Vicksburg. Jesse stayed with Tom Darden tonight.

Dec. 9: Jesse came home this morning. He is to call on the Miss McCaleb's at Mr. Whitney's with Ed Hicks.

Dec. 11: Jesse & Ed Hicks got here to dinner at 2 oc. They went to Mr. Whitney's in the carriage & took Miss Sue & Lillie McCaleb to the dancing school at Mr. Tunstill's; got home after 1 oc.

Dec. 15: Jesse went to Tom Darden's to call on Miss Sue McCaleb, stayed all night. Miss Lillie went home yesterday, Rivers Harrison went with her. He went back to school at Washington.

Dec. 16: They are taking the testimony about Jeff Bargan killing Mr. Majors.

Dec. 22: Dr. Richardson went to Rodney for his daughter, Eliza; she has been at school in Tenn. Pauline Shackelford & Bettie Harper came home with her.

Dec. 23: Jack Darden came & borrowed Tom's mule to take Lou Darden to Monticello. Went to Mr. McArn's tonight.

Dec. 24: Dr. Richardson brought Penn Whitney out, Harry's (negro) leg was too much swollen for them to cut it off. Dr. R. told Harry he would take it off if he said so; but it would only shorten his time here; said he might live 36 hours & he might not live 6. He lived 12 hours died tonight at 10 oc.

Dec. 25: John Darden came & spent the day & night. Jesse went fox hunting this morning with Tom & Henry Darden.

Dec. 26: Mr. Darden went to the Grange. Will Davenport spent the day hunting with George & Johnnie today. Horation Fleming woke up Thurs. with headache. Dr. Guice thought he would not live through the day. They think it is meningitis.

Dec. 27: George went to see Horation Fleming this morning; Horation was better. Dr. Guice thinks he will get well. George went to Mrs. Robertson's & Johnnie pulled his last lower jaw tooth.

Dec. 28: Jesse started to Mr. Montgomery's, met Johnnie Bondurant at William Fountain's, they came back here. George & Johnnie Tate went & hunted with Johnnie Darden.

Dec. 29: Mr. Darden went to darling Olivia's place. I sent violets, ivy, Cape Jessamine & weeping willow to set out at the graves of our dear ones.

Dec. 30: Jesse & Johnnie Bondurant started 15 min. after 3 oc. to a party at Mr. Anon Killingsworth's to be given to Miss Sallie & Jennie K. & Miss Kate Scott.

Dec. 31: Mr. Massey from Texas has come, report says to marry Miss Ann T. Harper. Jesse & Johnnie B. went home with Ed Hicks.