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Jan 2: Mr. Darden went to the Meth. Church. Rev. Mr. Booth preached. It was announced that Beverly Hicks would be buried tomorrow at 11 oc. at the family graveyard on Tom Darden's place. Tom Darden & Jimmie Stowers went to Rodney to meet the corpse. The hearse went down yesterday evening.

Jan. 3: We went to Tom Darden's, waited till after 3 oc before the corpse came. Mr. Darden went on to Mr. Hicks. Mr. Glenn made some remarks at the house. They did not get to Rodney till day this morning; 'twas 12 oc when they got to Mr. Hicks. The family were very much distressed. There was a large procession for the country. We got home at 5 oc. Put Darden & Wes Whitney were at the burying.

Jan. 4: George went to school. Mr. Darden went to Fayette; went by Mr. Hicks; they are so distressed, about Beverly. He was taken first with earache, then pneumonia; after he was confined to his room, one of the professors took him to his house, was very kind to him, the boys were too. The Dr.'s blistered him severely. Would not let him have water. Lizzie said all his wish was to see her. They got there at 1 oc., Thursday morn. he died at 7 oc., that night. They saw Jesse, he was well & doing well. Eddie came home with his Ma & Pa. They will not send him back to Oxford. It was a sad scene to have a child die so far away from home. I know how to sympathize with them from my own afflictions. Laura went to Jack's this evening, expected to find Henry & his wife there, but she did not come down with him. Henry and Jack went to Natchez this eve. They had a large wedding at brother Buck's. Cate will go Mon. to help Mrs. Stewart's mother. Stayed a week; spent a day & night with Ellen Goode in Thibadeaux. Ellen has a sweet babe. Jennie Percy has a daughter born in Nov.

Jan. 11: Johnnie Tate is five years old today. Henry Darden & his Pa went to Natchez today. Tom Darden & Pros Whitney went by going home from Natchez.

Jan. 15: Laura received a letter from Jennie McGehee; she seems anxious for Laura to visit her.

Jan. 16: Henry & Kate Darden went to his Pa's yesterday. Mr. Bridewell came at 5 oc., this eve. Dr. Tully Stuart Gibson was shot & dragged about in his yard before he died in Sunflower County by a company of Federal soldiers.

Jan. 20: Received a dispatch from Mr. West saying Irene had another daughter. She was doing well; wanted me to come if it was convenient. Mr. Dixon moved to Joe Davenport's today.

Feb. 6: I left Irene crying at 8 oc, poor thing; how lonesome she will be. I stayed at the Henrietta House till 3 oc. Col.

Roberts went on the "Wild Wagoner" with me. The Wagoner got to Natchez at 8 oc. The Capt. came off the boat to the carriage with me. Capt. Walton was on the boat. I got home half past 4 oc. Miss Kate Wade was married to Mr. Newell of Tensas Parish last Wed. Feb. 2. Miss Rosa Scott, niece of Jeff Briscoe, died at Nazerath in Oct.

Feb. 9: We all went to the Presbyterian Church to see Lena Stuart and Hugh Montgomery married. There was good many there. Mr. Hall performed the ceremony. Laura & Mr. Dough Montgomery stood together. Hung Montgomery & Miss Kate Montgomery together. The bridal company went to Capt. Sam's to dinner.

Feb. 10: Laura got home from Capt. Sam Montgomery's after 8 oc. Ella Torrey, Lou Darden, Kate & Henry, Letha Scott, Sue & Mr. Armistead & the young men from Fayette were there. Danced till day. Lena will go to Rodney in the morning.

Feb. 11: Laura went to the Gipsey Camp, found Kate Darden & Dewitt Dixon there.

Feb. 12: I washed up the plates, cups & saucers to have ready for Laura's wedding.

Feb. 14: Mr. Darden went to Dr. Tate's for Olivia & Dr. to come up to see Laura married.

Feb. 15: Mr. Darden went to Fayette, met Julia & Mr. Wade there. Julia thought today was the wedding. Martha & the children came at 1 oc. Mr. Bridewell came to Dr. Wade's to dinner. Dr. Wade went with him to get his license. His wagon came on with Dr. Wade here to take Laura's trunks to Port Gibson. Martha, Olivia Laura & I sit the table tonight.

Feb. 16: Mr. Bridewell brought Mr. Hall out in the carriage; they got here a 11 oc., the ceremony was performed half after 11 oc.; had breakfast at 12. Dr. Tate came after the ceremony was over. They left in company with Dr. Wade 15 minutes of 1 oc. Mr. Harri went in the buggy with Dr. Wade. I can't tell how I felt when I bid Laura goodbye. To think I was parting with my last daughter.

Feb. 16: It was very hard for me to restrain my feelings, but Laura said she did not want a scene when she left. I do feel too lonely tonight. Dick Truly brought his little boy, Clyde up from his home in N. O. to bury him in Fayette today.

Feb. 24: Mr. Darden went to Fayette. Dr. Richardson told him Mrs. Pros K. Montgomery had another baby. Reeves Wade was in Fayette expecting a dispatch from Blount Stuart. Charley Carpenter & Miss Ella Shields were married today at 11 oc. Started to N. O. They married at Mr. Holmes near Church Hill.

Feb. 28: Mr. Darden went to Fayette, got a letter from Laura. They stayed all night at Dr. Wade's the eve they left here. Got to Port Gibson Thurs. at 1 oc., were cordially received by Mrs.

Bridewell. His sister Mrs. Mallory, had a nice dinner. Mr. & Mrs. Price, Willie Darden, Dick Scott & Mrs. Vertner had called on them. Mrs. Dunbar, Vertner, Seviars, Archer's, Rosa Calhoun & some others sent word they could call as soon as the weather turned warmer. Laura did not think they would go to Zazoo with Mr. B.'s sister as it was necessary for him to be at home. Lizzie Briscoe was married to Mr. P. Tunstall of New Orleans last Wed. 23rd Feb. He is in commission business in N. O. Mr. Darden saw Mrs. General Clark pass through Fayette going to Mr. Hicks. Ella Torrey was with her.

Mar. 3: Mr. Darden went to Jack's; Henry & Kate are going to live there. Jack has rented his Hines land to Dennis for 2 bales of cotton. Jack has been to see Mary Scott. He took dinner on 17th at Dr. Tate's.

Mar. 4: Old Mr. Dick Compton has moved to Washington to send his boys to school. His son Stephen is managing his place.

Mar. 8: Henry & Kate went back to Jack's this evening; had been to brother Buck's.

Mar. 9: Tip Montgomery moves his family to Beuff River today.

Mar. 10: Dr. Wade wrote he wanted Mr. Darden to make him a deed to his land. Mr. Darden bid it in when it was sold in.

Mar. 12: Mr. Darden got a letter from Jesse. There good deal pneumonia at Oxford. One of the students died 5th March.

Mar. 15: Mr. Darden went to the Salem graveyard. He has iron railing & a slab to go between his Pa's & Ma's grave.

Mar. 27: We all went to Church. Mrs. Harrison has been sick. Mr. Torrey told Mr. Darden he had sold out in Washington County. Joe Whitney told me she had been cooking. Sue Armistead cooking, too. They have both succeeded in getting cooks. Mr. Jones is putting up a store for Austin Martin inside his gate near the old store. Mr. Lowenburg is to run it. There is another store at Jenkins gin. Mr. Lowe & Charley Montgorery has one near Mrs. Piercefields.

Mar. 28: Court in session in Fayette.

Mar. 30: Mr. Montgomery got a dispatch from Tip, saying his little girl 16 years old, died with diptheria, just after they got to Beuff River where they had moved.

Apr. 1: They were examining witnesses in Mrs. Mitchell's case. She is accused of murdering her husband, Irvin Mitchell Jackson (negro) had his house burnt at Steph Stampley's depot place, the reason he left there. They have Mrs. Mitchell in jail. Her neighbors give her a very bad name. She placed \$1500 in Gen. W. S. Martin's hands to defend her. What a wretched being she must be to be accused of murdering her husband.

- Apr. 4: Mrs. Mitchell will have her trial in Adams County. The Deputy Sheriff wanted Mr. Chester to take Mrs. Mitchell to Natchez in the stage. He said it would be full.
- Apr. 9: Brother George, Alice & Drusy called an hour the week she (Laura) wrote me. George went to the Academy to go fishing with Thornton Fay. Henry & Kate went to her Pa's yesterday evening.
- Apr. 10: We went to the Presbyterian Church. Rev. Will Johnson preached. Mr. Hall went to attend the Presbyterian in Rodney. Ella Torrey went to the Presbytery. Old Mrs. Shackelford told me some one tried to break in her house; she set her dog on them.
- Apr. 11: Mose Jones has rented some land from Mr. Davenport.
- Apr. 12: O. S. Miles, Senator from this County sent Mr. Darden two papers from Jackson. Mr. Darden went to Fayette; put a letter in office concerning the land he sold J. W. Randell, to Tom Spires, Administrator of the Rundell Est. John Chamberlain's second daughter died Thursday.
- Apr. 15: George says Henry & Kate Darden were at the Academy today.
- Apr. 16: George spent the day with Minor Dixon's son, fishing & etc. They live three miles from Fayette in a house with one room, dirt chimney. Mr. Darden went to Fayette, got a letter from Jesse & old Mr. Huey, who used to live in this County.
- Apr. 17: Mr. Fay is discouraged about his school not being larger. He says his father-in-law (Mr. Shields) will go with him to Texas if his school does not pay better. Put Darden said he saw Laura few days ago. She sent a note by him. Mr. Armistead forgot to bring it to Church.
- Apr. 19: We started to Dr. Tate's before 7; got there before 10 oc. It rained a little when we got to the Kinnison Place.
- Apr. 21: Mr. Darden went to Fayette, brother Buckner was in town. Willie Darden called on his way to Jack's. Stayed at Uncle Prosper's last night. He says they are looking for Laura the last of the week at his house.
- Apr. 22: Willie Darden called on his way home. He says Cousin Sallie Alexander (Chambliss) is sinking from despondency. Blount Stuart, Mr. Wade & Julia came after 1 oc, stayed all night. Julia's health is better. Little Annie is walking & talking.
- Apr. 23: Mr. Darden went with George to Fayette. Pic Dixon came home with George. Mrs. Wes Whitney had twin boys Thurs. Very sick before they were born; sent to Fayette for Dr. Guice. Jack, Cate, Henry & wife went to Mrs. Stewart's to attend a fish fry yesterday evening.

Apr. 26: Dan G. Buie called to get some water for Mrs. B.; his daughter & Miss Ann Eliza McArn on their way to Natchez.

Apr. 30: Mr. Darden went with me this evening to Mr. Montgomery's to see Jennie & Tom Percy. They expect Clara up in May.

May 2: Mr. Hugh & John Fairley stayed here tonight.

May 9: Henry & Kate are at brother Buck's. They went to the picnic at Mrs. Pearcefield's Sat. did not come home.

May 13: Mr. Darden received a letter from Mr. Spires. He does not know anything about the Rundell land in Madison Parish.

May 15: Olivia & Dr. Wade came at 2 oc. Olivia has fever this evening.

May 16: Dr. & Olivia left half past 8 oc. Johnnie did not want to go home. Mrs. Wright was no better last week.

May 17: Jimmie Darden wrote that Mollie Anderson (Green) was living in Bolivar County.

June 12: They were trying Steph Forman of Rodney for attempting to burn his own house. They made him insane. The Mayor, Leroy Key, dismissed the case.

June 14: I started to Blount Stuart's at 6 oc.; got there at 9. Belle Sillers & her children, Emmit & Jennie, are there. Bell is broken; her baby was sick a week with measles. She thinks it very unhealthy where they live in Bolivar.

June 16: Henry took flux today. Dr. Guice went to see Jack; he is still having actions. Mr. Darden went to Will Stampley's to get Dr. Hill to put up the iron railing & monument to his Pa's & Ma's grave. Dr. Hill was not there; left word for him to do it, when he comes back.

June 17: Mr. Davenport had been to see Jack. He thinks he is very bad off.

June 18: George started to see Pic Dixon; came back when the rain began. Mr. Darden received a letter from Mary Scott. She is having chills & fever. We had a letter from Jesse; he said Brad Coffey had chills & fever. There was a good rain from Pros Whitney's to Fayette. Mr. Darden went to see Jack. He is better this eve. Dr. Guice was uneasy about Jack.

June 20: Mr. Darden went to the Salem graveyard to assist Dr. Hill put up the monument to his Pa & Ma's graves. Cicero Stampley eat dinner here. He is anxious to sell the Henry Stampley place to Mr. Darden. They sent us a ticket to old Hugh Montgomery's funeral.

June 21: Mr. Darden went to the graveyard (Salem). Dr. Hill put up the iron railing & monument. I went to Mr. Hugh Montgomery's burying. Rev. Will Johnson preached his funeral. He was buried

at home where his wife & children are buried. He had great, great, grandchildren at his burying. Mrs. Ratliff, his daughter, was with him during his last sickness. He would have been 84 years old in November.

June 22: Brother Sam called, he was going to see Jack.

June 23: Mr. Darden got home from Dr. Tate's after 10 oc., Johnnie was taken with fever Sun. night. Monday was stupid. The fever continued when Mr. Darden got there. He had just got over a hard spasm. They had sent for a boy to come for us. Mr. Alf Rowan & wife were there; sent for Dr. Johnson. He had peach leaves beat up and put on his stomach. He asked his G'pa if G'ma was well. After dinner the fever was off this morning, but Dr. Tate thought he would have it again, looks very pale. Poor little fellow, has been sick so often this year. His Ma things he has worms. It is 8 years today since our dear son was buried far away from all his friends.

June 24: Laura & George went to the Masonic Celebration at the Fair Ground. Rev. Mr. Jones of Port Gibson spoke.

June 30: George had fever all night, was not well enough for him to go to the examination.

July 1: George had fever again, last night, could not go to the examination. Mr. Darden & Laura went. Rev. Sam Montgomery preached the sermon. Dr. Richardson delivered the address. Dr. Wade, Martha, Jimmie & Carrie were there. They put their dinner with ours. Julia Wade had hers with us too. Jesse came in the Brookhaven stage from Oxford.

July 3: Mr. Darden, Jesse & George went to the Methodist Church. Mr. Curtis preached. He is practising physician now. He was on this circuit 9 years ago.

July 5: Jesse started to a party at Bob Campbell's. Henry says they left little Buckner very sick with flux.

July 6: Jesse has not come home yet. He came at 5 oc; eat dinner with Lew Stowers. Cousin Sarah Stowers has been with Lizzie Hicks a week. She has bilious fever.

July 7: Jesse eat dinner at Uncle Jack's. Henry came up with him. Stayed till sundown. He wants Jesse to go to Bolivar County with him.

July 11: Mr. Darden went to _____ Montgomery's to see Ellen & Mr. Goode. They left last Tuesday for home. Mr. Goode could not leave his business longer.

July 15: Jesse got home at dark. Ed Hicks came with him.

July 16: Mr. Darden went to Fayette. Got a letter from Sister Betsy Sibley; she has to do all her own work. Jack, Mr. Mose & George Jones, Mr. Darden, Jesse, George & Ed Hicks went to eat dinner at the picnic the freedmen gave at the pond.

July 17: Mr. Darden & George went to the Methodist Church. Jesse went with his Uncle Jack to Bethel. Went from there to his Uncle Blount's. Lena & Lieut. Hugh are there. Bell Sillers, Emmit & Jennie, too. Mr. Leck Williams buried today; 87 years old. He lived in Franklin near the Jefferson line.

July 19: It is 38 years today since we were married. Jesse went with Ed Hicks to his Uncle Buck's.

July 20: Mr. Darden went to Fayette, put a letter in the office for Mat. Skinner. She wants him to assist her in buying the Chamberlain place on Pine Ridge; would give him a mortgage on the place. Dr. Guice is going to see Mabel Stampley's oldest daughter Emma, she has flux.

July 21: George took Jack's paper to him. His Aunt Kate told him she sent a cake by Henry for the party Anna Darden will give the young people tomorrow night.

July 22: Jesse started to his Uncle Sam's at 5 oc. Mr. Pres. Gilbert that lives near brother Sam's has lost 2 children in the last week with deptheria. The Circuit Court is in session in Fayette this week; having it three times a year instead of twice. Abel Anderson is on the bench as judge. Poor excuse for judge.

July 25: Jesse went to his Uncle Blount's. Cousin Julia will give him a dance Friday night; have the girls & boys of his age there. Mr. Wade has been in the swamp. The crops very fine. Jeff Briscoe has 1100 acres in cotton. Jeff is traveling for his health. Jesse got home at dark. Bell Sillers is at Mrs. Torrey's.

July 26: Dr. Tate & Olivia got here at 10 oc. Johnnie looks bad. Had another spell of fever. Jesse went to Mrs. Stewart's today. He is to invite the company to the party at Uncle Blount's.

July 27: Dr. & Olivia started before 8 oc. There was a boy come Dick McCoy's for the Dr.; he went that way home.

July 29: Jesse & George started to Blount Stuart's at 3 oc. to a party, Julia Wade gave to Jesse.

July 30: Old Mrs. Morris died this morning with cancer of the bowels. She is Josh Morris' mother.

July 31: Clara Smith has a daughter born the 14th July.

Aug. 1: Jesse stayed with Brad Coffey last night.

Aug. 3: Ed Hicks & Mat Harper eat dinner here. They went to Jack's with Katie Bullen & Fannie Stewart.

Aug. 6: Mr. Darden went to Fayette received a letter from Mary Scott. She had been to Mr. Sibley's left Frank Hornsby ver sick with pneumonia.

Aug. 7: Cicero & his three little boys called this evening to eat figs.

Aug. 8: George went to Dr. Wade's. Jesse came at 1 oc. Lou Stowers came home with him. Jesse went to his Uncle Buck's Friday; stayed with Lou Stowers last night. They went this eve to call on Miss Martha & Addie Campbell.

Aug. 9: Jesse & Lou Stowers went to Jack's. Jimmie & Olive Darden came home with Henry & Kate yesterday eve.

Aug. 10: Jesse came home from Jack's this evening. He went in company with Henry, Kate, Olive & Jimmie Darden, Lou Stowers & Mollie Davenport to Wild Wood Springs. The bathing house has fallen down.

Aug. 11: Mr. Darden went to town. Mr. Wade was in town, expected to confirm the trade with Bob McDonald for his place near Blount's. He says \$3250 for 440 acres, all to be paid the first January. Jimmie & Olive went home; Henry & Kate went with them.

Aug. 13: Mr. Darden went to Fayette; I received two letters from Laura. She wants her Pa to go up & look at Dr. Davenport's place. It is for sale. She wants to buy a place; wants her Pa's opinion about the place.

Aug. 15: Lum drove the carriage to Blount Stuart's for Rob & Bell Sillers & their children, Emmit & Johnnie. Lena Montgomery has gone to the swamp to stay a week. Mrs. Miles (Harriet Clark) stayed at Mr. Hicks last night. Mr. Charles Miles came to look at the Fowler place. He is not pleased.

Aug. 17: Jim Wiggington's little boy baby was buried yesterday; we will all go to the party at Jack's this evening.

Aug. 18: Jimmie & Lou Darden called at the gate.

Aug. 19: Lum drove Rob & Belle, Emmit & Jennie to Blount Stuart's. Mr. Darden saw Dr. Richardson, he says Mrs. Bob Campbell has another baby.

Sat. Aug. 20: Jesse went to Mrs. Stewart's with his Aunt Kate, Katy Bullen & Fannie Stewart. Mr. John Russum stayed at Jack's last night; drove Miss Mollie Bullen home in his buggy. Jesse & George went to Sunday School, then to the Cambelite Church.

Aug. 22: Mr. Darden got home at dark, was in the rain at the Rowan place; eat dinner at Dr. Wade's; stayed last night with Brother George. Went to hear Mr. Roudebush preach yesterday. He went with Mr. Bridewell to look at Dr. Davenport's place. Laura is looking bad; complaining of her back.

Aug. 23: Henry thinks of building on part his Pa's place called Hines. Olive Darden is quite sick with flux. Mr. Gilbert Buie, his step-daughter, Mrs. Lamb & Rev. Sam Montgomery came at 5 oc., on their way to Natchez as witnesses in Mrs. Irvin Mitchell's case for murdering her husband. Mr. Buie thinks there is no doubt she committed the deed.

Aug. 24: Jesse went with Ed Hicks this morning, they will go to call on Miss Emma West this evening.

Aug. 25: Sue Sparks (Chambliss) that was, died in Georgia lately.

Aug. 29: Mr. Mangum (Lucy Ashford that was) died in Adams County lately; with dysentery, she was young. Mrs. Hicks' little girl Florine, was having spasms this morning.

Aug. 31: Mr. Thornhill living near Dr. Tate's died suddenly last week. Mr. George & Mose Jones moved the school house from Springhill to Robertson's Fork, for Millie Davenport to teach in. Jack Darden started to Mr. Sibley's Tuesday morning.

Sept. 1: Mr. Darden went to Fayette, took a letter to the office for Clarence Darden from Jesse.

Sept. 3: Received 2 letters from Laura about buying Mr. Davenport's place. His price is \$6,500 to be paid when he gives possession in January. Blount Stuart told Mr. Darden, Robert & Bell Sillers left for home this week - took Emmit back, left Jennie at Blount's to go to Mr. Fay when school opens.

Sept. 6: Jack passed going to Mrs. Robertson's. He left them all well at Mr. Sibley's. Jesse went to Mr. Tom Reed's this evening. Mr. Pingleton from Natchez called; he had been to the Curry place; he owns it now.

Sept. 7: Jesse came from Mr. Reed's this morning, went to his Uncle Blount's this evening. Jimmie Darden called had been to Jack's. He & Lou will go to brother George's in the morn., wanted Jesse to go with them. Lewis Stowers went to Jack's for Dewitt Dixon today. Her sister Sallie is there.

Sept. 9: Mary Lou, Put Darden's wife, has a boy, weighs 5 pounds. She is at her sister's, Mrs. Paddock.

Sept. 12: George started to school to the Academy. There were 29 scholars.

Sept. 15: Mr. Darden went to Fayette, received letter from Irene. She will be in Natchez tomorrow.

Sept. 16: Mr. Israel Spencer died near Port Gibson Sun. morning; has been paralyzed since March. He is very old, formerly taught school at Academy for young ladies where the poor house is now. Jesse got home at dusk; they had a dance at brother George's Tuesday night; Lou, Drusy, Willie & Jimmie stayed with Laura

Sat. night - went to Church Sun. Mrs. Valentine was at George's on her way to visit her daughter, Mrs. Millsaps. Lena & Mr. Montgomery went back to the swamp Monday.

Sept. 18: Mr. Paddock, Capt. Harper, Mr. Reed & Mr. Eisman went to Natchez to attend the Railroad meeting. Mr. Roudabush was in Natchez; he says it is necessary for Jesse to get an honorable discharge from Oxford before he can go to Oakland. Austin Smith was in Natchez. They have named their baby after Clara's stepmother, Cloe. Jimmie & Buckner Darden came home with Jesse tonight from Jack's.

Sept. 19: Irene, her babies, Laura & Susan, Aunt Lena & Martha came in a hack from Natchez for \$20. Mr. Darden went to Fayette, sent letter to the President of Oxford, Dr. Waddell.

Sept. 25: Anna & Lou Darden came this evening, Brown Stewart driving.

Sept. 28: Dr. Tate went home. Olivia & Johnnie stayed. Jesse went with Olivia to see Aunt Kate. Anna, Lou & Brown Stewart called. Anna had a little boy size of George she got from the asylum.

Sept. 29: Jesse started to Oakland before day.

Sept. 30: Mr. Darden went to the Fowler place to get Dr. Hill to work on his gin. Rode over Mr. Cunningham's place. He is not anxious to sell.

Oct. 7: Mrs. Director Stampley died yesterday evening; had congestive chill. We went to Mr. Stampley's to go to her burying. It was so late we did not go to the grave. She died suddenly, did not think she would die so soon. She told Mose Jones she wanted him to live at her house with Phil. Her and Mose Jones were to be married.

Oct. 9: Mr. Paddock was racing his horse at the fair grounds; his horse threw him & hurt him very bad.

Oct. 10: Mr. Darden went to Fayette. Dr. Wade told him Mrs. Adalaide Trimble's youngest daughter died last week with fever.

Oct. 16: Mr. Pros Whitney went to Presbytery at Port Gibson. Mrs. Whitney went to see her brother Dr. Will McCaleb married to Miss Harris near Port Gibson.

Oct. 18: The Agricultural Fair commenced near Fayette today.

Oct. 20: Mrs. Montgomery & Mary Bondurant came here this evening. I was sorry I was not at home.

Oct. 21: We all went to the Fair. Expected the tournament to come off, but it did not. Mollie Bullen was crowned queen of beauty on Wednesday by Charley Scott. Miss Eudora Gordon was first maid of honor. Miss Bell Sildon, second maid of honor. Mary Bondurant & her little daughter, Deloise, Eva & Annie

Seymour & Mrs. Stockton eat dinner with us. Jesse came to the Fair with some of the college boys in a wagon. They had to go back tonight. Mr. Bridewell went back to Dr. Wade's; Laura came home with us.

Oct. 22: Laura, Irene & her children spent the day at Uncle Prosper's. Cousin Mary Bondurant will leave Monday for home in La. near St. Joseph. Julia & Mr. Wade came at sundown.

Oct. 25: Rev. Dr. Chase died near Natchez on 3rd October in his 82 year; Presbyterian minister. Chambliss Calhoun's wife died with consumption last week.

Oct. 27: Mr. Darden went to Natchez with Irene & her children. How sad I felt when they left; we may never all meet again.

Oct. 28: Mr. Darden got home at 4 oc., left Irene on the wharf boat. The Wagoner had not come. They stayed on the wharf boat last night. Did not get a good nights rest. The Steamers Rob. E. Lee & Natchez were racing; there was a crowd at the wharf when they got there last night firing cannon & shooting rockets. They had all the stores closed in Natchez yesterday doing honor to Gen. Rob. E. Lee's death. They marched through the different streets; very large processions to the Institute hall, where Judge Shields addressed the audience.

Oct. 30: Mr. Darden & George went to the Methodist Church. Mr. Glenn will preach once more & leave for Georgia.

Oct. 31: Mr. Darden went to see Ira Robertson; he married a widow with one child. They are on a visit to his mother. Ira owes Mr. Darden \$160. He says he will pay it when he comes to Conference. Mrs. Dixon has gone back to Joe Davenport's to cook. Laura West is 2 years old today. Laura received a letter from Reeves Wade wanting to borrow \$3,500. Laura's money is loaned in Natchez, therefore she could not let him have it. He was willing to give a Deed of Trust on the land he bought from Rob. McDonald. Jimmie Sillers died in Bolivar in October; was brought to Port Gibson to be buried.

Nov. 10: There was a bill of \$27 came against Jesse today from Oxford. His Pa is very much displeased about the bill. He wrote to Jesse giving him a lecture.

Nov. 12: News came to Fayette that Charley Pipes living near Natchez had shot and killed Cambell Marsh. Mr. Marsh is separated from his wife; he went to Mrs. Pipes (her mother), was told not to go in Mrs. Marsh's room. He went & was shot.

Nov. 15: Mr. Darden saw Frank Montgomery this eve he says his crop is not good.

Nov. 16: Mr. Darden saw Cicero, he is very much discouraged; his crop is not good. Dr. Weatherly wants him to go on his place in the swamp next year.

Nov. 20: George is 12 years old today. Mrs. Stephen Guice was at Church today; she is soliciting aid for the Orphan Asylum in Natchez. She is a sister of Mr. Tom Reed's.

Nov. 22: Circuit Court is in session, Judge Alderson on the bench. Dr. Hill's case was to be tried for living with a colored woman & then deserting her. What shame to have to try such cases in court.

Nov. 24: Mr. Darden brought a letter from Irene, she says they have been in great distress since the 9th Nov. They received a dispatch that Capt. Ab. Cage died suddenly that morning, with rheumatism of the heart. His remains were brought to Bayou Sara on the Steamer Pargoud, carried on the cars to the family burying ground about 13 miles from Woodville, Wilkinson County. Capt. West, Willie & Tommie West met the corpse at Bayou Sara. Capt. Cage was buried by the Mason's. His son, nephew & number of acquaintances came with his remains from his home in Terrabone Parish, La.

Nov. 25: Mrs. Billy Stampley was buried in Fayette this eve. She died at Wash Manifold's. She was the mother of Jeff Stampley. Old Capt. Bullen died suddenly this evening.

Nov. 28: Mr. Darden went to Fayette, then to Dr. Wade's. Miss Agnes Wade has been cooking for Dr. Wade for a week. Dr. Wade was having the Rosswood place surveyed today. Sallie Wade is going to give her interest in the Rosswood land to Mattie & James Taylor for their interest in the land in South Carolina. Mr. Tim Wade will be on soon & Sallie will go back to Carolina & live with him & Miss Agnes Wade. Reeves Wade was at Dr. Wade's Sunday, he is trying to rend land near there.

Dec. 2: Henry Darden started to Bolivar today, little Buckner with him. Lulie (Stuart) Gordon's babe is a boy from 28th Nov. Henry Darden went to Bolivar to get some one to go on the land his Uncle Buck gave them. Old Mr. Dunc. Buckel's died in a spree Saturday Dec. 3rd.

Dec. 7: Mr. Darden went to Fayette, put letter in office to Mr. Tom Spires of Madison Parish about his land there. Cicero called at the garden; told me his wife has another daughter that it was born Monday; that is 6 children they have.

Dec. 17: Mr. Darden went to Fayette to act as Commissioner to divide Judge Whitney's land. Mrs. Whitney & Miss Kate got their part of the land & Mittie got a part for a debt that the estate of Judge Whitney owes them. The Commissioners did not transact any business; they dined at Jeff Whitney.

Dec. 24: Capt. Adam's mother died last week. She was the mother of Angela Adams that Martha & Olivia went to school with in Natchez. He is teaching in Oakland. The Steamer Robert E. Lee collided with the Steamer Patomac. The Lee sank in a few minutes; the freight was saved, except for Vicksburg which was in the hold. It happened as the Lee was backing out from the Natchez Landing.

They have raised the Lee, she went back to N. O. for repairs. Rob McGinty told Mr. Darden he rode across a pond frozen so hard it did not break.

Dec. 25: Mr. John Dick's & Ann Elize McArn's marriage is announced. They were married Dec. 5.

Dec. 29: Tom Darden & Dis Briscoe passed going to Pine Ridge.

Dec. 30: Wesley Whitney came this morning to borrow \$600; he has bought Jim Wigginton's place (120 acres) just back of the fair grounds near Fayette. Was promised the loan of the money. Mr. Darden went to Fayette to see if he could collect the money Blount Stuart owes him (\$900). Blount said he could not pay it. So he did not let Mr. Whitney have any.

Dec. 31: Mr. Davenport came to get Mr. Darden to sign a petition to the board of supervisors to establish a free white school in this district.