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Jan. 1: My cows have not been milked since last Mon. What a trial to have a gang of free negroes on a place & can't get them to do anything.

Jan. 2: Jesse started to Oakland before it was light. His Pa gave him \$20 to pay his board & \$15 to pay for washing, etc. Lum went to bring his horse back.

Jan. 4: Mr. John Dick's death is announced in the Courier.

Jan. 7: Horace Booth & Thornton Fay came & hunted with George.

Jan. 9: Jeff Whitney was elected president of the Agricultural Society. Mattie Dunbar Wade has another boy born 8th January.

Jan. 12: Mr. Darden went to Fayette; made affidavit to the division of Judge Whitney's land. Capt. Sam Montgomery moved to Bingamin place near Natchez yesterday.

Jan. 13: Brown Stuart called an hour on his way from Natchez. He is going to move to Arkansas. Kate Darden has a daughter born Mon. 9th January.

Jan. 18: Mr. Sid Bass has gone back to Texas to live.

Jan. 22: Mr. Culley & Mary Baldwin were married in Methodist Church. Dick Tubbs & Jennie Gordon were married last week. She is a sister of Mrs. McCormick. Mr. Darden saw Mary Lou in the carriage, she looks so bad. She went to Wes. Whitney's. Put thinks she is so much better.

Feb. 1: Brown Stewart passed going home from Natchez. Brother Buck's little son Buckner was with him. Brown said he would move to Arkansas.

Feb. 7: Miss Lizzie Oglesby is married so Tommie McGinty told Mr. Darden.

Feb. 10: George says Jennie Sillers will go on the stage in the morning. Robert Sillers has moved from Bolivar County to Brookhaven. Sallie Killingsworth left this morning too. Mrs. Jeff Key is worse.

Feb. 12: Ben heard that Mrs. Key was dead. She leaves three little children; her baby is only 17 months old.

Feb. 13: There was a freedman went by to tell Kate that Sam Hill was dead. He died near night yesterday. He leaves a young wife & child.

Feb. 14: Mrs. Key died Sat. at 12 oc. Her last request was for (Mrs. Fleming) her sister to help to take care of her three little children. Mr. S. P. Butter, the carpenter, has gone off with \$600 of William Burch's money. They were working together. Dr. Tate had a good opinion of Mr. Butter, he worked on his gin last year. Mr. Jeff Cogan is not expected to live; has dropsy.

Feb. 15: Mr. Darden received a letter from Mary Scott. Tom has left school & is at home at work. Old Mr. Bass died in Texas in January. Mr. Sid Bass had not been there long when he died. Mrs. Dan Farrar died recently. She was daughter of Mr. Ruth Phipps.

Feb. 16: Miss Mollie Barker is sick with pneumonia at the Academy.

Feb. 18: Mr. Montgomery told Mr. Darden, Pros his son, had written that several persons in Texas had been caught in those northers they have there & froze to death. Wes Whitney's family all have the measles. Miss Kate Whitney has been sitting up with them. Willie Harper & Miss Belle Wood were married Tuesday. She is a daughter of Robert Woods.

Feb. 20: Phil Dougherty Stampley & Miss Martin were married last week. They are second cousins.

Feb. 25: Nannie McCaleb is spending some time at Pros Whitney's. Pros Whitney was working on Put Darden's house.

Feb. 28: Henry Darden went to brother Buck's for Kate. They came home this evening.

Mar. 3: Alex Compton called this evening, wanted to borrow \$100. Mr. Darden did not loan it. Mr. Darden received a letter from Rev. Mr. Hall calling on him & Mr. Pros Whitney for money to bear his expenses to hunt a new place to preach. He says he will need clothing, money to leave for his family.

Mar. 5: Mr. Pros Whitney did not succeed in raising any money for Mr. Hall. He wants Mr. Darden to go tomorrow & see if he can do anything for Mr. Hall by talking to the members.

Mar. 6: Mr. Darden went to Fayette, had a talk with Mr. Dave Harrison; he thinks the best plan is to have Church meeting & see what the members will raise. Good many went to Beech Hill Church to see Jeff Cogan buried. He was an Odd Fellow, buried with their ceremony.

Mar. 7: Mr. Darden took Jack's papers to him. Sarah Darden was there. Henry's wife is not well, looks delicate; she had scarlet fever after her babe was born. Has not been well since. The babe is fine looking.

Mar. 8: Sarah Darden & her daughter Olive called, spent an hour. Sarah looks well; she was on horseback. Rev. Mr. Graves preached at Ebenezer Sunday. Sarah is sending Buckner to Miss Joe Sim's; she has the school.

Mar. 11: Penn Whitney has come home. He has been to New Orleans attending the lectures.

Mar. 12: Mr. Minor Dixon died this morning. He drank to the last. His family are left destitute. Poor Mat is left with 3 girls & a boy. It is hard to get along where we are left widows without means to raise a family. It is dreadful to be left without means to support a family.

Mar. 13: Mr. Darden went to see Mr. Dixon buried. They did not bury him with Masonic honors, because he died a drunkard. There was a good many at the burying. Mr. Booth read the burial service.

Mar. 14: Mr. Darden received a letter from Dr. Waddell concerning some debts Jesse left unpaid there (Oxford).

Mar. 16: Mr. Darden took Jack's papers to him. Mr. Darden says Henry's baby is going to cut teeth.

Mar. 24: Dr. Wade wrote Martha was taken yesterday at 12 oc. pains increased & at 7 oc. last night her babe was born; it is a girl. She thinks of naming it after her Pa, Jesse. Dr. wrote he gave Martha chloroform which made him uneasy just before the baby was born; the effects wore off in two hours after the birth of the child.

Mar. 28: Reeves Wade eat dinner at Dr.'s. He stayed at Blount Stuart's last night. Lena is at her Pa's; looks dreadful.

Mar. 29: Mattie Wade came to see Martha.

Apr. 8: Mr. Darden went to Fayette got a letter from Mr. Bridewell. Laura has a son born April 1. Sat. night. Dr. Wharton had to perform an operation which lasted 40 minutes. He took the child, it was dead, but he brought it to life in 15 minutes. She was under the influence of chloroform. It is very large; they call it Jesse Darden. Cicero called this evening. He says Evans Stampley & Katie Dunbar were to be married yesterday. Her friends know nothing of it. Mabella tried to keep Evans from marrying her, but she could not influence him. Emma Stampley & Willie McCoy (Mr. Henry Middleton's stepson) are to be married soon.

Apr. 18: Two Mrs. Smiths called to see Laura. Willie Darden called. Chambliss Calhoun is taking buggy rides with young ladies. His wife died in September.

Apr. 22: Mrs. Ellis is nearly dead with consumption. She lives with her father. Mr. A. Killingsworth.

Apr. 24: Blount Stuart drove Lena down; he went right back. Lena looks better. She had to move from the swamp on account of her health.

Apr. 25: Henry & Kate went to Natchez with Sarah Darden.

Apr. 27: Kate & Henry's wife (Kate) came after 4 oc., Kate has a fine baby, very much like Henry was when he was a baby. Kate & Henry's wife stayed all night. Sarah Darden went to Natchez Monday, Henry & Kate went with them.

May 4: Cortez Chambliss came this eve, he is expecting to get the Free School in Cousin Matilda Chambliss' neighborhood. Came to see the Board of Supervisers. Sallie Chambliss Alexander is living with her mother; has two children, the youngest is an afflicted boy; cannot stand up, rolls or slides when he moves. He can say a few words. Cousin Matilda is an old woman, has to do her own cooking. How changed are the Southern people. Cortez is separated from his wife; lives with his brother Calvin & sister Mrs. Corbin. He is really destitute from his appearance.

May 5: Cortez went to Jack Darden's after dinner.

May 6: Mr. Darden went to Dr. Tate's. Olivia & Dr. had gone to Dr. Wright's after Johnnie.

May 7: Cicero Stampley heard in Rodney that one of Mrs. George Hung's sons was accidentally shot at Oakland College a few days ago. It was the son of John Fleming of the firm of Fleming & Baldwin of Natchez instead of young Hunt.

May 8: The Sheriff is selling Charley Carpenter's goods today. Tom Darden has the contract for the bridge between Rob. McGinty & Hill's places.

May 13: Mr. Kearns has been removed from office. He is defaulter for \$5,000 as Revenue Tax Collector.

May 14: Mr. Darden & George went to the Sabbath School. Had the Bible class at the Presbyterian Church. Mrs. Pros Whitney, teacher; Capt. Harper, Mr. Paddock, Dr. Guice & Miss Ella Torrey were there.

May 15: Brother Buckner called & paid the interest on his note by giving a draft on Eisman. It was \$23.70. He says he pays \$580 tax on his Bolivar land this year; has very few hands there. Will have to sell it; the taxes are so high. Mary Lou Darden's babe died this morning. It had whooping cough, then chicken pox. They had it in Fayette yesterday. Put is very unfortunate with his family.

May 16: Austin Smith & Clara called an hour. Clara has a pretty baby. Mr. Goode went to Clara that Ellen's babe was a boy named for her Pa, Prosper King; it was born 5th May.

May 20: We went to the fair. Capt. Harper spoke; Mrs. Harper got the vases for the boquet for the greatest variety of flowers. Tom Baker was the successful knight in riding for the tournament. He crowned Miss Ella Torrey queen of beauty. Miss Mollie Bullen was first maid of honor. Clara & Austin, Sam & Laura Montgomery eat dinner with us. Laura and Mr. Bridewell started from Dr. Wade's at daylight; got here at 10 oc.

May 26: Received a letter from Irene, Mr. Stratton came out & baptized Laura & Susan West. George went home with Horace Booth.

June 4: Dr. Moffit came stayed all day gave little Jesse (Bridewell) hydrate of choral to lull his pains; had 8 actions through the night.

June 5: Little darling Jesse is growing weaker, can only draw a few swallows from his bottle. Mr. Darden went to Fayette, telegraphed to Mr. Bridewell. He got here at 7 oc., just in time to see their poor little Jesse Darden take his flight to Heaven. The poor little darling sufferings were intense for about two hours. Oh how, distressing to hear his moans & groans. The actions continued to the last. He died easy. Laura & Mr. Bridewell were so distressed. Anna & Sarah Darden came just before night. Henry Darden, his wife & Ma & Dewitt Dixon came at dark. Anne & Kate dressed the little darling in a white Jaconet that Laura made last week; with a boquet of flowers grasped in his little hand.

June 6: Mr. Darden sent Ben with the measure of the coffin. Will bury him at our graveyard near Tom Darden's. Kate, Henry & wife left before breakfast. Anna & Sarah went to Jack's after breakfast. Mr. Darden went to Fayette. Laura sent a dispatch to Mrs. Bridewell about the baby dying. We sent George to Uncle Prosper Montgomery's to let them know the babe was dead. Major Reed went to dig the grave. Laura wrote to Irene, sent it this morning telling of her darling's death. Mr. Bridewell is not well, got very wet in the creek; had to swim at Ike Burch's fork. We took the baby to the grave at 3 oc., buried him at 4 oc. Mr. Booth read the burial service at the grave & prayed at the grave. Very few there when we buried him. Capt. Put Darden, Wes Whitney, Mr. Armistead, Capt. Whitney & Jack & Kate all got there after the precious babe was buried. They thought they would be there in time. Merrick Whitney & Mat Harper were baptized by the Cambelite preacher this evening at Put Darden's pond.

June 7: George says they sent for Hattie Whitney, thought her Grandma, old Mrs. Whitney was dying.

June 9: Old Mrs. Whitney is sensible; but Dr. Richardson says she can live only a short time; is in Fayette with her daughter, Mrs. Booth.

June 12: (Monday) Old Mrs. Whitney died Fri. night (9th) at 10 oc. She was 76 years old, was confined to her bed a week; was conscious, knew her time had come. Said she was willing to go. She died at her daughter's, Mrs. Booth's in Fayette. They buried her yesterday in the rain.

June 17: Olivia came after 7 oc. She looks so bad. Dr. is the same as he was yesterday. Olivia seems so distressed to think of his suffering so much.

June 18: Mr. Darden & George went to Sunday School. Miss Mollie Reed, Miss Hattie Whitney, Miss Alice Shields & Mrs. Kearns joined the Methodist Church. Miss Lottie Wade & Blount came this evening.

June 24: Mr. Darden & George got home at 1 oc this morning. Rev. Mr. Bartlett preached the commencement sermon. Miss Hattie Whitney got the valedictory, Miss Mollie Barker, Clara Booth, Mollie Reed, Alice Shields, Fannie Stewart & Jennie Killingsworth graduated & received diplomas. Cicero eat dinner here, says Kate Dunbar & Mabella Stampley had a difficulty. Evans & Kate have gone to Zoamme Compton's. Poor girl is not friendly with her parents. I don't know what they will do.

June 25: Tommie Scott has just left. He came up Fri., eat breakfast at Dr. Tate's. Tommie Scott came and stayed tonight. Jack & Kate went to Brookhaven to see Katie Bullen graduate. Fannie Stewart went in the carriage with them. Mollie Reed, Clara Booth & Hattie Whitney went too. Lou & Olive Darden went also.

June 29: Tom Scott started 15 minutes of 4 oc in the carriage to Oakland for Jesse.

June 30: Jesse & Tom Scott got home from Oakland at 11 oc. Brother George was there. Mr. Bartlett preach the annual sermon. Oakland College is to be sold in July. Merriman Howard (Sheriff) was there with some colored men from Jackson to look at it.

June 31: Mr. Darden went to Dr. Tate's. Dr. is sitting up, but is so weak; cannot eat anything that agrees with him. Mr. Bisland that had a store near Selsertown died a few days ago. Tom Scott went to Jack's this evening; will go home in the morning.

July 2: Freddie Clark & Wattie Sillers were at church.

July 5: George went to Mr. Booth's last night. Horace came home with him this morning. Jesse went to Mrs. Stewart's, came home this morning. He is invited to spend the evening there with some young ladies.

July 6: Jesse came back after 8 oc this morning. Miss Mollie Reed, Emma West, Mollie Forman, Clara & Fannie Richardson, Charley Reed, Ed Hicks, Fred Clark, Wat Sillers, Lou Stowers & Jesse were the boys. They did not dance.

July 8: Henry Darden came up this evening, wanted to borrow money. Said he had two bales cotton, but did not want to take it to Natchez. He & Kate are going to the Bay of St. Louis to visit Mr. MacMillan & Annette.

July 10: Martha Wade is 36 years old today.

July 11: Cicero Stampley was here this evening; wants Mr. Darden to buy his place.

July 16: We went to Fayette to Meths Church. -Alice Shields, Jennie Dorsey, Ireland, Clara Booth, Mrs. Kearns & Howell West were received into the church. There was a church meeting at the Presbyterian Church. Mr. Hall has written another letter to the session & members, of the Presbyterian Church demanding \$1000 as due him in equity for preaching. The members concluded to let the case go before Presbytery. He says also that he wants to move soon. They agreed to give him \$100. He had \$60 given him when he went in March to get a situation. Jesse eat dinner at Mr. Hicks, Eddie came home with him. They went after supper to Jack's to see Miss Fannie Stewart. Jack & Kate went to see Lulie Stewart & Gordon, Fri. Came back to Mrs. Stewart's last night. Mrs. Dison, Rosa & her little son are at Jack's.

July 18: Judge Alderson & Merriman got into a fight last night. The Sheriff Long went up. Merriman choked him. Merriman is missing today.

July 21: There was a meeting at the Presbyterian Church this evening to make arrangements for a fair to repair the church. Mrs. Torrey's, Harrison's & Harper's carriages were there. Anna & Sarah Darden were there.

July 23: Mr. Darden & George went to Sabbath School. Jesse stayed with Tom Darden, came to the Davenport school house to preaching. Mr. Armstrong preached. Jack & Kate went to Mrs. Robertson's to dinner.

July 25: Ellen Montgomery Goode & Eva Seymour came at 11 oc. Ellen has two fine-looking children; here babe is very large. Ellen looks better, seems taller. They expect Clara up next week. Mrs. Sam Torrey, daughter of Mrs. Carpenter, died yesterday eve. Her babe is two months old. Mr. Joe Davenport was married today to the widow of Dr. Love. Jack Darden went to the wedding. Mr. Darden met Mrs. Dixon moving to her son-in-law's. It is Sallie's home she is going to live at.

July 29: I received the notice Anna Darden sent me concerning the concert & supper being given the 17th Aug. to repair the Preby. Church.

Aug. 6: I went to church took Johnnie with me. Jesse & George went too. Jesse went home with Charley Coffey. Mrs. Lewis Dangerfield's son, Henry died this morning. He was 10 years old.

Aug. 7: Mr. Darden went to Fayette; bid on Cicero Stampley's land for \$223. It was sold for taxes. He has two years to redeem it in. I would not have bid it in; the State could have bid it off just as it did Steph. Stampley's.

Aug. 11: Henry, Kate & Olive got home at 10 oc. They got to Natchez at daylight, came on home. They had a pleasant time at Mr. McMillan's. Mr. Darden went to Cicero's this morning; he was not at home. Indian did not know their place had been sold for taxes. I received a letter from Mr. West telling me of the birth and death of their son. It was born Friday evening (Aug. 4) at 7 oc., died at 1 oc., Saturday morning. It was a large healthy

baby, seemed well when Dr. Jones left, only it would not nurse or receive milk from the spoon. Rena was doing well, but was distressed at the death of her babe.

Aug. 12: Ellen Goode left her Pa's after 4 oc., went to Rodney to take the boat Governor Allen. Her brother Frank went to Rodney with her. Mr. Goode will meet her in N. Orleans.

Aug. 17: Mr. Darden went in to the concert in the carriage with me. Miss Ella Torrey, Pauline Chamberlain, Fannie Stewart, Mrs. Paddock, Mr. Joe Holmes & his two sisters were the performers in the concert.

Aug. 19: Mr. Darden started to Natchez to take the Gov. Allen to go to see Irene.

Aug. 20: Jimmie McClure was admitted in full fellowship in the Meth. Church.

Aug. 22: Rev. Mr. White called here Friday. He is agent for Centenary College, Jackson, La. Collecting subscriptions to repair the College. They named Iren's babe Albert Cage, after Millie Cage's father.

Aug. 24: Lena Stuart Montgomery came at 12 oc.; she will stay at her Pa's till her confinement in Oct. Hugh has a school, gets \$75 a month.

Aug. 25: Mr. Darden got home at 11 oc., came from Dr. Tate's this morn. Dr. is no better. They buried Irene's baby in the garden at Mr. Willie West's. Mr. Darden left Bayou Sara Wed., on the Gov. Allen at 12 oc., got to Natchez at 12 oc., that night. He went with Mary Scott, Amelia & Tommie to call on Coz. Ann Eliza Clark, spent half hour. Mary Adelia Montgomery (her daughter) with 9 children were there. Emma's 4 children were there. Emma had gone to Kansas to see her husband, Mr. Lenore.

Aug. 26: Cicero is talking of giving his place for Willie Stampley's.

Aug. 29: Mr. Darden went to Jack's to see Jimmie Darden. He has had fever since Sunday. Set for Dr. Moffit this eve, he says he needs quinine.

Aug. 30: Mr. Darden went to see Pros Whitney. He had gone with his family to Pine Ridge.

Sept. 2: Mr. Darden went to Fayette. Mr. Torrey says he can't pay 2 bits towards sending Mr. Hall away. Mr. Dave Harrison has gone to Brown's Wells. Mr. Whitney has returned from Pine Ridge. Blount Stuart wrote that Hugh Montgomery had gone to the swamp & not to go & see Lena till last next week.

Sept. 3: It is 6 years tomorrow since Cousin John Darden died. Rev. Mr. Mercer & Mr. Steph Guice came at 5 oc. Mr. M. preached at Greenwood today.



Sept. 4: - Mr. Mercer & Guice went from here to Rev. George Armstrong's.

Sept. 5: Jesse & George are hauling pine bushes, putting them in washes round the front gate & lot.

Sept. 8: Annette McMillan's baby died at the Bay of St. Louis. They have come back to live at Monticello. The little boy (Darden) was 18 months old.

Sept. 10: Olivia sent Johnnie here by Jim Bolls, Dr. Tate had fever last week. They have concluded to go to Natchez & spend a few days. The river is so low they are afraid to try the trip to St. Louis. Olivia had been to see Mrs. Wright, her health is good. Jesse went to Fayette. Mr. Darden & George went to Mt. Carmel.

Sept. 13: Jesse came home from Mt. Carmel. Spent Mon. night at Jack's, last night at Mr. John Guice's. Jack, Kate, Dewitt & Fannie Stewart stayed at Mr. Williams' tonight.

Sept. 15: Mr. Darden went to Fayette, went to see Cousin Mary Richardson. She has been very sick with pneumonia. Mr. Darden came to Tom Darden's creek, it was swimming. He went back through Fayette & by the Gravelly Hill home. Got home at 9 oc. I would have waited till the creek run down.

Sept. 16: Mr. John Guice came after 3 oc. Jesse went with him to call on Mollie & Sue Davenport. They eat supper there, got back after 9 oc.

Sept. 17: Mr. Darden took Johnnie to Church behind him. Jesse & Mr. Guice went to church. Ira Robertson preached today.

Sept. 18: Jesse let Fannie Stewart ride Jordan; he got loose with her saddle on; could not find him. Cortez Chambliss came home with Mr. Darden.

Sept. 19: Cortez Chambliss went to Fayette. He boards at Cousin Matilda Chambliss' & teaches a colored school. Sallie Alexander's little afflicted boy died 3 weeks ago. Jesse went to Mr. Reed's & went with the young ladies to church tonight.

Sept. 20: I am 55 years old today; getting to be an old woman. Brother Buckner called going to see if Jimmie Darden was sick. He went back home at 4 oc. After 5 oc., a boy went after him saying Jimmie was shot. They all came down expecting to find him dead. Love Compton went with Jimmie & Henry to hunt turkeys, Love was yelping like an old turkey, Jimmie was answering like a young turkey. They were both creeping up thinking it was a turkey. Love got a glimpse of Jimmie & shot; hit in breast, lodged in his right shoulder; hit him in arm lodged in left shoulder; hit him on right cheek, went out through the ear, hit on left side neck went out on the back of neck where the back begins. Dr. Moffit cut a ball out of each shoulder, almost opposite each other. Mr. Darden says Jimmie did not groan while the Dr. was cutting the balls out. Mr. Darden went down after supper. He bled like a beef, applying cloths.

Sept. 21: Mr. Darden, Jesse & Johnnie went to Jack's to see Jimmie. He sleeps well, seems quiet. I went down this evening to see him. He seems very quiet. Brother Buck, Lou, Olive & Buckner went home. Sarah stayed with Jimmie. Dr. Moffit has been with him since he was shot; went home this evening. Brother Sam came here after 2 oc., went to see Jimmie & went back home tonight. Sister Anna is confined to her bed with carbuncles.

Sept. 22: Olivia came at sundown. She thinks Dr. Tate is better. The Dr.'s in Natchez did not think going to Brown's Wells would benefit him. Dr. McPheter's advised him to go on the coast and inhale the steam from sugar house. That is what they recommend for consumption. Dr. Tate is fully impressed that he will not live long. He told Olivia he thought he had been converted. Poor Dr. Tate! I fear he never will be well. George went to see Jimmie Darden, he is doing well.

Sept. 23: Olivia went home this evening; took Johnnie with her. He said he would go & see his Pa and come back.

Sept. 24: Mr. Darden, Jesse & George went to church. Mr. Booth preached. Dick Tubbs & wife, Mrs. Charley Booth, young Mr. Balch & Mary Ellis joined the Meth. Church this week.

Sept. 27: I went to Blount Stuart's to see Lena. She is well. Mr. Harrison & Emma spent the day with her. Blount went to Port Gibson 2 weeks ago to see his sister Mrs. Gibson. She looks well. Hugh Montgomery & Tully attended Mrs. Smith Ellis' burying Tuesday. She has been confined to her bed since April. She was buried near her father's Mr. Anon Killingsworth. She leaves two little orphan boys.

Sept. 29: Mrs. Prosper Montgomery came before I got my jelly put up. She brought Robert & Annie with her.

Sept. 30: Jack & Kate went to Bethel to a protracted meeting; Jesse went with Henry to his Uncle Buck's.

Oct. 1: Mr. Darden went to Bethel had dinner on the ground. Jesse came home with his Pa. Jimmie Darden is walking about wanted to go to Bethel, Dr. McNair was not willing.

Oct. 2: Mr. Darden went to see Dr. Tate; he is growing worse. He thinks he has consumption & dyspepsia too. He told Mr. Darden he had given up to die; felt that God had pardoned his sins & he was willing to die. Jesse went to Bethel to church. Went to Blount Stuart's. Laura & Mr. Bridewell came at dark in the rain. Cordelia Wade has a boy named Isaac Dunbar.

Oct. 7: I went with Mr. Darden to see Dr. Tate. Poor fellow, looks so bad. Suffered nearly all night with pain in his side & bowels. Dr. Wright was there gave him some morphine.

Oct. 9: Dr. Tate rested some last night. Dr. Tate is growing weaker. Mr. Jim Rowan & Mr. Sam Mason came to see the Dr. The yellow fever is increasing in Natchez. The old citizens are having

it. Mr. Charles McNeal died with it. He was a Methodist preacher once, but turned into gambling & drinking.

Oct. 10: Dr. Tate suffering with the same pain in his side & bowels. Old Mr. Tate is sick with colic.

Oct. 11: Dr. Tate rested better; still coughing eats very little.

Oct. 13: Mr. Pros Whitney is very sick. It is doubtful about his recovery. Dr. Guice is tending him.

Oct. 17: There was a dispatch came that Charley Carpenter died with yellow fever at 12 oc. Jack Darden is helping the Robertsons to fix a bush shed at the Davenport school house; they will have a two days meeting there.

Oct. 18: Joab came to let us know Dr. Tate was dead. Olivia wrote he complained all day of having such awful feeling in his stomach. Said he must be dying; had such difficulty of breathing. He had a hard spell of breathing about half an hour before he died, but had become easy and asked her to turn him on his side. He was propped up in bed. The last words he spoke was for Johnnie not to fan him it took his breath. He died at 5 oc., in the evening. He was not only willing but anxious to die & go to Jesus. He was sick six months & a half. Mr. Bufkin preached. They sent to Natchez & got a beautiful walnut coffin. There was good many there for the neighborhood. Kate Darden stayed all night.

Oct. 20: Kate came home with Mr. Darden & George. I remained with Olivia; she is so distressed, but not like she would have been if he had died suddenly.

Oct. 23: It is 10 years today since Olivia & Dr. Tate were married; how different today. Six out of the small number that were at the wedding have died.

Oct. 24: I received a letter from Laura; she is not well. Mr. Bridewell is clerking for Mr. Barret. Mrs. Adaline Gibson had been to see her.

Oct. 26: Jesse got an invitation to Drusy Darden's wedding. She was married to Mr. Evans Davenport last night. Henry & Kate went. Jesse did not go.

Nov. 1: Henry Darden came from brother Buckner's. He saw Laura & Mr. Bridewell at Drusy Darden's wedding. Mr. McConico (Mrs. Eisman's bookkeeper) is very sick with pneumonia.

Nov. 2: Mr. Darden went to see Olivia, she is well. Mr. Fowler came this evening with Mr. Martin. He is going round finding what persons lost by the Yankees taking from them, in mules, horses, corn, wheat, etc. Mr. Darden gave in a list of mules, horses, etc., the Yankees took to Mr. Martin, valued at \$2480. He went with Martin to Fayette to make oath to it before a magistrate.

Nov. 4: Laura wrote that Drusie Darden was a pretty bride. Her maids were Pinky Calhoun & Bettie Patterson. The groomsmen were Frank Montgomery & Nat Jeffries; danced 4 sets, had supper at 11 oc., cut bride's cake at 1 oc. The company left. Martha did not expect so many. She told Laura they would only have a few of Drusie's relations & Mr. Davenport's brothers & sisters. Rev. John A. Jones performed the ceremony. Dick Scott & his sister went from Mrs. Bridewell's with Laura & Mr. Bridewell. Dr. Chamberlain died with yellow fever, Sunday night, Oct. 29th. Mr. C. H. Chapin died with yellow fever the same day. He was elected President of the Institute in Natchez, but there was so much opposition to him, because he was from the North, that he resigned.

Nov. 6: Lena Montgomery sent for me at 6 oc. I rode Jordan. Her baby is a girl born after 9 oc., just before I got there. They have named the baby Kate.

Nov. 7: Heard Rev. Mr. Graves of Oakland College died yesterday with yellow fever. His son Scott died last week with yellow fever. There has been four deaths at Oakland with yellow fever. Miss Sallie Shaifer & her brother Willie, both died with it. Blount & Hugh Montgomery went to the cross roads Dennis stand to vote.

Nov. 9: Tully came home this evening, had been to Port Gibson with Arkright Killingsworth. Merriman Howard (colored) beat Mr. Doug McCormick 900 votes.

Nov. 10: Mrs. Dr. Brown that formerly kept hotel in Fayette, she has been sick in Brookhaven since August, died. She leaves a boy & girl orphans. Her remains were brought to Fayette.

Nov. 15: Kate's carriage went by going to the fair.

Nov. 16: Mr. Fay turned out school at 12 oc., so few scholars there. Mr. Darden got home at dark. He went to the fair with Dr. Wade, Martha, Jimmie & Carrie. Not as many there as usual. Tom Reed took good many premiums. Miss Mollie Barker was crowned queen of Beauty by Charley Scott. Miss Ella Torrey & Miss Anna Dobbins were maids of honor. Willie Torrey made the speech to the queen. Mr. Darden did not arrange his business with Mr. Barrett. He had to have \$4,000 in gold before he could raise the present mortgage & give a new mortgage to Laura & Mr. Darden. Laura was not willing to give the draft till she got the mortgage in her & her Pa's name. Mr. Darden was to go to Natchez next week & get the money & take it to Port Gibson.

Nov. 17: George went to the fair. Jesse did not go. Mr. Montgomery was at the fair; he says Jennie Percy has a boy. Has girl & boy.

Nov. 18: Mr. Darden went to see Olivia. Brother George & Willie Darden called before 10 oc. They came to the fair yesterday, went to Jack's last night. Ben Wade told him he had 55 hands would make 100 bales. Would lose \$4,000 by hiring hands. Drusie Davenport lives 14 miles from them.

Nov. 20: I received a note from Hugh Montgomery. He says Lena was able to sit; the baby is well. His brother Doug had a son weighed 10 pounds; born the 8th.

Nov. 21: Billy Geoghegan came for the young oxen; he is to break for Mr. Darden. Henry Darden stayed at Cicero Stampley's store last night. Cicero was with old Mr. Compton; he is very sick. Mr. Darden called to see him.

Nov. 25: Mr. Darden started to Port Gibson before 8 oc. He took the money to loan to Mr. Barret; Laura is to loan \$5,000 - Mrs. Darden \$3,000. They took a mortgage on his brick store. They loan it for 3 years at 8 per cent a year. Hugh Montgomery came for me to go & stay with Lena till he comes back from the swamp.

Nov. 27: Brad Coffey died this morning. He was sick a week with pneumonia; had studied law, was a moral good young man. Was about 21. He will be a great loss to his mother.

Nov. 28: Mr. Darden met Mollie Davenport & Mr. Martin in a buggy a mile after he met Mr. Davenport; asked if he met his daughter in a buggy with a young man. He went in a hurry. Mr. Darden thought they were running off to marry. Brad Coffey was buried today.

Dec. 1: Mr. Darden went to Fayette. The Board of Supervisors have locked up the Sheriff's office. No one is to receive taxes today. Messers O. S. Scott, Jim Johnson, Mr. Milton, Dr. Smith, young John Scott & Mr. Darden went on Merriman Howard for \$30,000 for one month to the first Jan. 1872, to collect taxes. Mr. William Shaw's house was burned last week. They saved the bedding etc.; did not get the furniture out. It was set on fire. Mr. Shaw was in Natchez; his son was home. Mrs. Shaw saved the money \$9,000. George spent the day with Johnnie Darden. Henry Darden has gone in partnership with Cicero Stampley in the store at Bowman's fork.

Dec. 4: Mr. Davenport told Kate he could not forgive Mollie for running off with Mr. Martin.

Dec. 5: Mr. Darden went to Fayette. Mr. Long has not given up the Sheriff's office. Jesse went in to hear Put Darden lecture on temperance.

Dec. 6: Jesse came home at 11 oc. Louie spent last night with Ed Hicks. Jesse & Ed went to Mrs. Stewart's last night. Ed Hicks drove Miss Fannie to Rodney went to Cicero's store, they met Johnnie Robertson coming from Natchez. He drove Joe Davenport's wagon with cotton.

Dec. 7: Jesse went & borrowed medical book from Dr. Moffit. He is in the notion of studying medicine.

Dec. 8: Mr. Darden met Ambrose Geoghegan, he says the young oxen Billy was breaking lay down on the road. They could not get them up.

Dec. 10: Mr. Darden & George went to Sabbath School. Mr. Reed passed some resolutions in regard to Brad Coffey's death. Jimmie Whitney & his little brother, John came with George to dinner. Mr. Long surrendered the Sheriff's office to Merriman.

Dec. 11: Mr. Darden got two letters from his sister Mary Scott. Dr. Bass will come out, even find it difficult to collect his medical bills. They are selling mules, horses, cattle, hogs, furniture, etc. Will leave Natchez 19th Dec.; will go to New Orleans first, then to Texas. Mary says it makes her sad to think of leaving her relations; for she will not see them again in this life. Dr. Bass took Mat Skinner to Natchez on 17th Nov. Sister Betsy was improving when Mat left her. She was so low that her burial clothes were sent to Mary Scott to make, and Jeff Hornsby took them back when it was dangerous to cross the swamp; the water was so high. Sister Betsy will break up housekeeping & live with Mat Skinner. Dr. Sam Hornsby has recovered. Frank Hornsby has made very little crop. His wife has consumption.

Dec. 13: Rev. Mr. Hall is living at old Mrs. Shackelford's; has given out his move to Charleston, S. Caroline. Will go on Mrs. Spencer's place near Port Gibson and farm.

Dec. 18: Mr. Darden went to Fayette, saw Mr. Mangum that married Lucy Ashford. He is to marry Miss Lou Smith Wed. George spent Sat. with Jimmie Whitney, it is his birthday.

Dec. 19: Bolls Johnson & Miss Addie Sims are to marry tonight. Mr. Mangum (Luck Ashford's husband) & Miss Lou Smith are to be married. They will have a large wedding.

Dec. 21: Mr. Darden got home at 12 oc. Olivia & Johnnie went with him to Natchez yesterday. Olivia administered Dr. Tate's estate. Mr. Darden & Mr. Fleming went on her vond. Mr. Carson wrote out the petition to the Chancery Clerk for letters of Administration.

Dec. 23: Jesse started to Port Gibson half after 8 oc. Mr. Darden went to Fayette. I received a letter from Laura. She is better, had been to see Drusie Darden Davenport.

Dec. 26: Received a letter from Irene, she was in bed 10 days with ulcerated sore throat. Dr. Jones came to see her. Her mouth was not well when she wrote. Sid Briscoe passed through Fayette going to the fair in Natchez. There was a large crowd of negroes at Henry's & Cicero's store last night - some white persons. Jack & Kate, Miss Kate & Johnnie Robertson were there. Had a fine supper.

Dec. 28: Mr. Darden got home at 1 oc. He came to Olivia's last night. Fred Clark invited Mr. Darden to go out to dinner & stay all night. Gen. W. L. Martin made a fine speech, gave it to the croakers & indelent people.

Dec. 29: Mr. Darden went to Fayette. Mr. Pros Whitney told him Rev. Mr. Woodbridge had come to Mr. Montgomery's. Will preach in Fayette on Sun.

Dec. 30: Jimmie Stowers called; wanted Mr. Darden to go Tuesday & help decide the land that belongs to Lizzie Hicks, Jimmie & Lewis & Cousin Sarah Stowers. Jimmie & Johnnie Whitney spent the day with George. Mr. McDonald came; he had been to Natchez. His mother is a first cousin of William Sillers who lives near Port Gibson.

Dec. 31: Mr. Darden went to the Presbyterian Church. Rev. Mr. Woodbridge preached an excellent sermon. Not a large congregation. He came with P. K. Montgomery.