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Jan. 1: Jesse went with Johnnie Bondurant to his Grandpa's, Mr. Montgomery.

Jan 2: Miss Anne T. Harper will marry Mr. Massey from Fort Worth, Texas. Johnnie Bondurant & Tip Montgomery went to Franklin County to see Sam Montgomery.

Jan. 5: Jack Darden sent Tom's mule back, had him two weeks lacking a day. Mr. McMillan's health is not good. Miss Anne T. Harper & Mr. Massey are to be married tonight. Mary Lou & Put Darden are the only ones invited, to the wedding. They will leave for Texas in the morning. Willie Harper has bought land in Texas, near Ft. Worth.

Jan.7: Jesse got home this evening, he went to Judge Wade's with his sister Martha last night; danced all night. Mrs. Peter Stampley was buried at Red Lick Church on Wed. 30th Dec. Jesse eat dinner at Put Darden's. Mr. Massey & Anne T. Harper went by way of N. O. & Galveston; started at daylight Wed. morning. Capt. Harper went with them. Willie Harper's wife moved with them.

Jan. 8: Jesse rode Jeff Davis to a party given by the young men at Mrs. Torrey's. He went by Mr. Hicks to go with Ed & Stowers.

Jan. 11: Jesse came home last night; he dined at Tom Darden's; stayed with Charley Coffey Sat. night. Dick Scott & sister & Miss Killingsworth & brother were at the party at Mrs. Torrey's. It cost each gentleman \$2 to pay for supper & music. Mr. Darden went to Fayette this evening; Mr. Long's house burned yesterday - caught from the roof, saved the furniture. Could have saved the house but the pump was frozen so they could not get water in time. It was Adaline Dangerfield's house that was burned.

Jan. 15: Jesse went to the dancing school at Mr. Tunstell's (Mrs. Harrison's) .

Jan. 16: Jesse went with Ed & Stowers last night to call on Bettie & Daisy Shackelford.

Jan. 17: Eisman has sold Dick Scott out that lived at Dunbar place near Elount Stuart's.

Jan. 18: Lizzie Hicks is going to give an entertainment to Daisie Shackelford.

Jan. 22: Jesse will go to the party at Mr. Hicks' tonight.

Jan. 25: Preacher Sam Montgomery was in Fayette; told Mr. Darden he was teaching Capt. Sam Montgomery's children.

Jan. 29: Mrs. Raymond, wife of the President of Jefferson College in Adams County, was burned so badly from coal oil lamp striking against the window sill that it knocked the top off the oil, ignited & caught her clothes. No one was near when it happened Wed. night. She died Thurs. morning; leaves four little children. A babe few months old

Jan. 30: Mr. Darden went to Fayette, stayed to the Grange. Henry Darden eat dinner here; he went with Jesse to the Grange, was initiated this evening. Jesse went with Tom Darden to spend the night.

Feb. 6: Mr. Darden went to Fayette, called to see Mary Lou & Put, they were better. She had 24 teeth extracted, made her sick. Put has fever. Mr. Montgomery says they have not heard from Tip. He went to the swamp. George received a letter from Mary Scott.

Feb. 8: Mr. Darden went to Fayette, transferred Tom Darden's deed of trust on his home & stock to be paid the first Nov. Mr. Darden to knock off half the interest for ___ years. Mr. Eisman & Tom are both bound for the money now. Jesse got home at 12 oc. Came from Laura's Sat. Jesse is in a great way about going in a store with Mr. Bridewell. His Pa has no idea of it. Jesse is very disappointed.

Feb. 9: Mr. Jones moved his family to the swamp. Jeff Stampley moved with him.

Feb. 11: Jesse went to see Willie Stampley about putting up a fence where he joins our fence.

Feb. 12: Mr. Darden sent Henry with the wagon to take Mrs. Humphreys to old Salem where they buried her. Mr. Darden went to the burying. Old Mr. Bill Rainey, her brother, was there; he is the last of the family.

Mar. 8: Miss Guy came to borrow a horse to go to Natchez. Mr. Darden told her Willie Stampley could ride the brown horse & she could ride his horse. Redhead Rubel has left Eisman's, is going to Europe. Mr. Long the school Superintendant has sold out & gone to Michigan.

Mar. 13: Jesse went to the Grange, went home with Ed Hicks. Mr. Darden went in this evening; Mr. Montgomery & wife were at the Grange. Their little boy, Robert had his arm broken yesterday - was getting over the fence & a rail fell on his arm. Dr. Guice was not at hore. Dr. Penn Whitney went out & set it. Tip was at the Grange. He did not sell his place, will move on it soon.

Mar. 14: Mr. Burgess got here at 2 oc. There was no one at Greenwood. He says they are going to sell old Mr. David Hunt's place. Dunbar Hunt is going to move to Maryland. He married his wife there. Mr. Darden, George, Johnnie & I went to the school

house to hear Mr. Lewis, the Methodist preacher. Kate Darden says her Uncle Jack has been quite sick in bed with fever. Jesse came home in the rain. The Miss Harrisons & Miss Wood have been staying with Daisy Shackelford a week. The Miss Harrisons are adopted daughters of Wade Harrison. Ed Hicks & Jesse went to call on them last night. Mrs. Dr. McIntosh (a sister of Mrs. Torrey) has been dead two weeks. Tip Montgomery brought the news to Mrs. Torrey. Freddie Clark wrote to Ed Hicks that Phil Lee, a brother of Liza Lee died with congestion of the brain; sick a week.

Mar. 15: Mr. Kilboun Buell died in Washington last week. Leaves a large dependent family. He was raised in Fayette. Kate told Mr. Darden that Kate Tompson had disgraced herself. (Capt. T. had adopted her.) He took her to New Orleans; she is a granddaughter of Sam Scott.

Mar. 19: Jesse went to call on Daisy Shackelford this evening.

Mar. 20: Jesse eat dinner at Uncle Jack's; Henry came by with him. Henry went to Tom Darden's & Jesse went to call on Daisy S.

Mar. 21: Daisy Shackelford & Helen Eisman went back to school in Tenn. Cash Eisman drove his Pa's horses in Judge Shackelford's carriage. Clara Eisman will come home with Cash tomorrow. Bettie Harper went back with Miss Emma Coulson to the same school. Mrs. Kells is principal & sister of Miss Emma Coulson.

Mar. 24: Mr. Darden took \$500 worth of bonds in Natchez, Jackson & Columbus Railroad.

Mar. 26: Edgar Carpenter brought Jesse a road commission as overseer of ~~the~~ road from the pond to Tom Darden's creek; took the one Jesse had to Henry Darden.

Mar. 27: Mr. Darden & Jesse went to the Grange; Jesse went to call on Miss Sue McCaleb at Mr. Whitney's.

Mar. 28: Dennis Harrison came to bring the bill of provisions furnished by Guice & Holder. Mr. Darden is to be responsible.

Apr. 3: Willie & Marion Whitney spent the day with George & Johnnie.

Apr. 4: No church. George & Johnnie said their catechism to me; read two chapters in the Bible. Jesse came home this evening; he went with Hamp. Percy to call on Miss Sue McCaleb last night. They went to Belle Grove to a two days meeting, had dinner on the ground. Mr. Spencer was there. He is teaching at the Brick Church. All well at Dr. Wade's; Reeves Wade is dancing & setting to Miss Sallie Killingsworth.

Apr. 5: Mr. Darden came home from the Presbytery at 3 oc. Rev. Mr. Grafton, Burgess, Dan. G. Buie & John McArn called to get water. Mr. Darden called at Washington Collete with Mr. Grafton & Mr. Burgess. Mr. B. baptized Mr. Raymond's two youngest children. Jimmie McClure & Rivers Harrison came in to speak to Mr. Darden. He met Mrs. Harrison going to see Rivers; Percy was driving her.

Apr. 8: Mr. Darden went to Fayette, took the \$10 back that Mr. Love sent to Mr. Burgess. I forgot to give it to him. They have collected all but \$15 that is due Mr. Burgess. He requested that Mr. Montgomery be let off from paying. Dr. Richardson & Mrs. Harrison did not pay any this year. Jimmie McCaleb passed going home from Jefferson College.

Apr. 11: We all went to hear Mr. Lewis preach at the school house this evening at 4 oc. The house was full. Nellie Hall, an orphan that lives with Mr. Davenport, was received into the church & baptized. Mrs. Dr. Dunbar told me Mr. Fowler was paralyzed in his hands & arms.

Apr. 17: Mr. Darden, Jesse & I went to the fair; met Martha & Dr. Wade. Stowers Hicks made a nice speech. Gen. M. T. Martin made a speech in favor of the railroad from Natchez to Fayette. There is only \$16,000 of the bonds to be sold yet. He urged strongly that the railroad would be the only thing that would redeem the country. Mrs. Moore (Mrs. Wade Harrison's sister) took the premium for flowers; Mr. Villines took the premium for vegetables. Tommie West crowned Calara Tompson queen of beauty. Stowers Hicks crowned Lullie Harrison (Wade Harrison's adopted daughter) queen of love & beauty. Jimmie Wade came home with us. Ed Hicks went after Miss Sue McCaleb.

Apr. 21: Mr. Willie Liddell & Miss Olive Scott are to be married today at the Grange at Ebenezer.

Apr. 25: We all went to hear Mr. Armstrong preach at the school house. Mrs. Dunbar said old Mr. Dick Compton was very sick with heart disease. Elbert & Bennie Robertson came by from church.

Apr. 27: Received a letter from Jennie Sillers, Mr. Lenoir, Emma Clark's husband died in Kansas in Feb. Emma is keeping a little store where she lives in Kansas.

Apr. 29: Mr. Whitney, Dr. Wm. McCaleb & Tom Darden went fishing at the little creek today.

May 1: Kate, Cousin Kate, her children & Jack came to dinner. Mrs. Dunbar was to come with them, but her grandchild, Kate Stampley's baby was too sick for her to leave it. I was glad to see Kate; she has not been here for two years. Jesse went in the carriage to take Miss Sue McCaleb to the Ethiolian Concert. She was not at Mr. Whitney's; wrote to Jesse to go to Sid Briscoe's. The wagons broke down & they did not get to Fayette; so Jesse did not go.

May 2: Henry Darden came here with Jimmie Whitney - Jimmie stayed to dinner. Tom Torrey was married to Miss Katchins. Miss Ella Torrey brought a beaux home with her.

May 3: Henry Darden called & went to Fayette with Mr. Darden. Mr. Carradine of Natchez died Sat. He was an old friend of Mr. Darden and myself. Mrs. Adaline Gibson died in Greenville, Miss., lately. She was a sister of Blount Stuart's.

May 4: Mr. Darden went to Fayette to hear the trial of Ike Scott for shooting Joe Cling. They were fixing anvils rejoicing about the railroad being build to Fayette.

May 8: Jesse went to the Grange, Henry Darden went with him.

May 10: Mr. Bridewell came just before sundown to see if Jesse will go in the store with him.

May 13: Jesse, George, Johnnie & Mott Coffey all went on the Middleton creek to seine. Sid Briscoe, Tom & Put Darden, Mr. Whitney, Dr. McCaleb, Jack & Henry went, caught 30 fish.

May 15: Jalone Stampley gave Johnnie a lesson on the violin.

May 18: Mrs. Cov. Dent died last night, leaves 5 children.

May 21: Kate & Jack, Kate & children, Dewitt Dixon spent the day with Mrs. Jack Stampley.

May 22: Mr. Jalone Stampley came & gave Johnnie a music lesson on the violin.

May 28: Mrs. Reed is much better. Dr. Penn Whitney attending her.

June 8: I packed my trunks & have everything ready to start to Irene's in the morning.

June 9: We started to Natchez by time it was light, got here half past 1 oc. We went on the steamer Natchez at 4 oc. She left after 5. I took John Tate with me.

June 10: The boat got to Bayou Sara at 8 oc. We had to wait some for Mr. West. Irene was not well when he left. He had not been gone more than half an hour before she sent for Dr. Jones. Her babe was born after 9 oc., fine black-haired boy, weighed 9 pounds.

June 27: I received a letter from Mr. Darden, all well. Jesse had gone to Pine Ridge with Hamp Percy, Fri.; went home Mon.; had a nice time with the Misses McCaleb; Emma Harrison died in Rodney at Mr. Limerick's on the 13th June.

July 1: I packed my trunk. Mr. West went in to Jackson to hire a carriage to take me to Bayou Sara in the morning.

July 2: We bid Irene farewell a little while before day. It is always sad to part with her. We left Bayou Sara at 10 oc; got to Natchez at 10 oc. that night.

July 3: We started from Mr. Bontura's before sunrise; got home after 1 oc. Jesse had gone with Ed Hicks to John Stowers to attend the Pine Ridge Grange. No one at home but Mr. Darden.

July 4: Mr. Darden has traded off Knox, for a little pony that Charly Geoghagan owned.

July 6: Jesse went tonight to a party at Mr. Hicks; the ladies take their baskets.

July 10: Mr. Darden & Jesse went to the grange; took a horse for my brother, Rob. Sillers, to ride home with them. Mr. Pros Whitney's house was burned this morning at 4 oc. His kitchen caught from fire being dropped into some kindling. It was all in a blaze when he woke; went on his house to put wet blankets, but it was so hot that he could not stay on the roof. They saved some mattresses. No bed steads. Jesse heard they did not save a wash stand, bureau or wardrobe. Put Darden took them to his house for breakfast. Wes Whitney went after the little girls. Mrs. Whitney went home with Ike Burch from the Grange. The grange made up \$200 to help him. Some freedmen proffered to get out the boards. Put Darden said no body could have seen that family without shedding tears. It is dreadful to think of a man's house being burned with 8 children. Rob Sillers came home with Mr. Darden; was drinking some.

July 11: Mr. Darden, George, Johnnie & Laura went to S. School. Mr. Hendrickson preached. Jesse went to the graveyard at Tom Darden's.

July 16: Mr. Darden, Laura, Johnnie & Laura West went in the carriage at daylight to Dr. Wade's to attend the 2nd anniversary of the Grange. Rob. Sillers & George went on horseback. Jesse went yesterday evening to Mr. Hicks, will go this morning with Ed.

July 17: George went home with Jesse to his Uncle George's. Blount Stuart has been very sick with conjestive fever. Mrs. Harrison's family is at Blount's. Jeff Whitney spoke at the Grange.

July 18: Mr. Will Johnson preached. Mrs. Peter Stampley's funeral at the Brick Church in Red Lick today.

July 25: We went to the school house to hear Mr. Armstrong preach. Elbert Robertson, Willie & Os. Davenport came by to dinner.

Wed. July 28: Kate Darden's babe was born today at 2 oc. It is a girl; had Mrs. Will Robertson with her.

Aug. 1: Mr. Darden, George, Johnnie, Laura & myself went to Jack's to see Kate & the baby. Kate is doing well, has not named the baby; it is good.

Aug. 2: Jesse went with Put Darden to look at his land that joins Ike Burch's. There is no improvements on it. It will not suit. Mr. Eisman offered Jesse the John McCaleb land for \$5 an acre.

Aug. 5: George & Johnnie went to Uncle Prosper's. Cousin Sam Montgomery is there.

Aug. 6: George & Johnnie came home at 9 oc. Sam Montgomery & his little girls have been sick since he came up.

Aug. 8: We went to the school house. Mr. Guice preached. Mrs. Stewart & Ella Mayberry were at Kate's.

Aug. 9: Jimmie, Clara, Mattie & Blount Wade came after 10 oc. Inez Chamberlain came with them. Jesse went to the railroad with Red Hugh Montgomery. He wanted a contract; did not get it. Miss Kate Montgomery came with her brother from Brookhaven Sat. night.

Aug. 10: Jimmie & Inez Chamberlain (she is Mary Jane Darden's oldest daughter) took a ride.

Aug. 11: Jesse took Inez & Carrie to see Aunt Kate; came back & took Mattie & Laura. He brought Mattie & Laura home this evening; then went back for Inez & Carrie. George, Johnnie & Jimmie Wade went to the railroad this morning.

Aug. 12: Mr. Darden went to help nail up planks on Mr. Whitney's house; eat dinner at Put Darden's. Put sent me some fine Indian peaches; has a splendid orchard.

Aug. 13: Mr. Darden went to help at Mr. Whitney's house. Mr. Dick Foreman has given 1000 feet of cypress lumber & delivered it, worth \$60. Winburn Chamberlain came this evening. Jimmie & Inez took a ride, also Winburn & Carrie.

Aug. 14: Carrie, Jimmie, Mattie & Blount Wade started home 15 min. after 3 oc. Inez & Winburn Chamberlain went with them.

Aug. 16: Mr. Brian Armistead, Ed Hicks, John Darden, Horatio Fleming, Harry Scott, & Young Griffin were baptized in Bolls Creek yesterday evening.

Aug. 17: Judge Shackelford, wife & little boy came this evening, stayed an hour; asked for Inez Chamberlain.

Aug. 18: Ed Hicks stayed to dinner; went with Jesse & his Pa to work on Mr. Whitney's house. Ed went to see Maggie Whitney & Lou Stowers' wife baptized. Sophie Darden joined, but was not baptized. Tom Darden was baptized Sunday.

Aug. 19: Jesse & George went to Tom Percy's to borrow his carriage for Jesse to go to his Uncle George's. George has been hunting his mare all day. Found her at Steph Stampley's.

Aug. 21: Mr. Darden went to attend the County Grange; Martha Wade was there. She told her Pa that Mr. Bridewell had turned Radical, that his friends in Port Gibson were down on him. Jesse & Ed Hicks went with Maggie Whitney to visit his Uncle George's family.

Aug. 22: We all went to church at the school house; formed Bible class, Mr. Darden teacher for the present. Mr. Armstrong preached.

Aug. 25: Winburn Chamberlain called here to inquire the way to Dr. Tate's place. Miss Kate Scott was with him, going to visit Mrs. Jimmie Wright. Mr. Dennis went to arrest George Herron this evening for robbing Dr. Dunbar of 2 pairs of shoes.

Aug. 28: Mrs. Berry (Laconia Chambliss that was) is in Fayette under Dr. Richardson's treatment. Jesse came home tonight, stayed at Dr. Wade's last night. They went to Uncle George's Sun. Jesse went to Port Gibson called to see Laura. Mr. Bridewell has completely ruined himself by turning Radical & making speeches to the negroes. He is not spoke to by his old friends. The Democrats call him a liar when he is speaking. He told some person that Mr. Darden had advised him to offer for Sheriff; he would go on his bond. Poor Laura, how humiliating it must be to her. His mother & brothers condemn his course. Oh! what a scandal he has brought on his family! His life has been threatened. What could have induced him to act so. Oh! Lord have mercy upon him & stop him in his mad career.

Aug. 29: John Sam Baldrige eat dinner here, wanted to borrow the buggy to take his mother to Port Gibson. George went to his Uncle Jack's; Henry was better. A. J. had fever.

Sept. 2: Rob. Sillers came at sundown, brought a note to Jesse to attend the party at Capt. Whitney's.

Sept. 3: Jesse got home 4 oc., Stowers Hicks came with him. Lum drove the carriage to Wes Whitney's for Bettie Darden; Jesse went in the carriage. They got home after 12 oc. Maggie Whitney was sick & could not come. Jack Darden eat dinner here.

Sept. 5: Mr. Darden went to Bethel, to church. Jesse & Bettie went to Meth. Church in Fayette. Claudia Stewart called this evening to see Bettie.

Sept. 6: Rob. Sillers went to Blount Stuart's to get his valise; came back at dark. Jesse went with Bettie Darden to spend the day at Aunt Kate's. She stayed all night.

Sept. 7: Jack Darden brought Bettie Darden home after dinner. Jesse went in the carriage to Uncle Sam's. Mr. Darden went with Robert Sillers in the buggy to Natchez for him to take a boat for his home in Bolivar.

Sept. 9: Ed Hicks came, spent the day & took Bettie home with him.

Sept. 11: Mr. Darden went to the Grange, stayed all day. Jennie Percy told Mr. Darden that John Bondurant was confined to his bed with rheumatism.

Sept. 12: We all went to the school house to hear Mr. Guice preach. George & Willie Darden spoke their speeches that they are to speak at the S. School picnic Friday.

Sept. 13: Bettie Darden went home yesterday. Jesse sit up with Young Wilson Wade last night. He cut his foot so he could see the bottom of his shoe. It keeps bleeding, had to send for Dr. Wade Sat. night.

Sept. 15: Mollie Bullen Scott died at 9 oc. Mon. night. Henry Darden went to the burying. Mr. Bullen said he was so troubled he forgot to send Kate word. She requested her Ma to keep her

two children. The oldest is near 3 years; the babe is 7 months old. They buried her in the front yard in a flower garden, as she had selected the spot.

Sept. 19: Mr. Darden & Jesse went to church in Fayette.

Sept. 21: They sent for Kate Stampley; her mother was very low.

Sept. 24: Mr. Darden went to the school house to vote for trustees for the school. They elected Jack Darden, Dr. Mottit & Evans Stampley.

Sept. 26: We all went to the school house to church; not many there. Had nice dinner. Dr. Guice's brother preached. Kate Darden was there with her baby; - her little boy A. J looks so bad; his bowels are bad. Mrs. Dr. Bunbar died Tues. before her daughter Kate got there. Mrs. Will Holmes died this week; lives in Church Hill neighborhood.

Oct. 1: Mr. Darden went to look at Mat. Dixon's place. Her house is not finished; has no chimney. She thought it was worth \$1800. Not 300 acres of land. She sent word for Jesse to go on Mon. & look at it.

Oct. 2: Mr. Darden took George in the buggy to school at Washington.

Oct. 3: Mr. Pros Whitney brought Miss Nannie McCaleb home with him yesterday.

Oct. 6: Jesse came home this evening eat dinner at Cousin Matt Dison's.

Oct. 9: Jesse went to the Grange; went out to Tom Percy's to see Tip Montgomery. He had been there more than a week, is very low with dropsy & consumption. Ed Hicks sit up with Tip Wed. & Thurs. night. He thought he would die; he was better yesterday. Ed Hicks came home with Jesse tonight. Mr. Darden got home at dark. Laura has been having chills this week & was not able to take the ride home; looks so bad & is so troubled.

Oct. 11: Mr. Darden took Johnnie to Mr. Love's school at the academy. Mr. Darden went to see Tip Montgomery. He was sleeping & better today. Jesse went to sit up with Tip Montgomery. He is separated from his wife.

Oct. 12: Jesse came home to dinner. Tip was better; his brother Sam came for his children. Mary Scott writes, all well.

Oct. 14: Jesse went to sit up with Tip Montgomery.

Oct. 16: Mr. Darden took Jack's letters to him. Lou Darden wrote to him; she writes Olive is going to marry a widower that is well off without children, but is rather old for Olive. She is to be married 15th Nov. Lou has a suitor but he is off attending the lectures now. Kate Bullen & Elic Scott joined the church since Mollie's death. Mrs. Ran Bullen died very suddently this week. Lived near Ebenezer Church.

Oct. 18: Mr. Darden took Johnnie back to school. He went on & stayed with Tip Montgomery. He seemed better. Told Mr. Darden he was treated so unkindly by his wife's mother. Reeves Wade got back from Texas Sat., gone two weeks. He is clerking for Mr. Marks again.

Oct. 21: Jesse went by Jack's; found Frank Hornsby & his son Jeff there.

Oct. 22: Mr. Darden drove Jesse's buggy home. It cost \$210., delivered in Natchez. The harness cost \$22 at Smokey's in Natchez, with a whip thrown in.

Oct. 23: Received a dispatch from Mr. West asking her Pa to meet Irene in Natchez Wed. at Mr. Guice's.

Oct. 25: Mr. Darden went to get Johnnie's clothes, when he got to Fayette he heard Tip Montgomery was to be buried. He went to the burying at his Pa's. Eat dinner there. Tip died at Tom Percy's half after 6 oc. yesterday morning. He threw his arms around Tom's neck & told him he was going; wanted him & his brother Sam to take care of his poor little children. Died with his arms around Tom's neck & sitting up. He was buried by the Grangers. Mrs. Montgomery went to see him & talked to him. She thinks he was very much softened; he wept like a child, was anxious to see his Pa, but he was not well & kept putting off going to see him. Mrs. Clem Williams was buried today; had measles & died with galloping consumption.

Oct. 27: Mr. Darden got home with Irene & her children after 4 oc. They came up on the Natchez Sun. night with Stella Stewart.

Oct. 29: Mr. Darden went in to register; Jesse went & registered, went on to Mrs. Dixon's. She agrees to rent the place & furniture for 5 bales cotton.

Nov. 1: Irene went to have her dress fitted by Mrs. Guilminot; spent an hour with Sue Armistead.

Nov. 2: Mr. Darden & Jesse went to Fayette to vote at the election. Jack Darden came home with him. Aunt Kate, Kate & her children & Dewitt Dixon spent the day here.

Nov. 3: Jesse started in his buggy to Uncle George's before 8 oc. when he got to Tom Darden's creek the horse was lame; Tebo shoed him when he got to Fayette.

Nov. 4: Mr. Darden went to Fayette; McClure is 300 votes ahead of Wes Whitney.

Nov. 8: Mr. Darden went to Fayette. Jesse & Jimmie Wade came home before 1 oc. Bettie Darden was not prepared to come, thought she would come on Thurs. with Willie. Drusy is at her Pa's still.

Nov. 10: Jesse & Jimmie & Johnnie & Mr. Darden went to the fair; the negroes threaten to burn Jackson because the Democrats were elected.

Nov. 12: They received a dispatch that Caroline Sillars died suddenly with apoplexy. Her husband's mind is still affected. Mrs. Harrison was sick in bed, could not go. Only two of the Stuart family left now, Blount & Mrs. Harrison. Jesse brought Miss Sallie Killingsworth to the fair in his buggy. A negro drew a pistol on a white man & Sid Briscoe (Marshal) ordered him to put it up, he then drew it on him. Sid knocked him down with his pistol, hurt him bad. It took 3 men to take the pistol from him. Put Darden sent for the Sheriff.

Nov. 16: Ed Hicks & Jesse went fox hunting with Henry Darden.

Nov. 18: Jesse went with Hugh & Lena Montgomery to the Grange; went from there to Red Lick.

Nov. 25: Jesse went to Ed Hicks tonight. Mr. West got here tonight at 9 oc.

Nov. 27: Mr. Darden went to Dr. Tate's place. Jimmie Wright has put up the tombstone to darling Olivia's grave. Mr. Bisland that keeps the store near Selsertown killed an Irishman Thursday.

Nov. 28: Mr. Darden went to church at the school house today. Jesse came home at 12 oc.; he went to look at the Hamberlin place; there is 400 acres & can be brought for \$2200. Mr. Hart of Rodney owns it, joins the Howell Hinds place.

Nov. 30: Mr. Darden went to the Hamberlin place; rode over it with Mr. Hart. He bargained for it all \$2150. The place is scarce of timber is an objection to it.

Dec. 1: Mr. Kemel Wright came this evening, had been to visit Miss Kate Scott in Red Lick. Mr. Wright went on to the Tate place where he lives with his brother.

Dec. 2: Jesse went to Red Lick, there was a party at Ike Burch's tonight.

Dec. 3: Mary Lou Darden is sick with dispepsia.

Dec. 6: Mr. Darden started to Port Gibson at 8 oc.

Dec. 7: Jesse got home at 12 oc. Ed Hicks with him. Jesse & Ed walked down to Jack's.

Dec. 8: Jesse went to the Hamberlin place to hire the hands. Sophie Darden has a daughter. Lena wrote to Irene that Lizzie Tunstell had a boy named Warrick of Mrs. Tunstell's father.

Dec. 9: Mr. Darden got home half past 1 oc. with Laura. She is looking better than I expected to see her. Put Darden & P. K. Whitney called going to Kingston to the Grange celebration. They had a Grange celebration at Red Lick today.

Dec. 10: John came home with his Grandpa. Mr. Moffit the Presbyterian preacher came half after 2 oc. Mr. Raymond, Mr. McCaleb & Mr. P. K. Whitney called to see Mr. Moffit, this evening.

Capt. Dabney called to see if he could get ties near Spring Hill.

Dec. 11: They elected officers in the Grange today. Jesse & Ed Hicks went in Jesse's buggy to Red Lick.

Dec. 16: Capt. Jeff Whitney's son 11 years old died this morning with congestion of the kidneys. They did not think him dangerous till yesterday morning.

Dec. 17: Mr. Darden & Jesse went to Natchez in Jesse's buggy.

Dec. 18: I sent Lum with the carriage to Mr. Pros Whitney's. Mr. Darden & Jesse got home at dusk. Jesse bought a black suit to be married in.

Dec. 21: Jeff Hornsby & Kemmel Wright passed going to Dick Scott's. Mr. Wright is to be married tonight, to Miss Kate Scott, Dick's sister.

Dec. 23: Jesse & George got home after 2 oc; Jesse went on to Red Lick.

Dec. 25: We all spent a pleasant day at Jack's.

Dec. 27: Mr. Darden went to Fayette with Dr. Wade. Mr. Love, Capt. Harper, Mr. Dick Foreman & Mr. Tunstell met at the church & agreed to pay \$200 towards the debt the church owes for repairs to the church, the balance to be paid next November. Ed Hicks, Willie Whitney, John Darden & Percy Harrison eat dinner here; they had been fox hunting. Mr. Darden saw Van (colored) that lives in Bolivar; he says he was at Cousin Ann Eliza Clark's burying last week; died with pneumonia, was taken sick Fri., died next Tues. (21). She is wife of Gen. Charles Clark, was 57 years old in Nov. Cousin Sarah Stowers is the only member of that family left.

Dec. 29: Jesse & Carrie started in his buggy before 2 oc. George & Johnnie went with them. Aunt Kate, Kate & her children came up this evening.

Dec. 31: George, Johnnie & Blount Wade killed good many birds. Mrs. Pros Whitney has another baby; there was 13 months & week between her last babies - has 9 children, the oldest 15 years. Claude Rowland came & borrowed the Sue mare, my saddle & riding skirt & Jesse's saddle, buggy broken. Jennie Geoghegan was with him.