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Jan. 1: Heavy snow, the trees bent down with sleet. Brown Stewart came after 4 oc. came from Natchez. He went to hire negroes for Brother Buckner.

Jan. 4: Brother Buckner was at Mr. Montgomery's to hire hands to go to Bolivar.

Jan. 7: Mr. Darden received a letter from Ginnie Green; she is anxious to visit her relations.

Jan. 9: Sue Darden & Ermie Harper came at 11 oc, stayed till 4 oc.

Jan. 10: Mr. Darden went to see Father Robertson; he is as helpless as an infant, has to be lifted about. Mother Robertson was milking the cows & fell & broke her right wrist. Tom Darden called to give Laura a letter from Mr. Baker. Mr. Darden went to see Jalone Stampley; he has rented his place to Spafford Miles.

Jan. 12: Caroline Sillers lost her youngest child, Jennie, when the Steamer Fashion was burnt. She was in her 9th year.

Jan. 14: Brother George came this evening, he is going to send Drusy to the Academy to school.

Jan. 15: Bro. George went to Jack's to see Ma; Mr. Darden went with him. The Social Club met here tonight. Mr. Paddock, President, Messers Schwing Drake, Leyman, Dobbins, Tom Darden, Tulley Stuart, Ely Jones, Judge John Duncan, Miss Pauling Chamberlain, Lucy Whitney, Emma Harrison, Clara Montgomery & Sue Darden were the ladies. Miss Torrey & Harpers did not come.

Jan. 16: Jesse is 13 years old today.

Jan. 18: Mr. Darden & Laura went to Natchez with Irene, she will go on the Robt. E. Lee with Dr. Richardson & family to N. Orleans. Mrs. Sam Scott's marriage is announced in the Chronicle. She was married Tuesday Morn. 15th to Mr. George L. Butter. She has been a widow nearly five years. It is said they were engaged before she married Mr. Scott.

Jan. 20: Ma came up this evening; Cate brought her to the gate; went on to Dr. Davenport's.

Jan. 25: Tom Darden sold his crop 18 bales for \$26 1/2 a hundred. Mr. Darden sold 69 bales; it brought \$8051.94. There is in Fleming & Baldwin's hands \$15,000 & something over.

Feb. 1: Clara & Ellen Montgomery & Ginnie Percy called a short time on their way home from Natchez.

Feb. 8: Mrs. Montgomery & her little girl, went to Pine Ridge to visit Mrs. John Stowers. Mr. Darden received a letter from Mary Scott. She has moved from Texas to a place in Franklin County not far from the Homochitto River; 22 miles from Natchez. Mary will come to visit us soon.

Feb. 11: Irene began to teach the little freedmen today at \$1.00 a month.

Feb. 12: Mag Torrey is to be married on 21st Feb.

Feb. 18: Mary Scott & her son Tommie came at dark. She is living in the same house that Mr. Bass lived in.

Feb. 19: Sent the carriage after Ma. Jesse did not go to school, stayed to be with Tommie. Mr. Darden went to Fayette, heard Dr. Calvin, President of Oakland College died with pneumonia last Friday.

Feb. 20: Mr. Darden went to Natchez. Jesse & Tommie went to see their Uncle Buck & Sam.

Feb. 21: Irene & Laura started to the wedding after 5 oc. Went with Sue & Tom Darden. Mr. John Torrey came home with Mr. Darden.

Feb. 22: Laura & Irene got home at daylight. Mag was dressed in white. Brides maids were Ella Torrey, Addie Richardson; and Lum Dobins, Dr. McGrover, Maj. Davis & Tom Torrey, groomsman. Dr. Mayson looked very well. Mr. Price performed the ceremony with a ring. Sam & Anna Darden came at 11 oc. left at 4 oc. Mary & Ma are here.

Feb. 23: Mr. Darden went to Dr. Tate's; Olivia & Dr. Tate came home with him. Jack & Henry came up this morning. Brother Buckner came at 11 oc. stayed till 4. Henry drove Mary Scott & Ma down to Jack's.

Feb. 25: I prepared dinner for Mr. Montgomery & the girls; they did not come. Clara & Ellen came this eve.

Feb. 26: Cate & Jack came to dinner. The first time Cate has been here since July 15, 1855.

Feb. 27: Mary Scott started home this morning. Mr. Darden & Laura went to Dr. Tate's with her. Tommie drove the carriage. It made me think so much of our dear son to see Mary start. He always visited her so much when they lived in Madison Parish.

Mar. 3: Mr. Darden, George, Irene & Jesse went to Church. Mr. Johnson preached. Julia Stuart came home with Irene.

Mar. 6: Mr. Darden took a letter to Ma that Mary Scott wrote to her. She will take Tommie to Oakland the 20th of March; will go to Jeff Briscoe's. Dr. Pass received a letter from Jeff saying he would send Tommie & inviting them to go to his house. Tom Darden lost his Bay Carriage horse from feeding on bolt corn.

Mar. 7: The people are gloomy after the bills that have passed. Congress over the President's veto. To have military rule again. What will the Federal Congress not do?

Mar. 8: Miss Jennie Wade is teaching at the Academy in Miss Ray's place.

Mar. 10: Old Abram Bolls (freedman) died at Tom Darden's last night.

Mar. 12: Laura & Irene called on Mrs. Dr. Wade and Pauline Chamberlain.

Mar. 13: It is three years today since dear sister Maria Montgomery was buried.

Mar. 14: Jennie & Tom Percy are at Mr. Montgomery's. Anna Darden called at 3 oc. on her way from Natchez. She stayed at Dempsey Jackson's Tues. night.

Mar. 19: Jimmie Harrison's horse fell down on Fri., he was loping across a bridge; the horse rolled on him, he was insensible several hours.

Mar. 21: Mrs. Torrey, Ella, Tom & Effie came at 11 oc. Mrs. Torrey received a letter from Mag Mason; she is perfectly happy. Ginnie Torrey's place is under water. Gen. Clark's place & his neighbors are under water. Dr. Mayson's place is very high, not under.

Apr. 13: Mr. Darden went to Dr. Tate's. Olivia came home with him. He brought Johnnie. Martha Wade came half past 11 oc. She has chills & fever every other day. Dr. Wade has chills this week.

Apr. 19: Clara Montgomery is to be married to Mr. Smith on 24th May. Jeff Briscoe thought he would get a gentleman to teach Tommie & his cousin Rosa & Bettie Scott. Mary says Jeff has not forgotten his love for his first wife in his love for his second. He says Anne's relations are still very dear to him. Anne, Jeffie & Alice Martin's things are sacred. Anne's room is not used at all, flowers are kept in it & everything clean & neat. Mary speaks of her visit as pleasant. Tom Darden called short time this morning to see Mr. Darden about working the road. Tom & Sue are invited to meet some company at Mrs. Torrey's this evening.

Apr. 24: Laura came home this eve., Julia Stuart came home with her. Julia & her Pa spent the day at Mr. Hicks with Judge Shackelford & wife, Capt. Harper & wife & cousin Sarah Stowers. Laura dined with Rev. & Mrs. Hall.

(Next entry should follow 'April 19, preceding):

Apr. 23: Clara Montgomery called on her way to Natchez to get her bridal wardrobe. I received a letter from my brother Rob Sillers; he had about a hundred acres out of water when he wrote. Dr. Winfield Gibson was upset in a skiff & froze to death before they got him home.

Apr. 25: Clara Montgomery & Annie Seymour got here from Natchez at 4. Clara met Jennie at Mr. Skinner's. Clara went to see Austin Smith's mother. She is very pleased with her.

Apr. 26: Lewis Dangerfield was buried today; he had been sick over a week; had heart disease. Leaves a helpless family.

Apr. 29: Irene received a letter from Tommie Scott; he is going to school at Jeff Briscoe's, to Miss Fanny Castleman.

May 1: Mr. Darden went to Jack's. Cate was plowing in a patch where she has corn, watermelon, etc.

May 3: Mr. Austin Smith called this evening on his way home from Mr. Montgomery's. He seems quite pleasant.

May 4: There was a fish fry at Jalone Stampley's pond, only a few there.

May 7: Mr. Darden went to Dr. Wade's took Jimmie's pony & saddle to him.

May 9: Laura & Irene went to Capt. Sam Montgomery's to a party tonight.

May 10: Laura & Irene got home 10 oc.; had a pleasant time. Ellen & Eva went in our carriage, Jesse went with the girls. All the young ladies & gentlemen were at the party had a nice supper. Capt. Sam was 43 years old. Andrew Montgomery & son Hugh were there.

May 11: Miss Sarah Rowan is to marry John Galting Thurs.

May 12: We waited breakfast till 9 oc for Jennie & Mr. Percy; they did not come. Mr. Darden, Jesse, Laura, George & I went to Church in Fayette. Laura stayed thinking Jennie would come, but she did not.

May 13: Laura & Irene went to Mr. Montgomery's this eve. They took the two fruit cakes, cake stands, float bowl, etc. Cate & Jack came up this evening.

May 14: I started to Mr. Montgomery's at 6 oc., took the bride's cake. Mr. Darden went at 0 oc. I assisted in sitting the table. Clara's dress was crape barege, white, trimmed with white ribbon running down each width. Rosett & bead at the end of each strip. There was seven rows in front & six in the back of the same trimming; the sleeves made tight, coat sleeve with two puffs at the top. White ribbon round the neck tied in a bow; white sash

fastened in front. White rose in her hair. They were married about 10 oc. Mr. Hall performed the ceremony. They were married with a ring. Laura & Mr. Smith's brother, David, stood up with them. The ceremony was very pretty. Mrs. Smith wrote a note to Clara regretting she could not be there to witness the ceremony. His two brothers were all of his family that were present. Mrs. Hall & Emily, Charley Duncan & wife, Miss Cate & Lucy Whitney, Dr. Richardson, Weatherly & our family made the wedding party. None of Clara's brothers were present. Tom Percy was called to Louisiana and Jennie had no way of coming. Dan Fairly eat dinner here; he assessed Mr. Darden & the freedman.

May 16: Put & Tom Darden came at sundown, stayed till supper.

May 17: Mr. Skinner & Jack came up, sit an hour. Mr. Skinner & Mat came this morning. Ma & Jack came with them. Mat & Laura spent a pleasant day at Mr. Montgomery's.

May 18: Mr. Skinner & Mat left for their home in Natchez.

Sunday, May 19: Laura, Jesse & George started to Church; had to go in Davenport's out of the rain.

May 22: Clara Blanchard wrote to Irene that her father had just returned from N. Orleans; that the negroes sat at the tables in the hotel with the whites & took first class seats in the theatre. How awful to think of the poor Southern people.

May 25: Sent Lum for Drucie & Cate Darden; they got here at 12 oc. Sent after Ma when they got here. Cate called to bring Irene's dress; went on to Mrs. Davenport to fit Mollie & Sue's dresses for the examination at the Academy. Mary Lou Harper came at 11 oc on horseback.

May 26: Dan Cameron of Bolivar Co., died the first week in May. He had been taking opium. He dropped down in the store; could not be revived; he had been dissipating a long time. Poor Minerva is left all alone without a male friend near them. Mrs. John O'Quin died at her mother's (Mrs. Shaw) with disease of the womb. Dr. Wade has been tending her.

May 27: Lum drove Drucie & Cate Darden back to school at the Academy. Annete Darden (McMillan) has a daughter a month old.

May 30: Irene received a letter from Tommie Scott; he says Miss Castleman's school will close in ten days; she will go to Virginia on a visit to her relations. His Uncle Jeff will employ a gentleman teacher. Jeff was planting cotton.

May 31: Jesse went to school prepared to go home with Penn Whitney this eve.; they live in Claiborne Co., near brother George's.

June 6: It is five years to day since our dear son got a friend to write to us from Oxford Hospital.

June 9: Mr. Darden, Jesse, George, Irene, Mary Scott & I went to Church in Fayette.

June 12: Brother George came last night while we were at supper; left this morning at 8 oc. Capt. Harper came to see Ma, expected to me Dr. Richardson & wife, but Dr. was sick and did not come till this evening. Anna Darden came this evening. Pros Piercefield was married to the widow Heron (Amelia Brown that was) last week.

June 13: Dr. Richardson & Coz Mary left early, went to Pros Whitney's to dinner; go to Capt. Harper's tonight. Ma & Mary went home with Anna Darden this morn.

June 15: Mr. Darden went to Fayette. Mr. George Torrey told him the cut worms had cut his cotton down so they had to plant over. It is discouraging to have an overflow & then the worms to destroy the crop.

June 21: Mary Scott & Ma came home from Brother Sam's. Tommie Scott came home with Jesse from Dr. Wade's. Martha & Dr. Wade went to Oakland with Irene, Ellen Montgomery, Lena Stewart & Jesse. Laura & Julia Stuart stayed with Miss Lottie Wade. Capt. P. Darden & Penn Whitney went by to supper at Dr. Wade's.

June 22: Sat: It is five years today since my dear son died at the hospital so far away from every friend. How often I think of his suffering & how sad.

June 24: Ma was taken very sick at 8 oc., this morning with cramps and vomiting. Irene & Tommy spent the day at Jack's.

June 27: Tommie Scott left to go to Dr. Wade's tonight; go to Beechland in the morning to Rodney & back to Jeff Briscoe's. Ma is great deal better can raise herself up.

June 29: There is to be a Sabbath School celebration today in the woods near the Academy. Irene went in Cate's carriage. There was a large crowd; the scholars performed very well indeed. Mr. Ely Jones made a failure in his speech. Cate & Jack eat supper here.

July 3: Mrs. Montgomery has son born. Dr. Richardson tending her. Jack came to see Ma this morning. She is better, sitting up some.

July 7: Henry & Irene came to church from Blount's; they had a pleasant party. Ellen Montgomery, Lizzie Noland, Drucie Darden, & Lizzie Briscoe were the girls. Duncan Chamberlain, Beverly Hicks, Lou Stowers, Willie Torrey & Sid Briscoe were the boys.

July 8: Mary Scott & I went to Mr. Montgomery's. Mrs. M. is doing well; the babe is large. They have named him Robert Ligon after her brother. Ellen thinks she will go to Thibadeaux, Louisiana to teach. Mr. Tinney expects to take the school at Thibadeaux.

July 10: Laura & Irene received an invitation to a surprise part at Judge Shackelfield's. Laura did not go. Irene went by and Sue Darden went with her.

July 13: Anna Darden called on her way from Natchez. One of their old servants (Patsy) saw her in Natchez, cursed her for everything, wished the whole Darden family was in the hottest spot. What a wretch.

July 16: We all went to Fayette to hear the first & second classes of the Phoenix School speak at the Presbyterian Church. The prizes were given to Beverly, Ed & Stowers Hicks, Chesly Coffey, Howard Booth, Jim McTurchy and Mat Harper. Mr. Hicks made some remarks. The Jefferson Amateurs played well. Tom Percy, Jennie & Clara called to get some water; they were going to Mr. Montgomery's. Laura & Irene went to see Jennie & Clara.

July 18: We started to the examination half past 8 oc. Good many dined with us. Martha & Dr. Wade was there with all their children; Martha & George Darden was there. Lena Stuart was the only graduate.

July 19: Martha Darden, Drucie & little Jesse came here to breakfast, stayed till 5 oc., went on to Jack's. Jack came up in the night for Billings syrup, Martha Darden's little Jesse has cholera morbus. Mr. Darden went there, they sent for Dr. Richardson; he only gave him some paregoric. Miss Nannie McCaleb is up for several weeks.

July 22: The negro men all went to Fayette to register their names so they can vote. It is a disgrace to civilized people to have ignorant persons like negroes voting.

July 25: Laura writes that Irene & Capt. Schwing left on the boat at 5 oc., yesterday evening for Bayou Sara. They will get to Mrs. Connell's to dinner today. Laura was at Mrs. Smith's. Tom Percy, Jennie, Mr. Smith & Clara went to the boat with Laura to see Irene off.

July 28: Mr. Darden went to Church. Dr. Richardson called had been to see Mabella Stampley's babe. Jack got back yesterday, found all well at Mary Scott's. Went to brother Sibley's and Frank Hornsby's.

July 30: Jimmie Stowers' wife has a daughter born last Thursday 25th.

July 31: Mr. Darden heard that Jeff Briscoe had lost 20 freedmen with the cholera. Had to scatter them in the woods; had given up all his crops (600 acres) but 75. How much trouble poor Jeff has.

Aug. 1: Sue Darden & Mr. Armstead were married tonight; wedding very private.

Aug. 2: Jesse stayed at Mr. Skinners, Coz. Mat told him Dr. Greene died 11th July of apoplexy; did not speak after he was taken. Ginnie writes he has left her independent. Jesse did not know how they heard of his death.

Aug. 3: Mr. Darden went to see Father Robertson, he has not walked a step in five months. Has been confined to his house for four years. Luly Stewart & Dona Bullen are at Jacks. They told Mr. Darden that Lucy Whitney & Nannie McCaleb, Tom Darden & Dr. Guice stood up with Sue & Mr. Armistead.

Aug. 5: Jeff Briscoe lost 41 freedmen with cholera & there was 51 died on Mrs. Daniel's place.

Aug. 7: Dr. Dunbard's son Willis died in New Orleans with yellow fever. Dr. Dunbar had a maiden sister to die last week.

Aug. 9: Virginia Green wants her Ma & Mary to visit her, but Ma is not able & Mary will not have the money.

Aug. 21: Mr. Darden worked the road from Hardin gate to Robertson fork.

Aug. 23: Laura went to Capt. Harper's. Mary Lou went with her to Mr. Torrey's to call on Mag Mayson. Laura came back to Pros Whitney's, met Mrs. Whitney, Nannie McCaleb and the children going to call on Sue & Mr. Armistead. They found Coz Myra Chamberlain & Cordelia Garrett there. Sue seems happy. Irene is 18 years old today.

Aug. 27: Anna Darden was in Fayette, had been to Port Gibson to see old Mr. Marschalk; he is in a dying condition with dropsy of the heart.

Aug. 29: Laura received a letter from Irene; she landed at Natchez yesterday. Mr. West came to Natchez with her.

Sept. 7: Laura & Irene went to Uncle Buck's to see Annette McMillan. Sarah wrote to Laura to go out Thurs.

Sept. 9: Julia & Lena Stuart stayed at Dr. Wade's Sat. night on their way back from Port Gibson; they went there to Mollie Sillers wedding. She married Mr. Robison, Comm. merchant of N.O. Ike Wade died with consumption last week; had been confined long time.

Sept. 10: Brown Stewart eat dinner here on his way to Natchez. Henry Darden came home with Jesse; they went to Mt. Carmel to Church.

Sept. 11: Laura, Irene, Jesse & Ellen went to see their Grandma. Henry drove them. Bertha Rubel was married to a widower Mayer in Fayette on Sun. by Judge Shackelford. She is 17 years old.

Sept. 12: Brown Stewart & his niece Sarah Stewart came at 9 oc. last night; left this morning after breakfast. Sarah S.

was going to spend some time with Anna Darden. Henry Darden came & went in the carriage with Irene to spend the day with Emma Harrison & Lizzie Briscoe. They called on Sue Armistead.

Sept. 14: Mr. Darden went to Bethel Church. Julia & Lean Stuart came at 12 oc. Tommie came this evening. Dr. Bass writes that he wants to buy or rent a small place in this county. Jeff Briscoe wrote to them, he would make 50 bales with 100 hands.

Sept. 15: Mr. Darden, Jesse & Tommie Scott went to Bethel. Jack & Henry Darden came by to supper. Miss Claudie Gibson was at Church with Mrs. Harrison.

Sept. 17: Ellen Montgomery called, came on the gallery a few moments. She is on her way to Thibadeaux to teach for Mr. Tinney. She will go in company with Eugene & Mary Tenney. It made me sad when I bid her good by, to think of her leaving her dear home to go among strangers.

Sept. 19: Clara Smith & Mary Routh came back in Mr. Montgomery's carriage. Bettie Dixon's (Carraway) husband died 16th Aug. She is coming back to live with her mother.

Sept. 20: We expected Annette McMillan, Lou & Cate Darden with Anna Darden. Prepared dinner, they did not come. Lena Stuart, Tom Scott & Henry Darden are here.

Sept. 21: Mr. Darden went to Fayette, received a letter from Jackson, La.

Sept. 22: There is a disease, charbon, in Bolivar, killing mules & Cattle. Some have lost all they have.

Sept. 23: Old Mrs. McGinty died this evening; her health has been bad some time. Anna Darden, Annette, Lou, Cate & Miss Sarah Stewart came this evening, stayed all night.

Sept. 24: Anna & the girls went to spend the day with Jack & Cate. Henry stayed here last night. Jesse went to his sister Martha's yesterday eve from school. Mr. Darden went to Bell Davenport's burying. Clara Smith & Mary Routh came this eve.

Sept. 25: Blount got me to go to Mr. Harrison's for Julia. I brought her home with me, she was very weak & vomiting. Will Sillers was at Mr. Harrison's.

Sept. 26: Drusey Darden has come back to school; says her Pa has been sick with a cough & abscess on his lungs. Clara, Laura & Mary Routh, went to see their Grandma.

Sept. 27: Aunt Betsy & Mr. Sibley came up yesterday from Natchez. Dr. Tate & Olivia came here to dinner.

Sept. 29: Mr. Darden, Laura & Irene went to Church. Dr. Stratton preached. He & Dr. Chase came here to dinner.

Sept. 30: Mr. Sibley, Sister Betsy & Ma came this morning. Frank Hornsley's little girl Mollie is with them. Sue & Miss Armistead called this eve.

Oct. 1: Anna & Sam Darden, Buckner & Mr. McMillan, Jack Darden, Dr. Wade, Martha & children came to dinner. Mr. McMillan is fine looking.

Oct. 3: May Mayson & Ella Torrey spent the day here. Martha Wade left at 3 oc.

Oct. 4: Mr. Darden went to Fayette, cotton has fallen to 16 cts in N. Orleans. Mr. Phillips that married Minerva Collier died in N. O. with yellow fever. Minerva is so low at her mothers in St. Joseph that they have not told her of the death of her husband. One of her children died too. Ralston Weatherly died with yellow fever last Sat. in N.O.

Oct. 5: I went home with Julia Stuart, she seemed better satisfied after she saw her Pa. Blount was sick in bed with flux. Lena & Tully have both been sick with chills. Jimmie Harrison, Lizzie Briscoe, Rivers, Percy & Drucie Darden were there. They went to hunt chinquipine. Mr. Austin Smith called this eve going to Mr. Montgomery's after Clara. Mr. Leyman came up with him.

Oct. 13: Olivia sent Pete up to let me know she had a daughter a week old last night. She had a quick time, not more than half dozen pains; had fever Fri. & Sat. before it was born. It weighs five & a half pounds. Mr. Paddock & Mr. Armistead was elected Deacons in the Presbyterian Church today.

Oct. 19: Mr. West & Jimmie Stewart came from Jackson, La., half past 2 oc they were in a buggy, stayed at John Collier's last night. Miss Lizzie Connel wrote to Irene by them.

Oct. 21: Mr. West & Jimmie Stewart are here still.

Oct. 23: Irene, George, & myself went to Dr. Tate's, found Olivia sick with diarrhea, had fever Tuesday. The baby is well, growing fast. Mr. Darden went to Coz Sarah Stowers to divide the land & stock. They gave Jimmie the land next Mr. Johnson's. The stock was valued at \$1475. How changed. Mr. Stowers was so wealthy when he died.

Oct. 25: Mr. Miles called, said his brother Charley was married to Mrs. Yoe on the 15th of Oct. Mrs. Miles has not been dead a year.

Oct. 28: Mr. Darden went to Fayette. The Deacons have on the subscription list about \$750.00. Mr. Hall has agreed to preach another year.

Nov. 1: Miss Carrie January died at Oakland College last week with yellow fever, it is thought. Mr. Drake died with consumption. He is son of Rev. B. M. Drake. Miss Regina Montgomery was riding with Lula Stuart Sat. near Fayette, said

she was sick, they helped her off her horse; she has not spoken since. They think she is paralyzed. Cate has Sallie Dixon helping her to cook & do house work.

Nov. 7: Lena & Irene spent the day with Lou & Kate Darden yesterday. Henry Darden drove them.

Nov. 8: Jack called, told us Father Robertson died before day this morn; was taken worse Sun.

Nov. 9: Judge Whitney's gin was struck by lighting; burnt with all his cotton. 30 bales, great loss.

Nov. 14: Mr. Darden went by Brother Sam's & they went to see Brother Buckner; he is so distressed in his mind like he was six years ago. Thinks there is nothing but ruin before him; only making 20 bales cotton & \$3000 in debt. Mr. Darden says he has no appetite & can't sleep, paying his freedmen wages. Jennie & Mr. Percy came up yesterday. Irene & Henry Darden started to Mary Scott's half past 7 oc. Went by Dr. Tate's, took Olivia's babe a blue stripped gingham dress.

Nov. 19: Judge Whitney died yesterday, was buried today. His health has been bad for some time. He was better, was taken with sore throat; died suddenly.

Nov. 20: John Reeves Wade came to Blount's to dinner.

Dec. 18: Laura saw Clara & Austin. Austin says he has given up all is broken entirely.

Dec. 19: Tom & Jennie Percy went by back to Natchez. Lena Stuart & Emmet came after 12 oc. Lena says her sister was married at 10 oc. Wed., started in five minutes after to Rodney, will take a boat to Vicksburg, take the cars there & go to South Carolina. Mr. Hall performed the ceremony. Dr. Wade & Jimmie was there; Robert Sillers & his son Emmet. Lena said it was a sad time for her, parting with her sister. Her Pa cried good deal. Tully went to Rodney with Mr. Wade & Julia. Sallie Wade will meet them in Rodney to go with them to S. Carolina. It makes me sad to think of Julia going so far away in such delicate health.

Dec. 24: Henry Darden, Irene & Jesse started in the rain to a surprise party at Tom Darden's. Not many there.

Dec. 29: Mr. John A. Watkins of New Orleans died in November.

Dec. 30: Mr. Darden went to Fayette, there was a meeting of the Citizens of the County to devise some rules about hiring the freedmen; passed resolutions, appointed committees. Mr. P. K. Montgomery, Capt. Harper, Gen. Alderson & Mr. Mearns made speeches advising the negroes to go to work; they they coult not get wages, to work for their meat & bread. Merriman made a speech advising them to make the best contract they could, but go to work.