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Jan. 2: Olivia got a letter from Buckner to his Pa. He made 153 bales.

Jan. 3: Rev. Mr. Smiley came at 12 oc; he says Mr. Archer's son has a call to Providence church. He says Rev. Dr. Zebulon Butler was buried 24 Dec., 1860. He has been preaching in Port Gibson for 32 years.

Jan. 5: Mr. Darden got home after 4 oc. He came up on the Vicksburg. Got to Natchez at 7 oc. last night. Buckner went to New Orleans with him. Shepart did not let him have the money. He wanted Mr. Darden to give Rundell his note & he would endorse it payable in 4 months. That did not suit Mr. Darden. He went to Mr. Watt, got \$3000, paid him \$2100 out of his crop. Buckner did not get the money to pay Mr. Head. Shepard promised to pay Joe Heard next morning. He would have to go back, give a mortgage on his place as security. Mr. Darden says it is tight times about money in New Orleans, hard to get supplies. He saw Dr. Sam Hornsby in Natchez.

Jan. 7: The convention meets at Jackson today to say what must be done about Mississippi going out the Union.

Jan. 8: Heard that Allen Darden had gone off with a man to buy negroes in Mobile. They had got uneasy about him; sent there & to New Orleans, could not hear a word about him. They were afraid he had been murdered.

Jan. 9: I got a letter from Coz. Dan McMillan of N.C., he says his mother was Father's youngest sister; her name was Margaret. Put Darden has come back to live with his Pa. Wes Whitney & family are living at Put's place.

Jan. 10: News came to Fayette from Jackson that Mississippi had seceded from the Union. It is sad to think that we are not one of the United States; all alone. They were firing guns off in Fayette.

Jan. 11: Olivia went to see Indian Stampley. Cicero has gone to New Orleans. Bob Campbell, Bob McGinty, Dick Truly & Wash Shackelford came there to hunt with him today.

Jan. 12: Mr. Darden went to Fayette, heard that Alabama, Georgia & Florida all gone out of the Union.

Jan. 13: Our son Buckner got here at 5 oc. Came to Rodney on the Quitman; hired a horse in Rodney this morning; eat dinner at Minor Dixon's.

Jan. 14: I went to Fayette after dinner with Mr. Darden & Buckner to sign the deed to the land that Mr. Darden bought of Joe Head. He gave Buckner a deed to the land. We signed it before Minor Dixon as Commissioner, as the law directs in Louisiana. Buckner has to go back to Richmond in La., & have it recorded. He then gives Sheppard of New Orleans a mortgage on the place, to get \$2500 to pay the last note on his place.

Jan. 15: Buckner started at 9 oc. in the rain. It make me feel more sad than usual to think of Buckner leaving, for there is so much talk of war & he will have to go. Buckner will go to Vicksburg take the cars to Richmond, from there to New Orleans.

Jan. 17: Anna Darden & Amelia Green came at 4 oc. Amelia is going to take the Vicksburg to go to Issaquena County to teach; gets \$30 for a month.

Jan. 19: Olivia spent the day at her Aunt Maria's; went on horseback. Mr. Darden went to Fayette, paid his taxes \$146.

Jan. 21: Wagons loaded with 9 bales to go to Natchez. That is the last cotton; made 129 bales.

Jan. 24: Got a letter from Virginia Torrey; she says they will bring Jack's remains & bury it by his mother in Claiborne; bring her Pa's sister, Katy & bury her by the side of her parents at the grave yard near Sam Darden's. There was a man here collecting for the Mississippi Baptist. Mr. Darden would not pay it till he hears from his Ma.

Jan. 25: Olivia went with Cate to spend the day with Mag Mayberry; Mrs. Stewart was there.

Jan. 27: Mr. Darden went to Greenwood. Mr. Finney says he wants it settled about his coming to Fayette. Dr. Chamberlain has a little son they think will die with diptheria.

Feb. 2: Bell Sillers had another daughter; it is 7 months child. That is 3 children has had in 2 yrs. 1 mo.

Feb. 4: Mr. Darden went to Fayette, met Mr. McClarn & Cameron; they concluded to tell Mr. Finney that they would release him from the call given by the Fayette & Ebenezer churches. They will try to get Mr. Archer's son to preach until they make further arrangements. Mr. Archer lost another little son -- with diptheria. It is a sad affliction to lose 2 children in a week.

Feb. 5: Olivia heard Mrs. Garrett of Washington died with consumption. She is an old school mate of mine. She was Matilda Dunbar. She has been sick long time, about 9 years. Coz. John Darden has been sued for the Sunflower land.

Feb. 10: Cicero Stampley called, gave Olivia & Laura a ticket to Sallie Dixon's wedding.

Feb. 11: Cicero says Sallie Dixon is going to marry Joe Trimble. He has no employment & no property. I don't know what they are are going to do; her mother is opposed to her marrying him. She is not 15 years old till next August. Tobe Truly was buried this evening; killed himself drinking. His name was Phillip Harrison; went by name of Tobe.

Feb. 14: Martha, Olivia & Julia went to see Mary Jane Chamberlain yesterday. Dr. Hill told Olivia they heard Brad Truly was shot & killed. Did not hear the particulars. Mrs. Dixon wrote to Gus Chilminot not to issue license for Sallie & Joe Trimble to marry.

Feb. 15: Coz. Sarah Stowers & Miss Cate Robertson came half after 9 oc. Coz. Sarah says she was at Coz. John Chambliss' Sarah Alexander was in very fine spirits & her health is very good, but her feet are drawn so she can't walk. White Bullen is afraid his wife is taking the consumption. Mrs. Robert McGinty has a daughter. It is a month old.

Feb. 16: Coz. John Darden called going home from Mrs. Dixon's. Cate McCaleb has a boy born Saturday night.

Feb. 22: Laura says Laura Montgomery has another boy born on 13th. Not quite 2 years between her children. Tip Montgomery still goes to see Miss Minerva Harrington.

Feb. 23: Olivia, Irene & Jesse went to Spring Hill quarterly meeting & conference also.

Feb. 24: Sister Maria told me she would go to see her son Sam.

Feb. 28: Saw Due Darden, said Put's babe was sick last night.

Mar. 2: Irene & Jesse went to Cate's; went fishing with her & Mrs. Stewart.

Mar. 3: We started to church. Rev. Dr. Jones preached. Julia Stuart got home from Lake Providence.

Mar. 4: Tully Stuart has come home from Kentucky. The boys were all leaving. Mr. Lincoln takes his seat at Washington City as President of the United States. It is an unhappy day for the Southern people to think they must have an Abolition President.

Mar. 6: Hiram Chambliss & Miss Calvinia Hagaman was married on 7th Feb. She is daughter of Rev. A. Hagaman that preached in Fayette 27 years ago. He married Miss Louisa Dunbar.

- Mar. 7: John Stowers & Julia Stuart got here at 11 oc. John stayed at Blount's last night. Went back to Mr. Hicks tonight.
- Mar. 10: We went to the Presbyterian church. Mr. McCallum preached; will preach until we can get a preacher. Will give him the same thing they gave Mr. McDonald - \$1000 at Fayette & Ebenezer churches. Mr. McC. will only preach in Fayette. They do not want him at Ebenezer. Anne Stuart told me she would go as far as Centenary College with Tully & then go to N. Orleans.
- Mar. 13: Dr. Tate came after 11 oc. He is very pleasant; graduated at the Medical College in New Orleans. He says he went to Zion Seminary at one time. Alice Marble came home with Irene. Sam & Town Bullen went home with Henry Darden. Mrs. Whitefield Bullen & Miss Joe Marble went to Mr. McCaa's today.
- Mar. 14: Cicero Stampley came, sit about an hour. He says news came that Fort Sumpter had been surrendered to South Carolina. He says Jack Burch has traded his Franklin place for Henry Stampley's old place. Jacob owns it.
- Mar. 18: Cate went to Mrs. Sam Bolls with Fannie. Mr. Millsaps went to his place; Jack went with him.
- Mar. 20: Mrs. Sam Scott has a boy named Jeff Davis; Mrs. Crawford, a son, & Carrie Fleming, all born the same day. Mrs. Dixon showed Mr. Darden Daguerotype's of the gentlemen that Bettie & Sallie are going to marry. One to be married 2 April, the other 9th April. Both live in swamp. They will marry at their Aunt Mrs. Walter's, living in Waynesborough.
- Mar. 22: Mrs. Dixon got Mrs. Geoghegan to take care of her children till she goes to see Bettie & Sallie, her daughters married.
- Mar. 23: Olivia & Irene went to see Coz. Margaret Darden. She met Coz. John going to Mrs. Dixon's. She give out going to see her daughters married. Mr. David Harrison has paralyetic stroke, all one side.
- Mar. 24: We went to church in Fayette. Mr. McCallum preached. Sister Maria said Laura's babe is delicate. They have named it Eustis Crittendon. Tip was at the barbecue in Tensas Parish.
- Mar. 28: Sister Maria sent a note to Mr. Darden, says that Brother Buckner is very melancholy & she wanted Mr. Darden to go & see him. Mr. Darden went to see Sister Maria. She is very uneasy bout Brother Buckner; afraid his health will be injured. John Fleming was here soliciting subscriptions for the Cavalry company in Fayette. Sandifer Hoggatt gave him fine grey horse & \$50; Blount a horse, Dr. W. Wade, Abe Vause & Dr. Dunbar all gave a horse.

Mar. 30: Brother Samuel wrote a note to Mr. Darden about brother Buckner's health. Jack called, stayed a while. Been to see Ira Robertson. He came home on a visit. His Circuit is in Washington County.

Mar. 31: Mr. Darden, Olivia, Laura & Bell McCallum went to New Friendship. Mr. Wright has declined taking the school at Spring Hill church. He is to be married to Miss Sallie Tate. Coz. John Darden called at the gate; he found Mr. Darden was not at home, went on to Mrs. Dixon's; Put was with him.

Apr. 1: I saw William in Fayette, said Anne Stuart had gone to Rodney after Julia. She went to Sundflower with Mrs. Torrey.

Apr. 2: Mr. Darden went to see Coz. John. They wanted a horse for the Cavalry company. Coz. John wants Mr. Darden to go halves & buy a horse for the company. Put has joined the company.

Apr. 3: Mr. Darden & Jack went to see brother Buckner. Did not find him at home. He & Sarah went to Natchez on Tuesday. Mary Jane & Sam Chamberlain went with them. Madison was at home with the children. They stayed to dinner & came by Mr. Montgomery's. He was in bed with pain in his side. Got back from his place on Beuff River Monday. He employed an overseer while he was there. Jeff is building a house with 10 rooms. It will cost \$3000. Naomi Chambliss came half past 12 oc. Dr. Tate came at dark, stayed till 10 oc. Mr. Darden & Jack went to prayer meeting at Father Robertson's. Mr. Montgomery heard Dr. Young had got to drinking & gambling.

Apr. 6: Miss Sallie Tate wants Olivia to be bridesmaid; stand up with Horace. Olivia is not willing to do it. Cate will go to Natchez with her on Tuesday to get her wedding rigging. They will marry in church. Mr. Darden went to Joe Davenport's, he told him that Coz. Margaret Darden had a paralytic stroke. Had sent for her children to see her.

Apr. 7: Miss Lottie Wade went home, Olivia & Irene went with her. They went to the Brick church; Mr. Baker preaches there. Mr. Darden went to Ebenezer; went to dinner with brother Buckner. He says brother Buckner looks very bad indeed. His mind is no better. He called to see Mr. Montgomery. He is better; still in bed.

Apr. 8: Mr. Darden went with me to see Coz. Margaret Darden. She is much better; still has no use of her left side; complains of it hurting her today. She looks very bad indeed. She was taken last Tuesday night all at once. Was walking in the room & fell, struck her head against the bed; could not talk. Coz. John says Put was so alarmed he could not help him get her in bed. Cunningham & Joe Whitney are at their Pa's. Put went to town, says they telegraphed that the cavalry company could not get into service. Rev. Mr. McCallum's son, Davis came after we were done supper. He wants to take the school at Spring Hill.

Apr. 9: Mr. W. Harper just got back from Jackson & the Cavalry company formed in Fayette last week, could not get in; so there is a contradiction about the matter.

Apr. 11: Olivia & Irene got home from Martha's. They went to see Mrs. Lawrence Wade yesterday. She visited Mrs. Richardson. Her daughter is an old school mate of Olivia. It is reported that Catty Whitney & Dr. Green are to be married.

Apr. 12: Mr. Freeman that married Charlotte Reed called inquiring the way to Bob Campbell's.

Apr. 13: Mr. Davis McCallum came home with us. Mr. Bullen is afraid they can't make up the school at Spring Hill. Jack will not send Henry. Jack went to Natchez with Mr. Wright to get his wedding clothes, saw Sam Hornsby. All well, brother Sibley was there. Coz. Margaret is improving slowly.

Apr. 14: Ma went to Jack's. We went to church. Rev. Dr. Breckenridge preached. Miss Carey was baptized.

Apr. 19: Cate called at gate, said she went to see Coz. Margaret. She is better, Anna & Samuel Darden went to Cate's this evening.

Apr. 20: Anna & Samuel Darden called, stayed half hour. Everyone is so disturbed about the war. They are fighting in Maryland, Virginia has gone out the Union. Brother Buckner is no better. Anna is uneasy bout him.

Apr. 21: We went to church in Fayette. Mr. Curtis preached. Julia Stuart went with us; her Ma met her there. I saw Put Darden; said his Ma rode out this morning. Mr. Darden went to Ebenezer to church, come by Mr. Montgomery's to dinner. Indian Stampley had a son last night.

Apr. 22: Dr. Pat Wade was threatened with paralysis. Put Darden's baby was taken very sick.

Apr. 23: Olivia got a letter from Virginia; all well, says Mag Torrey wrote for her to meet her at Gen. Clarke's middle of May & she would go home with her.

Apr. 24: Cicero Stampley gave the company in Fayette the Dun horse he rides. There is great excitement every place about the war. "Fencibles" from Natchez went today.

Apr. 25: The saddles for the Cavalry company got to Fayette this morning.

Apr. 26: Called to see Coz. Margaret, she was sitting up; cannot move her arm; says all that side is very sore. Is so low spirited. Cunningham is with her. There was 6 men left Fayette for Union Church to go to Ft. Picken's with the company.

Apr. 27: Got a letter from Buckner, all well. Says if he was free he would go to war. But there is no one on his place & his Pa's place is under his charge & his Aunt Mary Scott looks

to him for protection. Mr. Montgomery got letters from his sons. They all want to go. He got a letter from Dr. Young. He left about 2 weeks ago; was going to act as surgeon.

Apr. 28: We went to Fayette to church. Rev. Mr. McCallum preached. Anne Stuart & Julia are going to Oakland.

Apr. 30: The company from Union Church left Friday. They were ordered to Washington City. We all went to New Friendship to see Mr. Wright & Miss Sallie Tate married. Rev. Mr. Millsaps performed a very good ceremony. Cate & Jack went home to dinner with them.

May 2: Jim brought a letter from office to Olivia from Amelia Scott. She is sad about the prospect for war. Says her Ma is low spirited, too. We got a letter from Buckner, he says the corn on our place is very fine. He had been to Richmond--formed a company. Very anxious for him to join. He writes like he might do it. I think it would be wrong for here is no one to attend to his business & his Pa's place needs attention.

May 3: Mr. Darden went to Fayette, says they are going to muster the Infantry company to service tomorrow. Going to have dinner at Villines Tavern, furnished by the people of the county.

May 4: Mr. McGill & Smith Daniels died with consumption near Oakland on Sunday. Both were Trustees of the college. Billy Baldrige came at sundown, says the company was mustered into service. Chesley Coffey, Capt.; Judge Duncan, 1st Lieutenant; Hinds Burch, 2nd, & Jeff Key, 3rd. Joe Davenport joined. Dr. Jones is going as Chaplain. Billy Baldrige joined. Judge Duncan, Will Haper & P. K. Montgomery made speeches. Oh! it is horrible to think of the separation that will be among friends. It makes my heart melt; but our only trust is in God; he alone can save.

May 5: Mr. Darden went to Ebenezer to communion meeting. Brother Buckner says he is no better; looks so bad. Mr. Darden went to dinner to Mr. Montgomery's. Sam & Laura Montgomery came up yesterday; will go home tomorrow. Freddie is very pretty; talks very well.

May 6: Olivia went with Laura to school. Called at the Academy to see Mrs. Seymour.

May 7: Dr. Walter Wade is going to New Orleans to have a cancer cut off his toe. Allison Wade is going with him. Martha had Jimmie baptized at Jack Ross'. Mrs. Ross had her babe baptized at the same time. Olivia & Irene spent the evening at Father Robertson's. Coz. John & Margaret Darden called at the gate; had been to Coz. Sarah Stowers. Had Put's babe with her. Sue Chambliss was married last week to a lawyer Sparks, that defended a case for her father, Gen. Chambliss 34 years ago.

May 9: Dr. Tate came at 5 oc. He has joined the Adams Troop at Washington.

May 10: Mr. Darden went to Fayette. Fed had been talking a great deal about Lincoln freeing the servants. David Harrison's carriage driver had been taken up; they had been forming plans about an insurrection. He has a great many carriage drivers connected with it. The Minute Men are investigating the matter. The negroes engaged in it belong to: H. Hinds, Mrs. Shackelford, L. Dangerfield, Geo. Torrey, Dr. Fox, P. K. Montgomery, S. Darden & J. H. Darden. Mr. Darden went to Fayette, joined the Minute Men. They marched up to the jail & Bob Adams came praying & crying for the Lord to have mercy & beggin the Minute Men to spare him till he could make his peace with God. There was a meeting of Minute Men at Ebenezer church & the committee said they would hang Mr. P. K. Montgomery's, John (carriage driver) & Samuel Darden's, Davy (carriage driver). Mr. Montgomery left; Blount Stuart thought they were too hasty. Oh! horrible; the idea of such a thing taking place in our midst.

May 11: We got a letter from Buckner; says they have a come company. He is orderly sergeant. Mr. Wright & Miss Sallie Tate's marriage announced in Fayette Times.

May 12: Sarah Darden was at church, told Olivia that brother Buckner & Madison witnessed the hanging of Samuel Darden's carriage driver, Davy & P. K. Montgomery's, John. Sametimes Anna said she had trusted her life with Davy; had every confidence in him. Did not even want him examined. They were allowed 3 hours after the sentence was passed. I feel truly sorry for Samuel & Anna. They have no other negro that can trust to drive carriage. He is blacksmith & carpenter, too. Davy has been in the family 26 years. Sarah heard their place was to be first attacked; to commence in few days. Laura said Aunt Maria sent for Clara & Virginia at sundown.

May 17: Mr. Darden met with Sol Stampley, S. Stampley, W. Bullen, Rob. Campbell, Jack, Joe Davenport, Dick Compton at Tom Jenkins to establish a home company & investigate matters.

May 18: Mr. Darden went to Fayette, saw Dr. Wade. Sam Scott's negroes are engaged in the rebellion; had several pistols & knives. Put Darden said he was there yesterday. They had some powder buried. They put John Folke's, Dick (he is a preacher) in jail at Stephen Stampley's last night. We got a letter from Buckner, says the company he belongs to drills every week. There is 120 in the company at Richmond.

May 20: Mr. Darden went to Fayette. Jeff Cook did not have his trial. Samuel Darden was there. He is not satisfied about Davy being guilty. He did not hear the trial. Brother Buckner was there; he looks better & seems in better spirits. Mr. Darden heard that President Lincoln had ordered all foreign ships out the mouth of the Mississippi in 21 days; he will have it blackaded. Dreadful state of affairs that a free & independent people should have to submit to. Mr. David Hunt was buried today; one of the oldest & wealthiest citizens of Jefferson County.

May 21: Dr. Walter Wade still in New Orleans to have a cancer taken off his toe. Olivia brought out some of the shirts (red flannel) for Capt. Coffey's Company, to sew the buttons on them.

May 24: Tully Stuart got back from Centenary College, says there was only 9 boys left at college.

May 25: Hiram Chambliss & wife have come to his Pa's to spend the summer. Mr. Darden was commanded to patrol tonight; he went.

May 26: Mr. Darden got Capt. Jacob Stampley to excuse him. Mrs. Dixon got a letter saying that Bradley that married Sallie Dixon was dead. We all went to Presbyterian church in Fayette; not many there.

May 27: Coz. Sarah Stowers & her daughter, Lizzie Hicks spent the day at Cicero Stampley's Saturday.

May 28: Martha & Dr. Wade got here half past 9 oc. Came in the buggy. Mrs. Dr. Walter Wade has a son born Sunday night at 11 oc. Her father, Dr. Duncan was with her. (26) Pauline Chamberlain went to New Orleans with, Mrs. Decoin, a friend of Mrs. Wade's to have her teeth worked on.

May 29: Tom Jenkins called getting provisions to give the Thomas Hinds guards, Captain Coffey, a dinner on Saturday. They will leave Sunday. Joe Davenport has declined going.

May 30: Mr. Darden, Olivia & Jesse went with Cate, Jack, Henry & Dudley Stewart to fish at the pond on rail road in Mr. Kinnison's field.

June 1: We all went to Fayette to the Presbyterian church. It was decorated with an arch over pulpit trimmed with cedars & flowers. Eugenia Burch presented Capt. Coffey's company, Thomas Hinds, guards with swords. Clara Montgomery, Julia Noland & Mary Tubbs were on the stage with her. The presentation speech was very good indeed. Judge Duncan replied; his was fine. Eugenia also gave banner, on it "Never Surrender." Richard Truly replied. His speech was very appropriate--turned to flag, let your motto be "Never Surrender". There was about 60 in company. Capt. W. Harper's artillery company was there. They saluted Thomas Hinds Guards with 6 round with cannon. They had 6 horses drawing the wagon that belongs to the cannon. Mr. Haper's company in camp at the church at Cane Ridge. Tully Stuart is with the company. Persons will send their carriages for the soldiers to go to Rodney. We called at Coz. Margaret's. She can walk by some person holding one side. No use of her arm. Joe Whitney & Mrs. Duvall were there today.

June 2: Mr. Darden went to Fayette this evening. Ben drove the buggy & one the soldiers & Tom Davenport went to Rodney in it. Mr. Davenport sent to see his son off. Robert Siller's carriage

& P. K. Montgomery's & Blount Stuart's went. Joe Davenport took Billy Baldrige in his buggy. No one knows how sad I felt when I heard the buggy coming in at the gate. To think it had taken so many of our acquaintances away to fight for u. Poor men, there is trouble in store for us all & they will have to bleed, & die fighting for our rights. They will go to Memphis.

June 3: Cicero told Mr. Darden that Jacob Stampley with with Capt. Coffey's company, Rich. Stampley, Jeff Stampley, Step. Compton, Ambrose Geoghegan, 2 Trimble's & Billy Baldrige. That makes 8 went from this neighborhood.

June 5: Capt. Coffey telegraphed that the company left Corinth, Mississippi at 1 oc. today for Richmond, Virginia. They were drilling the home company in Fayette this evening.

June 6: The Adams Light Guard left Natchez on Thus. 30 May, numbering 118 in all. The courier says no less than 42 barrels & boxes were sent to their office & would be shipped to them where they are ordered to go.

June 7: Henry Darden came to tell Mr. Darden to go & drill near Mrs. Dixon's.

June 8: Olivia & Julia went to the camp at Cane Ridge to see the Artillery drill; eat dinner at Dr. Wade's. I see Mrs. Key of Fayette has 6 sons in the Southern Army.

June 9: Mrs. David Harrison has another son born Friday 7th June. Joe Davenport sent word to Mr. Darden to send hand to help scarpe Jim Baldrige's cotton out. Billy B. wrote from Corinth, Miss.

June 12: We started to the examination in Fayette. Mary Lou Harper read the Salutory & Miss Angella Dennett read the valedictory. The graduates were: Rosa Darden, Rosa Raston, Eveline Amerry, Lizzie Coleman & Fannie Guilminot--she was not there on account her brother, Simeon Guilminot, dying. He was buried in Fayette on Monday. The young ladies got diplomas & Mr. Tenney gave them Bibles bound in velvet & gold. Rev. Mr. Price preached the Annual sermon & Judge Shackelford addressed the young ladies.

June 15: Mr. Montgomery's family went to the camp at Cane Ridge. Tom Reed has quit the company. There was large number requested him to resign as an office & he quite. Laura got a letter from Hinds Burch. He was on cars in Alabama; expected to get to Virginia the next day.

June 16: Mr. Darden went to Ebenezer to church. Father Baldwin preached. Davis McCallum & Whitefield Buckles are going to the war.

June 18: Got a letter from Anne Briscoe to her Ma; they will come to Beechland this week.

June 19: I started to Dr. Wade's at 6 oc. Laura, Jesse & George went with me. Dr. had gone to Dr. Walter Wade's; his big toe is very painful & the sore is spreading. Dr. went with Laura to the camp at Cane Ridge, but they were moving to the William Dunbar place. The water has given out at Cane Ridge. Dr. got a letter from his brother Johnny. He was in South Carolina in Camp Ridge 30 miles from Charleston. Dr. thought he said his brother Tim had been at home spending a week.

June 20: Cabel Richardson joined the company this morning. Dr. Wade went to see the Dr. Walter Wade, says his toe is very much inflamed; is spreading to the second toe. He is very uneasy about himself. Dr. Pat Wade is afraid his foot will have to be amputated. Got a letter from Buckner. The company left Richmond last Sunday 9th June. It was very affecting to see grey haired fathers & mothers bidding their sons a last goodbye, & servants bidding their masters farewell. Jack got a letter from Sister Betsy; she wrote that her daughter, Mary Hornsby was married the 6th June to Mr. Skinner, a nephew of Mr. Skinner that married Martha Hornsby. He is a merchant of Mobile. Mary got acquainted with him when she went travelling with her sister to Alabama. She thinks Mary has married well. They will not go to Mobile till Fall on account yellow fever. Mr. Skinner & Leroy Swayzy had joined the company & expected orders to leave every day. Sam Hornsby had been to visit his Ma with his wife & child. Sister Betsy was very much pleased with her. They have been married 2 years. The home guards met near Mrs. Dixon's to drill this evening.

June 24: Mr. Darden took Coz. Margaret some peaches. She can walk a little with assistance. She can move her shoulder some, but can't raise her arm.

June 28: Billy Baldrige sent his dagueratype home by Hinds Burch dressed in his uniform with his musket by his side.

June 29: Mr. Darden, Laura, Irene started to Dunbar Camp at 6 oc to see the Artillery soldiers drill, Capt. Harper's company, great many there. Dr. Dunbar company marched with the Artillery, also Sam Montgomery. The Artillery will go in 10 days to Missouri, they think.

June 30: Coz. John, Joe & Jeff Whitney came at 6 oc., stayed till sundown. Wesley & Prosper Whitney joined the Artillery company yesterday. Both have families.

July 1: Mr. Darden went to Fayette. Jon Wiley Harris spoke on the farmers sending their cotton to Jeff Davis & taking confederate bonds in pay.

July 4: Cate, Ma, Henry & Lavenia spent the day here. Ben Robertson wrote home that there was 100 cases typhoid fever in camp at Union City.

July 5: The company from Rodney can not get arms to fight with & they are making them presents, those that have more than one gun. Zoanne Stamps moved to Wat Burch's place. Pork is \$26 a barrel cash & \$30 on a credit. Coffee is 2 bits a pound; flour is \$10 & \$12.

July 7: Sam Lee that lives in Bolivar, formerly of Jefferson, died lately. Had been in a spree. Mr. Darden went to see Coz. John this morning. Mrs. Jenkins has brought some charges against Mrs. Dixon's character. Jack Burch & his wife were at Coz. John's.

July 10: Olivia & Laura got home at 5 oc., they met the ladies at Presbyterian church to form a society to sew & furnish such things as are necessary for the soldiers that have left Fayette. Sarah Fox, President; Lizzie Hicks, Vice President, Lizzie Burch, also Mrs. Wash. Shackelford, Secretary; Mrs. Dick Truly, Treasurer. There was \$43 taken in. It is \$1 for initiation. Olivia & Laura joined. They will have checkered skirts & linsey pants.

July 11: Tip Montgomery went to Virginia with Hinds Burch to join Capt. Coffey's company.

July 12: Capt. W. Harper telegraphed from Jackson that they would (The Artillery) have to go to Mississippi City in Southern part the State on the Gulf of Mexico.

July 14: Clara Montgomery went home with Mary Bondurant.

July 16: Tully Stuart came, stayed till after 2 oc. The Artillery company will go to Rodney Thursday evening. Rev. Will Johnson will preach a sermon to the company on Friday. They will leave Saturday morning on the Steamer. Mary T. Laura, Irene & I cried when Tully bid us goodbye, may be a last farewell; he kissed us all. It made me sad; it is Anne & Blount's only son; have 4 cannon & 74 men; 4 doctors in the company. Olivia got a letter from Anne Briscoe. Virginia Torrey & Minerva Cameron were with her. She writes Isaac Harrison's company will leave in a short time.

July 19: Cate went by going to Henry Mayberry's. She will go to Rodney in the morning to see the soldiers start. It is a sad day with them & their friends. I humbly pray that God will preserve & they may return to their homes & families without the loss of a single man.

July 21: Martha sent for me at 2 oc. I started at 3 oc., got there before 6 oc. Her babe was born 15 min. after 2 oc. Mrs. Lawrence Wade was there.

July 22: Dr. went to see old Dr.; Miss Little & the girls spent the day at Coz. Myra Chamberlains.

July 23: Coz. Myra & Mary Jane called this evening. Dr. Walter & wife this morning.

July 24: Dr. Walter's wife went to the mound, her place took Miss Lottie & girls with her.

July 25: Dr. Wade went to get cotton subscribed to the confederacy. Lewis Watson gave 50 bales; Jeff Whitney 40 bales; John Chambliss gave 150 bales. He eat dinner with Jeff Whitney, saw Sallie Alexander; she was walking with the assistance of a servant. Hiram Chambliss went with Artillery company. His wife was at Coz. John Chambliss'. Her father had come to take her home with him. Coz. Matilda said there was no reason for Hiram staying at home than anybody else.

July 27: Dr. Wade went to drill at Beech Hill. Mrs. L. Wade, Miss Agnes & Hellen the little sister came spent the day.

July 29: July & Dudley Stewart came this evening, stayed all night. Jack & Henry went seining with Dr. Tate & Mr. Wright in Coles Creek.

July 30: Laura went to Mr. Montgomery's to go with Virginia to Mary Bondurant's tomorrow. They will meet Clara & Ellen there & Clara will come home in the carriage. They will go on in Mary's carriage. Bettie & Sallie Dixon have come home to their Ma's. Sallie is a widow & Betty's husband went to war Thursday.

Aug. 1: Cunningham Whitney brought Tommie Darden home sick with fever. He is staying with her while Wes is gone.

Aug. 3: They drilled at the pond. Dick Carouthers gun went off; did not miss Sammie Baldrige's head more than hands length. And Sam Stampley's gun went off in his hand.

Aug. 6: Jack got a letter from Virginia Green, said they were at Union City Boarding with a widow lady; went to see soldiers drill.

Aug. 7: We got 2 letters from Buckner. He is anxious to go to war; wants to know what his Pa says about it. Olivia got a letter from Amelia Scott. Her Ma been in bed for 10 days.

Aug. 8: Madison Darden gone to join the Artillery company.

Aug. 10: Julia, Irene, Jesse & George went to the pond to see them drill. Johnny Robertson got back from Union City with Ben his brother last night. Cicero Stampley told Mr. Darden that Naomi Chambliss & Gabriel Fowler would marry soon. He gave her a diamond ring; cost \$700.

Aug. 14: Dr. Walter Wade has fever; is suffering very much with is leg; erasipelas in his leg.

Aug. 15: Laura got home 4 oc., Mary Bondurant came to St. Joseph with them. Clara, Virginia & Ellen all came home with her from Rodney. Albert & Horace Bondurant will leave next Sunday with Capt. Isaac Harrison's cavalry company. Laura

was pleased with her visit to the swamp. Spent the day with Mrs. Collier in St. Joseph.

Aug. 17: Miss Cate Robertson came. Jack & Ben Robertson called. Brother George & his little son Clarence got here at 6 oc., stayed short time, went on to Jack's to stay all night. Allison Wade & Ellen Cogan married Thursday (15). Mr. Baker performed the ceremony.

Aug. 21: Olivia started to Anne Briscoe's at 5 oc., this morning. She was to meet her Grandma in Fayette. Alec Compton & Zoanne Stamps will marry tomorrow.

Aug. 22: Mr. Darden & Laura went to the sewing society in Fayette. They have appointed P. K. Montgomery, Blount Stuart & David Harrison a committee to assist in buying goods for the Aid Society for soldiers. Caroline Sillers has a son.

Aug. 23: Dr. Wade wrote that Allison Wade called today to bid his goodbye. The tears were flowing freely. Poor man, married last week. It is sad to leave a young bride.

Aug. 24: Morris Rubel came to get subscriptions that were appropriated by the Board of Police to buy clothes for Thomas Hinds Guards. He pays the money or gives an order for goods to be paid back when there is money in the treasury, to draw interest from date. Mr. Darden paid \$100 to him & took the treasury notes endorsed by Morris Rubel.

Aug. 27: Coz. John & Coz. Margaret & Mrs. Duvall called at the gate. Had been to Mrs. Dixon's. Coz. Margaret looks better; says she walked some by herself today. Mr. Darden & Johnny Robertson sent hands & worked the road to Spring Hill.

Aug. 29: Olivia & Laura got tickets to Naomi Chambliss' wedding; to be married next Wednesday. (4)

Sept. 1: Mr. Darden went to Methodist church in Fayette. Olivia & Ma got home half past 11 oc. They stayed all night with Martha; left Anne Briscoe's Saturday morning. Virginia Torrey was there. Jeff had gone to Memphis with Isaac Harrison's company.

Sept. 2: My brother Joseph Sillers was in Fayette this evening. Mr. Darden thinks he looks old.

Sept. 3: We heard that Frank Gayden that married Emily Miles had been taken prisoner of war.

Sept. 5: Olivia & Laura got home half past ___ oc. There was not many at the wedding. Olivia & Charley Duncan & Eugeia Burch & Henry Swayne stood up with the bride & groom. Judge Shackelford married them. There has been great excitement in Adams County. The negroes were going to rise & burn Natchez. They hung 2 of Henry Swayne's negroes & have 60 confined belonging to different persons.

Sept. 6: Anne Stuart, Julia & Lena got here at 9 oc. Martha Wade & the children got here 10 oc. Blount Stuart got here at dark. Mr. Montgomery got dispatch that Tip was very sick at Richmond. They got Sam to go & see him. Got a dispatch today that he was out of danger. Mrs. Dr. Grafton died in Port Gibson last week; left young babe.

Sept. 7: The home guard marched to the house in front the door. Had a speech from Jim Baldrige & Will Robertson. They came in & Laura & Olivia played for them.

Sept. 9: Olivia & Laura started to their Uncle Buckner's after 7 oc. Miss Di Duvall & Sue Darden came after 9 oc., stayed 15 minutes & as Olivia was not at home they went on to see Mrs. Dixon.

Sept. 11: Olivia & Laura got home at sundown; stayed all night at Uncle Sam's, came to dinner to Aunt Maria's. Laura Montgomery & Minerva Herrington came there Monday, left Wednesday. They are looking for Sam & Tip tomorrow. Sister Maria & family went to the party at Dr. Dunbar's given to Mr. & Mrs. Gabriel Fowler. Mrs. Minor Dixon has a daughter.

Sept. 13: Olivia & Cate started to Capt. Sam Bullen's; Cate went in buggy Olivia. Henry went with them.

Sept. 14: Mr. Harper telegraphed that they would leave Mississippi City for Virginia in a short time. I think they had better protect our own state.

Sept. 16: Mrs. Dixon will marry Mr. Cole tomorrow night, from Louisiana.

Sept. 17: I made a cake & iced it with crosses to take to Mrs. Dixon's wedding. Rosa & Annette Darden came half past 11 oc. Minerva Cameron came with them. Annette & Rosa went with us to the wedding. Cate & Jack, Mr. & Mrs. Hicks walked out & stood up with the bride & groom. Mr. Cole. Dr. Jones of Fayette married them. Coz. John Darden & family, Coz. Sarah Stowers, John Fleming & wife, & Clementine & Gus Guilminot were the company. Minerva Cameron stayed with Mr. Rosa & Annette came back stayed all night at Cate's. Mr. Cole is widower with 6 children. Mrs. Dixon has 5; two of them married.

Sept. 19: Olivia & Laura went to the sewing society. Rosa, Annette & Minerva went to the society. Olivia & Cate went to dinner at Mr. Hicks. Mrs. Eugenia Ross, Ernestine Watson & Miss Willie McDonald dined there. Laura came back to dinner at Coz. John Darden's.

Sept. 23: Cate went to New Friendship yesterday. Mr. Tate told her that Dr. Tate has been ordered out with the home guard. I suppose it is in reference to the negro rebellion in Natchez.

Sept. 25: Mr. Darden went to Fayette, saw Howell Hinds & John McCalem. They came from Natchez on the stage. Capt. Harper's Artillery company will pass Rodney Friday night on their way to _____.

Sept. 28: Cate called. She went to Rodney with Mrs. Stewart. The boat did not get there till 4 oc., this morning. Great many there; had to sit up all night. The married men all got a furlough for 7 days.

Sept. 29: We went to church at Presbyterian church. Rev. Mr. Hall preached a good sermon. He is a new preacher; wants to preach in Fayette.

Oct. 1: Saw Mr. Cole & family go by at sundown moving. I expect they were going to Coz. Sarah Stowers. They are moving to the swamp near Wainsborough.

Oct. 3: Mrs. Oscar McGinty has a son born last night.

Oct. 4: Got a letter from Mary Hornsby, Mrs. Skinner now. She does not say where they are living or what her husband is employed in. Told her Grandma to direct her letter to Cliftonville, Noxubee County, Miss.

Oct. 7: Jack called, stayed to dinner. Went on to Fayette with Mr. Darden to vote for Mr. Hicks for Representative. Mrs. Dr. Wade got back from New Orleans; she went with the Dr. to see if it would improve his health.

Oct. 10: Mary Jane Chamberlain has a son week old. Just 2 years between children.

Oct. 11: Mr. Darden dined at Cicero Stampley's. Mr. Hicks & family, Coz. Sarah Stowers & family, Stephen Stampley & family dined there. Jack stayed all night at Father Robertson's. Belle Sillers was there at the preaching.

Oct. 13: We all went to church in Fayette to the Presbyterian church. Rev. Mr. Hall preached a good sermon.

Oct. 16: Martha Wade came at 11 oc. She came to stay till Olivia is married. Martha brought a letter from Buckner. Says the Home Guards have offered their services to the Governor of Louisiana; thinks there is a probability of their having to go to war.

Oct. 19: Olivia sent her Aunt Maria an invitation to her wedding.

Oct. 21: Anna Darden called at the gate to invite Olivia & Laura to see Amelia Green married on Saturday. She will marry Mr. Norton of Issaquena County. Mr. Darden went to Fayette, saw Dr. Pat Wade. Brother Buckner went to Jeff Briscoe's today.

Oct. 22: I iced the fruit cake. Cate came, brought Olivia's gown; it is very pretty. She made 5 potato custards & 4 jelly pudding. Rachel killed a gobbler & hen & goose. Had 4 chickens killed for chicken salad; killed a beef, mutton &

shoat. Buckner came also Amelia & Charley Scott. Tonight is Olivia's last single night. I hope she is marrying well.

Oct. 23: I sit the table soon after breakfast for Olivia's wedding dinner. P. K. Montgomery & family, Blount Stuart & family, Jack Darden & family & Dr. Wright & Ma were here. Mr. Tate did not come. Martha & Dr. Wade were here. Rev. Mr. Finney performed a very solemn & pretty ceremony. Dr. Tate came after 1 oc. They were married half past 1 & dined at 2 oc. Mr. Montgomery's family went home. Anne, Julia & Lena Stuart stayed all night. Dr. Wade & Martha stayed too. Sent Mrs. Finney, Mrs. Wright & Tip Montgomery some cake.

Oct. 24: Olivia & Dr. Tate went home half past 2 oc. It was sad parting with her. We all felt lonesome when she left. We will miss her so much. Laura, Irene & I (Ma) all cried. Olivia looked very serious; did not cry.

Oct. 25: Amelia & Charley Scott & Buckner left at daylight. That was another sad parting; for Buckner is expecting to go to war & may never get back.

Oct. 26: Eli Jones eat supper here last night. He is running for Sheriff's office.

Oct. 27: We went to church in Fayette; Rev. Mr. McCallum preached his last sermon; been preaching 7½ months. They have engaged Rev. Mr. Hall to preach. He had to leave the North because he would not preach against slavery. Laura got a letter from Willie Marschalk. They are in Bowling Green, Kentucky. Amelia Green was married at Samuel Darden's to Mr. Norton of Issaquena County on Saturday.

Nov. 2: There were 17 of Capt. William Harper's company came home. They wanted them to serve a year from the time they went to Kentucky. They would not do it. The men that came home are Minor Dixon, Madison Darden, John & Will Trimble, Henry Mayberry, Battle Dunbar & Simpson's. I did not hear the name of the others. Ma came from Mr. Montgomery's; she says Frank Montgomery & wife got to Mr. Montgomery's yesterday evening. They went to Mr. Kinnison's this evening.

Nov. 3: Mr. Darden & Jesse went to church at Ebenezer; eat dinner at brother Samuel's. Mrs. Norton (Amelia Green) & her husband are still there. He is overseeing for a gentlemen in Issaquena County. Soon after Amelia was married they got the sad news of her brother's death. Will Green took him to war. He was 14 years old. Mary Jane Chamberlain was at church.

Nov. 4: Laura writes she wants to leave school; says her Geometry lessons are so hard; she does not understand them.

Nov. 6: Mary Anne Bullen was married yesterday to Mr. Alexander, a Methodist preacher from Tennessee. He is a widower. She is getting right old. Miss Abbie is the only one left of the girls. Father Jones married them.

Nov. 7: Ma called at the gate. She was going to Anne Briscoe's & then to Mary Scott's. I went to the sewing society. Mrs. Fox resigned. They wanted to elect Anne Stuart, President, but she would not act. Mrs. Wade Harrison was at the society. Olivia & Dr. Tate came at sundown. Mrs. Pinckney Montgomery lost 2 children short time ago with diphtheria.

Nov. 12: Mr. James Huey called & eat dinner. He is a son of Daniel Huey that formerly lived in this county. He has been living with his brother, Dr. Jeff Huey in Louisiana for a year. Mr. Darden went to Jack's; Cate told him Belle Sillers was living at the Parsonage in Fayette with Dr. Jones' family. That is a new move entirely to leave home & go there to stay. It does not look right. She has employed Mr. Freeman for a month to try him. (He married Charlotte Reed.)

Nov. 13: Coz. John Darden came late this evening, stayed till sundown. Says Cunningham Whitney was at his house. Father Robertson came, stayed an hour. Coz. Jack Burch's family left on Sunday to move to Sunflower County to live. I expect the girls hate to leave.

Nov. 16: Mr. Darden got a letter from Virginia Green to her Ma. She writes there is great deal sickness. The Dr. is going all the time.

Nov. 17: Mr. Darden went to church at Ebenezer. Madison Darden has measles.

Nov. 20: Little George is 3 years old today; he is such a baby.

Nov. 22: Cicero called at the gate, says Maybella Stampley's little boy has diphteria very bad. Dr. Fox went to see him. He said Robert Campbell's little daughter had diphtheria.

Nov. 23: Mabella Stampley's little boy Ambrose died today with diphtheria. He was nearly 3 years old.

Nov. 28: We got a letter from Sister Betsy Sibley. It brings sad news of Mary Hornsby's death. She died 20 Oct. at her father in law's, Mr. Skinner's in Noxubee County, Mississippi, of inflammation of the stomach & hemorrhage of bowels. She was sick 2 weeks. She was willing to die. Made her husband promise to meet her in heaven. If she was prepared, that is the great thing with her. She had been married 4 months & a half. She was in bloom of youth, 25 years old. Sister Betsy has lost 5 children, only 3 left. Mary was her youngest child; died away from her.

Nov. 30: Dr. Wade came half past 10 oc. to see us, heard we were sick. He says Sallie Wade has chills & fever yet. Dr. Walter Wade is better.

Dec. 1: There was Communion meeting at Ebenezer.

- Dec. 2: Henry Darden came to see if his Pa could borrow barrel molasses. Says Mag Mayberry has son.
- Dec. 3: Packed yesterday 9 bales & 2 this morning. That is 76 bales packed. Had 108 sent off this time last year.
- Dec. 4: Olivia & Dr. Tage came at 11 oc., went to Cate's to spend the day. Got a letter from Buckner. His horse foundered & threw him over into a ditch. Jim Cavalier was near--took him in his buggy to Omega, Dr. Slicer gave him chloroform; he went to sleep; when they aroused him they had his shoulder in place. His Aunt Mary sent the carriage for him. He was at her house when he wrote. Had suffered great deal with his shoulder the night before he wrote. He said his company wanted to go to Columbus, Kentucky, but some were not willing.
- Dec. 5: Dr. Greenfield's daughter, Lydia died yesterday with diphtheria. Her Pa wanted to give her something. She told him he had done all he could for her now, let me sing myself to sleep; began to sing "Jesus My All" and sang until she could only whisper. That is 4 children & all they had they have buried in last 2 years.
- Dec. 6: Mr. Darden went to Fayette, heard David Harrison was quite sick.
- Dec. 7: Mr. Darden & Jesse went to Fayette to church. There was 11 joined the church; Mr. Tenney's son, John, Miss Lisle, Miss Julia Noland, Miss Clemintine Pruet, Miss Florence Calhoun, Miss Clara Montgomery & Miss Laura Darden. I pray they may be sincere & hold out faithful. Mr. Hall preached.
- Dec. 8: Mr. Darden & Jesse went to church. Had a good congregation.
- Dec. 9: Got a letter from Buckner; says his shoulder pains him very much. Can use his fingers some. I got a note from Anne Stuart sympathizing with us in our afflictions. I know how to appreciate it.
- Dec. 10: Mr. Riles came this morning. Mr. Darden employed him to oversee on the swamp place; furnish him his bread & barrel molasses. Gives him \$470 a year.
- Dec. 15: Mr. Darden & Jesse went to Ebenezer to church.
- Dec. 17: Olivia, Dr. Tate & Old Mr. Tae came. They stayed all night at Cate's. She came with them.
- Dec. 19: Got a letter from Buckner; all well on both places. He thinks Lamb has out 70 bales cotton on our place.
- Dec. 20: Dispatch came that Willie Cox of Jefferson Artillery was sinking with typhoid fever. They are at Bowling Green, Kentucky. Cunningham Whitney has another daughter three weeks old.

Dec. 22: Mr. Darden went to Jack's. Father Jones, Rev. Mr. Lewis & Johnny Robertson were there.

Dec. 31: This is last day of 1861. How many hearts been made sad by this dreadful war;