

Dec. 31: Mr. Darden, Martha, Olivia, Laura and Irene went to church in Fayette. Mr. Forsythe is to preach on dancing.

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Jan. 2: Mr. Darden took Laura to school; she will board at Mr. Montgomery's and go to Miss Jane Mosely at the Baldwin house. Mrs. Robert Davenport buried in Fayette today -- dropsy. Got a letter from Buckner; he got home safe, directs his Pa to sent Noah and Washington up to Mary's. Brother Buckner hires Emaline and Dorcas; Mr. Robertson, Sarah and Mr. Darden, Major, George, Harry, Joe and Ad.

Jan. 3: Jackson and Willy Stampley came this morn; Jackson paid Mr. Darden as Treasurer of the school money \$366.54. Mr. Darden paid Coz. John Darden, Stephen Stampley, H. Hill and Coz. Jack Burch their part of the school money. Olivia and Irene went to Anne Stuart's to go to the part at Mrs. Torrey's. The party is given to Mag Torrey as birthday party. Tom started with carriage to Robert Sillers to carry Matilda Sillers to Rodney tomorrow to take a boat to go home to Bolivar. Frank Montgomery moves to Bolivar tomorrow.

Jan. 4: Matilda Sillers started to Bolivar today from Robt. Sillers. The creek was so high that she could not cross it till 2 oc., in the evening; went as far as George Hunts, stayed all night.

Jan. 5: Olivia went home with the Miss Gibson's to Mrs. Briscoe's. Coz. John Darden and Jack Burch called this eve to let Mr. Darden know he was a Commissioner to divide the property that belonged to Mrs. Dougherty, which was to go to the heirs of John I. Stampley at her death. Robt. Sillers had a fight in Fayette; was whipped. He was drinking. I hope it will help him to keep out of such scrapes.

Jan. 11: Andy went to Natchez; I sent 20 lbs. butter, got 25¢ a pound. Anne and Martha came back at sundown, they stayed last night with Mrs. Doniphan, met with Mrs. Bondurant, Mrs. Glover, Mrs. Albert Bondurant and Mrs. Williams.

Jan. 12: Martha and Olivia went to a party at Samuel Montgomery's this eve. Mr. Darden went for Laura; Clara and Virginia Montgomery came home with her.

Jan. 13: The girls got back from the party at 8 oc; they danced all night. Wash Burch and Mr. Hands called a few moments. Tully came for the girls to go to their Aunt Anne's to see Miss Lizzy and Claudine Gibson.

Jan. 14: We all went to church in Fayette. Mr. McDonald preached. Martha and Olivia went home with their Aunt Anne.

Jan. 15: Sent the children back to school in carriage. Wash Burch is moving to Jim Miller's place today.

Jan. 16: Wat Burch horses ran away with his buggy, his family in it, upset the buggy, broke it to smash; hurt his wife badly and his second child. Jim Dixon has moved to Jalone Stampley's place.

Jan. 18: We went to Ebenezer today to hear Thanksgiving sermon; went by took dinner with Jeff Montgomery. His Ma and Pa, Mr. McDonald and family, Miss Jane Mosely, Mary Jane and Madison Darden and George Torry, a house full. We had a pig and turkey, too.

Jan. 19: We went to the circus in Fayette. Martha went with Mary Jane yesterday; they were at the circus. Anne Stuart went with the girls to Leonly Briscoe's.

Jan. 21: The girls came home from Anne's; they went to church in Fayette. Jack and Henry came home with them. Mr. Darden went to Ebenezer. Mrs. Gibson took Lizzy home with her; left Claudy with Mrs. Briscoe. Mary Jane Darden went to Anne's with the girls; went home Sunday.

Jan. 22: Martha got a letter from Buckner and Mary Scott; they were all well. They packed 190 bales of cotton. Agnes Smith a neighbor of Anne Briscoe, died in N.O. with cholera last week.

Jan. 23: We all spent the day with Cate and Jack. Fanny was there.

Jan. 24: Martha and Olivia went to Anne Stuart's. Martha is going to Port Gibson to visit Caroline Sillers with Anne. Martha got a letter from Anne Briscoe and Martha Skinner.

Jan. 25: Naomi Stampley and Fed Chambliss was married at Jack Burch's yesterday at ten oc. Did not have a wedding; went to his Pa as soon as the ceremony was performed. Mr. Forsythe married them.

Jan. 26: Mr. Darden went after Laura; Annette Darden came home with her.

Jan. 28: We went to church in Fayette; Mr. McDonald preached on predestination.

Jan. 29: Sent Laura and Annette to school in the carriage.

Feb. 1: Mr. Darden and myself went to Fayette to sign a deed to land. Anne and Blount were there to sign the deed. Robert was in Fayette.

Feb. 2: Mr. Darden went with Coz. John Darden and Dr. Ives to survey the land bought from J. Miller.

Feb. 4: Mr. Darden and the girls went to church at Ebenezer; took dinner at Mr. Montgomery's. Sarah Darden has another daughter born Monday night, Jan 29th. Bucker was not at home. She is doing well.

Feb. 5: Jim Miller's house with everything in it was burnt last week; did not save any of their clothes; had not been out but a few minutes when it fell in. The kitchen and smoke house burnt also.

Feb. 7: Mary Jane and Madison came, stayed all night on their way from Natchez.

Feb. 8: Sister Maria and Mr. Montgomery called going to Natchez.

Feb. 9: Jack and Cate went to Rodney to see the show on the Floating Palace.

Feb. 10: Burch and Ogle had their store burnt last night; saved \$1500 worth goods. Mr. Montgomery, Sister Maria and Samuel their son called on their way from Natchez. Expected them to dinner, but they took dinner at Selsertown.

Feb. 11: Mr. Darden and the girls went to Fayette to hear Mr. McDonald preach. Belle and Anne Stuart were at church.

Feb. 14: John Wade came to tell us that Anne Stuart would be here tomorrow.

Feb. 15: Anne Stuart, Leonly Briscoe, Miss Claudine Gibson, Coz. Margaret Darden, Miss Duvall and Cate Darden spent the day.

Feb. 17: Mr. Darden and the girls went to church at Ebenezer; carried dinner.

Feb. 21: We all spent the day at Coz. John Darden's. Anne and Blount Stuart were there also.

Feb. 23: Martha and Olivia were to spend the day at Lizzie Hicks. Olivia was sick. Could not go.

Mar. 2: Martha got a letter from Buckner; they were all well. He had 115 acres broke for corn. Mary Adelia and _____ Clark are on a visit to Mr. Hicks. Coz. John sent over to see if Manda did not take some money when I was there last week.

Mar. 4: Mr. Darden and the girls went to Ebenezer to church. Coz. John Darden was here this evening.

Apr. 2: Olivia is writing a letter to her brother Buckner now after 9 oc., all in bed but her and me.

Apr. 4: Martha got a letter from Anne Briscoe. Olivia got one from Angella Adams. Mr. Darden got a letter from Buckner. They are well.

Apr. 6: Prosper Montgomery came home from Oakland to write his speech at exhibition in May.

Apr. 7: Fed Chambliss and Omi were at Steve Stampley's on Monday last.

Apr. 8: We went to church in Fayette; the Rev. Mr. Finney from Pine Ridge preached an excellent sermon.

Apr. 9: Anna Darden and her sister Mrs. Green stayed with us tonight on their way to Natchez. Jack, Cate and Fanny Mayberry went to Natchez this morn. Cate sent Henry to stay with us until she came home.

Apr. 10: Robert sent for me to go and see Belle; she was quite sick when I got there. Dr. Fox was there. Her babe was born about 7 oclock, a boy, a large child.

Apr. 11: Anne Stuart came to see Belle. I left Mrs. Yoe there; her father was there too.

Apr. 12: Buckner and Sarah Darden passed at sundown on their way from Natchez. They will have a long dark ride.

Apr. 13: Mr. Darden went for Laura; saw Mr. Montgomery's shingle machine in operation.

Apr. 15: Mr. Darden went to church in Fayette; Mr. Forsythe preached. Martha and Olivia came to Belle Sillers from Anne Stuart's. Belle is not so well; her babe is right cross.

Apr. 16: Daniel Cameron lost his youngest child with pneumonia.

Apr. 18: Mr. Darden went to Fayette this eve saw Charles Clark there; they are all well in Bolivar. Wat Burch came over to trade a horse to Mr. Darden. Willie Stampley was with him. Sam Montgomery came, stayed all night to go with Martha and Olivia.

Apr. 19: Martha, Olivia and Sam Montgomery started to Louisiana at 6 oc., this morn; they will have a dusty ride.

Apr. 20: Olivia got a letter from Buckner; they are all well. Said his grandma would start to Tennessee on the 13th April.

Apr. 21: O. S. Miles called going to Fayette; Mr. Darden went to Fayette with him.

Apr. 22: We went to church in Fayette; Mr. McDonald preached. Anne Stuart took Julia back to school in Natchez on Friday.

Apr. 27: Sam Montgomery came from the swamp yesterday; they had fine fun fishing while he was there.

Apr. 28: Mr. Darden went to Mr. Montgomery's to seine; they caught a good many; some right large ones. Sister Maria sent me and Cate some. Sister Maria got a letter from Sister Betsy; they were well. George and Martha Darden have another daughter; they call it Minerva. They have 5 children quite a large family; their oldest is not 8 years old. Cicero Stampley has ground his corn here two Saturday's.

Apr. 29: There was preaching at Ebenezer today, but Mr. Darden did not know it.

May 2: Cate and Jack went by going to Oakland to hear the

May 23: Pros. went at 10 oc., he came to invite the girls to fish fry at Sam Darden's. Mr. Darden went to Fayette, saw Jack Chambliss, having his trial for drawing a gun on his brother-in-law, Dr. Richardson. Calvin Chambliss was there also. It is a pity to have such a difficulty in the family.

May 25: Mrs. Whitney and Catty, Mrs. Hugh Montgomery, Mary Montgomery and Mrs. Jane Torrey were spending the day at Mr. Montgomery's.

May 26: Mr. Darden, Martha and Olivia went to the fish fry near Samuel's. The girls stayed all night with sister Maria.

May 27: We went to church in Fayette. Rev. Mr. Price of Rodney preached an excellent sermon. Anne Stuart came home with us. Cicero Stampley came after dark to borrow our buggy. They had sent for Jalone Stampley's wife; that Soloman Stampley her father was very bad with cholera.

May 29: Cicero Stampley was here this evening. Soloman Stampley was better; thought he would recover.

May 30 Mr. Darden went to Fayette, saw Coz. John Darden; he was at Wes Whitney's.

June 2: Mr. Darden, Anne Stuart, Tully, Martha and Olivia went to Wild Wood Springs to spend the day. There was about 60 persons there. They had a very nice dinner. Mr. Brown charge 50¢ a meal. They enjoyed the visit very much, dance, rolled ten pens and got back 6:30. Martha got a letter from Buckner; he is very much discouraged about his crop on account of the dry weather.

June 3: Caleb Hall a brother of Tom Hall died very suddenly on Thursday last at Daniel Smith's. He was telling Mr. Smith about the rain they had at Kingston, when he put his hand to his head and died right off.

June 4: Mr. Watson, Mr. Tullis, Mr. Bondurant and Mr. Alexander came just at dark. They had been to visit Miss Sallie Chambliss.

June 7: Martha got a letter from Mary Scott; says her poultry is not doing v ery well. Martha Skinner writes they have not had any rain. Their crop is not good.

June 8: Made cake and pies to carry to the picnic.

June 9: We all went to the picnic near Mr. Harper's. It was a pleasant party. The young people went to Mr. Hicks and spent the evening. After the company broke up Mr. Hicks was sleeping up stairs; he got up as he thought to walk out at the door, when he went out at the window. Lizzy saw him in the window, spoke, and he fell on his face on the ground. Martha, Olivia, Sallie Chambliss and Eugenia Calhoun, Mr. Walton and Mr. Bondurant; they were all very much frightened, thought he would die; did not speak for some time. He was badly bruised. Martha says she never heard such groans.

June 10: We went to church in Fayette. Mr. McDonald preached.

June 13: Martha and Olivia spent the day at Mr. West's with Anne and Blount, Mr. Reed and family, Tom West and family, Mr. Forman and Mrs. Harper. They spent a pleasant day. Mr. Hicks was able to go to Fayette this morning.

June 14: Julia and Tully came this evening. The girls went to hunt blackberries.

June 15: Samuel and Anne Darden came at ten oc., stayed til the evening; went to Jack's stayed all night.

June 17: Joseph Sillers has lost one of his best women with cholera. Joseph has been so unfortunate with his servants since he went to Bolivar. Blount will take Julia back to school in Natchez on Tuesday.

June 23: Martha and Olivia started to Mrs. Torrey's. When they got to Fayette they heard she was gone to see Anna Darden. They went and spent the day at Mr. Montgomery's.

June 28: Martha got a letter from Anne Briscoe; she expects to be at Coopers Wells on the 4th July.

June 29: Anne Stuart came at 8 oc. This is Miss Jane Mosley's last school day. She went home at 12 oc., the children were sorry to see her go. Mr. Darden went for Laura. Clara and Ginnie came home with her. Robert and Belle Sillers came this evening.

June 30: Belle and Robert went home this morning. Clara, Ginnie and Laura went to see Cate. Henry came home with the children, stayed all night.

July 1: Mr. Darden, Martha and Olivia went to church at Ebenezer.

July 3: Cate and Jack came by, went to Anne Stuarts in the evening to stay all night. Took Clara and Gennie home with us. Mr. Darden stayed at Robert's all night; he has never been to Robert's before.

July 4: We all went from Blount's to the celebration near Beech Hill; there was a large collection. George and Martha Darden were there. Mr. William Harper read the Declaration of Independence. Mr. Peter Alexander made the speech; they danced; had a splendid place to dance. There was a celebration at Wild Wood. Mr. Montgomery went there. Dr. Fox read the Declaration of Independence and Mr. Baker made a fine speech. We all stayed all night at Anne's.

July 6: Mr. Montgomery, sister Maria, Sam Montgomery and Jack spent the day.

July 8: We went to church in Fayette. Mr. McDonald preached. Mr. Stowers got home from Coopers Wells on Friday. Left Anne Eliza Clark there very sick. Emma had been very sick. They thought at one time she would not recover.

July 10: We spent the day at Jack's with sister Maria and Mr. Montgomery. Martha and Olivia came home this eve. Tully and Jimmy cam with them.

July 12: Martha sent word to Mrs. Ned Miller she was going there tomorrow. Martha and Olivia went with Cate to Mrs. Millers.

July 14: Mary Jane wrote for the girls to meet her at Wild Wood Spring today. Mr. Thom. Hall sent a boy around with a notice that there would be preaching at Greenwood near Salsertown tomorrow at 11 oclock, by Rev. Mr. Purviance.

July 15: Mr. Darden, Martha and Olivia went to church at the new church near Salsertown.

July 17: Mr. Darden and Jack went to Samuel's to look at his crop; he has a fine crop. Louise Chamberlain is staying there. Mary Jane and Darden and Miss Walker with several young men got to Anna Darden's just as supper was ready. They were the only ladies at Wild Wood Springs on Saturday.

July 18: Got a letter for Martha from Newton Young.

July 19: It is 23 years today since we were married. Jack came up this evening. Wiley Burke called out of the rain; he was on his way from Natchez. Everything very high; corn \$1.00 a barrel; meat \$20.00; flour \$14.00 a barrel.

July 20: Mr. Stuart came by going to make a trad with Jack Burch for a negro woman.

July 21: We went to church in Fayette; Rev. Mr. Butler from Port Gibson preached an excellent sermon.

July 22: We went to church in Fayette; Mr. Butler preached. The girls went home with Mrs. Torrey. Dr. Archibald Torrey was buried today. He went to bed well, was a corpse at 2oc. He leaves a large and very helpless family. Mrs. Torrey just returned from Coopers Wells. Mary Jane Darden had got to the Wells before she left.

July 25: Anne Stuart started this morning half after 1 oc., to Natchez for Julia. Olivia went with her. They got to Selsertown by daylight. Prosper Montgomery came, stayed till in the evening. Martha sent to know if Josephine Darden was going to the picnic. She is not going; Martha will be disappointed; she will not have any female friend to go with her.

July 26: Anne, Olivia and Julia got home half after 12 oc., they were much fatigued. They were pleased with the exercises at Miss Shedden's examination. They saw Mary Bondurant in Natchez.

July 28: Martha, Olivia and myself spent the day at Mrs. Torrey's with Anne Stuart, Mrs. Shackelford, Miss Miles, Minerva Collier, Blount Stuart, Mr. Dixon, Charley Duncan and William Collier. Joe Darden and Mrs. Duvall came over this evening; we were not at home.

July 29: Jack and Cate went to Bell Grove; there is a 3 day meeting there.

Aug. 1: Mr. Darden went to Fayette; there was a very hard rain while he was at Cousin John Darden's.

Aug. 5: Mr. Darden and the girls went to Ebenezer to church. Mr. Wilson preached an excellent sermon; dined at Mr. Montgomery's.

Aug. 7: We got a letter from Buckner; Amelia Scott was quite sick with fever. He has a fine prospect for a crop. Mr. Darden went to Fayette, got a letter from Virginia Green; they were very well, fine prospect for crop. Martha got a letter from Mary Bondurant; she had gone back home, lost her trunk going upon the boat with all her clothes and her childrens clothes. She did not know when she would come to her Ma's.

Aug. 9: Putnam Darden came over this morning to invite us to a picnic to be at Cane Ridge on Saturday. He went before dinner. Tully came for Julia. Mr. Hicks gone to Mrs. John Clark's today for Mary Adelia Clark to come and spend some time in the neighborhood. Anne received a letter from Matilda Sillers. Sam Lee had accidentally shot himself in the leg. It would be sometime before he could walk. Mr. Charles Clark has taken his old residence near Fayette back.

Aug. 10: Jack Darden, Willie Stampley and Mr. Rusk from Louisiana came to call on the girls. Martha and Olivia went to Mrs. Briscoe's this evening to go to a picnic at Cane Ridge. The Miss Valentine's have been to Mrs. McGee's this week.

Aug. 12: We went to church in Fayette. Martha and Susan Chambliss were at church. The girls came to church from Mrs. Briscoe's; stayed there last night with their Aunt Anne. Very heavy rain at Frank Whitney's.

Aug. 14: Rev. Mr. Wilson came late this evening; stayed all night. He lives in the swamp at Mr. Lambdin place; preaches to Mr. Lambden and Henderson servants.

Aug. 15: Mr. Isaac Rubel died in Fayette -- typhoid fever; sick 3 weeks.

Aug. 17: Martha West and Mary Adelia Clark stayed all night at Anne's.

Aug. 18: Mr. Darden went to church in Fayette; there is 3 days meeting there.

Aug. 19: Mr. Darden went to church at Ebenezer. Robert Torrey joined the church today. Martha and Olivia went to Fayette to church. Mr. Watkins preached. The house was crowded. Cate and Jack came by to dinner. I got a letter from Matilda Sillers. Ann E. Clark and Emma have been sick. Mr. Lee is not able to move in bed.

Aug. 20: Mary Adelia Clark, Minerva Collier, Josephine Darden and Charlotte Reed spent the day here. Put Darden came in the evening. I expected Belle Sillers and Mary Augusta Clark this evening; did not come.

Aug. 21: Cate called going to see Henry Mayberry's wife; she lost her baby; it was a girl.

Aug. 22: We all went to the picnic at Mr. Clark's place. There was a great many there; had a nice dinner, plenty ice cream; danced till late in the evening. Edgar Wood and Mrs. Abijah Hunt was married in the Episcopal church in Church Hill this morn.

Aug. 24: Anne Stuart came here this morning. Mary Bondurant came over yesterday; sent for the girls to come to see her at her Pa's. Put Darden and Hiram Chambliss came this evening; stayed a little while. Hiram went to Mr. Montgomery's.

Aug. 26: We all went to church. Martha and Olivia came from Mr. Montgomery's this morning and went to church; Anne went with us to church. We had got to the hill this side Coz John Darden's creek when it commenced pouring down rain. When we got to the road that goes to Wat Burch's house, the wind blowed very hard. We went to the house till it held up.

Aug. 27: The girls went to Judge Whitney's to spend the day. Put Darden came to pay Mr. Darden some money for the Miller land, the amount \$100.40.

Aug. 28: Mary, Mr. Bondurant, Clara, Virginia, Frank and Sam came this morning. Mr. Bondurant, May and little girls stayed all night. Frank went home; Sam stayed all night at Jack's.

Aug. 29: Mr. Bondurant, Mary and the girls spent the day with Cate. Got a letter for Martha from Anne Briscoe; she was at home. Mary Jane Darden and Sallie Chambliss were with her. They came home from Coopers Wells with her.

Sept. 1: Mr. Darden and the girls went to church at Ebenezer; called at Mr. Montgomery's out of shower. Martha and Olivia went home with Mary Jane. Cate went by at daylight going to Henry Mayberry's. His wife went to bed well, was taken very sick. She called him, told him she was very sick. They bathed her feet, put mustard on her stomach. She said she could not get her breath, she was going to die. There was no person there but Mildred Scott. She says Cate did not live more than 15 minutes after she got in the room. She was dead when Dr. Fox got there. The Dr. did not know what was the matter with

her. She had been complaining difficulty of breathing for several days. I went and helped Mrs. McGinty to fix her shroud. The family were very much distressed. She was buried at Mr. Hill's where Henry's parents were buried.

Sept. 3: Frank Montgomery came to go with the girls to spend the day at Coz. Margaret's.

Sept. 5: Pros. Montgomery came for the girls to go to Mrs. Harper's to a party. Mary Jane Darden got here half after 7 oclock.

Sept. 6: We all went to the barbecue. John Whitney spoke. We had a fine dinner; plenty ice and lemonade. After dinner Dr. White spoke, and then William Harper spoke. There was only one set danced. The company were invited to James Dixon's to dance. There was not many ladies went to the party. Blount Stuart, Julia, Tully and Jimmy stayed all night. Sam Montgomery and Jeff Whitney took supper. Mary Jane and Annette stayed also.

Sept. 7: Mary Jane, Martha and Olivia went to Mrs. Torrey's to a party. Put Darden went with them. Left at 11 oc., to go to Rodney, take a boat on his way to Oxford to school. Joe left Thursday going to Whitestown to school.

Sept. 11: Buckner wrote they are all well. Had out 3225 bales packed. The yellow fever is in Rodney; every body has left that can do so. Mary Bondurant was at Anne's.

Sept. 12: Anne and the girls spent the day with Sister Maria. There was a large barbecue at Wild Wood Springs; a ball at night. Cousin John Darden got back from Wilkinson; his horses did not work well. He was troubled getting there.

Sept. 16: The girls went to church at Ebenezer.

Sept. 17: Martha, Olivia, Laura and Irene went to spend the day with Cate.

Sept. 18: The girls went to Mrs. Harper's to a surprise party; they went by Mrs. Hicks. Mary Adelia Clark went with them in the carriage. Mr. Alexander came today, put up lightening rod to the double chimney.

Sept. 19: The girls got home quarter after 11 oclock; they danced all night. Came to Lizzy Hicks to breakfast. Mr. Darden went to Fayette; he heard Fed Chambliss was worse. Mrs. Truly is very sick with dropsy. Coz. John Darden does not think she will live many days. Coz. John stayed with Mr. Sibley when he took Jo to school.

Sept. 20: Cate spent the day; Jack came to dinner. We expected Martha West, Pros. Montgomery and John Gerault, but they did not come.

Sept. 21: Pros. Montgomery and John Gerault came at 11 o'clock, stayed till evening.

Sept. 22: Mr. Clark came for Mary Adelia Thursday. They went as far as Dr. New's place where they will take a boat. They were all well in Bolivar.

Sept. 23: We went to church in Fayette. Mr. McDonald preached a sermon on the yellow fever being sent as a judgment to humble us.

Sept. 24: John and Mary Bondurant came this evening. Got a dispatch from Natchez there was 15 deaths in the city the two last days.

Sept. 25: Mr. Clark sold his place near Fayette to Judge Duncan for \$4,500.

Sept. 26: Tom Jenkins called to give the girls some tickets to a party to be given at Brad Truly's, 2nd Oct. Married then to second wife, Sarah Minerva Stampley. Mr. Darden went to Fayette, took a letter from Martha to Virginia Green; he brought one to Martha from Agnes Scott. They were all well at Mary's.

Sept. 27: Mr. Montgomery wrote to Mr. Darden there would not be any church at Ebenezer. Mr. McDonald is going to assist at communion meeting at Union Church.

Sept. 30: Mr. Darden and the girls went to church in Fayette. Mr. Booth preached. There is 24 cases fever in Rodney.

Oct. 1: Mr. Darden went to Fayette. They had a dispatch that Mr. Fly the Methodist preacher in Natchez died this morning with yellow fever. Good deal sickness in Fayette. Dr. Fox had the fever today; his little boy had fever last night.

Oct. 2: Mr. Darden went to Fayette to a barbecue given to Gen Quitman and Mr. Hylllyer both of Natchez. There was a very large crowd there and fine speeches -- the ground at the woods near Judge Whitney's gate.

Oct. 3: Mr. Darden went to Fayette saw Mary Jane Darden and Amelia Green; they dined at Mr. Montgomery's, were going to Mrs. Chamberlain's. The Rev. Mr. Williams that lived on Pine Ridge, but now pastor of the Presbyterian Church in Vicksburg died last Wednesday with yellow fever. I was so sorry to hear of his death; he was such a good Christian, an excellent preacher.

Oct. 4: Dick came back from Blount's this morning; he called at Mr. Stowers to tell Coz. Sarah that we were going to spend the day there Saturday.

Oct. 6: I was to go to Mr. Stowers, but Jess is not well enough. Jim Miller died Friday 28th; poor man has run his course soon. Leaves a young widow and two little girls. (Eliza Ann Burch, 1, Makel Miller, 2, Barbary Miller)

Oct. 9: John Fleming eat dinner here; says they have all got well in Fayette. He met John Collier, told him that Dr. Baldwin's wife was buried yesterday; died with yellow fever. Mary Bondurant went home Thurs. crossed in a skiff at Bruinsburg.

Oct. 10: Mr. Darden went to Fayette, got the Natchez paper. There is 30 deaths reported last week with yellow fever. Mrs. Bullen and Mrs. Stewart went to Cate's today.

Oct. 12: Cate and Fanny went to see Uncle Sam Bolls.

Oct. 13: Olivia got a letter from Virginia Torrey; they are well at Jeff Briscoe's. She wants the girls to go home with her to Bolivar. There has been 6 deaths with yellow fever in Rodney this week.

Oct. 14: Mr. Darden, Martha, Olivia and Laura went to church in Fayette. Mr. McDonald has had the Dangué. The girls went by to dinner with Coz. Margaret Darden. She had two letters from Put. There was plenty yellow fever on the boat he went on to Oxford.

Oct. 15: Mr. Darden sent Major to help clean off the yard at the new church in Fayette. George Torrey, Prosper Montgomery and Blount Stuart were the only persons sent hands to clean it off. There was a boy went by a nine oclock after Daniel Smith to see his sister, Aunt Patsy Truly die. Major says she was not dead when he left Fayette this evening. (Mrs. James Bennett Truly - nee' Martha Smith) Mrs. Mundy had black vomit yesterday; thought she would die, sent for Dr. Brandon. The Baptist preacher (Vaughan) died with yellow fever; took it from going to Mrs. Mundy's. The buried by torch light.

Oct. 16: Mrs. Truly is not dead but very low.

Oct. 17: Mr. Darden went to Fayette; Presbytery met there in the new church. Rev. Mr. Price of Rodney preached the opening sermon. There was but few ladies, good many gentlemen. The Presbytery adjourned till the 2nd Wednesday in Nov. on account of yellow fever. The preachers could not attend. Mr. Darden went in to see Mrs. Truly; she is gradually sinking. She is very much reduced. She was coughing, did not notice anything. She is at Bradford Truly's in Fayette. Dr. Sanderson of Natchez died with yellow fever.

Oct. 18: Mrs. Truly died last night at 11 oc. They sent us a ticket. Mr. Darden, Martha and Olivia went. She was buried at the grave yard in Fayette; there was a very large procession. Rev. Mr. Baxter made some remarks. She said a few weeks ago that she is perfectly resigned to die. She does not leave any young children.

Oct. 19: The yellow fever is on Mr. Batchelor's place near Rodney.

Oct. 21: Mr. Darden went to Ebenezer to church; there was a small congregation; they had not heard that Presbytery had adjourned. Anne and the girls went to church in Fayette.

Oct. 22: Mr. Darden worked the road from the Gravelly Hill to the coner of Mr. Stowers field.

Oct. 28: We went to church in Fayette. Mr. McDonald preached in the new Presbyterian church.

Oct. 30: The candidates for governor McCrae and Fountaine spoke in Fayette yesterday.

Nov. 1: Sister Maria, Mr. Montgomery and the little girls spent the day here. Mr. Montgomery has bought 7 negroes, 4 for Jeff and Sam and 3 for himself. Coz. Sarah Stowers has been very sick with dangue.

Nov. 2: Martha and Olivia went to their Uncle Buckner's this evening to stay till Sunday.

Nov. 4: Mr. Darden went to Ebenezer to church. The girls came from Buckner's to church; took dinner at Mr. Montgomery's. I sent the carriage to Sister Maria's for Laura; Clara and Ginney came home with her.

Nov. 6: Mr. Darden went to Fayette to the election, got a letter for Olivia from Virginia Torrey. She wants her and Martha to go to Bolivar with her. Mr. Darden bought 4 barrels pork from Coz. John Darden at \$20.00 a barrel. That is lower than it is selling for in market.

Nov. 8: Dr. Noland beat John Whitney for Representative; Robert McGinty beat John Fleming for Sheriff; Joseph Davenport was elected Assessor; Minor Dixon beat Isaac Carothers for Clerk Circuit Court. There was a telegraph dispatch came to Fayette this evening that Dr. Greenfield had shot a man named Higgins and then cut his throat. The Sheriff and Coroner went to Rodney to act in the case.

Nov. 12: The girls were in the buggy to go to see Cate. Jeff Briscoe's boy came with a letter from Virginia Torrey to go to Anne Briscoe's, take a boat to go to Boliva.

Nov. 13: Mr. Darden and Olivia went to Fayette; they heard the fever has been worse in Rodney. There is a case black vomit in St. Joseph, La. They have given out going. The fever has become worse in town. There has been 8 deaths in Port Gibson.

Nov. 14: We all went to the Masonic celebration. Col. Hillyer was to speak, but did not come. Mr. McDonald preached a sermon; after that, dinner was prepared on the ground. Martha got a letter from Buckner, the first since 1st Sept. He has 180 bales; sold 32; made fine corn crop. Thinks he will make 250 bales.

Nov. 15: We all went to Fayette to Presbytery. Mr. Roane, Mr. Baldwin, Mr. McDonald, and Mr. Price preached an excellent sermon. There was a fair held in Providence church near George Darden's for the benefit of the church. There was a fight on the ground between Jack Chambliss and Dr. Richardson, an old difficulty. Jack struck his first, the Dr. gave him a good whipping.

Nov. 16: Mr. Roan preached at the Presbytery today. Mr. Butler and Mr. Stratton came today. Mr. Stratton will preach tonight. Mr. Darden went by John Whitney's to dinner. The church session met at Dr. Fox's to receive Dr. Fox and Sarah his wife into the church. Mr. Darden says Mr. Stratton did talk so kindly to Mrs. Fox. (Sarah Truly)

Nov. 17: We went to church in Fayette. Rev. Mr. Stratton preached the dedication sermon. It was really a most excellent sermon. I never heard a better sermon. Mr. Butler made some remarks that were very appropriate. Mr. Darden, Martha, Olivia and Cate went by to dinner with John Whitney. Mr. Montgomery is sick. He has not been at the Presbytery at all.

Nov. 18: We all went to church. Rev. Mr. McCallum preached; a large congregation. Dr. Fox, Sarah and their little son was baptized. Eliza Jane Miller joined the church; and Mr. Swarb and wife joined by certificate. Wilson Wade and wife joined by certificate.

Nov. 19: Wesley Whitney has given up his place he bought of Coz. John Darden; he thinks he can not pay for it. Martha and Olivia got home at 12 oc. The fair brought \$350.00. Guilford Torrey bought a good deal, made Martha Darden's children presents. Prosper Montgomery rode his Pa's carriage horses up to the fair.

Nov. 20: James Wiggington came today to tell us he leaves for Texas Thursday to make his home there. Jeff Whitney came at sundown, stayed all night.

Nov. 21: The girls and myself spent the day with Mrs. George Baldwin. Belle Sillers was there. Coz. Sarah and Mr. Stowers called in the evening. Coz Sarah is to let the girls know when she goes to Bolivar. Mr. Darden went to see Mr. Montgomery; he has been sick a week, is worse this morning. Dr. Fox is visiting him. Anne and Blount Stuart came at 3 oclock this evening. There has been 2 deaths of yellow fever in Rodney this week.

Nov. 25: Mr. Darden went to see Mr. Montgomery; he is better. Sister Maria is sick in bed.

Nov. 26: Mabella Stampley and Vic Jenkins both have dangue.

Nov. 27: Coz Sarah Stowers sent the girls word she would start to Bolivar on Thursday.

Nov. 28: Lizzy Hicks wrote to Martha to stay and go with them to Bolivar, but they concluded to go with Mr. Stowers.

Nov. 29: The girls started at 6 oc., to Bolivar. Coz. Jack Burch came by for me to acknowledge a deed given to Coz. John Darden for part of the Miller land he bought of Mr. Darden.

Dec. 4: I went to Robert Sillers; the creek was up, spent the day there and went to Anne Stuart's in the evening.

Dec. 5: Blount started to Warren County Monday.

Dec. 7: Jack brought us some venison; stayed to dinner. He said Henry has the fever.

Dec. 9: Blount got back from Warren yesterday evening. Mr. Stowers came home today. I got a letter from Martha; they got to Mr. Clark's at ten oc., Saturday night. Guilford Torrey was there when she wrote, for them to go to his house. She had not seen Matilda, she was waiting on her brother Will. He is at Frank Montgomery's very sick with pneumonia. They spend the day with Mary Miles.

Dec. 11: Mr. McDonald has made arrangements to take charge of a female school in Clinton, La. He expects to leave in January. We will be without a preacher.

Dec. 12: I sent Dick with a letter to Robert's, they will go to Bolivar tomorrow.

Dec. 16: Mr. Darden went to church at Ebenezer; they are to give Mr. Price a call at Ebenezer and Fayette churches; salary of \$1000 a year. Have offered to buy the Hughes place (?) for Parsonage at \$2000. Mr. Darden and George Torrey went to dinner at Mr. Montgomery's.

Dec. 17: Mr. Darden brought a letter to Martha from Buckner. He has out 250 bales, ten more to pick. Says he can not leave as Mary Scott is going to visit Amelia; she is at school at Holly Springs. Her trunk with all her clothes was lost going up on the boat. Ma will spend Christmas with Anne Briscoe and then come to Jefferson.

Dec. 18: Blount and Anne, Mr. Darden and Laura started to Natchez in daylight this morning.

Dec. 23: Mr. Darden and Irene went to church; Mr. McDonald preached his farewell sermon.

Dec. 26: Got a barrel flour from Jack Burch; gave \$9.00 for it. Buckner wrote to his Pa that Mary Scott would go to see Amelia this week; he and Charley would be at home; little Mary would go with her Grandma to spent Christmas with Anne Briscoe. Made 264 bales, weighing 400 lbs.; over ten bales to the hand. A fair crop.

Dec. 31: A dispatch came from Mr. Hicks at Vicksburg to send the carriage immediately for the girls.