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Jan 2: Mr. Darden went to Fayette, put letter in the office to Buckner & a letter to Miss Mary Wakele from Laura. Mr. Darden saw Put Darden, he was going to take tea at Mrs. Dangerfield's with the Miss McCaleb's. He & Joe were at the party there last night.

Jan 3: Mr. Darden went to church at Ebenezer. There was only 17 persons there. The stovepipe fell down & had to put out the fire. Made the church very cold. Mr. Darden dined at Mr. Montgomery's. Pros. came down from Providence Tuesday. He is going to move his hands to a place on Bayou Mason. Mr. Montgomery will send to Rodney for the little girls; they have been on a visit to Mary Bondurant's.

Jan.4: Rev. Mr. Hall will commence his school in Fayette today.

Jan. 5: Mr. Darden went to Fayette, he got Rob. McGinty's subscription to the parsonage. He saw Blount & Anne Stuart in town.

Jan. 6: We started to Natchez at daylight. The roads very bad in places. We met Martha Skinner & Mr. Skinner in Natchez. She is very well, left them all well. Her brother Frank Hornsby lost their babe.

Jan. 7: We met Samuel & Anna Darden near Brandon's. We got home at dusk. Jack was here; stayed to supper. Fanny & Cate called at the gate. Tip Montgomery went back to school. His Ma sent Grandma a cap.

Jan. 8: Martha writes they have moved home & she will be fixed so nicely; that her things got there safe.

Jan. 9: Olivia drove her Grandma to Cate's this morning. Samuel & Anna came back with her, stayed till 3 oclock. Mr. Darden saw Anne & Blount. They will go back to Rodney Friday next to take a boat. Mr. Montgomery heard Jim Ashford would be married on the 19th to a lady near Vicksburg.

Jan. 11: Father Robertson came, paid \$70 for the hire of Sarah. Mr. Darden took it to his Ma. She is at Jack's.

Jan. 14: Mr. Darden went to Fayette, he said they told Martha she could not cross the creek. She went on, said she would stay at Mrs. Briscoe's if she could not cross. Mr. Allison Ross & Miss Eugenia Calhoun were married Monday morning. Started to New Orleans the same day.

Jan. 16: Jesse is 4 years old today. Blount sent a note to Olivia that they would go to Rodney on Monday, take the Vicksburg to New Orleans.

Jan. 17: Mr. Darden went to church at Ebenezer. Anne Stuart sent Lenah to stay here till she comes back from New Orleans.

Jan. 19: Sister Maria called at the gate; she had been to spend the day with Cate. She says that Frank is very bad off with sore throat. It is swollen very much. She is afraid it is scarlet fever.

Jan. 20: Mr. Henry Stampley is very sick with neuralgia.

Jan. 21 : Mr. Darden saw Jeffy Chamberlain this morning. He said there was 5 cases scarlet fever in Fayette.

Jan. 22: Bernice Rowland is at her Pa's. Mr. Stampley has palsy. Mr. Darden went to Fayette. George F. Harper was buried this evening. He died with scarlet fever. It is just 2 weeks since his brother died with the same. Mr. Darden got a letter from Buckner. He had just returned from New Orleans. He made arrangements, got money to pay his debts. His Grandmas's money was ready for her. He paid Mr. Hear \$2000. His Pa gave an order on Mr. Watt for \$900. That is \$4000 that is paid on the place. Buckner bought his meat at \$13.50 a barrel. He saw Mr. Clark in New Orleans. Joseph Sillers had left the day he got there. He went down on the boat with Rev. Mr. Finney. The Misses Turpin & Archer's were under his charge.

Jan. 24: Mr. Darden went to see Mr. Stampley. He is better, but his mouth is drawn so he cannot chew anything. Dr. White is there. Minerva, Bernice & Clara are all there.

Jan. 25: Coz. John Darden called a while for Mr. Darden to go with him to Mr. Stampley's. He is better but not able to sit up.

Jan. 27: We got a dispatch from Blount Stuart to send for Olivia Friday evening to Rodney.

Jan. 28: Cicero Stampley came with Mr. Dewitt. He is going to teach school at Dr. Young's office Monday. We will send Irene if we can. Mr. Darden went to Jack's; they will send Henry to school.

Jan. 29: Martha writes she has earache. Hiram Chambliss called to see them yesterday. Mr. Darden saw Dr. Fox, he said Mr. Stampley was worse.

Jan. 30: Ma went to Mr. Montgomery's. Henry came back in the carriage. Frank Montgomery has scarlet fever. Olivia got home quarter to 3 oc. Her Pa met her at John Whitney's old place. She had a pleasant trip; met with several acquaintances; H. Bondurant, Mr. Maxwell, Vol. Stampley, Mrs. L. Watson, Judge McIntyre, lady & daughter. They came up on the boat with Mr. J. Henderson of Warrenton. His daughter was going to school in New Orleans, was taken with typhoid fever 4 weeks ago. She was so very low & wanted to go home so much that they carried her to the boat on a lounge with an oil cloth over her. Olivia said she made the most distressing groans, hollowed & screamed & sung, prayed & talked very bad. She said it was so distressing to hear her.

Feb. 1: Old Mrs. Barker, Mrs. Torrey's mother died last week. She has not been able to walk for 5 years. She fell of the steps and crippled herself. Buckner wrote to his Grandma about the hire of her negroes. He is to allow her \$50 a piece. He has picked 110 bales. Mary Scott has made 260 bales.

Feb. 2: Dr. Fox has a case scarlet fever at Rob. Cambell's.

Feb. 3: Sam Montgomery & Jane Pearcefield went by going to Natchez. Wallace Montgomery had gone to see them across the creeks. He seems to think that Jane Pearcefield & Mr. Low will marry. He has been to see her twice since she came from school. He is a stranger; her friends are opposed to her marrying him.

Feb. 5: Mr. Darden went to Fayette, got a letter from Miss Mary Wakele. She wrote that she had a letter from Jefferson saying that Mary Jane Darden & Sam Chamberlain had made up & they would be married.

Feb. 6: Mr. Darden took Jack's papers & letters. They were from Sister Betsy, Mary Scott & Dr. Young. They were all well. Dr. Young had made over \$3000 by his practice this year.

Feb. 7: Mr. Darden went to church at Ebenezer; dined at Mr. Montgomery's. It was mumps that Frank had instead of scarlet fever. Mr. Montgomery is afraid his teacher does not pay well enough to be a good music teacher. Anne Stuart sent the oranges that was left in Rodney. She wrote that Joe Darden was to be married; that Anne Jones & Ella McGinty were to be brides maids.

Feb. 8: Laura went to school at Mr. Montgomery's. Jim Dixon's servants went by this morning moving to the swamp. Jack Burch has bought them.

Feb. 10: Cate went to Fayette; she saw Mr. Montgomery, he said the mumps were spreading; sent Dr. Fox out. The Dr. told Cate that Sarah was helping to bake cake for Joe's wedding.

Feb. 13: Sent old Frank for Laura. Mr. Montgomery wrote to Mr. Darden that Miss Belatti would not suit; that he would send her to Wilson Wade's. He would write to Mr. McKinney for his daughter. Expected her in two weeks. Mr. Crosby went to Fayette, got tickets to Joe Darden's wedding; gave Olivia, Mr. Darden & lady. Did not say anything about the children. Henry Darden came to see if his Pa's ticket was here.

Feb. 14: Mr. Darden went to church in Fayette. The roads are so bad I did not go there was a good congregation. Mr. Briscoe & Anne Stuart spent the day with Martha Thursday. Lizzie Hicks has another boy; it is two weeks old. That is 4 boys she has had.

Feb. 15: Dr. Wade sent Martha their ticket to the wedding at Coz. John's.

Feb. 16: Martha & Olivia spent the day with Cate. Our son Buckner came at 5 oc., this evening. He came to Natchez on the Vicksburg. He came out with Bob McGinty & Put Darden. He left all well at home.

Feb. 18: Cate & Jack called this evening on their way to the wedding. We started 20 mimntes of 6 oc., got there at dark. All the relations & young people were there. Mr. Davenport & Robertson family were there. Joe Darden was bride, Jeff Whitney Groom. Miss Anna Jones & Ella McGinty were bridesmaids. Put Darden & Rob. McGinty were groomsmen. The bride was dressed in white silk. Rev. Mr. Booth performed the ceremony. Danced all night. Had the table setting all night; could go & eat whenever they wished.

Feb. 20: Buckner went to dinner to his Uncle Prosper Montgomery's. He would go to Brother Buckner's tonight to pay his Grandma for the hire of her negroes.

Feb. 21: Mr. Darden went to Ebenezer to church; took dinner at Mr. Montgomery's. Buckner went to Samuel's to dinner; stayed with Sam Montgomery tonight. Coz. John Darden came this evening, stayed an hour. Joe & Jeff Whitney left Friday evening, went to Judge Whitney's; went from there home.

Feb. 25: Tom Darden was here looking for mules.

Feb. 26: Mr. Darden went with Buckner to Natchez to take the boat Vicksburg tonight. John Stowers came at 5 oc., stayed till after 9 oc., went to his Uncle Jimmy Stowers to stay all night.

Feb. 27: Mr. Darden got back from Natchez at dark. He sold 26 bales cotton, some at 11 1/2 cents; the stained bales at 9 1/2 cts. It brought \$1284.90.

Feb. 28: We started to church, got to John Whitney's place, began to rain. We came back. John Stowers dined here, stayed to supper; went to Cicero's, stayed all night.

Mar. 3: Olivia & Irene started to Blount's at 2 oc. Anne & Blount got here at 4 oc. They came by Fayette. Olivia went by Uncle Prosper's. Mrs. Torrey, Harper, Briscoe & Chamberlain went to New Orleans on Monday. Mrs. Harper went to Natchez to see Claud Pintard & Fanny January married in the Episcopal church in Natchez. Mr. Darden is fearful that Julia is not healthy. She complains of her stomach hurting her & her feet have swollen since she has been here.

Mar. 4: Mr. Darden & Blount Stuart started to Natchez at 5 oc., this morning. Lenah Stuart took the fever; it has not gone off tonight.

Mar. 5: Anne & Blount started home before 9 oc., Olivia went with them, took Jesse with her. Lenah was better, had not fever. Wat Burch's little girl has scarlet fever.

Mar. 6: They sent a ticket to Wat Burch's daughter next to the baby. Funeral tomorrow at Salem graveyard. They were not certain that it was scarlet fever. Cate & Jack went to Buckner's today. Mr. Darden took their papers, paid his Ma \$200 for the hire of servants.

Mar. 8: Olivia called at Sister Maria's. She is sick. She sent a letter to Ma that Mary Scott wrote. Olivia left Lena sick. She has fever every other day. Olivia & Anne spent the day at Mr. Torrey's on Saturday. Mrs. T. is not at home. Mrs. Collier & Minerva Phillips are staying there till Mrs. T. returns. Olivia got ticket to a surprise party at Mrs. Dangerfields's tomorrow.

Mar. 9: Got letter from Buckner. He found all well & his ground broken up for corn, his logs burned. Jacob Stampley has 8 cases scarlet fever.

Mar. 10: Scott McCallum called, stayed but short time. He says there was a good many at the party at Mrs. Dangerfield's. Mr. Montgomery traded his old buggy to Morris Rubel for a new one.

Mar. 11: Mr. Darden took the letters to Jack & Ma. Olivia's letter was from Virginia Torrey. She writes that Emma Clark is to be married the 6th April; she is to be bridesmaid.

Mar. 12: Mr. Darden went to Fayette, got a letter for Laura from Bettie Ashford; a letter for Olivia from Claudie Gibson & Mary Jane Darden. Jack Burch says he had over 400 lbs. cotton picked in the swamp yesterday.

Mar. 14: We went to church in Fayette. They elected Dr. Duncan a trustee in place of J. B. Montgomery for the lot the church is built on. Bell Sillers says A. E. Clark sent word that Olivia must go to Emma Clark's wedding. Mr. Hick's children have had scarlet fever. Ella McGinty told Olivia that Miss Lizzy & Catty Whitney & herself called to see Martha Wade. She was not at home.

Mar. 15: They sent for Scott McCallum to see his mother die. She has typhoid fever 32 days.

Mar. 16: Olivia & Laura went to Anne Stuart's at 7 oc., to meet Miss Lizzie & Catty Whitney there.

Mar. 17: It rained a shower at 9 oc. I was getting ready to go to church. The rain prevented. Mr. Darden went. Mr. Darden came at dark with Judge Broughton, Rev. Mr. Riddle & Mr. Brown. There was a heavy rain at Mr. Archer's.

Mar. 18: Mr. Darden & the gentlemen started at 8 oc. I went. Had a sermon by Mr. James Stratton in morning & in the evening by Professor Moore.

Mar. 19: Rev. Mr. Marshall preached in morning. Rev. Mr. Ostrum in the evening. The Presbytery have agreed to take the Fayette Female Academy under its charge. Rev. Mr. Finney, Mr. Archer & McCaleb stayed tonight.

Mar. 20: We all went to church. Rev. Dr. Stratton preached this morning & Rev. Mr. Smylie this evening. Large Congregation. Presbytery nearly got through.

Mar. 22: Mr. Darden took Laura to school at Mr. Montgomery's. The young lady is named Miss Margaret McKinney. Her father has a school at New Riber. He is a preacher.

Mar. 24: Mr. Darden got a letter from Mr. Watt, he is holding his 73 bales for better prices. Bernice Rowland sent for butter. They sent for her last night to go to Minerva Truly's, Mr. Evans' little Jimmy they think will die. They sent a ticket to Wat Burch's oldest boy's funeral. His name Ellis. Had scarlet fever, got well, went out Sunday & got damp was taken worse that night. Died last night. That is 2 he has buried in 2 weeks & half.

Mar. 25: Mr. Darden started to Dr. Wade's at 7 oc. He would eat dinner & go on to George Darden's this evening with Martha & Olivia.

Mar. 26: Laura came home from school at Mr. Montgomery's. She likes her teacher very well. She heard Mrs. McCallum was dead. They thought his oldest daughter would die. They have a distressed family.

Mar. 27: The youngest son of Whitefield Bullen died Monday. His name was Benjamin. John Stowers says they are planting cotton on Pine Ridge.

Mar. 28: Manda waked me up half after 3 oc., saying the fodder stacks were on fire - 6 stacks. Mr. Crosby sent for Stephen Stampley's dogs. They came, took track from fodder stack, trailed them about & run then near Henry Stampley's quarter & they took trees. It was Henry Stampley's, Charles & Jacob Stampley's, Phil. They made out they were fishing. Ben Bullen & Jack came up. Mr. Bullen wrote to Mr. McGinty to arrest the negroes. He sent word Mr. Crosby would have to made affidavit before the arrest could be issued. Robert Sillers came & went to Henry Stampley's. He said he was willing to do what was right about the matter.

Mar. 29: Wilson Wade's only son Walter died this morning at 2 oc., in Port Gibson. It is very trying to his parents. His mother is expecting to be confined every day. He was a promising young man. They were all well at George's. There was a 2 days meeting at Providence near there. Professor Moore & Dr. Butler were the preachers. Eugenia Calhoun, now Mrs. Ross, joined the church there yesterday. Olivia & Martha called at Jeff Whitney's. Martha & Dr. Wade came home. Olivia

went back to George's. Jeff was fishing, they did not see him. Joe appears perfectly happy. Mr. Darden stayed all night with Aunt Drusilla Chambliss. John Stowers came half past 3 oc., stayed till 8 oc. Sam Chamberlain & Louise his sister & Sue Chambliss came just as it began to rain. Mr. Darden went to see Mr. Stampley. He does not believe his boy set fire to the fodder. He said finally he was willing to do what was right.

Mar. 30: Coz. John Darden came, stayed 2 hours. He thinks the negroes ought to be prosecuted by all means.

March 31: Mr. Darden & Crosby went to Fayette to get a writ from Magistrate for the Sheriff to arrest the negroes & carry them to jail. Mr. Crosby went with Robert McGinty. He says Mr. Stampley was very angry. I regret very much it has occurred. Olivia got a letter from Angella Adams that was, now Mrs. Child. She seems perfectly happy. She got a ticket to Emma Clark's wedding to be 6th April. She is going to marry Mr. Lenoir. We got a letter from Buckner. They were all well; getting on well with farming. He was going that evening to meet Miss Alice Zartin. Ginney Torrey, Anne & Jeff Briscoe were going to pay Mary Scott a visit from there to Indian Scott's. Pomp Briscoe was going to Bolivar with Ginny Torrey to be at Emma Clark's wedding. Ginny to be bridesmaid.

Apr. 1: Mr. Darden & Crosby went to Fayette. Sue went as a witness. Mr. Darden got back at dark. Charles & Phil were cleared by the jury. Mr. Hicks was Mr. Darden's lawyer, & Judge Duncan Mr. Stampley's. So the rascal is cleared & let loose to do more mischief.

Apr. 2: Mr. William Stewart called; he is getting subscription to build school house at Spring Hill. Sent for Lura. Miss Jane Mosely, Willie McDonald & Henrietta were at Mr. Montgomery's this evening. Sam S. Montgomery is to be married in a month. He will have Buckner to wait on him.

Apr. 4: Mr. Darden went to church at Ebenezer. Dined at Brother Buckner's.

Apr. 5: Martha Darden got here half past 12 oc. She had been on a visit to Mrs. Turpin. The Miss Valentine's went there with her. Martha had all her children except Clarence. She brought a ticket to a party at Dr. Chamberlain's. The party given to Claud Pintard & lady. Martha went to say with Cate to night. Buckner, Sarah & Mary Jane went there also on their way to Natchez.

Apr. 6: Olivia & I started to Natchez at daylight. We got to Natchez at 10 oc. Cate, Jack, Buckner, Sarah & Mary Jane got there at 11 oc. We were alarmed by cry fire at City Hotel. It did not do much harm. We were very much alarmed.

Apr. 7: When we got home at dark found Jeffe with fever. Buckner, Sarah, & Mary Jane stayed all night with us.

Apr. 8: Joe Davenport came to get cotton seed to plant. He says he met Martha Darden at Frank Whitney's ford; the horses had broken the traces & got off with the tounge, the carriage hanging to them. Frank Whitney sent his carriage & horses for her to go to the house till he tried her horses to work before she went on. Mr. Darden bought a dunn horse for \$150. Mr. Darden went to Jack's. He is going for Ma's carriage Jack bought in Natchez, gave \$400 for it.

Apr. 9: Rev. Mr. Graves came half after 12 oc. Had to get dinner for him. He stayed a short time, went on to Pine Ridge. Henry Darden came after Grandma's horses to send for the carriage to Natchez in the morning. Anna Darden spent the day at Mr. Montgomery's today. Her & Sister Maria went to Fayette this eve.

Apr. 10: Mr. Darden is trying Cicero Stampley's Roan Mare. If she suit to make a trad for her. Hi Chambliss & Will Trimble came at 4 oc., stayed half an hour. Mr. Carpenter is putting up mile Post's. Put up a 23 mile post opposit the shop.

Apr. 11: Ma got her carriage home. It is a nice one; the whole cost \$465. The harness was \$65.

Apr. 13: Ma called at the gate on her way to Brother George's. Her carriage is very nice.

Apr. 16: Mr. Darden went to Fayette, bought a boy from Morris Rubel. He had taken him from Rob Cambell in payment of a debt; he gave \$1000 for him. He is 12 or 13 years old.

Apr. 17: Martha & Olivia went to Cate's to stay all night. Coz. John Darden called. He sat up last night with Dr. Ives. He died since dinner this evening at David Kinnison, Sr. Mrs. Frank Whitney & Mrs. Sam Montgomery both have son's.

Apr. 18: Mr. Darden went to Ebenezer to church. Mr. Darden dined at Mr. Montgomery's. Sister Maria says Miss Herrington is going to have Mary Jane for brides maid.

Apr. 19: Mr. Darden went to Fayette to meet the Committe about selecting a President for the Academy. Cate, Mary Jane & Annette Darden came, stayed an hour.

Apr. 20: Mr. Darden worked Billy & Dun to Jack's to take Olivia there. He went on the Fayette, got home at sundown. Mr. Dugal McMillan came home with him. He is an old friend of mother and father's; traveled to this country with them.

Apr. 21: Mr. Darden drove Billy & Dun to Jack's for Olivia. Annette & Henry rode the pony up. Mr. Darden went to Fayette traded the Dun horse for 2 Bay carriage horses; gave \$600 for the bays.



Apr. 22: Cate & Mary Jane had to ride the horses cross the big creek. It has washed so much had to go the Pine Ridge road. The plank was gone at 9 mile brige.

Apr. 23: We all started to Fayette at 2 oc., met Martha & Dr. Wade, Anne & Blount there. Mary Jane & Jack came with Sam Montgomery. Mr. Darden got a letter from Buckner. Jeff Briscoe had bought a place in Madison Parish with 100 negroes for \$220,000; a big pile. Buckner said he would be down soon. We got tickets to Sam S. Montgomery's wedding.

Apr. 25: We went to church in Fayette. Not a large congregation. Cate, Jack, Henry, Mary Jane, Madison & Annette came by to dinner. Mary Jane & Annette stayed all night.

Apr. 26: Mary Jane, Annette & Olivia went to Cate's in our buggy. Laura went to school. Merriman brought a dispatch out from Buckner dated this morning at Vicksburg for Mr. Darden to meet him in Natchez with the buggy this evening. Martha wrote by Ben, said Aunt Anna & Coz. Myra Chamberlain stayed all night with her Saturday. Jane Pearcefield & Mr. Low were married Sunday before breakfast. Mr. McDonald married them. Rob. McGinty was there. Mrs. Wade Harrison had her shoulder broken by her horses running away with her carriage.

Apr. 27: Olivia, Irene, Jesse & I went to Mr. Stowers. Buckner & Sarah Darden, Mr. Montgomery & Sister Maria spent the day there. Coz. Sarah had fine strawberries for dinner. Mrs. Leonly Briscoe & Mr. David Harrison were married this morning 10 oc. Mr. McDonald married them. Mr. Darden and Buckner came. Buckner got his suit to wait on Sam Montgomery. The river still rising; they are afraid of an overflow.

Apr. 28: Olivia & Buckner started to Mrs. Harper's at 9 oc. Mary Jane, Madison & Annette called at the gate. Mr. Darden went to Fayette, got a letter from Watt saying his 73 bales cotton was sold for 12 3/4. Anne & Blount, Minor Dixon & Miss Laura Wood spent the day at Mrs. Harper's. Anne & Blount, Mr. & Mrs. Torrey & Isaac Harrison were at Mrs. Briscoe's wedding. They will live there.

Apr. 30: Jack & Henry called. They had been to Spring Hill. There is nothing done to the school house.

May 1: Mr. Darden, Jesse & I went to Ebenezer. Rev. Mr. Smyley preached before & after dinner. Miss McKinney joined the church. Buckner went to Fayette to meet Sam Chamberlain, but he had gone to Natchez yesterday. There was a large crowd at the party. Lelia Burch was Queen. Buckner started to a party at Mrs. Dangerfield's tonight.

May 2: We went to Ebenezer; there was a large congregation. Martha & Dr. Wade were there. Buckner & Olivia dined at Sister Maria's. Mr. McDonald & family, George Torrey, Mr. Baker & Gus Guilminot. (Nona Guilminot's father - Mr. Eugene H. Reber M. Naom)

May 3: Sam Montgomery sent a boy for Buckner to go to his house tonight to go to Meadville with him tomorrow for his license. Mr. McDonald sent for Mr. Darden to go to Fayette as one of Committee to select a President for the Academy. He went; they elected Mr. Tenney of Tibadeaux, La.

May 4: Mr. Darden went to school with Laura. Mr. Darden went to Spring Hill. Mr. Moore just began to hew the logs for the school house.

May 5: Buckner got home from Sam Montgomery's at 9 oc. Mr. Darden & Olivia went to Fayette. Olivia called on Willie McDonald. Laura came home from school. Heard that the levee at Point Lookout had broken. Buckner says he is overflowed it is the case. It will be very bad on the farmers. Tonight the juniors speak at Oakland.

May 6: Buckner went to Sam Montgomery's to go with him & Sam Chamberlain. When he got there Sam Chamberlain's had broken his buggy. They had to go on horseback. We started in company with Jack & Cate 10 minutes of 10 oc; got to Mr. Harrington's at 6 oc. We had a long & very hilly ride. It must be 35 miles. There was a crowded house; the house is small log with 2 pen & small passage. Had a fine supper; good many cake brought. The bride looked very well. Her dress was Elusion, double skirt with puffs & flowers. Mary Jane the same. Minerva Herrington was double skirt with white beau's. She looked very well. Mr. McDonald performed the ceremony. Mr. Herrington was so sick on Monday they thought they would have to postpone the wedding. He has disease of the heart. Sam & His wife will be up at a picnic in 2 weeks.

Mary 7: We eat breakfast & left after 9 oc. We came in company with Mr. Montgomery; came the Monticello road about 5 miles & turned to the left. Buckner came the Hamburg road. Got home an hour sooner than we did. Blount wrote that the levee had broken at Point Lookout a mile in length; that Buckner must take the first boat.

May 8: Buckner started half past 5 oc., to take a boat to go home. He is uneasy about home. Mr. Darden went to Fayette. The news about the river bad.

May 9: We went to church in Fayette. Anne Stuart says there was a great many at Oakland. Bell Sillers says they had a letter from Joseph Sillers dated 1 May; said they were not overflowed then, but were afraid they would be. Jack & Cate to dinner.

May 11: Anne Stuart sent Jimmy to tell me that she would go to see Mrs. Wade Harrison. She is sick. I promised to go there tomorrow. The reason she sent word, there is a large picnic to be at, or near Providence church today. A party at Mr. Chambliss tonight.

May 12: Olivia, Irene, Jesse & myself started to Martha's half after 1 oc. We got there half after 4 oc. Found her baking cake. Dr. was at Wilson Wade's. Their babe is sick.

May 13: Miss Charlotte Wade was at Dr. Wade's. She went to Natchez this morning going to spend some time with Miss Mag Young. Mr. & Mr. McCaa, Mr. Jack Ross & lady & Mrs. Richardson & son spent the day with Martha. The Dr. had to go to Wilson Wade's after dinner.

May 15: Cate, Jack, Henry & Mr. Dewitt came to dinner. We all went to show. There was animal & circus combined. Ben Wade of Natchez is dead.

May 16: Mr. Darden went to Ebenezer to church. Came home to dinner. Dr. Wade got here after 10 oc. Left at 3 oc., he had to go to Wilson Wade's, their baby has pneumonia.

May 18: Mr. Darden went to dinner to Jack's, sent the lumber in his wagon from Jack's to Spring Hill to fix the school house.

May 20: Olivia went to see Mary Jane Darden. Mr. Darden went to Fayette. Jack Burch told him that Jeff Briscoe said Mary Scott was under water. Julia, Tully & Lena came at 4 oc. Anne & Blount started to Brown Wells, from there to New Orleans, from there to the Bay. Will be gone 2 weeks.

May 21: Mr. Darden got a letter from Buckner. He says there is 20 acres of his ground that he is tending, under, and a good deal that he is not tending, under water. A good deal of Mary Scott's. He is afraid she will lose all her corn. Rev. Mr. Finney wrote Mr. Darden that Dr. Breckenridge would preach at Greenwood Sunday. Wanted him to circulate the appointment. Sam Montgomery & wife came up Tuesday. Mrs. Herrington & Miss Minerva come to Anna Darden's yesterday. Come to Mr. Montgomery's today. Jack came up this evening; he got a letter from Harrison Montgomery.

May 22: We all went to the picnic at Mr. Montgomery's creek. Had a fine dinner, large company there; danced. Sam Montgomery & bride there. Lizzy Hicks told me her Ma had been very sick.

May 23: Mr. Darden, Olivia, & I went to church at Greenwood. Rev. Dr. Breckenridge preached a very plain & good sermon. He is going to see old Mr. David Hunt. He gave Danville Seminary \$5,000 last year. He is on his way from the General Assembly at New Orleans.

May 24: Vol Stampley came late this evening. Arthur Mosely & Willie McDonald came at 6 oc. There was a dispatch came to Fayette today that Diamond Island levee broke last night.

May 26: Cate went to see Mag Mayberry. She came back, told us they got a dispatch that Mrs. John Whitney was dead. She has left 3 little girls; a babe a week. They are living in Illinois -- Decatur. Been 13 months since she left this county.

May 27: Mr. Darden went to prayer meeting in Fayette at Methodist church. Will Trimble & Mr. Dewitt called a while this evening; went to Sol. Rowland's to a party. There was a dispatch came to Fayette to send the carriage to Rodney Saturday morning for Blount & Anne.

May 29: Jack called at the gate, he had spent the day with Sam S. Montgomery & lady. Cate went back from Mrs. Bullen's.

May 30: We went to church in Fayette. Mr. McDonald did not have many to hear him. Bell Sillers told us that Fed Cable was dead. He married Catharine Sillers. Bell had a letter from Matilda Sillers of Bolivar. She said there had been great excitement about the levee breaking. Mary Adelia Montgomery, Clark that was, has a boy, born 17th May. They had 3 physicians with her. She had 2 convulsions before her babe was born & 3 afterwards.

May 31: Mr. Darden took Irene to school at Spring Hill. Mr. Stewart's children have the mumps, they will not come. White Bullen, 2 little boys, Tom Darden & Henry Darden all the scholars there today. Mr. Dewitt will teach.

June 1: Mr. Darden, Olivia, Jesse & I spent the day at Coz. John Darden's. Joe & Jeff Whiteney was there. Ella McGinty, Pros. Whitney, Rev. Mr. Booth & Miss Virginia Truly a granddaughter of Bennet Truly & relation of the Truly's in Fayette. She seems like a nice young lady. Sam Montgomery & wife, two Miss Hester's, & Mrs. Hugh Montgomery called at the gate to get water & paregoric for Mary's baby. Irene had a cry before she went to school; hates to go, there is no little girls there.

June 2: Dr. Fox had just come from Mr. Montgomery's; little Ellen is very sick, fever & vomiting. Propser & Ruth were at Mr. Montgomery's. Staying at the McGruder place. We got a letter from Buckner. He had 30 acres under Saturday that he was cultivating. He was having pleasure in rowing the boat with the young ladies, the Miss Morris, Miss Read Gustine.

June 3: Put Darden came at 11 oc., stayed to dinner. Him & Olivia went to call on Sam Montgomery & lady. They called at Mr. Montgomery's to see Pros. & Ruth. Her babe is pretty. Ruth is not well. Ellen had fever today. Olivia & Put got back at sundown. Put did not stay to supper. I heard Anne Stuart would go in company with Mr. & Mrs. Stowers to the Bay, start tomorrow.

June 4: Mr. Darden went to church at Spring Hill. Father. Robertson preached.

June 5: Olivia & Laura started to Dr. Wade's; will stay till Wednesday. Old Frank says Martha & the Dr. were at church. They had dinner on the ground.

June 6: Mr. Darden went to Ebenezer to church. Sam Montgomery & wife went to Mr. Herrington's. Jack went to Franklin to Mr. Herrington's to take a hunt.

June 8: Brother George's Abe came today at 12 oc. He drove Ma to Mr. Montgomery's; came from Aunt Drusilla Chambliss' this morning. The creeks at Coz. John Darden's been very high.

June 9: Henry called at the gate, said his Ma & Sister Betsy & Mr. Sibley was coming to spend the day. They got here at 9 oclock. Sister Betsy & Mr. Sibley started to Mr. Montgomery's at 4 oc. Sister Betsy says Mary has gone to Newtonia to qualify her to teach French & music.

June 10: Martha said she would come with Olivia tomorrow evening. Julia Stuart is staying with her while her Ma is gone to Cooper's Well. They were going to spend the day with Coz. Myra Chamberlain.

June 11: Mr. Darden got a letter from Buckner dated at the Bend Sunday 6 June; he was not overflowed, but was expecting it every hour. One of the best levee's broke; the night before they had stopped it, but he said the levees were so soft they were no dependence. Martha, Olivia, Laura & Julia Stuart came at sundown. They had spent the day with Mrs. Torrey. Martha has a good deal company. Mrs. Bradford & Miss Livier were there on Thursday last. Mrs. Torrey spent the day on Tuesday. Martha spent the day with Leonly Harrison. Anne left Lena with Bell Sillers. Levi Harrison of Natchez is dead. He is an old friend of Ma's family. Aunt Sally Marble died in Port Gibson last week. She was Pa's sister, she died very happy.

June 12: We went to church. Rev. Professor Doremus preached. Had a small congregation. There was dinner there, but Mr. McDonald gave out that there would not be preaching till candlelight. Bell Sillers eat with us. Sam Montgomery also. We heard that Dugal Cameron of Warren County was dead. He was an old friend of Pa's.

June 13: We went to church. Professor Doremus preached an excellent sermon. Large congregation. Cate & Jack came by to dinner.

June 14: Martha, Olivia & Julia spent the day with Sister Maria. Martha & Julia went home from there. Olivia came back with Ma, Sister Betsy & Mr. Sibley. Jack drove Ma home.

June 15: Ma, Sister Betsy & Mr. Sibley left at 9 oc. Jack drove Ma home. Mr. Darden went to Fayette, heard the Steamboat Pennsylvania had burst her boilers; over 100 lives lost. Joe Davenport eat supper here. He assessing. Coz. John Darden called. He expected to find Sister Betsy here; said he would go to Jack's tomorrow.

June 16: Mr. Darden went to dinner at Jack's. Olivia, Jesse & I went to Cate's, stayed till supper. Coz. John Darden, Samuel Darden, Buckner, Mary Jane & Rosa Darden came at the time we were starting. They were on their way to Natchez. Sister Betsy & Mr. Sibley will go with them to Natchez.

June 17: Sister Betsy & Mr. Sibley started from Jack's to Natchez at 6 oc. Mary Jane, Rosa & their Pa went in company with them. Samuel Darden came half after 8, stayed till after 4 oclock. Henry & Irene came at 3 oc., said they were working in school house, could not teach the evening.

June 18: Mr. Darden went for Laura in the buggy. Sister Maria has got well. Her house girl Letty has a white babe.

June 20: Mr. Darden went to church at Ebenezer. Came back to dinner.

June 21: Blount & Anne got home on Saturday. Olivia got a letter from Virginia Torrey. She says that her Pa nor her Mother's places are not under water. Luly Stewart has chill & fever. Dr. Fox came from there this morning.

June 22: Ma sent for Mr. Darden to see Jack. He has fever. Got a letter from Buckner. They are all well; expecting to be overflowed all the time.

June 25: Olivia came from Cate's at 11 oc. Cate thinks her little negro has typhoid fever. Mr. Darden went to Fayette, put letter in office for Mary Scott, Virginia Green & our son Buckner. Hinds Burch's arm was broken at school wrestling with some boys and fell on it.

June 26: Mr. Darden worked the road with Cicero's hand to Stowers lane. Mr. Crosby worked the road from Harden gate to the Robertson road. Martha & Miss Lottie Wade came 15 minutes of 12 oc. Joe Davenport is out for Sheriff.

June 27: Went to church. Rev. Mr. Cleghorn preached. Martha & Miss Lottie went to dinner at Mrs. Torrey's, from there home.

June 28: Olivia went to Blount's. Laura went as far as Mr. Montgomery's to school. Tommy Darden came for Mr. Dewitt's hat. Henry Stampley, Jacob Stampley & Minerva Truly started this morning to the Hot Springs in Arkansas. Mr. Stampley goes for his health. He has something like dropsy.

June 30: Henry & Irene got wet & came back home. Got a letter for Ma from Anne Briscoe. They have come over to the old place. Mr. Briscoe to spend the summer. She wants Ma & Mary Jane to go up. Jeffy is still sick.

July 1: Mr. Darden went to the prayer meeting at the Methodist church; he saw Bell Sillers. She had a letter from Matilda. They are all overflowed in Bolivar. Joseph Sillers had gone to find a dry place for his cattle. Distressing, the cattle are all drowned on the Newman place where old Mr. Clark lives. Bell

said they had a very hard rain. Brother Buckner said they had just enough for corn. Stephen Stampley & Put Darden were after run-a-ways with dogs this evening.

July 2: Cate went to Springhill to church. Mary Bondurant & children came to Mr. Montgomery's yesterday. She was in all that hard rain Wednesday; stayed all night Frank Whitney's. Mr. Darden went to Fayette. Wes Whitney & family, Jeff Whitney & Joe came to Coz. John Darden's today. Mr. Darden & I are cited to appear in Port Gibson to make objection if any why Mr. Rollin's shoul not administer on Aunt Sally Marble's estate.

July 4: Jesse has fever this morning. Mr. Darden went to church at Ebenezer. Very few there. Mr. Montgomery & Sister Maria had been to Sam's. Laura has been vomiting a week.

July 5: Mr. Darden took Irene to school. Laura went to school. Julia Stuart came at 9 oc. Jimmy took the buggy back.

July 7: Hiram Chambliss & Put Darden came at 5 oc., stayed an hour. Blount & Ann Stuart came at sundown. Anne thinks her health is better.

July 9: Mr. Darden & Olivia started just before the rain to Coz. John Darden's. They stopped at Jo Davenport's till the rain was over. Mr. Darden went to Fayette, got a letter from Buckner. He is overflowed except a few acres. It was from the break of the levee below Lake Providence. He says he is done with the swamp; he wants peace of mind while he lives. He is very much discouraged. It is very hard; he has Grandma's hands hired at \$600. It will be hard for him to pay hire & lose his crop. Laura & Sam spent the day at Mr. Montgomery's.

July 10: Mr. Darden & Olivia started to Dr. Wade's at 7 oc. John Stampley was riding over the crop with Mr. Crosby this eve.

July 11: Went to church; hard shower while there. Mr. Darden came from Dr. Wade's.

July 12: Laura went to school. Julia very sick with fever last night. Oscar McGinty came here to cite me to appear in Port Gibson. Mr. Darden put letter in the office for Buckner. He told him to send his Ma's hands to him.

July 13: Mr. Darden went to Jim Dixon's. Stephen Stampley & family, Vic. Jenkins & Mabella Stampley went to Brown Wells yesterday. Naomi Chambliss starts to Texas tomorrow to visit Zoan Stamps, her sister.

July 14: Washington went to Mr. Montgomery's to go with Ma to Anne Briscoe's this morning. Have a letter from Buckner dated 7 July. He had a few acres out the water; was running through the yard. He says it is tight times.

July 15: Mr. Darden went to prayer meeting at the Methodist church in Fayette; heard old Father Griffin living near George Darden's was dead. Bell Sillers told him that Frank Montgomery & Sam Lee were not overflowed when Lottie wrote.

July 16: Mr. Darden went to Mr. Montgomery's, got Laura. Mr. Herrington came over with Sam this evening to his Pa's. He says he has never had so much sickness since he has been farming. Cate called at the gate. She says Fanny & Mr. Millsaps have both been very sick; will be down next week. The water is in a mile of Jeff Briscoe's. There was a crowd at Jim Dixon's drinking & gambling this evening.

July 18: Mr. Darden went to church at Ebenezer. He took dinner with Sam Montgomery. Olivia & Martha came half past 8 oc. The Dr. could not leave his patients. Eugenia Ross has been very sick.

July 19: Sister Maria went to see Pros. He has been quite sick.

July 21: Mr. Darden got a letter from Mary Scott. They were well; all their crops under water. Coz. Margaret, John Darden & Miss Duvall came at 4 oc., stayed till supper. Charlotte Reed, that was, has a daughter. Gen Quitman of Natchez died Saturday. Great Statesman.

July 22: Jack Burch has got back home. He is sick. He is not overflowed yet. Got a letter from Buckner, he says the water has not gone off any. Got a letter from Sister Betsy, she says Frank Hornsby's little girl died with inflammation of stomach & typhoid fever; sick 10 days. They have only a little boy left. Mr. Darden went to Jack's, he was gone to the picnic at Wild Wood Springs.

July 23: Laura came home. Mary Bondurant went home from there to Cooper Well's. Left her children with her Ma.

July 24: Took Olivia to Cate's. She went to Mt. Carmel to church. Henry Mayberry & wife went with her. Jack was at a party at Dick Compton's last night.

July 25: Went to church in Fayette.

July 26: Cate went to Mrs. Bullen's to see Fanny Millsaps. Henry Mayberry joined the church at Mt. Carmel.

July 27: I started to Martha's 6 oc., got there 9 oc. Miss Little, Martha & Sallie & Nanny Wade came late in the evening, stayed to supper. The Dr. is going all the time.

July 28: I started from Martha's half past 6, got to Anne Stuart at 10 min after 8 oc.



July 29: We came from Anne's to Fayette. Anne had her likeness & Tully's taken. I had mine taken. Irene had hers taken for her sister Martha. Could not get Jesse to sit for his. Lizzy Hicks sent word for Julia & Olivia to spend the eve at her house tomorrow evening. Mrs. Torrey & Miss Lizzie Armstrong went to Mr. Stowers to spend the day. Met Minerva Truly just getting back from Hot Springs. Her Pa is worse. They sent for Dr. Fox directly after we got to Fayette; thought he would die.

July 21: Mr. Darden, Olivia & Laura went to church at Ebenezer. Mr. Cleghorn preached. Olivia & Laura stayed all night at Brother Buckner's.

Aug. 1: Mr. Darden did not go to church. I took the chill at 7 oc., had fever; did not go off till 2 oc. Sent for Dr. Fox at Mr. Stampey's. He gave me 7 grains Blue Mass & Dovers powders, then take quinine in 5 grain doses till my head roared. Mr. Stampley died at 7 oc. with dropsy; buried in Fayette at 5 oc.

Aug. 2: Mr. Darden went to see Jim Dixon. He is very sick with dropsy, brought on by drinking.

Aug. 3: Jim Dixon died at 6 oc. Mary liked to have been by herself. Jack & Cate got there a moment before he died. Mr. Darden went down. They did not have clean clothes to bury him in. Poor Mary, had all her work to do & he sick. Did not have a chance to wash. He has left his family without anything -- 5 girls. Buried him in Fayette this evening. Mr. Gehagen is not expected to live. Has had 2 conjestive chills.

Aug. 4: Mr. Darden went to Fayette, got me a bottle of lemon syrup & a bottle lime juice. Met Mary Dixon going home. John Fleming was with Coz. John Darden, called said he wanted her to let Jack Burch attend to her business. But she was not willing. He was going down to see her & see what arrangements would be made.

Aug. 6: Martha & Dr. Wade came at 6 oc. Miss Lottis & the girls did not come. Cicero called, going to sit up with Mr. Geoghegan.

Aug. 7: Mr. Darden went to Fayette, got a letter from Buckner. They are all sick at Mary Scott's. Buckner says he will keep his hands & levy his place. He has offered it for sale at \$25 an acre on credit at 8 per cent interest. I hope he will not sell it. Mr. Darden went to sit up with Mr. Gehagan.

Aug. 8: Mr. Darden got home at 6 oc. Mr Gohagan died last night half past 9 oc. He died very hard. He was at Stephen Stampley's. Him & his wife went to Naomi Chambliss. None the family were present. I suppose they did not want to witness it. Dr. White says it was yellow fever he died with. That is 3 deaths in the neighborhood in a week. All wicked men. Mr.

Gohagen hated to die. He was buried in S. Stampley's. Mr. Darden, Olivia, Laura & Irene went to church in Fayette. Mrs. Adaline Gibson was there, taken sick, had to go out church.

Aug. 9: Martha & Olivia sent home in the carriage. Irene went to school. Mr. Dewitt did not teach last week.

Aug. 12: Mr. Darden saw Cordelia Brown. She had been to see her mother. She said there were 8 cases yellow fever in Grand Gulf.

Aug. 13: Mr. Darden went to Fayette, met Mr. McDonald going to General Nichels funeral. He lives in the swamp; had come on a visit to his daughter, Mrs. Wade Harrison.

Aug. 15: Mr. Darden & Laura went to church at Ebenezer. Mr. Smyley preached. Mr. McDonald & Willie have gone to Ben Salem.

Aug. 16: Coz. John Darden called to give Mr. Darden citation to appraise Jim Dixon's property. Jacob Stampley sent word he was appointed to appraise Henry Stampley's property tomorrow. Irene says Ambrose Geoghegan is sick with yellow fever.

Aug. 17: Mr. Darden went to Mr. Henry Stampley's to appraise the property. Dr. Walter Wade started to Virginia last Tuesday.

Aug. 18: Mr. Darden went to Henry Stampley's to appraise the property. There was 36 servants. Minerva Truly told him that they saw Guilford Torrey on the boat at Napoleon.

Aug. 19: Mr. Darden working the road to Gravelly Hill; with Cicero's hands working to road to Coz. John Darden's creek.

Aug. 21: Olivia went with Cate & Jack to church at Bell Grove.

Aug. 22: Mr. McCallum went to preach at Greenwood. Mr. Crosby has left; he is going to oversee at Henry Stampley's place. Mr. Darden turned him off for improper conduct in the quarters.

Aug. 23: Cate, Jack, Henry & Olivia came at dark from Bell Grov. They stayed to supper. They stayed Saturday night with Ben Bullen, Sunday night at Henry Mayberry's.

Aug. 24: Tip Montgomery came at 3 oc., stayed till sundown. He says Pros & Ruth are at his Pa's. They intend to go to Brown's Wells this week, that is Mr. Montgomery & family.

Aug. 26: We all spent the day with Cate. Ma came from Anne Briscoe's. Mag Mayberry was converted at Bell Grove. She shouted.

Aug. 28: Olivia & Mr. Darden went to church at the Methodist Church. Robert & Bell Sillers, their children & Ione Sillers got here at dark. Emmet their little boy has fever every day; looks very bad. Judge Whitney got a dispatch Thursday that his

son John was dead. His wife has been dead only 3 months. They leave 3 little orphan girls. His mother fainted when she heard it.

Aug. 29: Robert Sillers went home. Emmitt had a chill & fever. Mr. Darden went to church with Olivia to Fayette. Hiram Chambliss rode in the carriage with Olivia. Mr. Darden rode his horse.

Aug. 30: Ma came this far with Jack & Cate; spent the day. Bell Sillers started home at 9 oc. Emmitt looked like he was taking a chill. Mr. Darden & Olivia went to church. Took dinner. Mr. Millsaps preached. They liked him. Mrs. William Stewart was converted & shouted so. Mr. Millsaps went home with Jack. Fanny went there to stay till she is confined.

Aug. 30: Mr. Darden went to church in Fayette. Leroy Key joined the church. Martha & Olivia spent the day with Fanny at Cate's. Cate, Jack & Ma went to church.

Sept. 1: Martha started home at 7 oc. Olivia & Laura went with her to Fayette. The Dr. was there when they got there. Olivia, Laura & Mr. Darden stayed to church. Mr. Will Stewart was converted; shouted like a Methodist. Christiana Bolls joined the church. Dr. Wade says one of Isaac Wade's sons went to the stable early yesterdat morning; he was found insensible. Does not know what hurt him. Laura got a letter from Buckner. They were well at his house, but good deal sickness at his Aunt Mary's & Robert Scott's. The crops are not good in the Parish. The Boll-worm injuring them.

Sept. 2: Mr. Darden & Olivia started to Fayette half after 8 oc. Sam Bullen & Latham Brown's son, Frank, joined the church & professed conversion. "Natchez Under Hill" is burnt up all except 2 houses.

Sept. 5: Mr. Darden, Olivia & Laura went to the Methodist church. White Bullen & Ione Sillers joined. Bell Sillers had her children baptized. Christine Bolls & Tom Davenport were baptized. Rev. Mr. Millsaps preached.

Sept. 7: Cicero Stampley is not so well. Dr. White & Fox both tending on him.

Sept. 10: Cicero sent for Dr. White in the night; had billious colic.

Sept. 11: We all went to church. Ben drove Ma. Rev. Mr. Price preached an excellent sermon this morning & evening. They sent for Dr. Fox to see Isaac Burch at Mrs. Dangerfield's. Miss lizzie played on the melodian.

Sept. 12: We all went to church. Mrs. Crawford, Mr. & Mrs. McCall & Mrs. Adaline Dangerfield joined the church.

Sept. 15: Sam Montgomery & wife came after 11 oc. Mr. Darden went to the office after Sam & Laura left; got a letter for Olivia from Martha. Mrs. McCay & Abbie Bullen spent the day with her.

Sept. 18: Fanny Millsaps was taken in labor last night. Sent for Dr. Cambell. She was so bad sent for Dr. Coleman & her sisters, Mrs. Bullen & Stewart.

Sept. 19: Mrs. Stewart went home. She said Fanny had a boy, but they did not think it would live. Mr. Darden went to church at Ebenezer. Mrs. Herrington & Miss Minerva were at church. I went to see Fanny this evening. She is tolerable well, but her babe has spasms since 12 oc., last night.

Sept. 20: I am 42 years old today. Time is flying. Mr. Darden went to Fayette, heard there was 15 cases yellow fever in Natchez. Mr. Darden went to Jack's; Fanny's baby had just died. It is hard for a person to suffer so much & have to give them up. Mrs. Bullen & Mag Mayberry were there. Jack went to Bethel to church. He saw Anne & Olivia there.

Sept. 23: We all went to Ebenezer. Sam Montgomery, son of old preacher Montgomery preached 2 excellent sermons. There was a good many there. He will preach again tomorrow. The meeting still going on at Bethel. There have been 20 joined. Bell is taking a very active part. Olivia came home from Ebenezer. She has been at Blount's a week tomorrow.

Sept. 24: Mr. Darden, Olivia, Laura & Irene went to Ebenezer. They got home at sundown. Mr. Montgomery was taken with vomiting & fever soon after he got home yesterday evening. Had the fever when Mr. Darden called to see him this evening. Mrs. Harper had a daughter on Monday; named it Bettie. There has been 6 deaths in Natchez with yellow fever.

Sept. 25: Mr. Darden, Olivia & Irene went to Fayette to hear Put Darden speak. He made a good speech. Joe Whitney was there. Olivia says she looks very well. Naomi Chambliss says Zoanne Stamps husband was drunk the whole time she was in Texas.

Sept. 27: Mr. Darden called to see Coz. John Darden. He has been very sick with fever & vomiting today.

Sept. 28: Olivia & Julia spent the day at Coz. John Darden's. He was better.

Sept. 29: Ben & Maj took 12 bales to Rodney. That is 30 bales sent off. Emily Miles to be married tonight to Mr. Gayden.

Sept. 30: Calara, Ginney & Ellen Montgomery came this evening. Mr. Montgomery is better.

Oct. 1: Mr. Darden went to Fayette. Jack Burch told him Lena Stuart had fever & spasms. He called to see Coz. John Darden. He has fever, sick at stomach.

Oct. 3: Mr. Darden went to Ebenezer. Went to dinner to Samuel Darden's. Called at Mr. Montgomery's as he came home. He heard that Coz. John Darden was no better.

Oct. 4: Mr. Darden took Laura to the Academy. There was not many there. He met Olivia in Fayette. Martha is well; says a cow kicked Hannah in the stomach, was insensible 2 hours. The Dr. was not at home. Martha sent for Dr. Walter Wade & Lawrence Wade. Mr. Darden took a letter out the office from Mary Scott. They had been sick good deal. Dr. Wade sent off 30 bales. Sam Darden has sold 30 bales. Packed 11 bales today. The wagons are loaded to go to Rodney.

Oct. 5: Hiram Chambliss & Cicero Stampley came last night. Hi stayed all night. Rob. McGinty was elected Sheriff; Wash Shackelford for Judge Probate; Minor Dixon for Clerk Circuit Court; Gus Guilminot for Probate Clerk; Scott McCallum Assessor. Ben took 14 bales to Rodney. This is 46 sent off.

Oct. 6: Mr. Darden went to Fayette, heard Nannie Cambell died at 10 oc today with conjestive chill. Her babe is a week old; she has left 4 little children. Mrs. Dangerfield certainly has had a great deal trouble; lost 2 husbandds; all her children but two. Mr. Hick's oldest son Beverly died this evening. They have a good deal sickness there.

Oct. 7: They sent a ticket to Nannie Cambell burying. It was too late for any of us to go except Mr. Darden. She was buried in Fayette. Mr. McDonald made some remarks. There was a good many there. Monroe Brown's little boy died; he was buried at Salem. (5th child of James Monroe Brown and Cordelia Burch Brown - James "Jimmy" Monroe Brown, Jr. b. 19 Feb. 1854) Mr. Hicks child did not die. He is better. Nannie's babe is a boy week old today. She had conjestive fever.

Oct. 8: Ben & Maj went to Rodney, took 14 bales. That is 60 bales sent off. Dr. Fox has taken Nanie Cambell's babe. Laura got a letter from Buckner. They are well. He says Archy Cameron gave \$3400 for Harris McApine place.

Oct. 9: We all went to Springhill to church. There was dinner on the ground. Mr. Armstrong preached this morning; Mr. Thompson this evening.

Oct. 10: We went to church in Fayette. Olivia, Laura & Irene went to Springhill; took dinner. Mr. Darden went to the evening service. Miss Lizzie Dangerfield joined the church.

Oct. 11: Mr. Darden took Laura to school. Gave in his overseer report. Olivia, Irene & Mr. Darden went to Springhill this evening. The meeting broke up. Mr. Frank Whitney & family went home with Cate.

Oct. 12: Miss Lottie Wade came at 12 oc. Mr. Darden met Coz. John Darden; says he would have gone to see Put married to Miss Caroline McCaleb, but was not well. The family all went. Jim Buckles marries Miss Laura Herron tonight. Eliza Jane Wigginton has a daughter.

Oct. 13: Miss Lottie, Olivia, Irene & Jesse started to Anne's half past 8 oclock. Miss Lottie would stay to dinner.

Oct. 14: Mr. Darden saw Coz. J. Darden; told him Put had brought his wife home. Olivia met Jo & Jeff Whitney going home. Joe did not go to see Put married.

Oct. 16: Coz. Sarah Stowers called, stayed an hour. She had been to take Sallie Dixon home. She boards with her & goes to school at the Academy.

Oct. 17: Mr. Darden went to church at Ebenezer. Not many there. Dr. Newton Young from Trenton was there. Got to Mr. Montgomery's yesterday.

Oct. 18: Ben & Maj went to Rodney, took 14 bales. That is 88 sent off. Dr. Young came at 12 oc. We got him to prescribe for Irene. He gave her 8 grains Colomel & 3 Rheubarb at 1 dose, to be followed by oil. She has had good deal fever today.

Oct. 19: Olivia expected Cate to go with her to call on Put Darden & his wife. Jack & Dr. Young & Mr. Darden went with her. She is pleased with Carrie.

Oct. 20: Irene complaining very much sick stomach. Dr. Young called, he prescribed tincture of iron 4-5 drops 3 times a day. He went on to the Chambliss neighborhood. Olivia, Jesse & myself all half sick with colds.

Oct. 21: Mr. Darden went to Jack's this morning. Cate & Fanny went to Mrs. Stewart's yesterday. Mr. Millsaps got back there last night. Irene is better. Cicero Stampley & Will Trimble came tonight.

Oct. 23: Mr. Darden went to Fayette. The Presbytery is in session at Providence church near George Darden's.

Oct. 25: Mr. Darden went with Laura to school. Paid Mr. Montgomery for Laura's board & tuition while going to Miss Mag McKinney \$64. Tip Montgomery took the stage to Brookhaven to go to college in Nashville, Tenn. Mr. Montgomery

& Sister Maria will start to Beuff River tomorrow to see Jeff; leave the children with Ma. Mr. Darden saw a letter from Aunt Runnell's living in Texas to Mrs. Shackelford. She is very old. Dr. Young dined here today. He thinks of starting home Wednesday.

Oct. 26: Olivia & Irene went to Springhill after wild plums. Dr. Young called on his way to Mr. Montgomery's. He leaves Thursday.

Oct. 28: Coz. John Darden called, stayed half hour. Been to see Mary Dixon.

Oct. 30: Dr. Young & Frank Montgomery called; they had been to Jack's. The Dr. was sick, could not start home as he expected. Jack got a letter from Sister Betsy. Rev. Mr. McCallum came this evening. He says Mary Jane Darden & Sam Chamberlain will be married next thursday.

Oct. 31: Mr. McCallum started to Greenwood after 8 oc. Mr. Darden, Olivia, Laura & Irene went to church in Fayette. Anna Darden told Mr. Darden that Mary Jane Darden did not expect to marry till December but Sam Chamberlain had to go to Kentucky & urged it on that account.

Nov. 1: Mr. Darden took Laura to school. He saw Dr. Young leaving for Trenton. Willy Stampley has quit overseeing for Naomi Chambliss.

Nov. 4: Mary Jane Darden marries Sam Chamberlain tonight. Mr. McDonald performs the ceremony.

Nov. 5: Rosa & Annette did not go home to see their sister married. Several of the girls went to the fair. Dr. Wade sent Oliver in the buggy for Mary Anne. He said Martha was taken sick Wednesday. Was in labor. He had sent for Dr. Harper; Dr. Walter Wade was there & Mrs. Lawrence Wade.

Nov. 6: Put Darden & wife went by; had been to return Jack's call. Martha Dixon has another son. Only 17 months between her children.

Nov. 7: Mr. Darden & Olivia went to church in Fayette. Dr. Wade wrote that Martha had a fine boy; weighed 10 lbs., that Martha was well after suffering so much. She was in labor 3 days. She wants Olivia to go & kiss the baby while the red is on it. She says she wouldn't kiss it for anything. Cate & Jack came by from the church.

Nov. 8: Olivia & Mr. Darden went to Dr. Wade's at 8 oc. Mr. Darden got home at dark; says Martha is doing well; named the baby James Darden, for the Dr. Pa & her Pa. Mrs. Wilson Wade & Battle Dunbar was there. Mary Jane Darden & Sam Chamberlain was not married. Martha heard Sarah had a baby the reason they did not marry.

Nov. 9: Mr. Montgomery bought 1500 acres land on Beuff River, \$2 an acre. Ma came from Mr. Montgomery's. She says Sarah Darden's baby is a boy, week old last Monday. That Mary Jane was not married on that account. Maj got back from Rodney; that is 116 bales sent off. Got a letter from Buckner.

Nov. 11: Ma went to Cate's this evening. They deny the yellow fever being in Fayette.

Nov. 14: Mr. Darden, Olivia, Laura, Irene & Julia Stuart went to church in Fayette. Julia & Olivia went to Cate's this evening to see Grandma.

Nov. 15: Julia & Laura went to school in the carriage. Mr. Darden wrote to Buckner.

Nov. 16: Ma called at the gate on her way to Anne Briscoe's. Mr. Darden paid her \$112.50 part hire of her hands. He is to pay her debts in Fayette & Rodney, & the things I got her in Natchez. Ben & Maj took 13 bales; that is 136 bales sent off.

Nov. 17: Coz. John called; he says Put & his wife went to Mr. McCaleb's to see Rob. McGinty & Miss Bisland married tomorrow. Got a letter from Buckner. He expects to come home next Monday. Mary Scott will come to Anne Briscoe's with him.

Nov. 18: Coz. John Darden wants the negroes corn -- 100 barrels for Mrs. Dixon.

Nov. 19: Mr. Darden went to Ebenezer. Mr. Price preached 2 sermons.

Nov. 20: Olivia & Irene went to Ebenezer to church. I was taken sick at 7 oc., got worse at 11. My babe was born at 3 oc. Sent for Dr. Cambell, he had gone to Tennessee. It is a boy, weighed 9 lbs. Cate came, stayed till nearly dark.

Nov. 21: Sent Ben to let Anne Stuart know I was sick. She got here a 1 oc. Olivia came just after her. She stayed with her Aunt Anna's. She would go to church & she came home. Anna told Olivia that Mary Jane Darden had got Mrs. Glassbun of Natchez to select her wedding tresseau. Her bridal dress is elegant, white silk double skirt, the top skirt embroidered very deep. It must have cost \$100. Then a blue side stripe silk, side stripe delaine, velvet bonnet.

Nov. 22: Mr. Darden went with Julia & Laura in Anne Stuart's Jersey wagon. Called to see Mr. McDonald; paid him \$50 part his subscription for preaching.

Nov. 24: Olivia got a letter from Virginia Torrey. She wants her to go to Bolivar with her.



Nov. 25: Maj & Ben took 14 bales to Natchez. That is 157 bales sent off. John came for Anne, he says Julia is sick at the Academy; wanted her Ma to go by & take her home. Lena was sick when Anne left. I felt sorry for her, Blount is not at home -- in the swamp improving his place.

Nov. 26: Cate & Fanny went to Natchez today going to stay all night at Dr. Smith's on Pine Ridge. Mrs. Bardford gave a dining to her sister, Mrs. McGinty on Wednesday.

Nov. 27: Laura got home from school at 10 oc. She says her Aunt Anne took Julia to Mrs. Harrison's. She was very sick at stomach.

Nov. 29: Mr. Darden took Laura to school in the buggy to stay till Christmas.

Nov. 30: Put & Carrie passed taking a ride. Put bought a place in Franklin County near McMillan. Buckner got here at dark. Came from Jeff Briscoe's. Got to John Bondurant's Friday night on Princess, came to Vicksburg on the cars. Mary Scott & Mrs. Robert Scott came with him. He says Anne Briscoe has a silver set, cost \$2700. Jeff going to New Orleans to buy set china & furniture.

Dec. 1: Olivia & Buckner went to Dr. Wade's at 1 Oc. Olivia & Buckner invited to Mrs. Torrey's to meet Mr. & Mrs. Shackelford. Mary Jane Darden will be married next Tuesday.

Dec. 2: Bernice Rowland came from Rodney today to her father's.

Dec. 3: Mr. Darden sent Mrs. Dixon 2 loads corn. Put Darden took his hands & moved a crib to put the corn in.

Dec. 4: Mrs. Torrey was in Fayette, told Olivia she missed a good deal by not going to her house. Mr. Shackelford & bride, Put Darden & bride, Robert McGinty & bride were there. Mrs. Harrison was there. Dancing all the night. Buckner went to Uncle Blount's, stayed all night. All gone to the party but Lena. Brother Buckner came at dark; been to Natchez to get things for Mary Jane's wedding. He wanted a large wedding; only have a few young persons. Buckner stayed all night with his Uncle George. He was going to see Mary Scott today.

Dec. 5: Buckner & his Pa started to church; began to rain, Mr. Darden came back at Mr. Montgomery's field. Buckner went on. There was 11 persons at church. He eat dinner at Mr. Montgomery's. Miss Julia Penfield has come to teach at Mr. Montgomery's. Mary Bondurant is at her Pa's. Mary was complaining about not being invited to the wedding. Mary Jane wrote a note to Olivia, wants her to go tomorrow, & wishes Buckner to go.

Dec. 6: The cornerstone of the new wing of the Fayette Female Academy is to be laid today. Olivia hemmed her white Swiss

dress to wear to Mary Jane's wedding. Olivia was ready to get in the buggy, it began to rain. It was too late to go. Buckner came at sundown. There was a good many to see the cornerstone laid. Mr. Hicks spoke in the school room.

Dec. 7: Buckner & Olivia started to Uncle Buckner's half past 7 oc.; went in the buggy drove carriage horses.

Dec. 8: Buckner & Olivia got home nearly 12 oc. Mr. McDonald performed the ceremony. Willie McDonald, Anna & Samuel Darden, Sam & Laura Montgomery, Louise & Jeffie Chamberlain & Miss Dicky a cousin. Sarah sent me some cake. Gave Buckner a cake to carry to the swamp. Everything went on well. Mary Jane took Maria a girl that her Pa bought 2 yrs. ago.

Dec. 9: Buckner started to Anne Briscoe's at 8 oc. Martha & Dr. Wade came at 4 oc. They have a fine baby.

Dec. 10: Got a note from Mary Bondurant to go to Uncle Prosper's to dinner tomorrow.

Dec. 12: Mr. Darden went to church; Coz. John told him they sent for Coz. Margaret to see Joe Whitney. They have not heard from her.

Dec. 14: Anna Darden came at sundown; left this morning. Anne Stuart & Tully came 15 minutes after 10 oc., stayed till half after 3 oc. She is getting Julia ready to go to school in New Orleans. William McCallum of Greenville died very suddently to typhoid penumonia last week.

Dec. 15: Brother Buckner bought 3 negroes from Dr. Walker for Mary Jane. Gave over \$4000 for them. Mr. Darden said he told him that he wanted to give her 5.

Dec. 18: Rev. Mr. Milsaps is on this circuit this year. Fanny will be near her sister. Frank Whitney has bought a place near Gran Gulf. Wants to sell his place near Fayette; asks \$7000 for it; \$3000 cash.

Dec. 19: Mr. Darden went to Ebenezer to church. Came by to dinner at Mr. Montgomery's. Sister Maria has been very sick -- pneumonia. looks very bad. Been sick 4 weeks. She got a letter from Sister Betsy. Thinks the way she writes her mind is affected. She was at Mr. Skinner's under a physician; had nervous spasma. Sam & Laura Montgomery will give a party; she is not well; will be confined in February.

Dec. 20: Ben & Maj took 11 bales to Natchez. That is 168 bales sent off.

Dec. 21: Coz. Sarah Stowers came at 10 oc., spent the day. Rev. Mr. Graves came just as we were done dinner, stayed an hour. Mr. Darden got home from Natchez, sold 25 bales at 10 3/4 cts. Mr. Harrison & Tully Stuart were in Natchez.

Dec. 22: Olivia spent the day with Cate. Mr. Darden went to Fayette, met Put & Carrie Darden coming to return Olivia's call. They went back by Judge Whitney's. He saw Coz. John Darden in Fayette, he said Mrs. Harper had called after Put & Carrie left. Got a letter from Buckner. They got home safe.; all well. Had sold 26 bales last years cotton for 8 3/4. The net proceeds \$1040.70, had 11 more at the Bend, 7 bales new crop & 4 bales old cotton. Olivia got a letter from Virginia Torrey. She was with Anne Briscoe.

Dec. 23: Martha sent tickets to Dr. Walter Wade's party. It is given to Sam & Mary Jane Chamberlain. The girls all left the Academy to take Christmas.

Dec. 25: Christmas day. Raining most all day. Irene got a workbasket, Laura got a work box cost \$12. Jesse got a drum & 2 ducks that can swim.

Dec. 26: Mr. Darden went to church in Fayette; only 11 persons there. The creek has been very high.

Dec. 27: Finished ginning & packing Friday; packed 175 bales altogether. The servants went to a surprise party at Cicero Stampley's. Olivia & Laura started to the party at Coz. Sam Montgomery's at 3 oc. Jack & Cate went along just after they started.

Dec. 29: Olivia & Laura got home from the party at 9 oc. It was a large party. Had a fine supper. Joe Whitney has a boy; it is nearly 3 weeks old.

Dec. 30: Mrs. Smiley, son & daughter came after 2 oc., on her way to Pine Ridge to put her daughter to school. She is wife of Rev. Mr. Smyley of Union Church. She seems to be absent minded or something of the kind, very smart lady. She is 45 years old & looks like she was 55.