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Jan. 2: Mr. Darden went to Coz. John Darden's this evening to see if he could borrow some money to pay Rundell on the place he bought, so he could get possession. But Coz. John had loaned it to P. K. Montgomery.

Jan. 3: Mr. Darden took Laura to the Academy to school. He got Mr. Tenny's bill for Laura's board, tuition, music & drawing. Ben Bullen has money of Mrs. Stewart to loan; wants Mr. Darden to take some of it.

Jan. 4: I signed the deed to 10 acres of land in front of Cicero Stampley's house that he bought of Mr. Darden for \$50 & changed 2 acres with Mr. Darden to straighten the line, so as to make the fence the line between them.

Jan. 5: Mr. Darden went to Henry Stampley's place to help divide the property. They got over \$4,000 worth. In the negroes Jacob Stampley got Dennis, Charles & Jack. Bernice got old Abram and his family. Minerva got Rose & Tom. Clara got Lindsey & Armstead.

Jan. 6: Bradford Truly moved his hands to his mother's place near Blount Stuart's. Saw Dr. White's family going home this evening. They have been to Copiah County to visit her relations. They are staying at Tom Jenkins till their house is done.

Jan. 8: We went to hear Mr. McDonald in Fayette. Jeff Whitney told Olivia that Joe started, got half way there. It begin to rain, she went back to her Pa's.

Jan. 9: Father Robertson came, paid \$70 for the hire of Sarah in advance to Ma. Jesse went to school with Irene today. Cate McCaleb is to be married at the Brick church tomorrow to her first cousin, John McCaleb. His father is violently opposed to it. Says he will not be reconciled to them. Her relations are very much opposed to it. But she says its no use, she will marry him. He mother, Mrs. Garret's health is bad; has consumption. Her 3 children have all married cousins.

Jan. 10: Wallace Montgomery was here. Wanted to buy cattle. He says that his brother Wesley had moved to Beuff River since Christmas. Mr. Darden saw Mr. McCaleb; he thinks that Mrs. Garret ought not to let Cate marry. She ought to prevent it by force. Jesse Terry died Christmas week with typhoid fever.

Jan. 11: Mr. Darden say Henry Mayberry; he said Ben Bullen was sick in bed. Fleming & Baldwin account was \$1225.

Jan. 12: Olivia got a letter from Claudie Gibson. Mr. Darden's 228 bales sold, brought \$10,420. There is 26 to sell yet.

Jan. 14: Mr. Darden went to Fayette, paid Mr. Teney's bill for Laura's board, tuition, music & drawing, \$175.75. Joe Davenport told Mr. Darden they took Smelcher out of jail & hung him in the jail yard. He committed rape on a 10 year old, Mr. Brown's daughter of Natchez.

Jan. 15: Mr. Darden went to Ebenezer; dined at Mr. Montgomery's. Sam & Laura were up last week. Miss Minerva was with them. Dr. Andrew's of Tensas Parish, La., died last week. He has drank very hard number of years. Brother in law to Jeff Briscoe.

Jan. 17: Coz. John Darden called, stayed short time. Going to Mary Dixon's.

Jan. 19: There was a mule drover here, sold Mr. Darden 4 mules, \$150 each. Sold Cicero Stampley 5. Richard Stampley told Mr. Darden that Olivia his sister had spasma all the time now, thought she would die. She has been afflicted all her life that way. We got 2 letters from Buckner. His crop of 147 1/2 bales brought \$5500. He got money from Shepard at 8% beside Commissions. He saw Guilford Torrey & family, Dan Cameron & wife, his Uncle Joe Sillers & Frank Montgomery in New Orleans. Said Tip Montgomery went to board in a French family. Olivia got a letter from Mary Jane Chamberlain. She is very happy with her new home. Says her babe is very sweet & good. Dan Cameron lives a mile from them. They have to cross the bayou in a skiff. Guilford (Torrey) & family had been to visit her. She was making soap out of Gars that were dug from under the ice.

Jan. 21: Olivia & Irene spent the day with Tennessee Davenport.

Jan. 23: Olivia started to Anne Stuart's half past 1 oc; Jesse went with her. Jack, Cate & Henry went to Mrs. Stewart's.

Jan. 24: I started to see Bell Sillers, got there after 10 oc. Anne & Blount were there. We went home with Anne Stuart. Julia got home at dark. Been on a visit to Warren County to see her Aunt Adaline Gibson. David Harrison & family went with her. Mrs. Harrison left her baby at home with her wet nurse. Julia sez Coz. Buckner was on the boat.

Jan. 25: Blount has been to his place in swamp. Will be home today. Olivia stayed with her Aunt Anne.

Jan. 27: Mr. Darden went to the sale at Henry Stampley's place. Dr. Rowland bid the land in at \$4.45 an acre.

Jan. 28: Martha, Dr. Wade & his brother Johnny came. Martha says Jimmy has been very sick with cold.

Feb. 1: Cate came & spent the day. Mr. Wright came home with Irene. Says Cab Trimble died.

Feb. 2: Coz. Myra Chamberlain came at 2 oc. She was on a visit to Coz. John Darden's. They had gone to see Coz. Sarah Stowers.

Feb. 3: Olivia spent the day with Cate Crawford in Fayette. Willia McDonald, Minor Dixon & Mat Dixon were there. Mr. Darden went to Spring Hill to hear Mr. Johnson the circuit rider preach. Cate & Jack went. Jack says Jeff Montgomery is married. Did not hear her name.

Feb. 6: Mr. Darden took Laura to school to the Academy. Saw Mr. Montgomery, showed him Jeff's letter. He wrote very cheerful. He married Miss Ward. She was not rich, not beautiful. Said that bachelors life had to be intolerable. Jeff is 30 years old. Prosper Whitney went to Pine Ridge to marry Miss Hellen McCaleb. It has been only 3 months since he was engaged to another girl. I hope they will do well. Brother Buckner's horses got frightened when it was thundering, ran, broke the carriage to pieces, threwed Harry off the seat, put his arm out of place.

Feb. 9: Martha sent Allen to tell Olivia not to come that Miss Agnes Wade's girl, Sarah, has been sick with scarlet fever at her house. Miss Lottie & some of the servants have the fever at Dr. Walter Wade's. Old Dr. Young died in New Orleans on Monday. Dr. Walter Wade, Wilson Wade & his daughter Mollie went yesterday to see him buried at his home on Second Creek. Has been married 3 times, two last wives were sisters to Dr. Walter Wade.

Feb. 12: We went to church in Fayette. We met Dr. Brummel in a buggy with Bell Chamberlain. He went to the church. She went out with him. It is said they were running off to get married. It is said that old Sam Scott has gone to Natchez to marry Miss Madora Dubbs. She is a young lady & he has more that a dozen grandchildren. He is rich. It created good deal of talk at church. Laura told Olivia that Pros. Whitney was married Wednesday, came to his fathers that evening, stayed till Friday, went to his home near Providence church. Got a letter from Buckner. He says that his corn ground is ready to plant. He had bought Mary (Scott) 6 mules, 4 at \$170 and 2 at \$160.

Feb. 14: Mr. Montgomery & Sister Maria started to New Orleans yesterday, took Ellen with them.

Feb. 15: Olivia got letters from Ginnie Torrey & Claudie Gibson.

Feb. 16: Cate went by going to stay with Mrs. Stewart, then going to see Mrs. Bullen.

Feb. 17: Julia & Lena Stuart came at 11 oc. Willie McDonald came with them, stayed all night.

Feb. 18: Mr. Darden finished making the fence between him & Jack. It is more than a mile long. Jack ought to have helped make it.

Feb. 19: Olivia, Irene, Jesse & myself went to the Methodist church. Mr. Lewis preached a good sermon. Mr. Darden went to Ebenezer.

Feb. 20: Little George is 15 month old today. Mr. Darden went to Jalone Stampley. Dr. White had been to Cicero's & they went to Jalone's Dr. wants Cicero to go his security for some furniture he bought in Natchez. Cicero took him to Jalone, he would not go it. Dr. says the Lord is against him.

Feb. 22: Olivia, Jesse & myself spent the day with Cate. Ira Robertson went down there. They want him to teach school at Alec Compton's school house. His father is not willing for him to go unless he hires a hand to work in his place.

Feb. 23: Joe Davenport bought land about 20 miles from Baton Rouge in Louisiana, but on Mississippi side.

Feb. 24: Olivia rode on horse back to see her Aunt Maria. She has not got home from New Orleans.

Feb. 25: We went to church in Fayette. Mr. McDonald gave a history of Presbyterianism in Jefferson County. Organized a separate church in Fayette. Elected 3 elders. Mr. Tenney, Mr. J. H. Darden, they were Elder's of Ebenezer & ordained Mr. Sam Scott Elder to new organization. Elected Dr. Duncan & Mrs. Sam Owen Deacon's. William Harper, William Crawford, George Torrey, Dr. Fox & W. Blount Stuart, Trustees. There was 33 members joined the Fayette church. Blount Stuart received a dressing gown from Mrs. Welch that he saved on the Princess when it exploded. Mrs. Collier & Minerva Phillips went from Anne Stuart's to Mrs. Harrison's. Mrs. Collier going to live with her son William in St. Joseph. Olivia went to see Mrs. McGinty. Her babe is growing fast. Sarah Fox had a chill that lasted 7 hours. She liked to have died. Saw Indian Lee. She left her oldest daughter at the school at the Academy. Coz. Sarah Stowers was with her.

Feb. 26: We went to church in Fayette; had sacrament. Had a large congregation. Martha Wade & John Wade the Dr's brother was there. Olivia went with Cate to dinner at Mr. Montgomery's. Sister Maria has Jeff's wifes ambrotype. Says it flatters her. Says Jeff is proud of her; has black hair, blue eyes, good teeth. Mary Bondurant went to New Orleans with them.

Feb. 27: Laura wants the carriage sent for her Friday. Miss Carrie Parker & Bell McCallum are coming home with her.

Feb. 28: Cordelia Davenport will be a weeping bride. She is to be married to Robert Campbell. He married Nannie Burch. He has 4 children, 2 girls & 2 boys. Mr. Dr. Fox has the babe; took it when its mother died. It was a week old. Mrs. Davenport was married 3 months to Mr. Davenport. He killed himself drinking. She is young and fine looking. So is Mr. Campbell.

Feb. 29: Mr. Darden is working the road to Fayette as far as Wes Whitney's old gate.

Mar. 3: Mary Jane Henderson, Winnie Wilcox. Leonora Smity & Indian Compton have quit school.

Mar. 4: Mr. Darden went to church at Ebenezer.

Mar. 6: Martha & Dr. Wade got here half past 11 oc. Left Jimmy with Miss Lottie & Agenes Wade. They are staying with Martha.

Mar. 8: Anne Stuart sent Lena to stay till she comes back from New Orleans. Julia will go with them. Mr. & Mrs. Harrison will go in company. Miss Claudie Gibson is going with them. Mr. Darden got a letter from Fleming & Baldwin saying they would furnish 30 barrels port at \$19 a barrel. That will be 50 barrels that will be ordered this year.

Mar. 9: Mr. Darden saw brother George Darden in Fayette. He stayed at Mr. Montgomery's last night.

Mar. 10: Mr. Darden went to the school house to church; 2 days meeting. Cate & Jack went. Mr. Darden went by to dinner. Cate says they are making great preparations for Indian Compton's wedding. Says that Mary that married Lum Cambell, is talking about the difference the are making. She married poor; they did not make much preparation for her wedding.

Mar. 11: We went to church in Fayette. Robert Campbell & bride were at church.

Mar. 12: Coz. Margaret came at 3 oc. Coz. John & Mrs. Duvall went on to see Mary Dixon. Coz. Margaret says Mrs. Dixon is really in need. She is out of everything in the way of necessities. Poor woman with 5 daughters & nothing hardly to support them on. Coz. Margaret looks so young. She will be 49 years old in April.

Mar. 13: There was 14 taken in full membership at the school house on Sunday. Mr. Johnson is the Circuit Rider. Jalone Stampley & wife joined Dr. White's church on Sunday.

Mar. 14: Sister Maria, Mr. Montgomery, Mary Bondurant & her 2 little boys came half past 10 oc. John Bondurant went to see his brother Horace married.

Mar. 16: All of the family spent the day at Mr. Montgomery's. Coz. Margaret Darden promised to go, but did not come. Mary Bondurant spent the day with Anna Darden. Mrs. Compton & Ellenora Smith were coming out from Cicero Stampley's when we came home.

Mar. 18: Mr. Darden went to Ebenezer. He came to dinner at Mr. Montgomery's. Sister Maria & Mr. Montgomery will go to visit Brother George & family.

Mar. 19: Cate came this evening. She is making the berth to Indian Compton's bridal dress. It is illusion. She said that they spent \$250 when they went to Natchez. Cicero Stampley & Bowman came here. He eat supper here. Olivia took a ride in buggy with Cicero.

Mar. 20: Anne Stuart sent for Lena. Anne got home yesterday. They were gone 10 days to New Orleans. John Stowers came at 5 oc; stayed to supper. Left at 8 oc. to go and stay with Cicero Stampley.

Mar. 21: Luly Stewart & Henry Darden stayed with Irene tonight.

Mar. 22: Miss Agnes Wade went to New Orleans with Dr. Walter Wade & wife.

Mar. 24: Olivia started to Martha's at 2 oc. Sarah Louise Montgomery was married to Sam Terry. Did not have wedding.

Mar. 25: We went to Presbyterian church. Mr. Samuel Owen was ordained Deacon; Dr. John H. Duncan also. Dr. Duncan was ordained a Deacon a year ago, but since the Fayette church has separate organization, he was elected again. Claudie Gibson was at church. Jim came back from Martha's; he drove Olivia to Cane Ridge.

Mar. 28: Mr. Darden went to Fayette, saw Coz. John Darden. He gave him a letter from Mr. McDougal in New Orelans. Says that a friend can give some information about Uncle Jesse Harper's estate. He was killed in Louisiana 1838. His property was sold & went entirely out the family. He thinks the heirs can get it by law.

Mar. 29: Jack went to Ben Bullen's to borrow money to buy corn. He got a letter from Dr. Young; he says his wife's are all to tight. He says she can't account for it.

Mar. 30: Anne Stuart, Julia & Lena came at 10 oc. Blount is in swamp. We got a ticket to the wedding at Mr. Compton's. Laura came home with Olivia from the Academy.

Mar. 31: Miss Mary Harper is married to Dr. Sanders of Prentiss, Bolivar County.

Apr. 2: Julia Stuart wrote to Olivia to go with them to the swamp on Thursday. Jack came up, stayed an hour. He said that Rev. Mr. Armstrong emmersed 2 white persons & about a dozen servants in the creek by Mrs. McGee's.

Apr. 4: Got a letter from Martha; she says that Dr. was going to the swamp with Dr. Walter Wade. Coz. John Darden said Sue had measels; had been to Natchez & took them. Cicero Stampley & John Stowers eat supper here; stayed till 10 oc.

Apr. 5: Mr. Darden got a letter from Mr. McCall of New Orleans. He knows where some Uncle Jesse Harper's property is. He will find it & sell it if the heirs will give him half the proceeds. He to be at all expense. We all went to the wedding. Judge Shackelford performed the ceremony. Cicero looked very well, did not seem embarrassed. Indian was pretty bride. Olivia Darden & John Stowers stood up with them. Mr. Compton would not let them dance.

Apr. 6: Cicero went home this morning; went back to Mr. Compton's after dinner. His bride came back in Mr. Compton's carriage. Willie Stampley called to give Olivia an invitation to a surprise party at Tom Jenkins.

Apr. 8: We went to the Presbyterian church. We met Dr. White & family going to Fayette. He is to lecture there at 3 oc. Saw Cicero & bride go by.

Apr. 9: Got a letter from Buckner. He says he had got back from his Aunt Briscoe's. He went with him Grandma. They were all well but Anne. She still has that goitre on her throat; troubles her very much. John Bondurant was suffering from vertico. Henry Darden says Ira Robertson preached at New Friendship yesterday.

Apr. 10: Mr. Montgomery & Sister Maria had gone to see Sam & Laura. They are living in Franklin County not far from Meadville. Joe & Tennessee Davenport spent the day here. Hiram Chambliss & Jeff Chamberlain got here just before dinner. Hi says they have not had rain in Lake Providence for 6 weeks. Cate went by going home. She spent the day with Mrs. Stewart at Father Robertson's. Coz. Sarah Stowers was there. She told Cate that some person went in her room one night last week, took a drawer out with her valuable papers; took her breast pin. Coz. John Darden thinks that it is her house servant. Cate thinks she wants to get hold the bill of sale that they got from Mrs. Geoghegan when she sold her to Mr. Stowers.

Apr. 11: Cate came, left Lavenia here. Olivia went to call on Mrs. Stampley. She is so young; Olivia said very agreeable. Cicero was not at home.

Apr. 12: Saw Stephen Stampley & wife going to call Cicero & wife. Cicero & Indian took a ride; his grey trots very fast in buggy. Laura Herrin that was, Mrs. Buckles, has a boy. Sam Beardy Montgomery's wife has a babe.

Apr. 14: We all went to Ebenezer. Mr. Finney preached 2 good sermons. They elected old Mr. Trimble and Duncan McIrn Elders. Sister Maria & Mr. Montgomery got back from Sam's their son yesterday. Olivia & Irene went home with Aunt Anna Darden. It is so dust y & bad travelling.

Apr. 15: Mr. Darden went to Ebenezer. Mr. James Buckles joined the church. Mr. Sam Owen's house was burned down last Sunday night. There was Sunday school at Spring Hill.

Apr. 16: Laura wrote that Emma Snodgrass & Florence Calhoun had measles.

Apr. 18: Manifold brought a ticket to Dr. James Brown's funeral. Mr. Darden went to the burying. Great many there. Had metallic coffin. Leaves wife & 3 children; buried by the Mason's. Mr. Darden got a letter from Anne Briscoe. Says that Peter Alexander & Sallie Chambliss will marry next week. Pete joined the Presbyterian church at Rodney. Mr. Isaac Harrison gave Julia Stuart a party while she was in the swamp.

Apr. 19: Mr. Darden, Olivia & Irene started to Natchez before 7 oc. Brother Buckner sent a bushel potato strips.

Apr. 21: Mrs. Dick Truly has measles. Mr. Tenney says there is no cases at the Academy. Have them at Jack Burch's.

Apr. 24: Cate Darden & Mrs. Stewart went to Natchez yesterday. Mr. Darden went to Fayette; court in session. Sallie Chambliss & Pete Alexander to be married tonight. Not many invited. Horace Bullen had chill in Fayette today. Adaline Dangerfield had conjestive chill last week.

Apr. 25: Martha says Coz. Myra called at her house coming from Sallie Chambliss' wedding. She was dressed in white silk with flounces pinked with illusion over it; very long veil. Jeff Whitney & wife, Pros. Whitney & wife, Put Darden & wife, George Darden & family and some of the neighbors were there. Hiram Chambliss & Rosa Calhoun came out before them. Rev. Zebulon Butler married them at 11 oc. Had a splendid dinner. Started to New Orleans. Will live at her Pa's. Martha Darden's father will have his arm amputated. Got it caught in a gin. Louise Chamberlain is sick in bed. Coz. Myra sent Olivia a piece of wedding cake to dream on.

Apr. 27: Martha came at 10 oc. Jimmie is walking & talking some. He is so fond of little George.

Apr. 28: Olivia went to her Aunt Anne's. Martha went home. Mo is at Mr. Montgomery's.

Apr. 29: Mr. Darden went to Ebenezer. Mr. Trimble & Duncan McArn were ordained Elders of Ebenezer church. Mr. Darden eat dinner at Samuel Darden's.

May 2: Olivia started to Dr. Wade's at 2 oc., expected to go to Mrs. Torrey's, & Mag to go with her in Mrs. Torrey's carriage. Indian Stampley sent Olivia an invitation to a small dance Friday night.

May 6: Mr. Darden went to church at Greenwood. Cate called at the gate, wants Olivia to go with her to spend the day with Mrs. Sam Scott.

May 8: I started to Martha's at 6 oc., left Ma here; Jim drove her to Jack's. Mr. Darden paid Mr \$172 for the hire of her negroes last year. I sent Fed to the old Dr.'s for Miss Lottie & Agnes Wade. They all went to Oakland, enjoyed themselves very much. Anne Briscoe was there. Mr. Alexander & John Chambliss was at church Sunday.

May 10: Rev. Dr. Benjamin M. Brake died on Tuesday, a presiding Elder on the Fayette Circuit this year. He was president of the femal academy when I went school at Washington 30 years ago. Lizzie Hicks has another boy. That is 5 sons she has had; one died.

May 13: We went to church in Fayette. Anne Stuart was there, said Blount had gone to Lake Providence on Mrs. Gibson's business. Dr. Wade came at sundown, he had been to see Coz. Louise Chamberlain.

May 15: Ma & Cate came half past 10 oc. Martha, Miss Lottie & Agnes Wade came at 11 oc. Ma got a letter from Anne Briscoe. She was afraid that Jeffie would have measels. Olivia got a letter from Ginney Torrey.

May 16: Mr. Darden went to Fayette, saw Coz. John Darden; said had 15 servants with measels. Anna & Samuel Darden called at the gate, going to stay with Cate tonight. Cicero Stampley & wife came half past 5 oc., stayed an hour. They had been to a dining at Dr. White's.

May 18: Henry took Ma's horses home. She is going to Sister Betsy's in the morning. Sarah J. Baldrige came home with Irene.

May 19: Blount went to the swamp this morning; got back from Lake Providence Monday. Olivia saw Sarah Fox, she told her that Isaac Burch came from Put Darden's yesterday evening -- that Carrie his wife was speechless. Had been sick 2 weeks with typhoid fever. Coz. Margaret telegraphed to Coz. John that she was very low on Wednesday. I feel so sorry, she has a babe 9 months old. Not been married 2 years -- yet it is sad to think of it. Ma started to Sister Betsy's this morning.

May. 20: Mr. Darden went to Spring Hill to church after dinner.

May 21: Mrs. Duvall wrote that she heard from Carrie Darden. Bob McGinty came from there yesterday. They had given up all hope of her recovery. It is such an affliction.

May 22: Scott McCallum was here assessing. He said Coz. Margaret came home yesterday, says Carrie Darden is no better. This is 19th day she has been sick.

May 23: Mr. Darden went to Fayette, had not heard from Carrie Darden. Olivia spent the day with Cate. Washington said Ma got to Sister Betsy's at sundown. Mr. Sibley had been sick. Coz. John got a dispatch that Carrie was dying. Poor woman, it is so sad, sad indeed to think of her leaving her darling little boy, only 9 months old & her husband. They have not been married only

1 year 7 months & 11 days. I deeply sorrow with the family.

May 24: Tommy Darden told Jim that Carrie Darden died at 12 oc., yesterday. Will be buried at her father's, Mr. McCaleb on Pine Ridge this evening. It is distressing to think of her dying so young & leaving her darling little babe. Poor babe, lost it best friend. I do feel so much for Put to be left alone so young. If she was prepared it is well for her. Helen her sister will miss her so much; lately married & living near neighbors.

May 25: Father Robertson & Rev. Mr. Sibley called. They had been to Jack's. Cate been to Fayette, said they had brought old Mr. Clark & Sam Sillers' remains to Fayette today to be buried. Mr. Clark died in July; was buried in Bolivar. Had his remains buried by his wife in Fayette. Sam Sillers be buried in the family burial ground at Uncle Daniel Sillers old place. It was a year in April since he died.

May 26: We went to church in Fayette. Rev. Mr. Finney preached. Col. Charles Clarke was in Fayette, says Coz. Anne Eliza's health is bad. Matilda Sillers came down with her father's corpse. They did not bury Carrie Darden till 11 oc., yesterday. She had been dead 2 days. Poor girl, did not know anything from time she was taken. How sad, sad for her to die without one word whether she was willing to go. Oh! how we should try to live so as to be ready when the surmons come. Dr. Greenfield was taken to his wife's father, Mr. Bullen. The family are angry with Judge Broughton for sending him to the poor house. Dr. Fox tending on him. Irene got a letter from Buckner. His crop fine. Coz. Matilday & John Chambliss stayed a day & night with him. They had been to see their children. Mr. & Mrs. Frisby were going to Lake Providence to fix up things before Sallie & Mr. Alexander goes up there. We heard that Joe Whitney was quite sick. Coz. Margaret Darden is still there.

May 27: We went to church. Matilda Sillers was at church. Jimmie is a large boy. Mrs. Yoe was there also.

May 28: Mr. McDonald wrote a note to Mr. Darden that the Trustees wished him to meet at the Academy in the morning; that a serious difficulty had occurred. That the teachers had sent in their resignations.

May 29: Olivia, Jesse, George, & myself spent the day with Bell Sillers. Matilda Sillers & Mrs. Yoe are staying with Bell. Mrs. Charley West, Martha Dixon & Mrs. Stowers called. There is a party at Jacob Stampley's tonight. The Trustees met at the Academy. They did not approve of Miss Hutchins shipping the girls; but think they ought to have sent them home. They talked very bad about Miss Hutchins & Mr. Tenney. Hibernia Lee was the originator. The teachers said if Miss Hutchins was dismissed, they would all leave.

May 30: Julia Stuart came half past 10 oc. Mollie Davenport came home with Irene. Cate went to Mrs. Bullen's.

May 31: Mr. Darden went to see Coz. Sarah Stowers. Olivia & Julia Stuart went to Cate's. Dr. Tate & his sister spent the day with Cate on Tuesday. Coz. John Darden called a short time. He says that Putnam's babe is not well today. But went home; will stay with Jeff & Joe Whitney part the time.

June 1: Started Fed for Matilda Sillers at sunrise. She is at Robert Sillers. She got here at 11 oc. Laura came from the Academy with her. Laura says that there is a good many the girls left, 14 in all. They cried good deal when Mr. Tenny told them the school would have to break up. Coz. Sarah Stowers came; brought Hibernia Lee. She is so rude.

June 2: Olivia went as far as Coz. John Darden's with Julia. Put came while she was there. Poor little babe is sick with bad bowels. Coz. Margaret says that Carrie went to bed on 8 May, died 23rd. Did not say a word about dying. Would ask for her babe, before they would bring it she would go to sleep & did not notice it. Sad indeed to think of leaving her babe.

June 3: Mr. Darden went to Ebenezer; not many there. Olivia & Laura went to the Methodist church. Julia Stuart told Olivia that they sent for her Pa before day. Her Aunt Leonly was sick.

June 4: Mr. Darden took Laura back to school. Olivia went with them. Blount Stuart & David Harrison have resigned as Trustees on account of the difficulties. Mr. Harmet took his daughter back. The Trustees met today. Old David Hunt sent word to go ahead not to let this discourage them.

June 5: Olivia & I went to Coz. Sarah Stowers; spent the day with Coz. Margaret Darden, Lizzie Hicks, Mrs. Wash Shackelford, Mrs. Yoe & Matilda Sillers. Bell could not come; her babe is sick. Matilda will start home on Saturday morning. Will go on the Steamer Quitman. I gave Matilda \$10 for Jimmie, Anna & Wattie to be divided among them. Coz. Margaret says that she got Put's babe to nurse a negro woman. Says it is not well, has a cough. She left it with Mrs. Duvall today.

June 6: Martha wants Olivia to go there Thursday evening. There is a picnic to be at the bridge near Coz. Myra Chamberlain's Friday.

June 10: We went to church in Fayette. Anne Stuart told me she did not think Bell Sillers' babe could live, it was vomiting and its bowels bad. Dr. Loomis is tending it. Put Darden joined the Cambelite church. Was baptized this morning. Tip Montgomery was at church; said his Pa was going to see Jeff, his son, on Beuff River in the morning. Tip would go with him.

June 11: Rev. Mr. Smiley eat dinner here, went on to Mr. Turpin's. He said Miss Flora McPherson died last week. She was 94 years old. Soloman Stampley & Jacob Stampley were baptized

yesterday by Dr. White. Irene went home with Alice Marble. She boards at Whitefield Bullen's.

June 14: Mr. Smiley came to dinner. He says Stephenson Archer was engaged to Miss Ogden, and he has without good reason broken off the engagement. He has just got through with his Theological studies. Expected to preach in Presbyterian church on Second Creek. It will be against him if the report is true. Heard at Mr. Archer's that Robert McGinty, Sheriff of Jefferson County, was robbed in Vicksburg of \$10,000. He was on his way to Jackson to pay the money for the County taxes. He laid down at the hotel, went to sleep. When waked his pocket was cut & the money gone. It is sad. He took laudanum to destroy himself. I feel sorry for him, his mother & wife.

June 15: Mr. Darden went to church at Spring Hill. Sarah J. Baldrige & Luly Stewart came home with Irene tonight.

June 16: Mr. Darden went to Fayette; says Robert McGinty told him that he was very sleepy when he went to the hotel; told the clerk he would take a nap, to have him waked for dinner. The servant went to wake him, but could not. Isaac Burch & Dick Truly went, then had to roll him about sometime before he woke up. His pocket was cut. He had his duster on, the money in his coat; most of it in paper, nearly \$10,000. It was a mistake about his taking. He said the City Marshall thought he was on the tract of the thief when he left Vicksburg.

June 17: Mr. Darden went to Ebenezer. Heard that Mr. Owen's son Israel was drowned. He was on a boat going to Kentucky. It was snagged and sunk.

June 19: Olivia got home at sundown. She came by Aunt Anne's, brought Julia home. Mr. Wright called going to Jack's. Mr. Millsap's & Fannie are there.

June 21: Olivia went to Cate's, stayed about 3 hours. Jack saw Coz. Sarah Stowers. She says Joe Whitney is very sick at her Pa's. Christena Bolls is to be married tonight to a Mr. Simmons.

June 22: Olivia & myself went to Coz. John Darden's. Joe Whitney is very sick; can't turn herself in bed. Had a spell of palpitation of heart. They think today she has typhoid fever. Putnam's little baby is so sick. It has had fever for 3 weeks; think it typhoid fever. Old Mrs. Whitney came, stayed a short time. Mrs. Duvall is there sick with fever. Cate went to Coz. John's, says that they were uneasy about Joe & Put's baby. Charlotte Reed, that was, Mrs. Welch now, was married to Mr. Freeman last night. They don't think she has married to advantage.

June 23: Mr. Darden went to Fayette, saw Coz. John. He thought Joe was better, but the baby was worse. Coz. Margaret thought it would have spasms. Coz. Margaret has her troubles; she says she can't recollect the day of the week.

June 25: We went to Presbyterian church. Mr. Finney preached. Coz. John thought Joe was better; the babe the same.

June 25: Mr. Wright called, was going to Cane Ridge to church. There is protracted meeting there.

June 27: Jack started to Cane Ridge; stopped at Father Robertson's.

June 29: Coz. John says Joe will go to Judge Whitney's tomorrow; that Put's baby is getting fat; missed the fever. Anna Darden came with Miss Annie & Carrie Parker at dusk. Indian Scott (Briscoe that was) died in Memphis this week on her way to Bersheba Springs. They brought her to the old Briscoe place to bury her. It was just 3 years since her husband died. She leaves 2 little girls.

June 30: Anna Darden & Miss Parker's went to church at Greenwood. Mr. Darden went also. Rev. Mr. Love & Bartlet preached at Greenwood. Anna & Miss R's went to Mr. Archer's. Madison Griffin preached at Old Salem last Sunday. Dr. Foster & Stephen Stampley was there today fixing a stand for him. Stephen Stampley will give them title to the land. Coz. John Darden was to start to see Cunningham & Wes. Whitney in Illinois today; takes Sue with him.

July 2: Martha writes Miss Lottie has taken Daphney to Ross Wood. She wants Olivia to go there & go to Beech Hill to the celebration of 4th of July.

July 4: I called at Coz. John's to see Joe. She is in bed; thinks she has fever every other day. The babe is improving.

July 5: Olivia got home at dark. She called to see Joe Whitney. Olivia enjoyed herself at the celebration. They danced. Olivia spent the day at Coz. Myra's. Coz. Louise very sick.

July 7: Mr. Darden & Olivia went to Fayette. Miss Carrie Parker went in carriage. Miss Annie went in buggy with Mr. Finney. Mr. Thom. Reed spoke on the Mount Vernon Association; collected \$112. Robert F. McGinty has come out in a statement about the money he was robbed of. He says he had got the money through is security & settled in Jackson & has vouchers.

July 8: We went to church. Mr. McDonald had a good sermon. Olivia got a letter from Martha; says Miss Agnes Wade will come tomorrow.

July 9: Mr. Darden took Laura to school. Mr. Wade & his sister Miss Agnes got here at 10 oc.

July 10: Miss Agnes & her brother left at 8 oc., for Dr. Wade's. They will leave for South Carolina on next Monday.

July 12: Olivia got a note from Julia Stuart inviting her to go to Bethel to the meeting. Jim heard Coz. Sarah Stowers was crippled. She had bought a new horse, was working him in the buggy, he ran away, turned the buggy over; hurt her breast. She was at Dr. Fox's.

July 13: Olivia & Irene started to Martha's at 7 oc. Miss Agnes had been to see Coz. Louise Chamberlain. She was worse. The Dr. was going to see her this evening. Her brother, Dr. Chamberlain was with her.

July 14: I went to see Coz. Sarah Stowers. She says she is better; still complains very much of her breast. Lizzie Hicks' Beverly very sick with measles. Mr. Darden went to Bethel. Anne & Blount Stuart was there. Julia had gone to the dining at Dr. Walter Wade's.

July 15: Mr. Darden went to Ebenezer. Mr. Finney preached. He went back to dinner with Samuel Darden. Anna & the teacher spent the day at Wild Wood Springs. Mr. Finney sitting up to Miss Annie Parker.

July 16: I got a letter today from a cousin Daniel McMillen in North Carolina. He said he had corresponded with Edwin Sillers. He had given him my address. Did not know Edwin was dead; wanted me to answer his letter. I will do so; don't know what is the relation. Cicero Stampley bought 25 negroes from Jalone Stampley. Is to give \$25,000. The first payment \$10,000.

July 17: Sent Jim for Olivia. Miss Agnes & her brother John left for South Carolina Sunday evening. Miss Lottie & Martha & Sallie Wade went with them. Dr. Walter Wade went as far as Memphis with them.

July 19: 28 years today since we were married. Got a letter from Brother Sibley. Ma wants Washington to go for her Saturday. She has been sick. Mr. Tenney sent his bill for Laura's tuition etc. It is \$390.20. Her Pa says the largest bill he ever paid for a session of 10 months.

July 22: Olivia, Irene & Mr. Darden went to church in Fayette. Stephen Archer, son of Mr. Archer near Greenwood church, preached an excellent sermon. He speaks so distinctly. Heard Coz. Louise Chamberlain died last night. Been sick 5 months. Coz. Sarah Stowers had a chill & fever; made her very sick.

July 23: Mrs. Duvall sent us a ticket to Coz. Louise Chamberlain's funeral this morning. Mr. Darden went, said there were good many there. She requested to be buried in the garden. Stephen Stampley came here with subscription to build a church at old Salem. Mr. Darden gave \$25. I feel glad to see Stephen taking interest in so good a cause.

July 25: Mr. Darden, Irene & I went to the examination. The hall was full; the girls performed well. Olivia, Martha, Mr. Darden & Dr. Wade went back to the concert. The young ladies represented the different states; went through exercises of calisthenics. The Junior class read composition's. William Collier of St. Joseph, La., on female education.

July 26: Mr. Darden, Olivia, Irene, Dr. Wade & Martha went to Mr. Harrison's with Anne & Blount Stuart. (Mr. & Mrs. Harrison are travelling). Came back to the concert. The graduating & senior classes represented the different stars. Maggie Torrey spoke the valedictory & Cate McCallum the salutary. Then Mr. Tenney delivered the diplomas.

July 27: Olivia, Martha & I spent the day at Mr. Montgomery's. Mary Bondurant, Sam & Laura Montgomery were there. Freddie, their little boy can walk.

July 28: Got a letter from Buckner. Will make fine cotton crop if nothing happens. Mary Scott had been sick; speaks of coming to Jefferson.

July 29: Mr. Darden, Olivia, & Laura went to the Methodist church in Fayette. Dr. Bell of Natchez preached. Jack sent to see Sister Betsy. Mr. McCall that wrote to Ma concerning her brother Jess Harper's property, came at dark.

July 31: Anne & Julia Stuart came at 10 oc.

Aug. 1: Mr. Darden went to Jack's. Ma came back from Sister Betsy's yesterday. Betty Dixon called this eve for butter. Anne & Julia started home at 5 oc.

Aug. 2: Coz. Jack Burch called, went to Jack's with Mr. Darden for Ma to sign a power of attorney for Mr. McCall to sell the land belonging to Uncle Jesse Harper's estate.

Aug. 3: Sam Stampley, Stephen Compton, Ambrose Geoghegan & Richard Stampley serenaded us at 3 oclock this morning.

Aug. 4: Sam Chamberlain & Mary Jane are at Coz. Myra Chamberlain's. They are both sick. Their babe is a skeleton. There is great deal sickness in Bolivar where they live.

Aug. 5: We went to the Methodist church. Rev. Mr. Jones preached Rev. Benjamin M. Drake's funeral. Anne & Julia Stuart were at church. Said that Mr. Harrison telegraphed for the carriage to be sent to Rodney.

Aug. 7: Got a letter for Olivia from Martha. She says had good meeting at Brick Church. Dr. Breckenridge & Mr. Hall preached. Martha had Dr. Breckenridge, Mrs. Richardson, Dr. W. Wade & wife & Isaac Wade. She said everything was cooked well. Hi Chambliss was at church, said Sallie was very sick.

Aug. 8: Mary Scott & Amelia would come to the hills this week, go to Jeff Briscoe's, then to George Darden's, then to see Martha Wade, then to this neighborhood.

Aug. 9: Jack drove Ma up at 7 oc., stayed only a few minutes. Cate went to Mrs. Bullen's. Olivia got a letter from John Reeves Wade. Mr. Torrey says Ella has measles. Coz. John had fever today. Tommy said they had pleasant time at Wild Wood.

Aug. 10: Cicero & Jeff Stampley went to the school house; wants Jeff to learn to sit down.

Aug. 11: Mr. Darden went Abe & Harvey to help deaden land for John Baldrige. Coz. John & Cicero sent hands also. Cate came back from Mrs. Bullen's at 1 oc. Protracted meeting began at Mount Carmel today.

Aug. 12: We went to church in Fayette. Sister Maria got a letter from Anne Briscoe, said she would send her carriage for Mary Scott & Amelia; said she would come to visit us with Mary. George Torrey got a letter from David Torrey saying that Guilford Torrey was very sick; that Jackson, Guilford's son was dead with brain fever. He has had 9 children, all dead but Virginia.

Aug. 13: Sent a letter to Mary Hornsby. Mr. Darden called to see Coz. John Darden; had an attach of flux, better this morning. Mr. Darden met Belle Billers with Tennessee Davenport. They had been to protracted meeting. Jeff Stampley began to go to school today.

Aug. 14: Olivia, Laura, Irene & Jesse walked to see Indian Stampley. She had been to Mount Carmel; large congregation. The ladies could not all get in the house.

Aug. 15: Mr. Darden went to Mount Carmel, said Charlotte Reed that was (Mrs. Freeman now) shouted a great deal; called her husband, got him round the neck & made great cry.

Aug. 16: Olivia sent a letter to office for Virginia Torrey. Got a letter for Mr. Darden from Jimmie Sillers; says corn crop is fine. He says that Emma Clarke that was (Mrs. Lenore now) has gone to Cleveland, Ohio to see Coz. Anne Eliza Clarke. She was very sick when they heard. She was at the water cure doctors. I see Mr. Caleb Stowers' death in Natchez Courier; died 8 August. He was brother of James Stowers that died last year. He was an old man; been living on Pine Ridge long time.

Aug. 18: Mr. Darden went to Fayette, saw Coz. Sarah Stowers. She says her breast & back still hurt her. She had a letter from Coz. Anne Eliza Clarke. She would be home soon. They would have a dinner on 25th anniversary of their marriage, called (silver wedding); invited any of their friends from Jefferson. Gen. Charles Clarke went to New York City to see the great ship called Great Eastern.

Aug. 19: Mr. Darden went to Ebenezer to church; small congregation. Came by to dinner to Mr. Montgomery's. He saw a letter Guilford wrote to Anne Briscoe about his son Jackson's death. He was sick only a few days. He was delirious part the time. Told his Pa that he was on a fast boat & it would soon land him safe in Heaven. He writes like he was very much distressed. Jack would have been 14 years old this fall.

Aug. 22: Got a letter from Buckner, says he is coming home 1st Sept. Says averaging 140 lbs., a day; thinks he will make 130 bales. Olivia & Laura came home at 6 oc; dined at Uncle Sam Darden's. Anna was gone to Mrs. Torrey's to see Miss Dupey & Miss Armstrong. Mary Jane Chamberlain has been very sick; had to sit up with her 10 nights. Her babe looks like it was not a month old. She got a letter from Sam since he went to Bolivar. He had been sitting up with Guilford Torrey.

Aug. 23: Coz. Sarah Stowers called at the gate; been to Mary Dixon's. They are all mad; would not tell her what was the matter. Only that she had not treated Sallie right. Coz. Sarah says if Sallie will go to school, she will send her. She will not send her to Fayette because she goes home too often. She will lose a great friend if she falls out with Coz. Sarah. Coz. John & Margaret Darden went down there this evening. Put's poor little babe has been sick again; very sore mouth.

Aug. 24: Naomi Chambliss & Eugenia Burch was here this evening. Left a note for Olivia to go to a party at Minor Dixon's next Tuesday.

Aug. 26: Olivia, Laura, Irene & Jesse went to New Friendship; large congregation. Mr. Darden & I went to Fayette to hear Mr. McDonald. Pros. & Ruth Montgomery was there. Leonly Harrison was there. Anne Stuart said Blount had gone to the swamp. She says Belle Sillers is going to Bolivar.

Aug. 28: Buckner got home half past 11 oc. Left home Monday, came from Rodney in Hack; got a horse in Fayette.

Aug. 30: Olivia & Buckner spent the day at Mr. Montgomery's. There is 14 in all staying there: Pros. & Ruth, Mary Scott & 3 children, Jeff Briscoe, Anne & Jeffie & Miss Alice Martin, and Indian Scott's 2 little girls. Jeff has 4 negroes, Mary Scott one, Ruth one & Ma one, making 7 in all that is there & 7 head horses all staying there. Samuel & Anna Darden, Amelia Green & Willis Marschalk spent the evening there. Amelia Scott came home with Olivia. Anne Briscoe told Olivia that Sallie Chambliss (Alexander) has been vomiting 5 weeks, can't take anything on her stomach. They don't think she will get well.

Aug. 31: Jeff Briscoe, Miss Alice Martin, Clara Montgomery & Charley Scott spent the day. Jack Darden & Henry eat dinner here. There was no school today. Irene came home this evening; stayed with Luly Stewart last night. Coz. John Darden went to Mrs. Dixon's to have fence made round her yard.

Sept. 1: Mr. Darden, Olivia, Buckner & Laura went to church at Ebenezer. Mr. McDonald has no assistance. He tendered his resignation as Pastor of Ebenezer & Fayette churches. It was accepted with a request for him to preach till January. Buckner, Olivia & Laura went to their Uncle Buckner's. Jeff Briscoe stayed there all night. Sam Chamberlain & Mary Jane both had fever. Sam said he left Guilford Torrey very low. Laura Montgomery & Miss Minerva Herrington got to Mr. Montgomery's this evening. George & Martha Darden came there yesterday evening with 5 children. That is 22 white persons there. Brother George came home with Mr. Darden, stayed all night.

Sept. 2: Mr. Darden & I went to church at Ebenezer. Mr. Darden was taken very sick before we got there with vomiting & headache. Buckner went by to Uncle Sam's to dinner. Eat supper at Uncle Prosper's. George Darden went home.

Sept. 3: Buckner started to Fayette going to John Bondurant's with Sam & Laura Montgomery. Miss Minerva is going with them. Buckner going with Sam in his buggy. Olivia went as far as Fayette with him. Rev. Mr. McCallus called at 11 oc. He preached at Greenwood. Mr. Archer's son that was to preach in Mr. Finney's place at Greenwood had to go with his mother to the Sulpher Springs in Virginia for her health. Mary Scott, Amelia, Charley & Tommie came after 5 oc.

Sept. 4: Jack came up this morning. Martha Darden & her children, Mrs. McGee, Anne Darden, Willie Marschalk, Sister Maria & Anna Briscoe all spent the day there.

Sept. 5: Martha Darden & children called at the gate to tell us goodbye. She stayed at Mr. Compton's last night. Anne Briscoe & Alice Martin spent the day here. Mary Scott, Amelia, Charlie & Tommie, Jack, Cate & Henry all came up this evening. Jack & Cate stayed till supper.

Sept. 6: Julia Stuart came at 11 oc. Charley, Jack & Henry went to Wild Wood Spring. Mary Scott & her children went in Anne Briscoe's Barouche to Mr. Montgomery's at 5 oc. We heard that Coz. Margaret Darden was very sick. Had Dr. tending on her.

Sept. 8: Coz. John Darden came to see Mary Scott. He said he was sorry she had gone & could not see her. Coz. Margaret is better. Coz. John & Coz. Sarah Stowers are going to Bolivar Monday.

Sept. 9: Olivia started to Dr. Wade's at 7 oc., was to meet Mary Scott in Fayette. Mr. Darden, Laura & Irene, Jesse & I went in the buggy to church. Mr. McDonald had a very small congregation. Most persons went to Belle Grove.

Sept. 10: Buckner came from Dr. Wade's. Jeff Briscoe sent him in his buggy to the Dr.'s Saturday evening. He went to Providence church yesterday, stayed at Martha's last night. Mary Scott, Amelia & Charley stayed there last night. They

went with Olivia to Rodney, met Anne Briscoe there; went in Anne's carriage. Buckner says there is good deal excitement in Red Lick about Allison Ross' negroes that ran-a-way & those that put poison in coffee. Allison & Eugenia his wife say they would not mention their name for anything. Buckner went to Uncle Blount's to see if Julia would go with them to the swamp. Coz. John Darden, Mr. Hicks & Coz. Sarah Stowers started to Bolivar today.

Sept. 11: Jack came up this morning, stayed half hour. Cate went to see Coz. Margaret. She is up, but looks very badly. Buckner got home from Blount's at 11 oc. Julia did not know whether she would go to Madison Parish or not. Her Pa was in the swamp. If he came home Friday & was willing, she would go. Sallie Alexander still very sick indeed; the bones coming through the flesh. Poor think, has suffered so much.

Sept. 12: Buckner started half past 5 oc. to Rodney. Anne Briscoe was to sent the buggy there to meet him. Cate & Jack went to Belle Grove to church. Eliza & Lavenia Millsaps went to school & then to Mrs. Stewarts. Bell Sillers with her children got here at dark. Maj says he heard the yellow fever was in Natchez.

Sept. 13: Robert Sillers got here half past 11 oc. Says he met Blount coming from the swamp. Madison & Jimmie Darden went by going to Jack's to day all night.

Sept. 14: Jesse rode the Dun to Spring Hill with his Pa to hear the scholars spell. Ira Robertson gave an exhortation at Spring Hill. We met Father Robertson. He says Sarah is no better. Jimmie & Madison Darden went to Natchez from Jack's this morning.

Sept. 15: Mr. Darden went to Fayette. The stage driver has the dangue at the hotel in Fayette. Heard Coz. John Chambliss was paralyzed on one side.

Sept. 16: Mr. Darden went to Greenwood to church. Rev. Mr. Price preached. Mary Dixon her daughters, Bettie & Sallie joined. Dr. White's church & were baptized today.

Sept. 17: Ben & Maj took 13 bales to Rodney. That is 56 bales sent off, 58 packed. We heard the dangue was so bad in Natchez, afraid to send there. Saw Martha & Dr. Wade in Fayette. She says the Dr. was sent for to see a negro man of Allison Ross' that died from the affects of a severe whipping. Mr. Ross hated it very much. Said he has no idea he was whipping him so much. His father is run-a-way & the cook put poison in their coffee. He has had so much trouble with his servants that he is desperate. Zenobia Burch & her daughter's Eugenia & Lelia were baptized, also Victoria Jenkins by Dr. White. It is strange to think how people will follow Dr. White in his wild doctrine.

Sept. 19: Sister Maria Montgomery & Ma came at 9 oc. Ma went to Jack's, got her winter clothese & came back to dinner.

Sept. 21: John Fairly came tonight after we were done supper. He is candidate in opposition to Robert McGinty.

Sept. 22: Ma started to see Brother George this morning. Mr. Darden went to Fayette, Dr. Wade was there, said all were well. They were looking for Miss Lottie & Dr. Walton Wade's daughters next week. Mr. Hicks said him & Coz. John Darden bought land in Sunflower; gave \$10 an acre. Coz John bought nearly 2000 acres; 4 years to pay for it.

Sept. 24: Robert Trimble & wife got dismission from Presbyterian church (Ebenezer) to join Methodist. Mrs. Cicero Stampley came, stayed about 2 hours.

Sept. 25: Got a letter from Ambrose Green to his Grandma. His Pa has fine crop corn & cotton. His mother's health is bad. There is a Mr. Brid here; will begin to dig a well in morning. Dug one Cicero Stampley; had to go 107 feet at 6 bits a foot.

Sept. 29: Mr. Darden met the Elders of Ebenezer church. Mr. Cameron & Mr. McArn to give a preacher a call. They agreed on Rev. Mr. Finney. Got a letter from Buckner. Has out 44 bales, 34 shipped.

Sept. 30: Mr. Darden, Laura & Irene went to church at Spring Hill. Rev. Mr. Jones preached in morning, Mr. Lewis in evening. John Guice gave Mr. Darden a book on Union of Christians. It was sent by his Coz. Patrick Darden from Texas by his father in law Dr. Dickerson. Patrick composed the book. He has been a Methodist preacher, but has changed his religious views.

Oct. 1: Mr. Darden went in to the election for County officer; Judge, Sheriff, Clerk of Circuit & Probate Court, Assessor & Policeman.

Oct. 3: We heard Clara Stampley, daughter of Henry Stampley was married. She lives with her sister, Mrs. Rowland on Red River.

Oct. 4: Maj did not get home till nearly dark. He said the creek at Washington was up; he could not cross. The trees are across the road in several places between here & Salem.

Oct. 5: Got a letter from Martha. Miss Lottie the Dr.'s daughter's, Timothy Wade the Dr.'s brother & a coz. name Hallbrook have come from South Carolina. Mrs. Scott & Lawrence Wade spent the day with her on Monday, and Mrs. Jack Ross one day this week. The school opened at the Academy with 50 scholars.

Oct. 6: Robert McGinty beat John Fairly 109 votes for Sheriff. I am glad he is elected.

Oct. 7: Mr. Darden went to Ebenezer. He took dinner at brother Samuel's.

Oct. 9: I started to Dr. Wade's at 7 oc., took Jesse & George with me. Timothy the Dr's brother left Sunday.

Oct. 10: They sent for Dr. to go to Dr. Walter Wade's, also to Isaac Wade's. Miss Lottie called going to Mrs. Richardson's. Coz. Myra & Mary Jane Chamberlain came after 11 oc. Sam is in Bolivar; been sick since he went back. Thinks he will make 100 bales there. Coz. Myra said Jeff came from Coz. John Chambliss, that Sallie Alexander was worse yesterday. Been confined to her bed 3 months. John McCaleb that married Cate McCaleb bought Mr. Spellman's place. Going to farm with Isaac Burch.

Oct. 11: I got a letter from Dan McMillan, a cousin living in North Carolina. There is 50 cases Dengue in Fayette.

Oct. 13: Mr. Darden went to see Jack this evening. He has had fever since Thursday. Billy & Sarah Jane Baldrige came, stayed an hour.

Oct. 14: Laura is sick; had the Dengue. Mr. Tenney says there has been 15 cases at the Academy.

Oct. 15: Mr. Darden went to Spring Hill; had a settlement with Mr. Wright. White Bullen was there. Jack Darden sick could not go; the school is broken up. They paid Mrs. Geoghegan \$12 a month for board. Mr. Darden took the accounts of those that live near him. They paid Mr. Wright \$450 & boarded him. We heard Dick Truly's youngest child died with spasms Tuesday. (Oct. 8, 1860 - Everett Truly) Caty Cameron was sent for yesterday at the Academy to see her mother die. She is granddaughter of Mrs. Hugh Montgomery.

Oct. 16: Got a letter from Olivia. She writes she is pleased with her visit. Had been attending a protracted meeting. She had been to see Buckner. Her Aunt Mary's taxes are \$1200 a year. Buckner's \$750. Betty & Sallie Dixon called & gave me an order to be given to Cicero Stampley for his wagon to bring some things from Natchez. Buckner got here at dark; left home yesterday morning. Stayed all night at Jeff Briscoe's.

Oct. 17: Buckner went down to see Cate & Jack; Jesse went with him.

Oct. 18: Buckner started at 6 oc., took Frank, Becky & their 5 children, Granville, Bet & their 3 children, Ellie, Jerry, Charley, Dick, Bob, Anne & Judy, 19 servants in all. Buckner will take them to his house & pick out his cotton.

Oct. 20: Tom Walker that lived in Fayette formerly, died in a spree in Prentiss, Bolivar County, Miss. It was reported that him & Mary Dixon were engaged. She went on good deal when she heard he was dead. Mr. Darden went to the saw mill, saw Mr. Montgomery. He sent some hands to Beuff River by Frank. Says Blount Stuart & David Harrison are going to mortgage their lands in Louisiana. Brother Buckner got a dispatch that he could get \$25 an acre for his Bolivar land. He went up. Mr. Pearcefield's son, Prosper has Dengue.

Oct. 21: Mr. Darden went to Ebenezer. He eat dinner at Mr. Montgomery's. Clara & Ginnie are at home. They voted for Mr. Finney to preach at Ebenezer next year. Jack & Cate went by going to church at Spring Hill.

Oct. 24: Mr. Darden started half past 6 oc., to Presbytery at Union Church.

Oct. 25: Got a ticket for Olivia to Amanda Hammett's wedding. She will not be at home; is in Madison Parish, Louisiana. Henry Darden eat dinner here. His Pa & Ma went to spend the day at Mr. Baldrige's.

Oct. 27: Mr. Darden got home at dark. Presbytery adjourned this morning. Mr. Darden stayed first night with Mr. McCallum; second with Mr. Newton Buie & last night with John Torrey a brother of George Torrey. Rosa Darden was there, had teachers from the Academy with her. Samuel & Anna Darden was there. Mr. & Mrs. Herrington there also.

Oct. 28: Mr. Darden went to church in Fayette, Rev. Dr. Stratton preached at the Academy.

Oct. 29: Irene & Jesse went to school at Spring Hill to Mr. Magner. Only 6 scholars today. Rev. Mr. Weeks & Mr. Patterson got here at 3 oc., stayed all night.

Nov. 3: Mr. Darden went to Fayette, got a letter from Jimmie Sillers. They are all well; his P had between 50 & 60 bales picked. Mrs. Dunbar McCaleb left Rob. McGinty while Mr. Darden was in town. He thought she was going to see Pros. Whitney's wife. Rev. Mr. Price married Oscar McGinty.

Nov. 4: We went to the Methodist church in Fayette. Rev. Mr. Johnson preached. Dr. New delivered an address. They made Rev. Mr. Johnson a life member by giving \$5. Judge Whitney, Charles West, Dr. New, Jesse H. Darden, Mr. Tenney, Tom West, & Tom Reed \$2.50. That made \$30, constitutes a life member. Mr. & Mrs. McGinty, (the bride & groom) were there; church was full.

Nov. 5: Laura wrote that she got a letter from Olivia; said she would start home today. I got a letter from Martha. Jimmie has a cold. Eugenia Ross had been there. Said Sallie Alexander had sent for her to go to see her. They took her to New Orleans as a last resort. Dr. Richardson thinks she has consumption. Poor woman has suffered so much. Sam Chamberlain has bought a place in Tensas Parish. Martha will go to the fair at Rodney & Port Gibson on Thursday to each place. Leave Jimmie with Mrs. L. Wade. Mr. Magner sent the subscription for Mr. Darden to sign for the school at Spring Hill.

Nov. 6: Fed went in the carriage to Natchez for Olivia & Buckner. Mr. Darden went to the election, voted for Breckenridge & Love.

Nov. 8: Uncle Propser's Frank & Miss Theresa Kinnison were to marry this morning & start home to Beuff River. Only the near relations there.

Nov. 10: Mr. Darden went to town, saw Mary Bondurant pass through Fayette. She had come over for the wedding. Frank Montgomery & bride were with her. Mr. Darden heard Lincoln was elected President by large majority. Martha Wade got here before 11 oc. Her Aunt Anna Darden was there Wednesday; had been to the swamp to visit Anne Briscoe. Mrs. Ross Wade has another son.

Nov. 11: We all went to the Presbyterian church in Fayette. Mr. McDonald preached a good sermon. Sister Maria said there was about 50 persons at Frank's wedding.

Nov. 13: Buckner started at daylight to Rodney to go in Steamer Quitman home.

Nov. 14: Mr. Montgomery's & Kinnison's wagons moving Frank & wife's things to them. Met Brother Buckner's wagon with 9 negroes moving to Bolivar. Buckner & Madison were with the wagon.

Nov. 17: Joe Davenport & Jack called this morning; Mr. Davenport says he little girl Susan has Dengue. Rev. Mr. McCallum came at 4 oc.

Nov. 18: Mr. Darden went with Mr. McCallum to Greenwood. Rev. Mr. Finney & (Miss Annie Parker that was) his bride, were there. Olivia & Irene went to the Methodist church in Fayette.

Nov. 19: Mr. Darden went to Fayette. There was a large meeting of the citizens of Jefferson County; there was a committee of 13 to make resolution as to the stand the South must take on account of Lincoln being elected President of U.S. He is what they call Black Republican.

Nov. 23: Mr. Darden answered Buckner's letter. Put in the office this evening a letter for his Ma from Mary Green, Virginia's child. She says her Ma looks better than she ever saw her. She is going to LaGrange to a Female Academy. Mr. Darden wrote to his Ma that her hands were increasing; he would like for her to hire them to someone else.

Nov. 25: We went to church in Fayette. Sister Maria told me her son Jeff had a son born 6th Nov., named him Jesse Yancey. Been married little over 9 months. Jeff writes he is making more cotton than he can pick. Sister Maria & Mr. Montgomery are going to visit Mary Bondurant Tuesday.

Nov. 26: The called session of the Legislature met today. Mr. Hicks & Mr. Elliott of Port Gibson members from Jefferson & Claiborne.

Dec. 2: Mr. Darden went to Ebenezer church; Olivia & Irene went to Fayette. Mr. Curtis the Circuit Rider preached.

Dec. 3: Olivia got a letter from Martha. She had been to see Eugenia Ross. Mr. Ross got back from Texas. The Dr. & Blount joined the minute men.

Dec. 6: Mr. Darden got a letter from Mr. Rundell. He wants the hands that are in the swamp to help pick his cotton. Says he can not take the place back unless he pays him \$2000.

Dec. 7: Mr. Darden went to Fayette; he saw Coz. John Darden, said he had got out his trade in Sunflower. The man had no title to the land. They are raising a pole on the public square. It is called the Antisubmission pole; will have a flag on it. Coz John (Darden) had been to see Coz. John Chambliss. Says he is sick all the time. Sallie is better. Hiram is dissipating so much.

Dec. 8: Mr. Darden went to Fayette. Mr. Elliott of Port Gibson spoke 2 hours; thinks there is no chance but for the Union to dissolve. Appointed Capt. Johnson of Church Hill as delegate to Southern Convention.

Dec. 9: We went to church in Fayette. Miss Cattie Whitney was at church. She has been in Illinois a year.

Dec. 11: Ione Sillers & William Tompson were married this morning. Judge Shackelford married them. Mrs. Hiram McGee is to marry Soloman Stampley next week; makes her 5th husband; brother in law, too.

Dec. 12: Mr. Darden went to Fayette to see Mr. Finney. Mr. Finney wants to have Presbyterian preaching every Sabbath in Fayette. Mr. Darden is not willing; says it will interfere with Ebenezer, besides the people of Ebenezer have an interest in the Parsonage.

Dec. 15: The minute men met; Coz. John Darden joined them. Coz. John sent Put to look at a place on Black River to buy it if it suits.

Dec. 16: Mr. Darden went to church at Ebenezer. Went by Samuel's to dinner. Mary Jane & Sam Chamberlain was there. They want to board there, but Anna Darden says she does not want to have boarders. Sam will start in the morning to Bolivar to move his hands back. He has not bought a place yet. Brother Buckner got a letter from Madison. He has been sick, is very much dissatisfied.

Dec. 17: Mrs. Prosper Whitney has a son.

Dec. 18: Olivia sent a letter she got from Martha. Jimmie is not well. Miss Lottie, Agnes & Mollie Wade had been staying with her 3 days.

Dec. 22: Mr. Darden went to Fayette, got a letter from Rundell. He wants Mr. Darden to give him \$2000 besides the \$2860 that he paid him last January. South Carolina has seceded from the Union. Mr. Darden thinks it is a bad move, ought to have waited & consulted with other southern states.

Dec. 23: We went to church in Fayette. Mr. McDonald preached his last sermon in Fayette. Mr. Finney has accepted the call to preach next year.

Dec. 25: Laura & Irene went to Brother Buckner's to a Christmas tree.

Dec. 26: Clara & Virginia Montgomery, Miss Mollie Fausett & Miss Cordelia Cary spent the day here.

Dec. 28: Laura & Irene went to a dining at Uncle Prosper's. Olivia was invited to spend the evening at Mr. Harrison's.

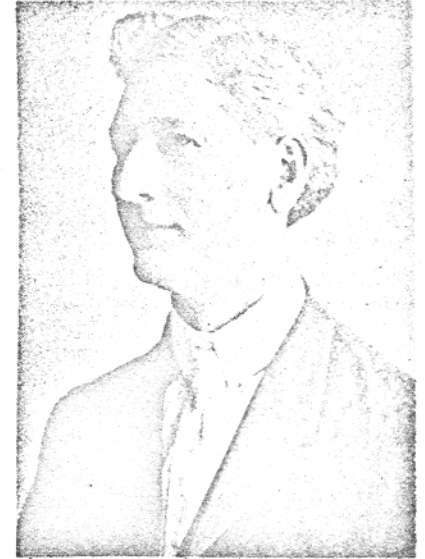
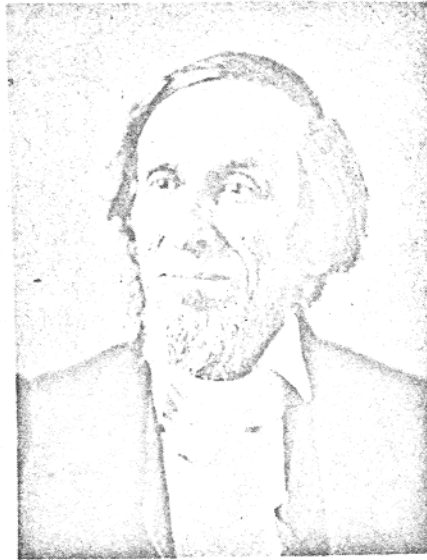
Dec. 31: Mr. Darden started to Natchez to take a boat to New Orleans. Today was appointed as a day of fasting & prayer for our distracted country by Governor Pettis of Miss. If there was ever a time for us to humble ourselves, now is the time to call on our Heavenly Father to save & protect us. Last day of 1860; another year gone. May we enter the new year with an earnest desire to live more & more in they fear & love the Lord more every day.

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THURSDAY, JUNE 22, 1978.

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Early Presbyterian pastors

Pictured above are photos of the first four pastors of the First Presbyterian Church of Port Gibson. Top left is Dr. Zebulon Butler (1803-1860); top right is Rev. Robert Price, D.D. (1830-1916). Bottom left is Rev. David Andrew Planck (1846-1923), and bottom right is Rev. Harvey Herschel Brownlee (1854-1948)