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Jan. 1: Mr. Darden went to Fayette, collected \$20 for the Parsonage, saw Anne & Julia Stuart coming from the party at Mr. Harpers. Mr. Goodwin came to oversee this evening for \$350 a year.

Jan 3: Mr. Darden took Laura to school at the Academy. Olivia went to see Aunt Maria. She has not been able to go to the table for 6 weeks. Mary Bondurant went home this morning. Naomi Chambliss wrote a note to Olivia to go to Mr. Jenkin's to a party tonight.

Jan. 4: Cate went to Fayette. The Committe are to meet at the Methodist Parsonage. I have made \$63.80 cts since 9th March. Paid Buckner's bill at Coulson's for the suit of clothes he waited on Sam Montgomery in.

Jan. 6: Mr. White Bullen was here with Mr. Wright to make up a school at Springhill.

Jan. 7: Anne Stuart, Julia & Lena came at 11 oc. I sent a bill by Anne to get my summer goods in New Orleans. She left Lena with me while she is gone; takes Julia with her to leave at school there. They leave on Monday on the Vicskbury. Dr. Walter Wade has been thrown from his horse; that 4 Dr.'s thought his shoulder was dislocated. It was so swollen they could not tell.

Jan 9: Mr. Darden & Olivia went to church in Fayette. There was a good congregation. Mary Jane Chamberlain was there.

Jan. 10: Blount, Anne & Julia started to New Orleans. Mr. & Mrs. Harrison went in company.

Jan. 12: Got a letter from Buckner, he was on the Steamer Vicksburg on his way home from New Orleans. Mr. Head did not meet him there as he expected. He left the money with John Watt, subject to Mr. Head's order.

Jan. 15: Cate spent the day here. Olivia made fruit cake. Dr. Fox came to see Mr. Elliott; says he has typhoid fever.

Jan. 16: Mr. Darden went to Ebenezer. There was not many there. Olivia went to Dr. Wade's. Sent Martha 5 lbs., butter & some sausages.

Jan. 17: Mr. Wright called to tell the school will commence in the morning.

Jan. 18: Jack called going to the school house with the teacher & Henry. Mr. Darden took the children to Cate's. Jack & Henry went to Natchez & back yesterday.

Jan. 19: Mr. Darden went to Fayette, got a third-reader for Irene. Got his account from Watt & Co. They sold 131 bales cotton. Net over \$6000.

Jan. 20: Mr. Darden bought 2 mules - \$170 for large and \$157 1/2 for other. Tully came for Lena; his Ma & Pa will be home this evening.

Jan. 22: Martha & Olivia came at 4 oc.

Jan. 23: Mr. Darden, Olivia & Martha went to the Presbyterian church in Fayette. Mr. Wilcox delivered an address to the Bible Society. They collected \$50 for the cause.

Jan. 24: Mr. Darden took Irene to school. He has 10 scholars. Anne & Julia came this evening. Blount went to the swamp. Huckel Truly very low at Dr. Fox's with pneumonia.

Jan. 25: Martha, Olivia & Julia spent the day at Mrs. Harrison's (Mrs. Briscoe) that was. Mrs. Harrison intends giving a party when they are done the house sometime in February. She bought \$2000 worth of furniture in N. Orleans. Anne & Blount Stuart had to bring Julia back, the French schools were all so full they could not get her in. They are at a loss to know what to do with her. Martha went home from Mr. Harrison's. Huckel Truly was sick till Sunday, they sent for his wife. He told her he was bound to die. They brought him to his house. He died last night at 8 oc; buried this evening. Mr. Darden was at the burying.

Jan. 26: Irene went to school with Henry & Mr. Wright. Anne & Julia started home at 3 oc.

Jan. 30: The morning was so bad that Mr. Darden did not go to church. Mr. Casky the great Cambelite preacher, preached in Fayette today.

Jan. 31: Jack came with Mr. Darden, went on to the school house after Henry. Judge Psey died on Tuesday with pneumonia. He is Judge Circuit Court.

Feb. 2: Mr. Darden got a letter from Baldwin & Fleming with his account. They have in their hands \$1160. Got a letter from Buckner. Had his logs rolled & 15 acres corn ground ploughed. Says he paid his Grandma for the hire of her hands last year. It was \$600. Hired them this year. Has to pay \$144 for the men a year, and \$100 for Dick & Jack. Altogether \$820. Says his Aunt Mary has traded her run-a-way boy Bail for another. Gave \$300 to boot. Buckner thinks he as sold cheap; would only allow \$1000 for him. There was a place near Bob McWilley's sold for \$40 an acre. He says that Archy Cameron is not satisfied. Does not like the mud. Mr. Darden saw Jeff Whitney in town. Joe is at her Pa's. Robert Sillers had bought 2 men, boy, woman & child & a girl. Gave over \$6000 for them. Did not pay all cash. Gave \$1600 for one the men. I sent Tom to Anne Stuart's for some peach suions? She writes that Blount

left for Lake Providence. Julia & Claudie went as far as Vicksburg with him. Sallie Gibson is to be married & Claudie is bridesmaid.

Feb. 4: Jack came, stayed an hour, went on to church at Springhill. Mr. Darden went for Laura. She has a cold.

Feb. 5: Dr. McCallum left after breakfast. He is a dentist. Brother to William McCallum that died at Greenville in December. Olivia & Mr. Darden went to the Methodist church to hear Mr. Millsaps preach. Good congregation. Coz. John Darden & Margaret & Sue came after dinner, stayed a while.

Feb. 7: Mr. Darden took Laura to school. The Trustees met at the Academy. He was detained all day. David Harrison gave \$500, Sam Scott \$100, William Harper & Mr. Archer \$250 each. George Hunt told Mr. Darden, Scott Watson died Friday. They were waiting for his children to come from Kentucky before they buried him. He is very wealthy. His property does him no good. Olivia got a letter from Hiram Chambliss.

Feb. 10: Dr. Lewis Willis Chamberlain was married to Miss Dicky last Thursday. She is his first cousin from Kentucky. Been staying with his mother.

Feb. 11: Jack Darden went to see Sister Betsy. She is very much troubled in mind. Mr. Montgomery, Sister Maria & Miss Cate Whitney have gone to New Orleans.

Feb. 12: Brother Buckner came from Natchez at sundown. He was wet, says his accounts were high in Natchez for last year. Mr. Darden got a bill of his pork--30 barrels. It cost \$17.25 in St. Louis. It cost \$554 to get it to Rodney. George & Martha Darden have another son. It was born 14 January. They called him Edward or Edwin. Mr. McDonald did not recollect which. They have been married 14 years & 3 months. Have 7 living children & lost one. It is so hard for a delicate woman to have children so fast.

Feb. 13: Mr. Darden & Olivia went to Presbyterian church in Fayette. Anne & Blound Stuart were there. Julia did not come back with her Pa.

Feb. 15: Henry says his Pa got back, that Sister Betsy was better than he expected to find her. Luly & Dudley Stewart were thrown from their horses & hurt. Did not come to school.

Feb. 16: Mr. Darden went to Jack's, he says Sister Betsy appears rational on all subjects except religion. She thinks she will be lost; has such wicked thoughts; feels like swearing all the time. Poor woman. Mr. Sibley is going to make cotton this year. Ella Torrey has typhoid fever.

Feb. 17 Mr. Darden went to Absolom Guice's to have new axeltrees made for his ox wagon.

Feb. 18: Mr. Hammett's youngest child died with typhoid fever. Sue Darden been very sick with pneumonia. Dr. Duncan tended her.

Feb. 20: Mr. Darden went to church at Ebenezer. Mr. McCallum preached. He went by to dinner with Samuel Darden. Mrs. Marschalk, Anna's sister is there. She lives in Texas. Laura Montgomery has a son born yesterday. Sister Maria went to see her today. Mr. Darden says Sister Maria looks very bad. Mrs. Herrington is with Laura. We got a letter from Buckner. He says he is done plowing his corn ground. They are all well at Mary Scott's. Brother Buckner has given Gee that used to drive the buggy & little girl about 7 years old to Mary Jane. That is 6 servants he has given her.

Feb. 21: Samuel & Anna Darden came at sundown.

Feb. 22: Samuel & Adda Darden went on to Natchez. They got a dispatch that Mr. Welch, Charlotte Reed's husband was dead. He had consumption. They have not been married but one year & a half. She has a babe & left without anything to support her. Olivia went to Cate's since dinner. Cate stayed with Fanny last night.

Feb. 23: Mrs. Chesley Coffey has a daughter. She has 3 sons.

Feb. 24: Samuel and Anna called at the gate. They bought a carriage for \$450. Olivia & Mr. Darden got home at 5 oc. Mr. Skinner & Martha were in Natchez. Mr. Skinner has been very low with pneumonia. Martha says her Ma's mind is worse than it ever was. Thinks she will never recover.

Feb. 25: Wat Burch went by at 11 oc; told the servants that Mr. McGee was dead. Mr. Darden went for Laura, took Jesse with him. This is end session of 5 months.

Feb. 26: Martha & Dr. Wade got here before 5 oc. Mr. Darden heard Mr. Stewart was better.

Feb. 27: Olivia, Irene & her Pa went to Presbyterian church. Julia Stuart & Claudie Gibson was at church. They said Lizzy Gibson, that was, Mrs. Higgins, came to Leonly Harrison's with them. Abby Bullen told Olivia that Larkin Coffey & Adlade Morris was married this morning at Henry Mayberry's. Mr. McDonald married them.

Feb. 28: Jack went back to Mr. Stewart's. Mr. Goodwyne sold the Dun Horse to Willie Stampley for \$162.50.

Mar. 1: Mr. Darden went to see Mr. Stewart. After he started Mr. David Harrison sent a note saying that the Steamer Princess had exploded her boilers near Baton Rouge at 10 oc; then took fire & sunk; that little Jimmy Stuart was killed. Blount, Anne & Tully were safe. There was a great many lives lost.

It will be a great trial to Blount & Anne. He was such an affectionate child in his 11th year. Mr. Harrison said they would be in Rodney this morning on the Natchez, but did not know whether they had Jimmie's remains. I did not know they had gone. Left Lena with Mrs. Harrison. Mr. Stewart died half past 9 oc. Mr. Darden did not get there till few minutes before he died. Joe Davenport & White Bullen laid him out. Mrs. Stewart had a daughter Sunday night. Poor woman losing her husband & being confined. She is left with 5 small children; the oldest 9 years.

Mar. 2: Blount & Anne got home yesterday evening. Did not find Jimmy's body.

Mar. 3: Olivia, Jesse & I went to Blount Stuart's. They are so distressed. Anne says she never witnessed anything half as horrible. Her & Blount & 4 or 5 ladies & gentlemen were sitting in a ladies cabin talking; they heard the crash & there was a mans leg struck one of them. Blount saw the water cooler coming, put his head down. It was perfectly dark with steam. Tully says he was in the act of going in barber shop; it blew him up to top, when he came down there was something jumping up with him. The floor where it had bursted loose, he got on the bales. By this time the boat had rounded so near shore he jumped on shore. Merriman had Jimmie on one side, another little boy on other. Jimmie has never been seen. The boy was blown in river, got out without being hurt. The boat took fire. The ladies had to go upstairs, down through the cook room. Anne says they pulled her through a narrow window, then had to jump about 8 feet. Blount swam nearly to shore, left her where she could stand; her dress caught on a snag. The waves of boat washed up in her face, near strangling her. Blount swam ashore with several ladies. Anne says she got her purse, but it lost out her bosom, lost \$160, all her baggage, nothing saved. Anne says that she waded in water waist deep, thought maybe she could find her darling boy. Nothing has been heard from him. She says she walked 2 miles up & down the river. The ferry boat with 3 Drs came soon after the explosion. The Natchez & McCrea came, took the wounded & distressed on board. Dr. Fox & Sarah were so kind doing everything they could to assist the afflicted. Claudie & Lizzie Gibson were at Anne's. Caroline Sillers came at dark with her boys & baby. She left the girls at home. Jimmy Sillers is nearly grown. William Sillers is gone to South Caroline to buy negroes.

Mar. 4: Mr. Darden got to Blount's at 9 oc. Mr. & Mrs. Harrison came before 10 oc. Mr. Darden called at Mr. Montgomery's. Sister Maria is afraid she will have chronic diahrrea.

Mar. 5: Mr. Darden & Olivia went to Ebenezer to church. Rev. Mr. McCalla preached 2 sermons. Olivia stayed with Sister Maria. She went by to see Laura Montgomery's baby.

Mar. 6: Mr. Darden went to Ebenezer. Mrs. Dr. Dunbar's babe a week old died last Sunday. That is 4 babes she has lost in 4 years. It is distressing.

Mar. 9: Mr. Darden went to Fayette got a letter from his brother George. He said the tornadoes passed through his place; took several days to repair fences & clean up trees.

Mar. 10: Jacob Stampley is having road worked in front house on to Salem Church.

Mar. 11: Mr. Darden went to Fayette & got Laura's school report. It is excellent; says she has first rate talents & will make a fine scholar.

Mar. 13: Mr. Darden & Olivia went to the Presbyterian church. Mr. McCallum preached. Claudie Gibson told Olivia she went to see Martha Wade; Julia Stuart & Lizzie Gibson went with her.

Mar. 14: We went to see Cate since dinner. Cate says her sister Martha's babe did not nurse from Sunday to Wednesday. Mr. Stewart has \$50,000 at interest. Cate says her sister is so distressed.

Mar. 16: Mr. Darden went to Fayette, heard that the scarlet fever was at Dr. Duncan's.

Mar. 17: Mr. Darden took Jack's paper. He got a letter from Amelia Scott. She is not well; had measles.

Mar. 18: Mr. Darden followed the carriage horses to Middleton's gate; could see nothing of them. Cicero came to see Mr. Darden on business.

Mar. 19: Mr. Darden working the roads to Joe Davenport & Gravelly Hill. Olivia got a letter from Dr. Young. He says he will be married on the 9th March to Miss Frost. Says she is everything to constitute a wife and make him happy.

Mar. 20: Henry Mayberry's babe died last night. Had mumps; been sick more than a week. It was 10 mo's old. We all went to the Methodist Church. Dr. Brown preached. Anne & Blount were there. Cicero Stampley came home with us to dinner.

Mar. 21: Mr. Darden went to the election, saw Mr. Montgomery, says Sister Maria is better. Blount told him that Tully saw our son Buckner last week going to Jeff Briscoe's.

Mar. 23: Anne, Julia & Lena came at 9 oc. Blount went to the swamp to have his cane burned. Got a letter from Buckner. They are all well. He was done planting corn the 9th March; breaking up his cotton. Very fearful that he would be overflowed.

Mar. 25: Olivia got a letter from Virginia Torrey, with a note from Anne Briscoe wishing her to come to a party she is going to give to Virginia & Alice Martin next Tuesday the 29th. Says Buckner will meet her there. This is 3 times this week brother Buckner has been to Bolivar to see about his land. Guilford Torrey did not make him a title to the land. James Torrey died in Carroll County with pneumonia; died happy.

Mar. 26: Anne, Julia & Lena left at 3 oc., went to Mrs. Harrison's to stay all night. Mr. Darden went with Irene & Jesse to fish at the pond. Jesse caught 14 fish, very small.

Mar. 28: Olivia went to Martha's; took Laura to school. Blount got back from swamp Saturday, is going back this week. Anne will go with him.

Mar. 30: White Bullen very sick. Mr. Darden went to Fayette, saw Mr. Montgomery, read him a letter from Jeff his son.

Mar. 31: Cicero Stampley has traded his fine Bay horse to Jalone (Stampley) for 2 horses. One of them cost Jalone \$220.

Apr. 1: Mr. Darden went to see Charley West buried in Fayette. Anne & Blount were there. There was service at Mr. West's. The wagons got home at 4 oc., brought 25 barrels pork. Mr. Darden got letter from Buckner; he was on the boat coming to Anne Briscoe's party. Said Aunt Mary & Grandma left that morning for LaGrange to bring Amelia home.

Apr. 3: Mr. Darden started to Ebenezer to church; turned back at Mr. Montgomery's. Had just got home when it rained.

Apr. 4: Olivia & Mr. Darden went to Fayette; saw Annie Darden in Fayette. Mr. Montgomery was in Fayette, says old Hugh Montgomery bought swamp place \$28 an acre for Sam; thinks the river will be certain to come over. Olivia called to see Coz. Margaret; Mrs. Duvall was there.

Apr. 5: Hiram Chambliss came at 5 oc. Anna Darden & Coz. Myra Chamberlain came at sundown.

Apr. 6: Anna & Coz. Myra left before 8 oc going to Natchez. Hiram left after dinner.

Apr. 8: Coz. Myra & Anna called at the gate; stayed all night with Mrs. Garrett in Washington.

Apr. 9: Cate went to see her sister Mrs. Stewart. Miss Penfield, Clara, Ginny & Ellen came after 10 oc. Sister Maria is not so well.

Apr. 10: We all went to the Presbyterian church. Mr. Montgomery says Sister Maria is worse today. Julia Stuart was there; her Pa & Ma have gone to the swamp. She is staying with Mrs. Harrison.

Apr. 12: Henry came after dinner to say all night. His Aunt Fanny went with Cate to Natchez. Mr. Wright, Jack & Mr. Millsaps all went to Natchez. Tom Davenport had his leg amputated. It was broken when the Princess exploded; been 6 weeks & have to cut his leg off.

Apr. 14: Cicero & Vol Stampley came, stayed 2 hours. Vol says the river is 10 inches higher than it was last year. Very much afraid of overflow.

Apr. 16: Olivia met her Aunt Anne Stuart, they went up to Mr. McDonald's. His daughter Henrietta, they think is dying; was taken with fever at church last Sunday. Has not been off since. Dr. Fox says it is typhus fever. She knew Olivia, but could not swallow. We got a letter from Buckner dated 8th April. He says that part his crop is under; afraid that he will be entirely overflowed. Good many in Madison Parish is under. He says his Aunt Virginia Green has been almost dead with nervores affection.

Apr. 17: Mr. Darden, Olivia & Irene went to the Cambelite church. Mr. Caskey preached a fine sermon. Martha came half past 5 oc. There was church at the Brick church.

Apr. 19: Anne & Julia Stuart with Lena got here at 10 oc. Heard that Henrietta McDonald was better. She has an excellent likeness in a breast pin taken from an ambrotype of Jimmie.

Apr. 20: Dr. Wade came after Martha at 9 oc. Said that Henrietta McDonald died last night. It has distressed the family; only one child left & she is delicate. They took Henrietta to Mr. Mosely's her Grandpa, to bury her by her mother.

Apr. 21: Cicero came to invite us to a fish fry to be on the creek by Stephen Stampley's. Mr. Wright saw Robert Sillers in Fayette, just from Natchez; says there is great excitement about the levee breaking at Mireno. Think that the river will make a cut and leave Natchez entirely. It will ruin it if it does.

Apr. 22: Mr. Darden went in the carriage for Laura. Olivia met him in Fayette. They spent yesterday evening with Coz. Sarah Stowers. Laura says Rev. Mr. Price preached Henrietta McDonald's funeral at the Presbyterian church.

Apr. 23: Olivia & I spent the day with Coz. Margaret. She was in bed with sick headache, vomiting all day. Anne Stuart & Lena was there. Charlotte Reed (Mrs. Welsh) now has gone to her Sisters. Mag Mayberry, Mrs. Duvall & daughter Clara was there. Robert Sillers had a letter from Joseph in Bolivar. He was nearly overflowed. That Sam Sillers died on 12th April. Had to bury him on the top of ground. As soon as they could would bring him to Jefferson to bury him with his father & mother. Joseph wanted to know who administered on Aunt Sallie Marble's estate.

Apr. 24: We all went to church. Dr. Duncan was ordained Deacon for the church in Fayette & Ebenezer. Mr. McDonald ordained him. Cate has taken Mr. Millsaps little sister 5 years old to live with her. Her name is Lavinia.

Apr. 25: Heard that the old levee in front of Mrs. Lee's broke last night, but there is a new levee that saved the farmers in Tensas. Court opened in Fayette today. Hiram Chambliss & Mr. Smith the young men that is to speak the valedictory next week at Oakland, came at 6 oc.

Apr. 27: Cate came, brought the little Millsaps girl. Mrs. Bullen came. Judge Broughton came home with Mr. Darden from Court.

Apr. 29: Blount & Anne started to Bolivar this morning. Sam Sillers left Blount a woman & child extra; the balance his property to be divided equally between Blount & Charles Clark. They left Lena with Mrs. Harrison.

Apr. 30: Got 2 letters from Buckner date 19 & 23 April. He was well. The water was not over, but he was constantly expecting it would come over. He says he has to ferry his horse across the bayou on a raft. Says Warren Briscoe has gone to Bolivar to marry Miss Humphreys.

May 1: Mr. Darden went to church at Ebenezer; took dinner at Sam Hugh Montgomery's. Olivia, Laura, Irene & Julia went to Fayette to the Methodist church; large congregation.

May 3: Cicero & Vol Stampley came, stayed an hour. Vol says his place is overflowed. Jalone Stampley & Phil Dougherty's place was 2 feet under when he left last week.

May 4: Julia Stuart left at 7 oc. She went home; she will go from there to Dr. Wade's to go to Oakland with Martha.

May 5: Martha, Julia & the Dr. started to Oakland half past 6 oc. Just as they were starting they sent for Dr. at Ross Wade's. There was a dog bit a negro woman. The Dr. sent a prescription. They got to Oakland before the eat breakfast. Everything went on well; the boys did remarkably well. Anne Briscoe was there. She said Jeff was on the levee all the time. The water was on part his place. She had a letter from Mary Scott, that her place & Buckner's places were overflowed. The old Dr.'s daughter, Sallie, was taken sick at the college, & Miss Lottie had to come home with her. Pros. Whitney came home with Julia in the carriage. Martha Wade came home with Martha.

May 6: Julia left to go home half past 8 oc. Pros. Whitney went home in the carriage with her. She sent him on home. Old Dr. Wade cae, stayed an hour. Miss Lottie was coming, but Sallie was sick. Mr. Darden was told that A. J. McGill's house near Oakland burned down last night; lost everything. The loss about \$2000; fine house.

May 8: We went to the Presbyterian church. Sister Maria was there the first time since Sept. When the sermon was about half done Laura Montgomery fainted. We took her out the church, got her in carriage. She went home, said she did not know what made her faint. Mr. Stowers has typhoid fever. His little boy Lewis had his arm broken yesterday. Tully got a dispatch from his Pa to send the horses to Rodney tomorrow.

May 9: Julia left half past 2 oc., to go home. Her Pa & Ma will be home today. Sarah & Buckner Darden went to Natchez last week.

May 10: Mr. Darden went to see Mr. Stowers; he is better. Blount Stuart was to see Mr. Stowers this morning. He bought Mr. Clark's interest in the Sam Sillers' negroes; brought them home with him. He says that Joseph Sillers has some cotton that is not under water. Mr. Clark has part his place out. Sam Lee is not overflowed.

May 11: Mr. Frank Whitney's babe was buried Sunday at Judge Whitney's. It was sick only 3 hours.

May 13: Mr. Owen came at 11 oc., with 5 negroes for sale. Mr. Darden bought 2 boys 14-16 years. One for \$1250, the other \$1275; gave \$1325 for the girl. Bought a woman that can cook, wash & iron; gave \$1175 for her.

May 14: Olivia saw Aunt Maria in Fayette. Ma came there this week. Buckner was not overflowed when she left.

May 15: Olivia, Irene & Miss Abbie Bullen went to Fayette to church. There was a collection taken up for Centenary College. Ben & White Bullen gave \$500 each. Mr. Darden went to Ebenezer, took dinner with Sam & Laura. Ma was there. She says they were all well when she left Mary's. Buckner came to the Bend with her.

May 16: Blount was in town today, says he brought 12 negroes from Bolivar that belongs to Sam Sillers. He gave Mr. Clark \$4000 for his interest.

May 19: Ma came at 11 oc. Sister Maria could not come; Mary Bondurant came yesterday & she would not leave her Lucy.

May 20: Willie Stampley & Sallie Collier were married last night.

May 21: Olivia got a letter from Virginia Torrey. Her Pa is sick; they will start north 20th June. Mr. Darden got a letter from Jimmie Sillers. Says his Pa has a stand cotton; the water has fallen.

May 22: Mr. Stowers still sick; been sick 4 weeks. We all went to church.

May 25: Ma came. Sister Maria & Mr. Montgomery spent the day.

May 26: Mr. Darden went to Fayette, got a letter from Buckner. His place is not overflowed. The bayou on his place is falling; his cotton is moulded & looks fine; corn eat badly with chints bug. Will not make half crop. He has been offered \$25 an acre. He asks \$30. His Pa thinks he had better sell.

May 27: Mr. Darden went to hear Mr. Wright's scholars speak. Sammy Bullen & Chamber's boy made a failure. Mr. Darden went to see Mr. Stowers; he is no better. Dr. Harden is tending him.

May 28: Mr. Darden went to Fayette; was a juror on the case Mary Holt keeping tavern in Fayette. It is unlawful.

May 29: We went to the Presbyterian church. Rev. Mr. Baker preached a good sermon. Mr. McDonald went to Ebenezer; there was only 2 persons there. Sister Maria said they had nice picnic at Samuel Darden's.

May 30: Mr. Darden took Mary Scott's letter & read it to Ma. It was written to Sister Maria. Ma is suffering greatly with her foot where she stuck the nail in it. Jack & Mr. Wright got back from Cane Ridge. Edgar Coffey, a little boy that does to school to Mr. Wright, is boarding at Jack's. Cate did not like the arrangement at all.

May 31: Sent Jim to Dr. Wade's for Olivia. It is very dry. We will have to haul water to use for servants to drink, if it does not rain soon.

June 1: Blount told Olivia that Julia had been quite sick. That Mr. Stowers was no better. Anne Eliza Clarke of Bolivar was down. Jack went to the meeting at Cane Ridge. Mr. Darden went down to see his Ma. She is suffering very much from her foot. Sam Stampley offered Mr. Goodwyne \$225 for his horse.

June 2: Mr. Darden went to Fayette. Frank Montgomery came for the Dr.'s. a tree had fallen one one the negros. Got a letter for Ma from Anne Briscoe. She says the danger from high water is over. They will leave the swamp 1st June, come to the Briscoe place. Will start 15 June to Virginia.

June 4: Got a letter for Olivia from Vol Stampley. Mr. Darden went to see Mr. Stowers. He still has fever, complaining of his hip; been sick 5 weeks. Anne Elize Clark went to visit Mrs. Shackelford today; was at Mrs. Harrison's yesterday. Mrs. Harrison told her she would spend the day with Martha Wade. Robert Sillers' horses ran away with his carriage. Robert & Bell & Coz. Anne Elize was in the carriage. Bell jumped out with Emmitt. They ran against a gate, turned the carriage over, broke the tongue, got loose from the carriage, ran on to Capt. Coffey's. Mr. Goodwyne sold his horse to Sam Stampley for \$275 1/2.

June 5: Mr. Darden & myself went to Ebenezer, had little George baptized.

June 6: There was a fine rain from Rodney to old Greenville. Mr. Darden made out his list to give in to the assessor, Scott McCallum.

June 8: Olivia & Mr. Darden went to Mr. Stowers to see Coz. Anne Eliza Clarke. She went as far as Mrs. Shackelford's tonight to go to Rodney in the morning. Toody & Freddie have both grown very much. Mary Adelia's babe is walking & talking; it is not 13 months old till 15th this month. Mrs. Dangerfield & Sarah For were at Mr. Stowers. He is better, been sick 6 weeks.

June 9: Washington went to Jeff Briscoe's for Ma's carriage. Jack went to Mr. Montgomery's.

June 10: Zoanne Stampley, that was, has come from Texas. Her husband killed himself drinking. She has 3 children, one of them blind. Stamps died 19 May. Olivia went to stay all night with Aunt Maria. Sarah & Buckner Darden went to Jack's this evening.

June 12: Went to the Presbyterian church. They elected Mr. Tenney an Elder of the Fayette & Ebenezer churches. There was rain at Sam Scott's & Mr. Harrison's. Olivia went home with her Aunt Anne. We have to haul water to cook with.

June 13: Ma started to see Sister Betsy. Jack went with her.

June 14: I went to Mr. Montgomery's, met Olivia & Anne Stuart; spent the day there. I went home with Anne, she got a dispatch from Blount to send the buggy to Rodney.

June 15: Anne sent the buggy for Blount. He got home at 2 oc. All well in Bolivar. Joseph Sillers has the best prospect he has since been to Bolivar. Blount administered on Sam Sillers estate.

June 17: Jack got back from Sister Betsy's today.

June 18: I had fever last night. Little George not well. Olivia started to Dr. Wade's half past 5 oc., went Martha 4 dozen eggs, some cucumbers & a cake. Mr. Darden went to hear Mr. Caskey preach at Christian Church. My throat is sore, had fever today. Mr. Darden eat dinner at Coz. John Darden's. Coz. John & Matilda Chambliss were there. They think Lewis (James) Stoweres is dangerously sick, inflamation of the brain.

June 19: Betty Dixon & Eugenia Burch were baptized in Bolls Creek today; joined the Cambelite church. Anne sent Lena down to stay till she comes back from the Bay. She writes like she was so low spirited. Will stay 2 months if it benefits Blount.

June 20: Mr. Darden went to Hughes bridge as Commissioner to asses damages done Mr. Hill by the road running through his field.

June 21: Fannie Guilminot was baptized this evening in the branch at the bridge this side Fayette.

June 23: Willie Stampley came, traded the Dun for John, Mr. Darden's riding horse. I hated to see him go; we raised him.

June 25: Mr. Darden went to see Mr. Stowers. They thought he would die last night. He is flighty. Lewis, his little son is very sick. It is 10 days since he was taken sick.

June 26: They are going to make Aunt Mary (Holt) leave Fayette Tuesday. It is hard for her to leave her home & drove away.

June 30: Got a letter from Alice Darden to her Grandma. They were well. They had a fish fry at Mr. Montgomery's today. We did not go.

July 1: Mr. Darden went to church at Spring hill. Mr. Millsaps preached. Miss Abbie & her brother Horace got here half past 7 oc. Horace came from Port Gibson today. He says that part the Court House was blown down, thought by robbers trying to open the safe with the money.

July 2: Dr. Sam Hornsby's marriage announced in Courier to Miss Almyra Grossgrove of Concordia Parish, Louisiana. Mr. Darden, Olivia, Miss Abbie & Horace Bullen started to Mount Carmel half past 8 oc. Rev. Mr. Freeman spoke & Rev. George Armstrong.

July 3: Mr. Darden went to church at Ebenezer. Miss Julia Penfield went at daylight Saturday in stage to Natchez.

July 4: All went to the celebration in Fayette. Will Trimble & Horace Bullen spoke. Martha & Dr. were there. I got a letter from Anne Stuart. They were at Bay Pass Christian.

July 7. Mr. Darden went to Fayette, answered Blount Stuart's letter. Aunt Mary (Holt) staying at Howell Hinds. Police Court decided in her favor.

July 8: Cate came up late this evening, Madora Bullen came with her. She is looking for Mr. Millsaps & Fannie at her house tonight. Mr. Millsaps, Jack & Mr. Wright going to Wild Wood Springs tomorrow.

July 10: We went to church. Mr. McDonald told us that Jimmie, Martha Wade's babe was very sick, vomiting & teething. She was very uneasy, thought he would die. Laura has fever again; brought her home with me. Mr. Montgomery said he met Harrison, his son & Virginia Green with two her children. They came out in a hack from Rodney. Mr. Stowers is very bad, thought he was dying Friday night. He can not lie down now, suffocates.

Poor man has suffered so much. Nathan Coffey preached his first sermon at Spring hill.

July 11: There was a dispatch came out from Fayette for Mr. Darden to meet Buckner in Natchez this evening. He started half past 3 oc.

July 12: Mr. Darden & Buckner got home at 4 oc., Buckner got to Natchez at 6 oc., left his Aunt Mary sick. She had fever. Buckner went to LaGrange (Ill.) for Amelia Scott. He met his Aunt Anne Briscoe & Jeff in Memphis. They will go to White Sulphur Springs in Virginia. Buckner's cotton crop is fine. Corn not so good.

July 13: Mr. Darden, Buckner & Jack went to Mr. Montgomery's to see Virginia Green. Virginia looks bad. Mr. Montgomery had been to see Mr. Stowers. He is as low as he can be, like he will suffocate; told Mr. Montgomery he was almost gone.

July 14: Mr. Darden & I went to see Mr. Stowers. He is very low, cannot lie only on his back propped up; has a rattling in his throat & difficulty of breathing. Frank Montgomery & Robert Weatherly came at 3 oc., stayed till 6 oc.

July 15: Mr. Darden, Olivia, Laura, Irene, Jesse & Lena went to Cate's after dinner. I went, took my babe. Sister Maria & Mr. Montgomery took Virginia Green & her children there, spent the day. Mrs. Dr. Cambell & Mrs. Ione Kinnison spent the day. Ma got there at 5 oc. Sister Betsy & Mary Hornsby, her daughter, came with her. Mr. Stowers dies this morning at 10 oc.

July 16: We all went to see Mr. Stowers buried at Coz. David Darden's old place. There was a good many there. Father Robertson made some remarks. Rev. Mr. Davis read a chapter & prayed. He is a Cambelite. Sister Betsy, Virginia & Mary went by Coz. John Darden's to dinner. They called here & Buckner & Olivia went to Cate's with them, stayed to supper. Mr. Harrison told us they went for Blount & Anne to Rodney this morning.

July 17: Mr. Darden & Buckner went to church at Ebenezer. Mr. Darden went to dinner with brother Buckner. Our son Buckner went to Coz. Sam Montgomery's. Mary Hornsby went with Olivia in carriage to the Cambelite church to hear Re. Mr. Davis.

July 19: Ma, Sister Betsy, Mary, Virginia, her 2 children, Jack & Cate & their little Lavenia spent the day.

July 20: Olivia & Buckner started to Dr. Wade's at 6 oc.

July 21: Mr. Darden got a letter from Jimmie Sillers. He writes a very good letter for his age. Joseph Sillers writes he has not had rain for 2 months. Buckner & Olivia spent the day with Aunt Anne. They are all well but Julia.

July 22: Buckner went to Sam S. Montgomery's tonight. George & Martha Darden stayed all night with Martha & Dr. Wade. Had Alice & Willy with them.

July 23: Olivia & Irene went to the picnic near Sam S. Montgomery's. Laura Montgomery was there with fever & very sore mouth; looks very bad. Buckner went home with Sam C. Montgomery. Rev. Mr. Sibley is having a 2 days meeting for the blacks at Spring-hill.

July 24: We went to the Presbyterian church. Buckner came home this evening. Eat dinner at Coz. Sam's. Laura is sick in bed; looks very bad.

July 25: Buckner went to Fayette, saw his Aunt Maria, Betsy & Mary Hornsby. They were going to dine with Laura Montgomery.

July 26: The examination begins at the Academy today. The girls stood a good examination.

July 27: We started to the examination at 8 oc; met Martha at the pond. Jimmy is not well. I did not carry Jesse & George, the whooping cough is there. Laura was examined in history, and played a piece on the piano. Olivia & Buckner went out to Mr. Harrison's; come back to the concert. Mr. Wilcox spoke, his speed was good. He said too much about the Catholic schools.

July 28: Mr. Darden went with George (Darden) in his buggy. He stayed all night with us. Alice went back with Sister Maria. He is large as Virginia Montgomery. Rev. Dr. Palmer preached an excellent sermon about the sphere of women. Everyone seemed interested. He is an excellent speaker; his closing remarks to the girls was so fine & appropriate.

July 29: They got home from the concert at 1 oc. Dr. Wade came home with them. The girls performed admirably on piano, guitar & violin. Jeff Chamberlain's horse ran-a-way with his buggy, broke it all to pieces. Martha, Olivia, & Dr. Wade went to Fayette this morning to have their Daguerretype taken. They got theirs, but could not keep Jimmy still. Mr. Darden & Buckner started half past 1 oc., to Natchez to take the Steamer Vicksburg. I felt lonesome, it may be the last time we shall meet. Laura came home with Martha & Olivia. Ma, Sister Betsy, Mary, Virginia Green & her 2 children came at sundown from Mr. Montgomery's.

July 30: I expected Coz. Margaret Darden. She did not come. Cate & Jack came to dinner. Mr, Sister Betsy, Mary & Virginia all went to Cate's tonight. Mr. Darden got home from Natchez half past 10 oc. Buckner left on Vicksburg.

July 31: We all went to hear Mr. McDonald preach. Coz. Delpha Shackelford very sick with typhoid pneumonia. William Collier very sick with cramp colic. Dr.'s Fox & Brown tending on him. Mr. David Harrison & his wife both sick.

Aug. 2: Jack took Mary Hornsby to Coz. John Darden's. Mr. Stewart spent the with cate. Olivia went to Cate's, brought Sister Betsy home. She stayed all night. Dr. Green came to Mr. Montgomery's to dinner. Tip drove him down to Jack's. Ambrose came with his Pa. He is a large boy.

Aug. 4: Olivia & Mrs. Duvall went to Wild Wood Springs in company with Jack, Cate & Mary Hornsby. Sister Betsy went back to Jack's this morning. Mr. Darden, Jesse, George & I spent the evening with Ma & Sister Betsy.

Aug. 5: Jack, Dr. Green, Ambrose & Henry came, stayed 2 hours. Sister Betsy & Mary started at 5 oc. Dr. Green met Guilford Torrey on the boat; he told him that old Mr. Clarke, Bell Sillers father was buried a few days before at Gen Clarke's & one his grandchildren.

Aug. 6: Mrs. Robert McGinty has a babe. Think it will die. Mrs. Shackelford is better. Mr. Darden had his likeness take for Mary Green. Miss Julia Penfield sent Olivia a paper with her marriage announced in it.

Aug. 7: We went to the Methodist church to hear Mr. Wilcox's address on the influence of the Bible. It was good, took up collection about \$60. Mrs. McGinty is very sick. Anne Stuart told me that it was Anna Maria Baldwin's little boy 4 years last January that was buried the same day old Mr. Clarke was buried. It is great affliction. They have only one left.

Aug. 10: Sister Maria got a letter from Anne Briscoe. Jeff has been very low, indeed with cramp-colic. He is subject to it. Mrs. McKeown's, Anna Darden's mother died Monday night at 9 oc. She was 83 years old. She had lost her mind.

Aug. 12: Anne Stuart, Julia & Lena came at 10 oc. Blount came at 7 oc. Mr. Darden had the road worked in the lane between Jo Davenport's & his Miller field.

Aug. 13: Blount left at 8 oc. He had his mother & Brother Hinds Daguerotype's, went to Fayette to have some more taken from them.

Aug. 14: We went to Fayette. Mr. McDonald preached. Not many there. Ella McGinty told Olivia that her brother, Robert McGinty's wife had been very sick. Thought she would not live Monday & Tuesday.

Aug. 15: Got a letter from Buckner; he writes very dry. Says the cotton is failing; wants to sell his place. The taxes have been raised to rebuild the levees. That Allen Darden is bargaining for a place -- \$160,000. Amelia Scott will come to school to Fayette. Mr. Darden went to church at Mt. Carmel.

Aug. 16: Olivia, Laura & Jesse spent the day at Mr. Montgomery's. Pros. & Ruth, Sam & Laura were there.

Sept. 3: Mr. Darden went to the Methodist church in Fayette. Met Olivia & Laura there. They came from Dr. Wade's. Martha was going to a picnic near Beech Hill, met Mrs. Torrey & went to it. Mr. Darden got a letter from Buckner dated 24 Aug., had 12 bales out. He would make 10 bales to the hand. His Aunt Mary had chill & fever. Amelia had given out coming to Fayette to school. Would go back to Tennessee to Greenwood; her school mates would go there.

Sept. 4: Mr. Darden went to Ebenezer. Rev. Mr. McInnis preached a good sermon. Mr. Darden dined at Mr. Montgomery's. Ma came home to Jack's this evening. Olivia, Laura & Irene went to the Methodist church. Lewis Dangerfield lost his son Samuel; buried today in Fayette.

Sept. 5: Hiram Chambliss came at 6 oc. They all got home Saturday from their trip north. Mary Jane Chamberlain has gone to her Pa's to stay till a certain event happens.

Sept. 6: Tully Stuart left for college in Kentucky today. I should hate to have seen him go so far from home. They have only 2 children at home.

Sept. 7: Olivia spent the day at Cate's. Jack is leader in a prayer meeting at the school house.

Sept. 8: Mr. Darden got account sales of 13 bales at 11 cts. from Fleming & Baldwin. That is 27 bales sold.

Sept. 9: We all went to Spring Hill to hear the speeches. The class did very well. The spoke well except Sam & Town Bullen. Sam did not speak so we could hear him; and Town cried. Ira Robertson had a fine speech on education & Billy Baldrige on Industry & Jimmy Baldrige on agriculture. Irene went home with Sue Darden.

Sept. 10: Mr. Darden went to Coz. John Darden's & brought Irene home. After he came home he went with Olivia to a Methodist meeting at Alec Compton's school house. There was 14 joined the Baptist church. Alec Compton, Monroe Brown, wife & daughter, Theodore Calvit & wife, Brant Calvit, Duncan, Buckles all were baptized.

Sept. 11: Mr. Darden, Jesse & I went to the Presbyterian church in Fayette. Olivia, Laura & Irene went to the school house. Mr. Millsaps preached. Got a letter for Ma from Mary Scott. She had just got well of chill & fever. Her crop was not good. Buckner had the best crop in the neighborhood. Clara Montgomery told me that her sister Laura started to see Mary Bondurant; that Laura was taken with measels at Rodney. They came home.

Sept. 12: Mr. Darden went to church at the school house. Rev. Mr. Wheat preached. Old Mr. Tate joined. Mr. Compton, Cicero & Richard went to be prayed for. Miss Bettie Ashford & Miss Clara Fowler spent the day here.

Sept. 14: Mr. Darden, Olivia, Laura & Irene went to church at the school house. Mr. Wheat preached. Zoanne Stamps & Miss Rice joined.

Sept. 15: Bell Sillers called to get water on her way to church at school house. Mr. & Mrs. Carpenter were in the carriage with her. It is 15 miles from Robert's. She went home tonight.

Sept. 16: Mr. Darden went with me to see Sister Maria. She has missed the fever; but still has a bowel complaint; been in bed more than a week. Frank (M.) is better. Has had fever nearly 3 weeks. Mr. Montgomery thinks he missed the fever yesterday. Sam C. Montgomery & wife & Arletta Weatherly came after we got there. Mrs. Judge Shackelford has a daughter born Tuesday.

Sept. 18: Mr. Darden went to Ebenezer; not many there. None of Mr. Montgomery's family. Brother Buckner & Sam Chamberlain went on the railroad to New Orleans. Sam is going to live on the Bolivar land; Madison also.

Sept. 19: Mr. Darden went to Jack's; they all went to the Baptist church yesterday. Packed today 5 bales; that is 61 bales packed.

Sept. 20: Coz. John Darden called, said he was not well. George is crying all the time today. He has 5 teeth.

Sept. 21: Mr. Darden got the new paper published in Fayette, called Fayette Times. It is \$3.00 in advance. Stephen Stampley hunting Judte Whitney's negroes.

Sept. 22: Put letter in office for Virginia Green. Got a letter for Ma from Mary Hornsby. They were all well; she would begin to teach this week. I saw Mr. Montgomery, says that Sister Maria & Frank are better. That Clara broken out bad with measles, vomiting good deal.

Sept. 23: Ma went to see Brother George this morning. Martha Wade came after 11 oc. She was afraid the measles, started back home before 3 oc. Jimmy can crawl. He is pretty. They sent a ticket to Alec Compton's wife's funeral. She was buried at Absom Guice's. She leaves 2 little children, the oldest not 2 years; the other babe 4 week old. She had conjestive chill.

Sept. 25: Mr. Darden, Olivia & Laura went to church to the Presbyterian church.

Sept. 26: Madison, Rosa & Annette Darden came at sundown. Jack's new woman, Catherine -ran-a-way Friday.

Sept. 27: May & Ben took 15 bales; that is 71 bales sent off, 55 sold. Madison, Rosa & Annette left at 10 oc; went to spend the day & night with Cate.

Oct. 1: Mr. Darden went to Jack's. Cate heard Mrs. William Johnson was very low with putrid sore throat. Packed today 15 bales, that makes 88 packed.

Oct. 2: Mr. Darden went to Ebenezer; there was not many there. Eat dinner at Sister Maria's. Clara has got well of measels. Mary Jane Chamberlain, Darden that was, has a daughter, born last night. Been married 10 months lacking a week. The 4 brides all have babys that were married about the same time.

Oct. 3: I went with Laura to Fayette. The school opens at the Academy. I saw Mr. Montgomery; he thinks Virginia & Ellen were taking measels. Laura Montgomery was in Fayette. Miss Claudie Gibson was there. Virginia Green wrote to her Ma that Dr. Green had been very low with cholera. Thought he was dying at one time. Sam Chamberlain was in Fayette, told Mr. Darden he & Brother Buckner would start to Bolivar tomorrow with hands to improve a new place. I saw Mary Cameron, Shaw that was; she said she saw Buckner 2 or 3 weeks ago. He was at their house.

Oct. 4: Buckner came half past 4. He hired a horse, but he rode so rough that he got on Cicero's wagon & sent the horse back by Jack's wagon to Natchez.

Oct. 5: Took 15 bales, 86 sent off. Got sales of 15 bales by Fleming & Baldwin at 10 3/4 cts; 71 bales sold. Buckner went to his Uncle Blount's this evening.

Oct. 6: Mr. Darden went to the Presbytery at Green Wood church. Mr. McDonald came home with him at dark.

Oct. 7: Mr. Darden & Mr. McDonald started to Green Wood half past 7 oc. Buckner got home from Blount's at 1 oc. Sent Jim for Olivia; she came & brought Laura from school. She met Dr. Fox, he told her Sarah Darden had a conjestive chill; was very sick, he was going back tonight. Got a letter from Anne Briscoe, she says they do not think Jeffie has whooping cough.

Oct. 8: Mr. Darden & Buckner went to Green Wood. Mr. Darden & Buckner got home at 7 oc. Had four sermons, all excellent. The Presbytery got through. Packed today 13 bales, that makes 101 packed.

Oct. 9: We went to church in Fayette. Mr. McDonald had a good congregation. Anne Stuart & Julia & Claudie Gibson went to Mrs. Harrison's. Mrs. Gibson wrote to Claudie that Leonly was in a very critical situation. They were going to send for Dr. Abbey of Port Gibson. Leonly been sick for 3 days -- in labor.

Oct. 10: Ben & Maj took 15 bales. That is 101 taken off. Rev. Mr. Neil & Mr. Morehead called, took dinner.

Oct. 11: Rev. Mr. Smiley eat dinner here. Buckner got home at dark, eat dinner at Anne Stuart's. Come from Martha's this morning. Mrs. Leonly Harrison has a fine boy; named it Rivers. Wesley Whitney sold his place to Jeff Whitney. He is going to Illinois to live. Pros. Whitney has bought Jeff's place.

Oct. 12: Cate came & spent the day. Martha & Dr. Wade came before 11 oc. Had turnips for dinner.

Oct. 13: Anne Stuart sent word that Blount was sick; she could not come. Claudie Gibson & Julia Stuart came half past 11 oc., from Mrs. Harrison's. The way the baby is very large; no hair. Leonly was very bad when her child was born. Irene heard at school that Frank Whitney's little boy, Simms had his arm hurt in gin. Julia heard in Rodney that Jeff Briscoe had his steam gin burnt with 75 bales cotton.

Oct. 14: Buckner went at 6 oc., in the buggy to Natchez to take the Steamer Vicksburg to go home. I gave him \$144 of butter money to pay for hire of one of his Grandma's negroes.

Oct. 15: Olivia, Martha, Irene & Jesse went to Fayette. Olivia went to the Academy to call on the teachers. Met Anna Darden, she says Mary Jane Chamberlains babe cries all night. That Mary Jane cries too. Sarah Darden is better. Packed today 16 bales; makes 117 packed.

Oct. 16: Martha left half past 7 oc., expected to go the the Brick church. Mr. Darden went to Ebenezer. Mr. Wilcox delivered the address, the influence of the Bible. Mr. McNeal preached his farewell sermon in Fayette. They are holding a protracted meeting at Union church. Mr. Wright stayed all night, told us that Dr. Farrar house was burned short time ago. He lives in Adams County.

Oct. 20: Miss Mary Carradine is to be married soon to Mr. Baker, son of Commission Merchant. Waiting till Dr. Stratton returns from Europe.

Oct. 21: Took 14 bales to Natchez; that is 112 sent off, 98 sold. Mrs. Stewart was sent for to see her Uncle Sam Bolis. He is sick at David Bullen's with scarlet fever.

Oct. 22: Mr. Sam Bolis died yesterday. Was buried at home this evening with Masonic honors. He had conjestive chill. Olivia & Irene went to see Mrs. Davenport. She had gone to the burying. She went on to Coz. Margaret Darden's. She told her Emma Clark's babe died about 3 weeks ago with bowel complaint. It was about 9 months old. Florence Calhoun was at Coz. Margaret's. Mrs. Duvall took her back to the Academy this evening. Packed today 14 bales; that makes 131 bales packed.

Oct. 23: We went to Fayette to the Presbyterian church. Anne Stuart says Julia has been very sick, vomiting 3 days. Dr. Wade tended her.

Oct. 24: Ma came home from Brother George's today; called at the gate to give Olivia a fan that Anne Briscoe sent her. She says Drusy & Addie have been very sick. Had Dr. Abbey & Richardson both tending them. Cate says White Bullen stayed all night Saturday with Henry Scott. The Dr. did not think he would live a day. He was so anxious that they move him to his father's. Been sick 5 weeks. Mary Miles from Bolivar was at church yesterday.

Oct. 25: Olivia went to see Mary Jane Chamberlain. She is with her Ma. Mr. Darden went to Fayette. The Circuit Court in session, Judge Cassady presiding. Took 14 bales to Natchez, that makes 126 sent off.

Oct. 26: Olivia got home this evening; spent the day with Sister Maria. Olivia says Mary Jane is not able to go about yet; her babe cries good deal. Buckner has written that he does not like his place in Bolivar; too cold for cotton. Rev. Dr. McCalla died in Grand Gulf in his 77th year. Irene went home with Luly Stewart.

Oct. 28: Cate called for Ma; says Mr. Millsaps was at Henry Scott's burying. They were all so distressed; leaves a young wife & 4 little children.

Oct. 29: Dr. Wade & Martha came 11 oc. Miss Lottie, Miss Jag Young, Anne Stuart & Julie spent the day with her Thursday. Mr. Darden went to church at school house. Mr. Millsaps preached. Cicero Stampley eat supper here; had been to church at school house.

Oct. 31: Wesley Whitney & family move to Illinois today. Miss Catty Whitney goes with them.

Nov. 1: Olivia went to Martha's to go to the fair at Rodney tomorrow. May took 15 bales, that is 142 bales sent off; 127 sold. Wat Burch went by here moving his hands to Jack Burch's place on Sunflower. He will oversee.

Nov. 3: Jim brought a letter for Ma from Anne Briscoe. Anne wants Ma to meet her in Rodney last next week to take a boat to go & see Mary Scott. Said Jeff would have his gin ready on the Hunt place in 2 weeks. Mr. Darden took the letter to his Ma at Jacks. She is going with Anne. Rev. Mr. Millsaps was at Jack's on his way to marry Lum Cambell & Mary Compton. There has been a plot to have an insurrection in Virginia. The Capt. shot badly, wounded his son --killed; his name is Brown. Found great many arms, provisions, etc; everything to carry out their murderous designs; the work of Abolitionists. There was a map found designating different places in different states. They are marked with a cross. They have them marked in this state, Warren, Claiborne, Jefferson. Church Hill for this county. Not far from here. Franklin, Adams & Wilkinson. It is dreadful to think of a set of white scoundrels rising & killing persons with the plea to liberate the slaves. They ought to be hung; burning would be nothing but right. It was providential that it was not carried into execution.

Nov. 4: Mr. Darden went to church at Spring Hill. They employed Mr. Wright for 10 months for \$500 and board. I see Mr. Landin's gin was burnt last week.

Nov. 5: Anne Stuart & Julia came at 4 oc. Blount could not come, left Lena with him. They were at the fair 3 days. Great many persons there. Robert Sillers took 2 silver cups on horses. Mrs. Robert Dunbar on cotton. Olivia was there 2 days; went last day with Miss Lottie & Dr. Walter Wade. Ma went to Sister Maria's. She will go on from there to Briscoe place to go with Anne Briscoe to see Mary Scott. Packed today 16 bales; that is 162 packed.

Nov. 6: Mr. Darden & Irene went to the Methodist church. Rev. William Johnson preached Mr. William Stewart's funeral. He preached a good sermon. Anne & Blount will start to New Orleans Tuesday by way Brookhaven, then take the cars. Julia will stay part time with Mrs. Harrison & part with us.

Nov. 8: Mr. Darden went to Fayette, George Torrey told him Jeff Montgomery's gin was burnt with 25 bales cotton. Did not hear how it caught fire. Its very hard; he has worked so hard since he went to Beuff River. I feel sorry for him. Anne Briscoe wrote to Olivia. She wanted her to come up Thursday & go with them to see Mary Scott.

Nov. 9: Olivia got home from Martha's. They are all well. Martha & Dr. will go to the fair at Port Gibson tomorrow. Olivia saw Aunt Maria in Fayette; she said Jeff's gin was burnt from trees burning near it. Mrs. Smiley says Mary Jane went to Coz. Myra (Chamberlain's) yesterday. Will go to Bolivar next Tuesday.

Nov. 10: Mr. Darden went to meet Coz. John Darden to see where the line runs between them. He saw Jo Davenport; he wants him to buy his place. Will take \$5,000 for it, cash. That's \$7.50 an acre. Saw Jalone Stampley's hands & furniture go by moving to Dr. White's place; gave \$1500 for it.

Nov. 12: We went to church in Fayette. Mr. Finney from Green Wood preached.

Nov. 13: Mr. Darden & Olivia went to church. Mr. McCallum preached. Mary Bondurant was there.

Nov. 14: Packed Saturday 16 bales. That is 174 packed, 167 sent off. Ben & Maj will take 15 in the morning.

Nov. 15: Olivia, Jesse & I went to see Sister Maria. Mrs. Torrey, Sam C. & Mary Montgomery & Sam & Laura Montgomery were there. We spent a pleasant day there. Sam heard in Fayette that Bill Sillers was dead. Mr. Darden got back from New Orleans at 1 oc. yesterday. Blount & Anne went & came with him. Mary Bondurant came home with us, stayed all night.

Nov. 16: Mr. Darden saw the hearse go out with corpse of Bill Sillers. His wife, daughter, Robert Sillers & Mr. Carpenter were all that were along. We got a letter from Buckner. He has out 135 bales; thinks he will make over 140. Anne will go with Blount to the swamp tomorrow. Will take Lena.

Nov. 17: Cate & Jack went to Natchez; sent Lavenia here to go to school with Irene. Fleming & Baldwin have not sold any more cotton for Mr. Darden. 127 sold, 39 in Natchez.

Nov. 18: Mr. Darden went to Fayette, Jesse went with him. Brought Laura home. Laura says Sarah Darden called at the Academy to see Annette. She had been to see Mary Jane Chamberlain get on the boat to move to Bolivar.

Nov. 19: Martha writes that she is helping Miss Lottie make Dr. Walter Wade's wedding pillow cases. Packed 12 bales; that makes 190 bales.

Nov. 20: George 1 year old today. Mr. Darden went to Ebenezer. There was not many there. Will Trimble & bride was there.

Nov. 21: Mr. Darden took Laura to school to the Academy. Jim took Irene to Spring Hill. Mr. Darden saw Robert Sillers. He was having Bill Sillers' negroes appraised.

Nov. 22: Mr. Darden went to Fayette; he saw Coz. John Darden. He bought 17 acres of land from Joe Davenport, opposite his gin. Gave him \$15 an acre.

Nov. 23: Took 15 bales to Natchez. That is 182 sent off, 127 sold and 190 packed.

Nov. 24: Mr. Darden went to Ebenezer. It is Thanksgiving Day. Mr. McDonald preached. He went to dinner at Brother Buckner's. Rosa still sick; looks bad. Sam S. Montgomery has taken his hands to the place Mr. Herrington gave him, to make some improvements. He offers his place for \$4000.

Nov. 26: Brother (Buckner) sent Harry with Madison's gun to be sent to Natchez & shipped to him in Bolivar. Packed 15 bales, that makes 205 bales.

Nov. 27: We went to church in Fayette. Mr. Montgomery told Mr. Darden that Rev. Mr. Fey that preached in Fayette 3 years ago, died a few weeks ago. Mr. Harrison told Julia that her Aunt Leonly, had been sick; that Emma was sick now.

Nov. 30: Mr. Davenport came, eat dinner. Mr. Darden rode over his place. He asks \$5,000 cash. Anne Stuart came. Got back from the swamp yesterday. Came to Mary Bondurant's Sunday, stayed there till Tuesday morning. Anne says that Jeff Briscoe has bought Jack Watson's land joining him for \$125 an acre. They are looking for Ma & Anne Briscoe home every day. Anne says that Catherine Sillers that was, Mrs. Cable now, is dead. All Uncle Daniel Sillers' family gone but Jane Nash; her health bad. Fleming & Baldwin sold 60 bales cotton for 10 3/4 cts. That is 187 bales sold.

Dec. 1: They sent for Dr. Fox to see Tennessee Davenport. She is threatened with an abortion. Jack & Mr. Darden went to the school house this evening.

Dec. 3: Packed 15 bales; that makes 220 packed. Yesterday was the day for Brown, the head of the insurrection at Harper's Ferry. I hope he was executed.

Dec. 5: Irene & Henry went to school. Mr. Wright had gone to Natchez, will not teach till Wednesday. Coz. John Darden sent a bull yearling; made Mr. Darden a present of it. It is good stock.

Dec. 8: Dr. Fox's horses fell off in a gully near Mrs. Stewart's, deep as a house. Broke the buggy top all to pieces. Did not hurt them. Mr. Darden got a letter from Buckner. He did not make a good corn crop. Would make 147 bales. That is 13 bales & 4 over to the hand. He says Jim Rundle's place is for sale at \$30 an acre. It joins Buckner's. He wants his Pa to buy it. There is 700 acres in the place. His Uncle Jeff Briscoe had been to see him. His Aunt Anne Briscoe was coming before she left Mary Scott's. That she was going to Bolivar to visit Guilford Torrey.

Dec. 9: Heard that Sam S. Montgomery sold his place to Hartwell for \$4000. He is moving to Franklin County on the place Mr. Herrington gave him. Cicero Stampley came, stayed an hour.

Dec. 12: Mr. Darden went as a commissioner to appraise Mr. Hicks' property that Mr. Stowers gave them. There was 26 negroes there. Martha writes she is making a fruit cake for Dr. Walter Wade's wedding. He will marry Mrs. Mabella Chamberlain Wednesday & come home. Miss Lottie & the Dr.'s daughters will go down to Mrs. Chamberlain's tomorrow. Martha & Mrs. Richardson will go & have the wedding supper ready when they get home. Martha said she helped Miss Lottie bake cake.

Dec. 13: Mr. Darden went to Mrs. Stowers to act as commissioner to divide the property. There was 82 negroes on the place, making 108 on both places. Blount Stuart, P.K. Montgomery, Joe Davenport & Father Robertson are the commissioners. Sam S. Montgomery got \$6,000 for his place, \$4,000 cash, the balance next year. Sold his corn for \$1,000. Packed today 17 bales; that makes 237 bales.

Dec. 14: Bell Sillers came. She come to the bridge, it was broken; she went back by Judge Whitney's. Got a letter from Buckner. He made 149 1/2 bales. He has been offered \$30 an acre for his place; will be allowed to make another crop; wants his Pa's advise. It to get a draft in New Orleans for the money. He paid Joe Head his \$2500 by giving a draft in New Orleans. Mr. Darden thinks Buckner is offering his place too cheap. There is great excitement in Fayette. Sam Hartwell was brought in a prisoner this morning. He hired a ditcher by the name of Dowdy to put strichnine in some blue-lick water that Mr. Sam Scott keeps to drink in his room. Mr. Scott is Hartwell's father-in-law. He wanted the old man to be out the way so he could get

his wife's share of the property. Mr. Darden went to see him. He said he must have some enemies.

Dec. 15: Mr. Darden went to Fayette with Robert Sillers. Hartwell had his trial. They had not got done examining Dowdy when Mr. Darden left. Hartwell had his little boy in his arms in the court house. Mr. Scott had just bought Sam S. Montgomery's place; he says he was doing so much for him & for him to be guilty of such an act & bring disgrace upon his family, is too much to bear. Mrs. Olivia Dunbar, wife of late Joe Dunbar death is in the Natchez Courier. Mr. Dunbar has consumption.

Dec. 16: Mr. Darden started in the buggy half past 7 oc., to Natchez to take the Steamer Vicksburg to go to our son Buckner's to look at Jim Rundell's place.

Dec. 18: We went to the Methodist church. Mr. Lewis preached. He is only 19 years old. Anna & Samuel Darden & William Marschalk is going home to Texas. His father lost 4 children with yellow fever. Mrs. Marschalk is a sister to Anna Darden. Anna told me that Mary Jane Chamberlain was pleased with her new home. Sam met her at Carson's Landing. He took the babe in his lap. Mary Jane rode behind him. Old time way of traveling about 7 miles from the Landing.

Dec. 19: A dispatch from Buckner to Mr. Darden telling him about the land that Jim Rundell has for sale. There is 550 acres on the place, 150 in cultivation, 100 dead; wants to keep the place another year. There was 3 weddings last Wednesday, Dr. Walter Wade & Mrs. Mabella Chamberlain, Dr. Buck & Miss Virginia Hubbard & Mr. Bullen & Miss Anne Martin.

Dec. 20: Packed today 13 bales; that is 250 bales packed, 226 sent off, 186 sold.

Dec. 21: Sam & Anna Darden stayed with Jack last night on their way from Natchez. Judge Millsaps & Webster Millsaps was there also.

Dec. 22: Jim went for Laura. Nearly all the girls have left the Academy to spend Christmas at home.

Dec. 23: Mr. Owen's boy brought a dispatch from Mr. Darden dated Vicksburg, saying I must send for him. They sent for Cate to see Mag Mayberry. She is very sick.

Dec. 24: Finished packing 4 bales. Packed in all 254 bales. Martha Wade came at 2 oc. She & Jimmy both been sick with cold & cough. Dr. Fox told her that Bell Sillers had a babe born dead. It was buried in Fayette this evening. Mr. Darden got home at 7 oc. He left Buckner's Thursday, got on the boat Friday morning; came to Vicksburg, got on the Sharmer; had to take on cotton; made her late getting to Natchez. Mary & John Bondurant had been to New Orleans. Come back by the cars to Jackson, from there to Vicksburg. Frank Whitney & wife were on -- going to New Orleans. Mr. Darden bought the place, gave \$30 an acre. Rundell to make another crop. It came to \$2100. There is 740 acres on the place. Mary & family are well. Ma is there.

Dec. 25: We went to church. Mr. McDonald preached an appropriate sermon. Mrs. Torrey told me Bell was doing very well. Mag Mayberry has a daughter.

Dec. 28: Mr. Darden went to Fayette. Eat dinner at Coz. John Darden's. Mr. Fairly & Mr. Currie came at sundown in a buggy.

Dec. 30: Henry Darden eat dinner here. He came with his Pa's boys to get a dog that has taken up here.