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Jan. 3: Mr. Darden & George went to Church. The freedman all went to Church in the woods near Charley Duncan's.

Jan. 4: Jack came to see Mr. Darden about Ma. Cate is going to give up her cooking & have nothing to do with her washing. The brothers will have to support her. Miss Oglesby came back, this eve., Mr. Darden offered her \$10 a month to do every thing for his Ma, cook, wash & wait on her. Old Mr. Carney, Mrs. Dick West's father, died the 17th Dec.

Jan. 6: Jack called said Miss Oglesby had agreed to wait on Ma for \$10 a month, to be paid quarterly.

Jan. 11: Pros. Whitney was trying to get a subscription paper signed for Mr. Hall preaching. Pros. had his name for \$50 & Mr. Darden put down \$80. The other members had not subscribed. Will Marschalk has given up the Fayette Chronicle to Mr. Paddock as editor and Cully as printer. He sold his furniture off at auction Sat. Merriman was auctioneer. Mr. Hammit has moved to Oakland College to keep the Stewarts house. Ely Jones has rented his place. There was no school. Jesse went by Tom Darden's; Merrick Whitney came home with him, stayed all night.

Jan. 12: Henry Darden went home this evening. He has been to his Aunt Fanny Millsaps.

Jan. 13: Mrs. Newcomb, a relation of Mrs. Judge Whitney, died Christmas night. She had consumption; they lived on the R. Road below Brookhaven. Ann Eliza Clark, Gen. Clark's youngest daughter is with Mrs. Hicks. Mr. Darden was put on the jury as soon as he got to Fayette. The case was the heirs of Aunt Drusilla Chambliss against Wes Whitney. Whitney bought the land at Sheriff's sale. The heirs came & took possession after Whitney had put a man to live there. The jury decided that Whitney had the right of possession.

Jan. 15: Rev. Mr. Burgess came in the rain after 4 oc. He says Mr. McCaleb can't hire hands yet. Mr. Burgess' son was married on the 7th to Miss Gibson, granddaughter of Mrs. Rohelia. Mr. Chamberlain has moved from Pine Ridge. Miss Gusta Ellis was married to Mr. Love, son of Dr. Love. He lives in Enterprise, Miss. They were married at Mr. Anon Killingsworth's.

Jan. 16: Got a letter from Mary Scott, Tom had gone to Robert Scott's in Madison Parish. He would go to Alexandria, La., if he was not too late. The Board of Police have the liberty of educating two boys from each Parish at the State Military School and they have given Tom a chance to go. Blount told Mr. Darden cotton was selling for 26 1/2 a pound.

Jan. 18: Dr. Tate made 130 bales cotton.

Jan. 21: Expected Sam & Buckner Darden here, they did not come.

Jan. 22: Mr. Darden went to see Ambrose Geoghegan. He did not pay him; says he will pay him with this crop. Billy McCaleb came home with Jesse this evening. They went bird hunting tonight.

Jan. 23: Jesse & Billy McCaleb went in to an animal show, the wagon broke down at Gravelly Hill, and the show did not get to Fayette.

Jan. 24: Mr. Darden, Jesse & George went to the Presbyterian Church. I could not go, the roads are so very bad. I went to see Ma, she was sitting up, she looks so pitiful. Cate & Jack had gone to Mt. Carmel to Church. Henry Darden came home with Jesse from Church. Jesse went home with him and stayed all night.

Jan. 25: Dr. Tate & Olivia came at 5 oc., they are both looking bad.

Jan. 26: Dr. Tate & Olivia left at 2 oc. Left Johnnie here, he begged to stay at Grandma's house.

Jan. 27: We received the first number of the Clarion printed at Jackson, Miss. Jan 14th.

Jan. 28: Mrs. Ben Bullen, Miss Madora Bullen & Lulie Stewart went to Jack's this evening.

Jan. 29: Austin & Clara Smith passed late this evening going to Mr. Montgomery's. Clara & Austin, Tom & Jennie Percy have been on a visit to their Sister Ellen Goode to Thibadeaux.

Feb. 5: Brother George Darden came this evening; he is going to New Orleans next Tuesday, Drusy will go with him.

Feb. 6: Brother Sam, Buckner & Jack came here today to arrange about Ma being provided for. They are going to buy cooking utensils & provisions. Miss Oglesby will do her cooking for her. It looks hard to think of Ma living & suffering as she does. Brother George went home with Jack. Mr. Darden went with them. Brother Sam & Buck went home.

Feb. 7: Brother George called on his way home. He says Wes Whitney, his wife & Penn, Merrick & Maggie are going to N. Orleans, also Chambliss Calhoun & wife.

Feb. 8: Jesse came home wet from school, had a swim at Tom Darden's creek. Capt. Coffey is worse, his sons came from Oxford College to see him.

Feb. 10: Mr. Darden went with me on horseback to Mr. Montgomery's to see Clara & Austin Smith. Mr. & Mrs. Montgomery have gone to New Orleans will go to Thibadeaux to visit Ellen & Mr. Goode. They left Robert with Clara. Eva & Annie take care of him at night. Jeff Montgomery's widow died Christmas week with pneumonia, only sick few days. Mr. Montgomery, is going to take the little

children, a boy 9 and a girl in her seventh year. Poor children, how desolate to be left an orphan.

Feb. 11: Lena Stuart went to Bolivar County with Toody Clark. Dr. Wade & Martha were in Fayette yesterday. They sent a ticket to Capt. Coffey's funeral. Was to be buried in Fayette at 4 oc., too late for us to go when ticket came.

Mar. 11: Mr. Darden got home from Dr. Wade's near 1 oc., all well. Dr. Wade has lost three patients lately, all freedmen. Miss Agnes Wade has hired to Mrs. Mabel Wade to do any kind of work.

Mar. 12: Judge Ellis has been appointed in Judge Shackelford's place. He is removed because he can't take the iron clad oath that Congress requires. Cate, Jack & Henry went to the pond to fish. Miss Cockerel, Mollie Bullen & Lulie Stewart were with them.

Mar. 16: Eddy & Stowers Hicks came after butter & eggs.

Mar. 18: Dr. Wade is troubled about his place. It will be sold under Deed of Trust and he is afraid it will be bid'in by some one and he will lose his home.

Mar. 20: Mr. Conner from Kingston came with a letter from Dr. Bass written Tues. 16th. He said Tommie Scott was taken with mumps, then diptheria, rheumatism & erysipelas of the face. He now lies very low indeed, and can not recover & I think must go in the next 24 hours. Poor Tommie was such a good boy, he was 18 years old last Aug. It will be a heavy trial to his mother, her only son & youngest child. We are daily admonished of the uncertainty of life and ought to make us prepared for death. Hary has had severe trials; lost her husband & 4 children.

Mar. 21: Mr. Darden started to see his sister Mary Scott at 8 oc. I feel so lonely today.

Mar. 22: Jesse went to school - Mr. Whitney did not teach. They are holding a meeting at the Cambelite Church. Mr. Armistead & Sue joined the Church and were immersed. Mr. Darden got home from Mary Scott's. Tommie is better. He lay with his eyes rolled back for six days like he was dying and twice his pulse left him, was cold to his knees. He has a dreadful rising behind his ear, is running from his ear. They have to sit up with him yet. Olivia has declined going to N. O., says it is getting so late, will be too warm for her to under go the operation. Virginia Green writes she will leave home to come to see her Ma the 1st April.

Mar. 26: Mr. Mason the mail rider was convicted for stealing John Quin's watch.

Apr. 2: Jesse went home with Merrick Whitney this evening. I don't know who we can get to wait on Ma. There was 22 houses burnt in Rodney Wednesday night (March 21); loss \$150,000. Originated in a kitchen.

Apr. 5: Mrs. Fox moved her piano to Fayette today. Jesse came home this evening; he & Merrick came back to Tom Darden's last night. Joe Whitney has another boy.

Apr. 9: The people in Fayette are down on Tom Reed for going on Kearns bond for Probate Clerk.

Apr. 11: We went to Church. Julia Wade was Achurch, her babe is pretty & very lively. Weighs 20 pounds.

Apr. 12: Henry Darden came to tell us Virginia Green & Mary her daughter had come. Jesse went home with Henry tonight.

Apr. 13: Mr. Darden went with me to see Virginia. She is looking so well. They paid \$20 for a hack to bring them out. They came on the R. R. to N. Orleans. Her son Willie & Mr. Anderson came to Natchez with them. Ma was delighted to see Ginnie. Henry brought Molly up in the buggy this evening. Lena came at 12 oc. Walter Sillers, son of brother Joe's came with her. He is so much like his Pa, very tall.

Apr. 15: Tommie Bullen was married today to Miss Kate Cockerel. Henry D. went to the wedding.

Apr. 18: We sent the carriage for Ginnie Green at Mrs. Stewart's. Sam Hill & Mattie Geoghegan were married at the Catholic Church in Natchez Thurs. 15th.

Apr. 20: Mr. Darden went to see Ma, she is swelling like she had dropsy. Brother Sam called going to Jack's to see Virginia. Anna was going, did not stop. Anna & Samuel went home this evening.

Apr. 21: We started to Natchez by day, got there at 10 oc. We met Brother Buck & Sarah near Greenwood Church. They would go to Mr. Grafton's on Pine Ridge tonight.

Apr. 24: Lum drove Martha & I to see Virginia & Mollie. Ma is so restless today. Mollie & Henry was to come to supper, did not come. Brother Buck & Sarah & Lou went there this evening.

Apr. 29: Mr. Darden went to see Ma. Mary Scott & Tommie came up Tuesday; were in the rain nearly all the way from Natchez.

Apr. 30: Henry Darden, Mollie G. & Tom Scott went to Brother Buck's to a party given to Mollie tonight.

May 2: Virginia Green came here with Mary Scott, and went in our carriage to Church in Fayette. Mary stayed with me. They all came back here to dinner. Went back to Jack's tonight.

May 3: Mr. Darden went to Brother Sam's. Anna stayed in Fayette last night. Mary Scott left for home today. Molly Green & Mr. Proudfit came at 10 oc., stayed till 4 oc. They will go to Natchez in the morning take a boat for home. Mr. Proudfit is handsome & has traveled a great deal. Jesse went to Jack's with Mollie & Mr. Proudfit.

May 5: Lum went with the carriage to Jack's; Virginia Green & Mollie, her daughter & Mr. Proudfit went in the carriage. Mr. Darden went on horse back. I expect this will be Virginia's last visit. Tom Darden & Capt. Schwing called on Mollie before she left.

May 22: I thought we would be disappointed about going to the fair. Capt. P. Darden made a good speech. Mrs. Bullen showed lard, ham & jellies; Mrs. Harper, canned peaches & fig preserves; Mrs. Dr. Jones, blackberry & grape wine & vinegar; Cate Darden, soap; Anna Darden took the blue ribbon the the butter. I took the red ribbon for butter. Mr. McCorkle took the blue ribbon on fine stallion, he was beautiful. There was no fine saddle horses.

May 23: Jesse did not come home tonight. Stayed with Eddie Hicks.

May 26: Mr. Darden went to see Ma. She is sleeping nearly all the time.

May 28: Mr. Darden went to see his Ma. She is worse, has fever.

May 29: Dr. Tate & Olivia went to see Ma. She still has fever, is wasting away.

May 30: Mr. Darden went with me to see Ma; she still has fever, very restless last night; had not sit up any today. We came home to dinner, went back tonight. I stayed, Mr. Darden came home.

May 31: Had hard rain at 2 oc. this morning. While I was writing this, Mr. Will came running said Ma was dead. Mr. Darden & I left at 6 oc. I could see that Ma was failing; she drank a cup of tea just before I left. She was sensible to the last. Her last words were: "Jesus is waiting in Heaven". I went and helped Cate shroud her. We put a fine black silk dress under sleeves & collar; bought cap trimmed with white. She was so reduced, had bed sore. Had turned black. She died very easy. She has been sick over nine months; would have been 83 the 20th Aug. Mr. Darden had gone for Elic to send for his sister Mary Scott. She was dead before Elic started. Lucinda was waiting on her for more than 3 weeks. We will always feel greatful to her for her kindness to Ma. We can never forget Cate, she had so much trouble with her. Mr. Williams went to Brother George's. We told him to go by Dr. Wade's. He called at the school in Fayette & Jesse went to his Uncle Sam's & Buck's. I came home this evening. Mr. Darden went back & stayed all night.

June: Mr. Darden came home after breakfast. Sent Peter, Major Reed & Fed to dig the grave at Old Salem. Mr. Montgomery came at 10 oc., stayed to dinner. Anna and Sam Darden eat dinner here. Olivia came here, went in the carriage with me to the grave. Went home from there. Mary Scott was at Mr. Sid Bass' and could not get here in time. Rev. Mr. Glenn made some remarks at Jack's. Read the burial service at the grave. Brother George came after the service commenced. Cate went in the carriage with me. I felt sad to see Ma die, yet it was happy change for her. It has been 9 months & ten days since she was paralyzed. Brother Sam's and Buckn's families went home. Brother George stayed all night with Jack. Jeff Key came out with the coffin.

June 2: Brother George called on his way home. Lucinda went to Cate's to wash up Ma's clothes. Mr. Darden went there this evening. Cate says she feels so lonesome. Mr. Darden sent letters to the office for Virginia & Sister Betsy Sibley telling them of Ma's death.

June 3: Mr. Williams says Cate saw a wolf in the Henry Stampley old field, yesterday evening. Mr. Darden wrote to Virginia McGehee (Torrey that was).

June 10: Cate went to Fayette; she is going to visit her sister Fanny Millsaps, with Mrs. Bullen. Henry drove her to Fayette.

June 11: Ben came at 12 oc said something was after the sheep. Said they found a sheep half the side eat. Found two more; it looks like wolves. Tent for Tom Darden & Mr. Compton's hounds.

June 12: Mr. Darden went to Dr. Wade's; his land was sold under Deed of Trust given to secure Mr. Farley for money loaned Dr. Wade belonged to the school fund. Mr. Hicks sold the land as he was Trustee. Mr. Darden bit it in for \$1121 & gave his note payable first Jan. at 8 per cent interest till paid. Mr. Read & Mr. Farley & Hicks were there. Ira Robertson had preaching at Springhill to the freedmen today.

June 13: Jesse & Henry came back this eve., had a good rain at Mr. Bullen's. Miss Clara Marshall went home with them last night from Mr. Osburn Scott's, Lizzie & Tom Drake were there. Jesse says their babe has a large nose like her Pa. Irene sent me her photograph taken with little Laura in her lap.

June 17: Mr. Darden went to Fayette, paid Jeff Key for Ma's coffin. The coffin was \$110 with the use of the hearse. The brothers will pay for it.

June 20: We went to the Meth. Church. Julia Wade was there, had her baby. Cate stayed to help her sister, Mrs. Stewart sew. Lula & Fanny are going to visit their father's relations in the West. Will be gone two months.

June 23: Eddie Hicks & Dudley Stewart went to Jack's tonight.

June 24: Mr. Darden went to help decide Mrs. Adaline Dangerfield place. The Commissioners divided it in lots 2, 9 & 14 acres. The Campbell children got the 2 acre lot between Judge Ellis & the house. Mrs. Wigginton drew the improvements. The other was for Isaac Burch. Brown Stewart called on his way to Natchez; said Lou Darden & Lena Stuart went to the Mason's celebration at the Union Church today.

July 1: Mr. Darden went to Fayette, paid Mr. Paddock \$15 for printing obituary of his mother & funeral tickets.

July 7: They sent us a ticket to Coz Margaret Darden's funeral. She died suddenly last night at 12 oc., sitting in rocking chair. She has been sick eight years with paralysis. She was staying at Joe Whitney's while Tom was at Jackson as juror of United States Court.

July 8: Mr. Darden & George went in to Fayette to come with the procession. When he got to old Harry's house, the little negroes ran behind George's horse, made him run, he threw George. Mr. Darden's horse ran then; his stirrups broke; threw him on the rocks on his left side. The horses ran nearly to Fayette. He went to Dr. Richardson's; he told him his fourth rib was broken, his left shoulder is very badly bruised, his leg & knee badly hurt; his hands bruised bad. I was at Cousin Margaret's. Jesse came & went in the carriage & brought him home. Cousin Mary was upstairs in the office with Mr. Darden when I went. Cate & Jack & brother Sam came from the burying here to dinner. They went home tonight. Mr. Darden is very sore & restless.

July 9: Dr. Richardson came to breakfast; says Mr. Darden is doing as well as he could expect; his shoulder is not broken. Mr. & Mrs. Pros Whitney both have fever. Dr. Richardson tending on them. Cicero Stampley came to see Mr. Darden.

July 10: Jesse went to a two days meeting at Ebenezer today. The wolves were here this morning before day; saw their tracks & they killed two hogs in Mabella old field.

July 12: Jesse went with Henry Darden to Mr. Herron's to get a load of corn; paid 10 bits a barrel - bought 30 barrels. Ambrose Geogagen & Jack called to see Mr. Darden.

July 16: Henry & his Pa went to brother Buck's Wed. eve to attend picnic.

July 18: Jesse went with Lum in the carriage to Natchez at 3 oc to meet Laura & Irene. Mr. Darden seems better. His collar bone pains him so much.

July 20: Laura, Irene, little Laura & Aunt Lena came at 9 oc. We are all glad to see them. The baby looks like Mr. West. Mr. West came to Natchez with them. He went back on the Wagoner.

July 22: Jesse went to Mr. Fay's examination at the Academy. Dr. Wade & Martha came with the children at 1 oc. Dr. Wade says Mr. Darden's collar bone is broken.

July 23: Dr. & Martha started at daylight. Julia & Mr. Wade came this evening. Jesse went home with Ed Hicks. Mr. Bridewell came from Port Gibson this evening.

July 27: Jesse came home yesterday. Came from Coz Sarah Stowers; was at Mr. Montgomery's & brother Buck's while he was gone.

July 28: Jesse went to Dr. Tate's. Olivia had toothache, took morphine & she was vomiting.

July 30: Mr. Hicks & Paddock came to see Mr. Darden on business.

Aug. 1: Irene's fever cooled a short time. Dr. Richardson came to see Irene, he gave her blue mass with soda & something to quiet her nerves. He said to give her quinine till the fever got very hot, then quit. Mr. Fay, the President of the Fayette Academy, came with him.

Aug. 2: There was a gentleman called; he belongs to the Company that are surveying the railroad route.

Aug. 5: Laura & Jesse went from Blount's to a picnic at Camp Dunbar today when to Dr. Wade's; went to a party at Judge Isaac Wade's.

Aug. 18: Frank Montgomery & Cicero Stampley came at 10 oc., stayed till 4 oc. Frank looks like he had consumption. Brown Stewart came tonight after supper on his way to Natchez.

Aug. 19: Mr. Darden went to Fayette; got a letter from Mary Scott. Dr. Bass had been very sick. Had Dr. Bondurant from Natchez tending him.

Aug. 20: Jesse came from Dr. Wade's at 9 oc. Laura writes had a pleasant party, about 35 persons. Mrs. Anne Frisby stayed there on her way to her mother's. (Mrs. Matilda Chambliss) Her Daughter had a fit, thought she would die. Mr. West got here after 3 oc. this evening. The hack driver charged him \$10.

Aug. 21: Mr. Darden went to Fayette, got a letter from Mr. Jett that used to oversee for my father.

Aug. 24: Mr. Darden went to Mr. Carpenter's, saw mill. Did not get lumber. Lum took the horses to Dr. Wade's for Laura to go to a picnic near there. There was a party at Roswood (Mrs. Dr. Wade's) at night.

Aug. 25: Laura went to Blount Stuart's from there to a party at Capt. Sam Montgomery's.

Aug. 29: Jimmie Sillers from Bolivar & Tully Stuart came at 11 oc. Jimmie stayed all night. He came on business for Gen. Clark.

Aug. 30: Jimmie Sillers went to Fayette with Mr. Darden; went with Mr. Hicks to Port Gibson.

Sept. 1: Rev. Mr. Roudabush came with old Mrs. Smiley in his buggy; stayed short while, went on to Natchez. Laura, Jesse & George went to their Uncle Sam's to a musical soiree. The Jefferson band played; the company danced all night.

Sept. 4: Laura went to Fayette for Miss Lewis. Daisy Shackelford was sick & she did not come. Miss Nannie McCaleb & Lena Stuart came home with her. Mr. Darden went to Fayette, was one of the Commissions to divide Mrs. Adaline Dangerfield's property.

Sept. 5: Miss Nannie McCaleb, Laura, & Lena went to Church. Laura went home with Lena. Mr. Darden, Jesse & George went to Church.

Sept. 8: Lum took the horses to Blount Stuart's for Laura. Mrs. Sam Montgomery, Miss Cate & Rosa Montgomery Lou & Jimmie Darden, Henry, Jesse spent the day here.

Sept. 9: Laura marking & putting Jesse's clothes in trunk to take to college. Henry & Jesse went to Mr. Pros Whitney's to call on Miss Nannie & Sophy McCaleb. Jesse stayed at Uncle Jack's tonight.

Sept. 10: Sue Armistead came at 9 oc., spent the day. Manda washed & ironed Jesse's clothes to take to college.

Sept. 11: Bob took Jesse's trunk to Mr. Hicks in the little wagon. Jesse went to Mr. Hicks to stay all night. It was a sad parting. All of us cried. Jesse went on to Rodney with Beverly & Eddie Hicks in the carriage. Bob took the trunks to Rodney. The boys were on the wharf boat when he left Rodney. Mr. Darden & Laura went to Church. Rev. Mr. Hall preached his last sermon. He will leave Tuesday for Arkansas to get a home then move his family.

Sept. 15: Irene received a letter from Ellen Goode with her babe's photograph. It is a fine, large babe.

Sept. 18: Laura left half past 4 oc to meet the stage at Middleton's gate. When she got there the stage driver would not take her trunk.

Sept. 19. Laura writes she stayed at Saragossa last night with Clara Smith. She would get a boat today.

Sept. 24: Mr. Darden went to Fayette, got a letter from Jesse; the trip cost \$25. He was not able to enter the freshman class; went into the preparatory department.

Sept. 25: Jack packed his bale of cotton. Henry started to Natchez with it this evening to take it to St. Louis fair. Jack borrowed \$___ from Mr. Darden, for Henry to go to St. Louis.

Sept. 26: Mr. Darden went to the Presbyterian Church. Rev. Mr. Hall preached. He is willing to take charge of two Churches for \$1500 a year.

Sept. 27: Mr. Darden went to Fayette. Court began today. Tom Drake of Rodney & Nelson Newman had a difficulty in Fayette today. They both fired their pistols in the crowd; shot Dr. Noland in the arm, and young Mr. Green in the back. Nelson Newman was badly shot in his side.

Sept. 29: Rev. Mr. Cleland came this evening after 3 oc., he says Mr. Carradine's dwelling house was burned on Monday at 11 oc. Caught from the chimney. The roof was all in a blaze when they found it out. The loss is estimated at 10 or 12 collars. Judge Bullock died Sat. and Old Mr. Easley died Tuesday. He was 85 years old.

Oct. 2: Tom Drake was tried for shooting Nelson Newman; he was cleared.

Oct. 8: We packed everything to start in the morning.

Oct. 9: We started, got to Stewart gate - began to rain, turned back, got blanket for Aunt Lena to put around her. Irene hated to leave home. We all cried. We got to Natchez at 11 oc., Irene went to Dr. Wade's, he could not attend to her teeth. We put up at Mr. Bontura's.

Oct. 10: We spent the day at the Hotel till nearly sundown, went to the wharf boat stayed all night. Very poor accomodations, no fire. Little Laura very cross. We suffered with cold; the staterooms sash broken out; drinking & carousing on the boat.

Oct. 11: The "Wild Wagoner" got to Natchez at 7 oc. Mr. West came on the wharf boat we all went on the Wagoner and eat breakfast. Laura came up from Clinton with Mr. West. It made me sad to part with Irene. We may never meet again. Her health is bad, having fever every few weeks. The boat left at 8 oc., they will stay in Bayou Sara tonight. We left Natchez at 2 oc., got home half past 7 oc. We met Sarah Darden & Lou at Washington going to Natchez.

Oct. 13: Rev. Mr. Weeks called on his way to Presbytery. Mrs. Tom Hall was brought home a corpse last week. Mr. Darden went to Fayette, got a letter from Will Collier, relative to the land that belonged to Buckner. George seems to be better pleased with school.

Oct. 15: Laura sent letter to the office for Jennie McGehee & Irene.

Oct. 17: Tom Darden got home from St. Louis fair yesterday. He left Henry Darden at Jimmie Darden's in Bolivar. Henry did not get the premium on his cotton.

Oct. 18: Miss Mary McCallum was to be married this evening to her cousin from North Carolina of the same name.

Oct. 19: Mr. Pros Whitney told Mr. Darden that Prosper K. Montgomery told him he was not going to give anything for the support of the preacher; he did not expect to attend Church. Could not fellowship with some of the members. How distressing to see our Church going down.

Oct. 31: Mr. Darden went to Church, Laura went to Church, then to her Uncle Blount's. Little Laura is a year old today, sweet little thing.

Nov. 5: I gethered a peck & half pecans today.

Nov. 10: We all went to the fair a mile from Fayette, on the Rodney road. Miss Fannie Crawford, Miss Fannie Mason & Miss Lizzie Barlow came home with us tonight.

Nov. 11: We all went to the fair; large crowd. Horses were driven round the circle. Had a band from Vicksburg - paid \$200 for the music. Dr. Wade & Martha were there; had all the children. The Committee decided upon the Articles exhibited. Judge Shackelford made the speech at the opening of the fair. Lawrence Buckles got the premium as the best rider of boys under 12 years old. Florence Calhoun & Mr. Bridewell came home with us.

Nov. 12: Began to rain at 7 oc. Laura, Florence Calhoun, Mr. Bridewell & Mr. Darden went in after dinner. The fair did not topen till 12 oc. There were more horses shown, horses ran around the half mile circle.

Nov. 13: We all went to the fair. There was 16 knights rode in the tournament. Tom Drake & Chambliss Calhoun were the successful knights. Miss Mattie Hunt was chosen queen of Love & Beauty. Miss Ida Watson & Laura Darden were maids of honor. The queen walked in front of the Amphi theatre and Miss Ida Watson took the crown off the spear and placed it on the queen's head; then Capt. Jones of Rodney made a speech to the queen, then had a ride around the ring for the ugliest man. It was given to Charley Carpenter.

Nov. 14: The Anniversary of the Bible Society was celebrated at the Pres. Church. Dr. Barbee delivered the sermon. Professor Fay of the F. F. College delivered the address. We met Jack & Cate going home with their fine mare; paid \$600 for the buggy and mare.

Nov. 15: Mr. Darden went to see Brother Sam; he has been sick 3 weeks; called to see Mr. Montgomery.

Nov. 17: Henry & Tommie Scott eat supper here. Tommie came to see Capt. Cameron concerning his mother's land in the swamp.

Nov. 24: Mr. Wade & Julia got here after 12 oc. Little Annie is walking all about very sprightly.

Nov. 27: I prepared dinner for Mrs. Paddock & Miss Coulson. They did not come. Mr. Darden received a letter from Jesse; he is anxious to come home Christmas. His report came Friday. His conduct is no 1. Distinguished in Greek no 2; excellent in Latin & Mathematics no 3. Good, very good report.

Nov. 28: Laura wrote they were well. Dick Scott was there, had just been to a party at Brother George's given to Miss Mattie Valentine. (Mrs. Millsaps)

Nov. 30: Mr. Darden went to Fayette. Voted for Dent for Gov. and Jefford's for Lieut. Gov. The freedmen voted for Alcorn for Gov., bitter radical. Mrs. Capt. Harper has a boy born Sun.

Dec. 2: Mr. Tucker has bought a part of the Sam Hill place from Henry McClure, his son-in-law.

Dec. 3: Lum took the horses to Dr. Wade's; Miss Lottie came home with Laura; Olivia & Johnnie came at 4 oc., this eve. Dr. Tate's health is not good. Amelia Bass has another son. It was born the 8th Nov. I received a letter from Irene; her health was better. She expected to go to Terrabone the 1st Dec. Visit Mr. West's mother & relations.

Dec. 4: Olivia is 32 years old today.

Dec. 6: Ambrose Geoghegan came to get Mr. Darden to wait till March for the borrowed money.

Dec. 14: Laura & I went to Blount's after dinner. Lena is busy making up underclothes to be married to Lieut. Hugh Montgomery. Ambrose Geoghegan paid Mr. Darden \$260. Money loaned him three years ago.

Dec. 17: George went to School. Jordan fell down with Percy Harrison & hurt his knee - they sent for Mr. Harrison & he sent the carriage for him.

Dec. 18: Mr. Darden received a letter from Mr. Rials wanting to know about his furniture he left in the swamp when he was overseer for Mr. Darden. Rev. Mr. Glenn is appointed on this Circuit again. Rev. Will Millsaps & wife were at Conference at Vicksburg.

Dec. 22: Cate & Jack are very much distressed about Henry's marrying his cousin Cate Darden. They will not go to see them married. He is to be married Thursday 30th Dec. It is a pity he is marrying in opposition to his parents will. No one can know how it hurts parents but those that have experienced it; - to have a child marry against his wishes.

Dec. 24: Mr. Spaff Miles gave Mr. Darden \$10 for Mrs. Dixon.

Dec. 27: Ira Robertson told Mr. Darden, Mr. Hicks got a dispatch that Beverly was very sick with pneumonia. They telegraphed too that Beverly was worse. Mr. & Mrs. Hicks started late this evening; went to Brookhaven in their carriage, then went in the cars to Oxford.

Dec. 29: Cate & Henry went to Fayette. Ira Robertson called, he wants to borrow some money.

Dec. 30: Mr. Torrey says Dr. Mayson sold his place for \$30 an acre, Jennie Torrey McGehee's husband can not get freedman to work. George went to Jack's; Henry went by going to Brother Buck's to marry his first cousin. Cate & Jack are very much opposed to this marrying. Jack went to the wedding, Cate did not go. Charley Montgomery & Miss Jennis Hackler were the attendants. Rev. Sam Montgomery performed the ceremony. Mr. Bridewell got here tonight at 7 oc. left Port Gibson after 2 oc.

Dec. 31: Mr. Darden went down to Jack's. Cate says Lulie Stewart is to marry Mr. Gordon of Rodney. He is a brother of Mrs. McCormick. Mr. Compton passed late this evening; Mr. Torrey told him Beverly Hicks died Thursday night. What a trial to his parents; he was so smart & promised to be useful; how little did he think he never would see his home again when he left the 12th Sept. Bob said Beverly & Eddie Hicks & Jesse all were distressed when he left them at Rodney.