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Jan. 1: Mrs. Button Wade is very sick with pneumonia. There was a negro that used to belong to Osborne Scott committed a rape on Mrs. Kate Humphrey Mon. eve near dusk. She was coming from Rodney had a white boy driving her. Was near home, he walked to the buggy struck her in the face, then dragged her out of the buggy. The boy was frightened & drove off. She had to walk home. Merriman went and arrested the negro, put him in jail; he did not have any clothes on, had a blanket on him. Mr. Kearns & his sister were shot at near the same place, just a week before. Also, Mr. Rus Dent, he fired three times at the object, but missed. George D. & Johnnie (T) went to Jack's.

Jan. 2: I received a letter from Irene date Dec. 20th. Her babe was a week old, born on 17th Dec. Dr. Jones was there when her babe was born; he named it Jesse Darden. Will call it Darden. Jesse was there, insisted on coming home. Olivia is preparing to go to New Orleans to be treated by Dr. Richardson.

Jan. 3: Olivia started home half after 8 oc. Mr. Darden went to the branch the other side of Mr. Compton's. Dr. Moffit called, he gave Mr. Darden receipts for Sarah Anne, Ben, etc accounts. He was going to see Mrs. Humphrey's. They hung the negro that committed a rape upon her Wed. night. Broke the dungeon open, confined Merriman (Sheriff) & took him to Villines butcher yard & hung him. The negro used to belong to O. Scott. George came out with Fannie Stewart & went to Uncle Jack's with her.

Jan. 4: William said he was going to put up a store for Put Darden. Emmie Paddock will stay there during her confinement.

Jan. 5: Mr. Darden & George went to Sabbath School. George got the pen knife with four blades for committing the most verses in the Testament to memory. Will Liddell got the Bible; he could repeat 20 chapters in the Testament. Carrie Whitney got a book in her class.

Jan. 6: Fannie Hartwell had been sick, caught a fire Sat. night & burned to death. She was Sam Scott's youngest daughter. Mr. White Bullen died yesterday. He had been a raving maniac for more than 8 years. It is a mercy that he has been taken. Mrs. Button Wade died last Thurs. 2nd Jan., with pneumonia. Was buried in Fayette. Sam Richardson & Sid Eisman went back to College at Washington today.

Jan. 7: We heard Jack Darden's hands were leaving & going to Willie Stampley.

Jan. 8: Wes Whitney moved to the Academy Friday. Mrs. Kate Humphreys died yesterday from the injuries she received from the negro. She leaves two little girls.

Jan. 9: Olivia wrote to her Pa to come to Mr. Tate's burying. He died suddenly with a conjestive chill on Tuesday eve. Will be buried at Olivia's at 2 oc. this evening. Ambrose Geoghegan & Levi Drumgool's daughter (Lula) were married Tues. Morn. Mrs. Steph Stampley gave them a dinner.

Jan. 10: Mr. Darden received a letter from Mary Scott. She seems to be in good spirits. Edmund Runnels had been to see them; has his third wife. Addie Campbell & Dan Farrar were married Wed. (Jan. 8th). He is a widower without children. She has done well.

Jan. 11: George went to his Uncle Jack's. Henry went hunting with him. Dudley Stewart came home with Dewitt Dixon.

Jan. 15: Jesse got home before 9 oc. Irene tried to persuade him to go to school. Willie Stewart came up on the Belle Lee with Jesse. He got to Natchez Mon. night at 8 oc. stayed in Natchez till Tues. morning. Mr. Bontura sent him in a buggy to Selsertown, charged \$9. Jesse walked from there home. Stayed all night at his Uncle Jack's. I do not know what makes Jesse act so, for he promised his Pa he would apply himself if he would let him go to college. His Pa is out of all patience with him.

Jan. 22: George got wet. Tom McGinty came from school with him.

Jan. 24: We packed the piano. I hope it will go safe. It made me sad to see it start, brought to mind the happy days our dear Buckner & Olivia used to have playing together - Olivia on the piano & Buckner on the violin.

Jan. 25: Minor was here Mon., told us they received a dispatch at Mr. Montgomery's on Thurs. that Tip Montgomery's wife had died with chill & fever. (23). George took the trunk key to Kate. She wrote that Henry's wife, Kate had a boy.

Jan. 26: George received a letter from Horace Booth. They are living 4 miles from Marshall, Texas.

Jan. 30: Mr. Davenport called at the gate; he is trying to get a school.

Jan. 31: Mr. Busser went by with the hearse; Mrs. Irene Harris that has been at Phil Dougherty Stampley's since June, died Wed. night with consumption. She was buried at the family graveyard at Steph Stampley's. Was a daughter of Sol Stampley. Her daughter, Irene Montgomery was with her when she died.

Feb. 2: Mr. Darden met Wes & Cunningham Whitney this eve., they had been to see their son Merrick's grave.

Feb. 3: Olivia went to Aunt Kate's. Henry's wife is doing well. Her little girl is more trouble than the baby. Kate was with Mrs. Harris from Sun. till Wed. night when she died. Her daughter, Mrs. Sam Montgomery was with her. She was neglected by her relations. Not even her sister's, Mrs. Dr. Weatherly or Mrs. Brown came to see her. She was confirmed in the Catholic Church last fall.

Feb. 4: Olivia wrote to Dr. Richardson. She seems to dread the operation she will have to under go, when she goes to N. Orleans. Mr. Armistead & Sue went to Port Gibson to attend the funeral of Dr. Thomas. He was an Uncle of Mr. Armistead.

Feb. 8: Mr. Darden went to Fayette; heard Ella Torrey & her brother George started to Marshall, Texas, yesterday. Ella is going to teach music. Mr. Torrey has shipped 50 immigrants from England.

Feb. 10: George heard at the school that Mr. Rob Campbell's little daughter, Carrie, died last night with flux.

Feb. 16: Olivia went home after 2 oc. Jesse & Mr. Bridewell went to the Kinnison gin with her. I felt so sad when she left. It may be a long time before I see her again. She will have to under go so much suffering when she goes to N. Orleans. Olivia gave a draft on Britton & Kounts in Natchez; she has loaned Mr. Barrot of Port Gibson \$4,000.

Feb. 21: Olivia sent Joab with Johnnie, she received a letter from Dr. Richardson; he was not willing for her to go, but as she had made arrangement, she had procured a room for her at Mr. Oviatt, No. 11 Dauphin St. So she will leave tomorrow. Olivia sent her spoons & forks - her papers & accounts. It made me sad when I saw poor little Johnnie - thinking his Ma was going to under go such an awful operation. She may never get back home again.

Feb. 22: I have felt sad all day thinking of poor Olivia; she will leave for N. Orleans this evening on the R. E. Lee. Becky will go with her. Put Darden told Mr. Darden that Emmie's babe was 2 weeks old.

Feb. 26: Mr. Darden answer sister Betsy's letter. George received a letter from Rivers Harrison; he is in Columbia, Tennessee. He is so young to send off to school.

Mar. 1: Tom Darden says he has had flux sometime, wants Mr. Darden to make him a title to the land the law allows for a home. Cunningham Whitney met Dr. Darden; she was going to the graveyard.

Mar. 2: The free school begins today; had 15 new scholars; Jimmie Wade drove Miss Joe Wade to the Academy in his Ma's carriage. Blount came with him. Miss Joe will board with Wes Whitney. She is going to assist Mr. Whitney teach at the Academy.

Mar. 5: Received a letter from Olivia dated 27th Feb. Dr. Richardson had not performed the operation. His charge is \$500 if he perfects a cure. Jesse received a letter from Tom Scott, all well. He did not buy the place. Mrs. Dunbar McCaleb and her brother Dr. McCaleb came to see Tom & Sophy Darden today. Tom sent Mr. Darden a draft on Kunson, Prestidge & Co. for \$40. That pays up the money he borrowed from Mr. Darden last March. He still owes him the note he gave in 1869.

Mar. 8: Mr. Darden went to brother Samuel's tonight; there will be Church at Ebenezer tomorrow.

Mar. 9: Mr. Darden got home at 6 oc., very few at Ebenezer. All well at brother Sam's; he is troubled with the freedmen, thinks he can't make a living the way they work.

Mar. 12: I received a letter from Olivia; Dr. Richardson operated on her at 12 oc. Mon. 3rd March). The chloroform made her vomit a good deal, but she was not so deathly sick as she was before when he operated on her 7 years ago. The operation was dreadful; was under the influence of chloroform 2½ hours. Dr. R. was very kind to her.

Mar. 13: Steph Stampley is suffering so from dropsy. Can't sleep lying down, has to be propped up when he sleeps.

Mar. 22: Penn Whitney came home from N. Orleans Tuesday; he graduated in medicine. I received a letter from Olivia, she was able to sit up. Her bowels were acting & she was not so well. Dr. Richardson would operate again, when she was strong enough. He thinks another operation will cure her.

Mar. 23: Jack's lamb ox was in the wash near Dicky Darden field.

Mar. 27: Henry Darden went to Natchez, Mon., for his Aunt Sarah Darden. Jack drove Sarah home yesterday, Buckner came with her. Olive & Lou are in Bolivar. Mr. Darden went to Fayette this eve. Pros Whitney told him that the Masons demanded \$500 for the Masonic Hall. The Presbyterian Church is connect with the hall.

Mar. 29: Mr. West expected to be confirmed in Episcopal Church on Wed., 19th March, but Mr. West was too sick. Irene leaves the Presbyterian Church to join with Mr. West because she feels it her duty to do so. I pray they may be sincere Christians.

Mar. 31: Mr. Darden took Johnnie Tate to school to Mrs. Joe Davenport.

Apr. 1: Mr. Darden started to Brookhaven at 11 oc., would take the cars then to Crystal Springs to attend the Presbytery. Henry's wife went home with her Ma last week.

Apr. 5: Phil Stampley brought a dispatch out signed by Dr. Richardson saying Olivia was extremely ill, that we must go immediately. I started 20 min of 2 oc; got a letter of introduction to L. B. Newman & Co. from Fleming & Baldwin telling him to let me have money if I need it. Mr. Fleming gave me a letter of introduction to Capt. Campbell of the Katie. I got on the boat about sundown. The boat left Natchez at 8 oc; we got to N. O. at 1 oc. Capt. Campbell went with me to Mr. Oviatts. I sent a dispatch to Mr. Darden at Crystal Springs.

Apr. 6: Traveling all day on the boat so uneasy. I wrote to Irene, put the letter off at Bayou Sarah. They got a dispatch from Dr. Richardson Sat. evening that our dear child Olivia was dying. Sunday morning he dispatched that she died last night. Jesse dispatched to Laura & Irene, that she was dead. Mr. Darden came on the cars this morning to Brookhaven then came on to Mr. McCarn's that night.

Apr. 7: Capt. Campbell woke Mr. Oviatt up. We went upstairs; he asked how Mrs. Tate was; he said she was dead. Oh! it was such a shock to me. I was so grieved, I hardly knew what to do. Mrs. Oviatt came in the parlor & told me Olivia died Sat. night at 8 oc. No one can imagine my feelings but those who have lost friends in the same way. Mrs. Oviatt said she moved from there on Fri. 28 March. Sat. at 12 oc., Dr. Richardson operated on her at Mrs. Rochester's. I sent for Dr. R., he said he could not come till 11 oc. After breakfast, Miss Austin came into my room, threw her arms around my neck & wept so long. She then went with me to Mrs. Rochester's where my darling Olivia died. Mrs. Rochester was so very kind; told me all about my darling child's death. She said she had every attention; said she expressed her entire resignation to death. Mrs. Rochester told her, she Olivia said, "Oh, Mrs. Rochester, what could I do without him?" She looked up at her soon before she died, and said, "Mrs. Rochester, I am dying now." Mrs. Rochester told her, "yes, honey. You have been dying for some time." Mrs. R. told her if she had any requests to make, she ought to do it. She told her, about her money - Mrs. R. told her, I was not thinking of that, - if she had any message for her friends. She said she regreted leaving her child, parents, brother & sisters. But she said life is short, they too, will soon follow. Dr. Richardson sent for Dr. Palmer, he came, prayed and talked with her. He came again Sat. evening, talking with her. Was holding her hand when she breathed her last at 8 oc. at night. Miss Austin was with her when she died. Mrs. Rochester asked if she had any wish how she would be laid out. She told her she would leave it with her. She laid her out in her wedding gown. Olivia was so swollen in her stomach, mortification had taken place. She remained in the room that night. In the morning, the undertaker came with a metallic case, took her to his office, put the coffin in a zinc coffin with ice in and around it. There it remained till Tuesday evening, when the corpse was carried on the Katie. Oh! what a melancholy feeling I cannot express, when I went on the boat to bring her lifeless body home by myself and meet my dear husband & darling children. Mrs. Rochester took me in the room, told me I could see how she was situated. Dr. Richardson came while I was at Mrs. R. He told the ladies he did not know how to meet me. He told me the operation was a complete success, that Dr. Shoupan said if that was not a success, they had better quit & not perform another operation. He went several times to see her the day he operated; was congratulating her upon not being sick at the stomach. She said: "Dr. don't hollow before you get out of the woods, it is not too late yet." When he went back Sun. morning, he found the bowl by her bed, he said: "My heart sunk." Dr. R. was so opposed to giving chloroform, but dear child thought she could not stand the operation while she was conscious. Dr. R. says that is his only regret, was giving chloroform. Sun, Mon. & Tuesday she had light fever. Wed. her bowels began to act; Thurs., her fever was higher; he took the sutures off. Dr. Richardson told her he was going to write to her pa, but she said he intended to telegraph. She said: "No, no, no! no! Dr. you must not!" Dr. told her he would wait one day longer. He told me that was one day too late. Dear Olivia seems to sleep all the time & was flighty part of the time. Dr. R. telegraphed home for Mr. Darden to meet me in Natchez Wed. evening.

Apr. 8: I sent for Capt. Campbell, he came, I got him to telegraph to Tom C. West to meet me in Bayou Sara Wed. morning. Dr. Richardson came to see me at Mrs. Oviatt's at 3 oc., brought his medical bill \$500, Mrs. Rochester's bill was \$28; Mr. Johnson's bill for coffin \$85. Mr. & Mrs. Oviatt & Miss Austin went with me on the Katie. They stayed some time in my stateroom.

Apr. 9: We were at Baton Rouge at daylight. Mr. West met me on the boat at Bayou Sara. Irene could not come, the roads were so bad. Mr. Darden got home Mon. at 12 oc; Jesse went to Dr. Wade's Sun. to tell them Olivia was dead. Martha came down here today; Laura & Mr. Bridewell came too.

Apr. 10: The Katie got to Natchez at 1 oc. The Capt. came & told me he had the body removed on the wharf boat; was so kind, he met me as I went off the boat; walked to the wharf boat with us, shook hands with us. Dr. Wright came on to my stateroom; then Mr. Darden got there. What an affecting gathering. We started with the corpse before sunrise; got to that lovely & desolate looking place by 11 oc., found Martha, Jesse, George, Johnnie, Laura & Mr. Bridewell & Brother Jack there. Oh! The grief of my children when they met me, none can tell. Mr. Will Johnson made some remarks, sung & prayed. We had the coffin opened, but could not recognize the least feature. Her face was all black, mouth open, eyes like they would fall out. Oh! It was terrible in the extreme to think we could not look upon our dear child again. We buried her by her darling babies & husband. Mr. Darden, Martha, Laura George & Johnnie & I stayed all night. Jesse & Mr. B. came home.

Apr. 11: We left that lovely & desolate home of my dear child at 8 oc., got home at 12 oc.

Apr. 13: The Masons are talking of closing the doors of the Presbyterian Church because the members have not defrayed half of the expenses of the Masonic Hall.

Apr. 14: George & Johnnie went to school today - did not go last week. Mr. Darden wrote to his sister Mary Scott about Olivia's death. George wrote to Horace Booth. Cunningham & Joe Whitney went home with their cousin Mrs. Belle Seacock to N. Orleans. Jeff Whitney went with them. Henry Darden is agent for the gentleman that sold Mr. Darden the right for the patent fence.

Apr. 16: Mr. Darden went to Fayette to see Capt. Harper & Pros Whitney about assisting the Masons to repair the Church. They think it will take \$300. Brother Samuel & Anna Darden came at 5 oc. Tip Montgomery came with them. Mrs. Montgomery wrote me a sympathizing letter. Tip's children are there. Mr. Montgomery's grandson Freddie, (Sam's son) ran off from his Pa a short time ago. He found him in Natchez with the Butcher Fields; he carried him home & he went the second time. He was only 14 years old in Feb. He was using tobacco to excess & his parents opposed it. It is the cause give for his conduct. Tip's health is so bad.

Apr. 17: Mr. Darden went to Natchez, took dear Olivia's papers & receipt - Brother Sam went on with Mr. Darden to Dr. Moffit's. I went with Anna to Kate's.

Apr. 19: Jesse went with Penn Whitney to a fish fry near Mrs. Stewart's. Ed Hicks drove Maggie Whitney & Miss Joe Wade out to the picnic.

Apr. 20: Jesse stayed with Ed Hicks last night. Cousin Lizzie Hicks sent word she was coming to see me. Lewis Stowers stayed at Mr. Hicks last night. He was at Toody Clark's wedding last Sun. night. She married Mr. Jacobs of Missouri. An Episcopalian preacher performed the ceremony. Only the family, Coz. Sarah Stowers, Lou Stowers & his wife were present.

Apr. 22: Sarah Darden started back to Bolivar today.

Apr. 25: I wrote to Matilda Sillers.

Apr. 26: Mr. Darden went to Fayette, he received a letter from Cousin Jack Burch with his photograph. He lives in Vicksburg; is agent for an insurance company.

Apr. 27: Jesse went from church to his Uncle Blount's, Tip Montgomery was there with his little boy; he looks so delicate.

May 2: Mr. Darden received a letter from Mary Scott. Her brother-in-law died in the winter. Robert Scott, he lived in Madison Parish, La. He was a true friend to our dear son Buckner. Tom Scott had gone out to the frontier of Texas with a company - if they settle there, they get 80 acres land & a town lot. Matt Skinner's health is bad. Mr. Darden received a letter from Jeff Whitney, he is attorney for Mrs. Isaac Burch; her place is mortgaged for supplies - he wants to borrow \$2200 to lift the mortgage & give a deed of trust on the place.

May 3: Mr. Darden went to Fayette, put letters in the office for Sister Betsy Sibley & Virginia Green.

May 4: Mr. Darden, Jesse, George & Johnnie went to Sabbath School. Arthur Montgomery came home from Jesse from church. He went with Jesse this evening to call on Miss Mollie Reed.

May 6: I received a letter from Ellen Montgomery Goode sympathizing with us in our sad affliction, in the death of our darling Olivia.

May 10: Jesse went with Henry & Jack to the fair grounds. Jesse went home with Tip Montgomery.

May 14: Mr. Darden wrote to Mat Skinner & Jennie McGehee about dear Olivia's death. Received a letter from Fleming & Baldwin & Co., about borrowing the money that belonged to my darling Olivia.

May 16: Mr. Darden loaned Fleming & Baldwin & Co., \$8,800 payable 1st Dec. with mortgage notes on land in county as security. Mr. Darden saw Jack, Kate, Mrs. Moffit, Indian Stampley, John Robertson, Rich Compton, Dewitt & Kate with her two children getting dewberries in Middleton's field.

May 17: Mrs. Dixon, Rosa & Charley started to Kate's, met them going to Mrs. Robertson's. She came back & spent the day. Old Mr. Folkes died last night, he was 79 years old.

May 18: George & Johnnie got home about 5 oc; they went to hear Mr. Burgess preach. Martha went to Cane Ridge yesterday. Her children are going to school to Pauline Chamberlain.

May 20: Anna Darden got here 20 minutes after 8 oc. She got \$150, the bounty money that belongs to Jim's children that she had bound to her. She did not get the pension money because the claim was not put in. She thought it all went in the guardianship of the children.

May 22: Mr. Darden spent the day with Stephen Stampley; brother Sam was there too. Jesse received a note from Miss Mollie Reed, wishing him to meet Miss Joe Wade & Maggie Whitney at her house.

May 31: Mr. Darden received a letter from Mary Scott. Tom had returned from his trip to look at the frontier. Mary received a letter from Virginia Green. She was in trouble. Ambrose's wife was suing for a divorce; went to visit her parents, would not even have an interview with him. He had put his property in the name of his wife & children. Had not drank any for 3 weeks, said he would never taste intoxicating drinks again. He has gone on in dissipation until his wife could not live with him. Sam Chambliss had been to see Mary. He is so broken looks very old. George got a letter from Horace Booth; he is going to school in Texas.

June 1: Mr. John Davenport died with cholera a few days ago. He is a brother of Dr. Davenport.

June 5: We received a sympathying letter from Jennie McGehee in regards to darling Olivia's death.

June 8: Mrs. Harrison has returned from Columbuss, Tenn., with Rivers & Percy. Percy's health is bad. Emma Harrison came back but went to Mr. Nat Harrison's. Anna Briscoe & Sue Armistead spent the day with Lena M. Mr. Burgess preached.

June 10: I received a letter from Irene. Mrs. West would go to Terrabone Parish to stay with Kittie Cage Bisland in July during her confinement.

June 16: Mr. Darden got home at 12 oc., was in a shower at Mrs. Torrey's. Dr. Wade was ordained Elder & Mr. Jack Ross Deacon of Red Lick Church.

June 21: Mr. Darden went to Fayette, called at Tom Darden's; Sophy had gone to her Pa's. Jimmie Whitney drove her.

June 23: Charley & Arthur Montgomery went back to the swamp this morn.

June 28: Mr. Darden started to Port Gibson before 6 oc., Jesse went in company with him to Dr. Wade's. Rev. Mr. Jones will have a two days meeting at the Brick Church

July 5: Mr. Darden started with Johnnie to see his Auntie, Mrs. Wright. Jesse eat dinner at Tom Darden's. Put's family & Jeff Whitney's were there. Ed Hicks came home with Jesse from there. Jesse went with Ed Hicks to church.

July 7: Jesse got home at 10 oc., he met Mr. Miles driving Coz. Sarah Stowers to Mr. Hicks. She has been in Natchez since March. Lewis Stowers & wife came up yesterday. They will stay till Friday.

July 8: Mrs. Sam & Tip Stanton went with Mr. Rowan & appraised the property on dear Olivia's place as follows: 9 oxen \$180; 6 cows & calves \$120; Webster \$125; Viola & colt \$100; two beds & bedding \$40; wardrobe \$25; 1 book case \$20; 1 center table \$10; bureau \$25; 1 lot chairs \$20; 1 desk \$10; 1 looking glass \$5; 1 clock \$5; 1 safe \$5; 1 carpet \$10; 1 cottage bed & bedding \$10; 1 marble wash stand \$10; the whole amounted to \$795.

July 10: Jesse came home at sundown, Ed Hicks with him. Not many at the party. Charley Montgomery & Miss Letha Scott were married last night.

July 13: Mr. Darden went to Fayette, called to see Cousin Mary Richardson, she has been in bed a month. Jesse went home with Hugh & Lena from Ebenezer.

July 16: Charley Coffey left at 8 oc. Clara Smith, her two children & Ellen Goode & her two children got in the house just as the rain began to pour down.

July 17: Mr. Darden had to take Johnnie to Fayette for the Sheriff to serve a writ on him & Johnnie to appear in Natchez in Oct. & show cause why the estate of Mrs. Olivia Tate should not be settled. Ellen Goode has two fine healthy children. Clara says her brother Sam's Freddie mind is afflicted.

July 19: Jimmie Whitney spent the day at Laura's. Miss Nannie & Sue McCaleb is at his Pa's.

July 22: Circuit Court is in session. Judge Uriah Millsaps presiding. Gen. Clark was there, he is very lame has to sit when he is pleading. Jesse went to his Uncle Prosper's. Tip Montgomery sent me Minerva's picture, it does not look as she did when I saw her last. Poor Minerva.

July 23: Sue (negro) is very low, thin - thinks she will die. Mary Lou Darden & Mag McClure have both been to see her. Mr. Darden got home in the rain at 7 oc; he called to see Sue. She is just alive. Mr. Darden says there was a great change in her as he came back from Fayette. She was taken Sat. morning. Dr. Guice says she has conjestive fever. Put said they did not know she was sick.

July 24: Dr. Stratton left for Union Church. The Presbytery meets to ordain & install young Mr. Grafton as a Pastor at Union Church.

July 26: I went in the buggy with Mr. Darden to church in Fayette. I called a while to see Cousin Mary Richardson; she looks bad, is able to sit up a little. Dr. Richardson brought Sam home from College at Washington last night. Sue Armistead was coming down the steps & fell. She is hurt very bad in her back. Can't turn in bed. Dr. Stratton did not come to Fayette; they insisted so on his staying at Union till Sunday. Capt. Harper is sick with chill & fever.

July 27: Mr. Burgess had a small congregation. The session erased Dr. Richardson's name from the Church book; he requests them to do it.

July 28: Jesse went to Fayette; Mr. Darden went with George & Johnnie. They are trying Tom Drake for killing Mr. Durham.

July 29: George & Johnnie went to Put Darden's. Tom Drake was cleared.

Aug. 1: Charley Coffey & Ed Hicks eat dinner here. Jesse went with them to a party this evening at Mr. Mad. Guice's. Rev. Mr. Woodbridge came before 3 oc; his son was with him. He has been teaching at Edwards Depot. Mr. W. is going to Pine Ridge to fill Mr. Burgess' appointment Sunday. His son is related to the Bisland's.

Aug. 2: Mr. Darden went to church at Mother Robertson's this evening. Mr. Shelton preached. Jack & the whole family were there. Bettie Dixon that was, is married again & has another baby.

Aug. 3: Mr. Darden, Jesse, George & Johnnie went to S. School. Jesse & his Pa went to the Meth. Church. Jesse went home with Dudley Stewart to dinner. Jimmie Whitney came home with the boys from S. School.

Aug. 4: Mr. Darden went to Fayette; took Mr. Armistead some tomatoes. Took Mrs. Pros Whitney some figs & pears. Clara Montgomery Smith was in Fayette with her babe for Dr. Guice to prescribe for it.

Aug. 5: I went to Mr. Montgomery's; Clara's babe is very sick with fever and vomiting. Dr. Guice came to see it. Clara was looking for Austin. Tip is there sick has chill & fever. Mrs. Montgomery has a large family. Ellen was expecting Mr. Goode. Sam Montgomery was to take his son Fred to the Lunatic Asylum. We found Clarence Darden here when we got home. Willie & Marion Whitney came home with George & Johnnie. Tom Darden & wife were at Jeff Whitney's Wednesday. Clarence Darden spent the day at Jack's; came back here tonight.

Aug. 7: Jesse & Clarence Darden went to Uncle Prosper's to dinner. Austin got there at 12 oc; Tues.night. Ellen received a dispatch from Mr. Goode today to meet him in Rodney Sat. They would go back to New Orleans on the Katie. Jesse & Clarence went to their Uncle Sam's tonight.

Aug. 8: Jesse & Clarence got back at 11 oc. Anna has an eruption broken out on her face. Her sister Mrs. Marschalk & daughter went to Red Lick to Church to continue 4 days. George & Johnnie went to S. School. Charley Geoghegan told him Stephen Stampley died half past 7 oc., this morning. Poor fellow, suffered more than a year.

Aug. 11: Mr. Darden, George & Johnnie went to see Mr. Steph Stampley buried at the family graveyard where he used to live. Stephen joined the Catholic Church a few days before he died.

Aug. 16: Mr. Darden went to Fayette. I received a letter from Laura, she is having company all the time. Martha Darden, Mr. Davenport, & Drusie was there on 4th Aug. Bettie, Addie & Willie were there on the 9th, went to church in Port Gibson & called to dinner.

Aug. 18: Jeff Chamberlain & Eugene Ross, son of Mr. Jack Ross joined the Presbyterian Church yesterday. Mr. David Harrison has bought a home in Memphis, will take Emma, Rivers & Percy with him to live.

Aug. 22: Hiram Baldwin of the firm of Fleming & Baldwin died yesterday. I was so sorry to hear it.

Aug. 24: We all went to the Presbyterian Church. Mr. Burgess preached a good sermon. Mrs. Dunbar McCaleb was at church has some to stay with her daughter Sophy Darden during her confinement.

Aug. 30: Mr. Darden went to Fayette; they were to elect School Trustees - Jeff Whitney, Judge Shackelford & Eisman thought Mr. Darden ought to vote. Put Darden, Wes Whitney & Major Reed, did not think so; he was ruled out. Tom & Jennie Percy with their children & little Jeffie Montgomery came at 11 oc. Jeffie is the orphan daughter of Jeff Montgomery that was killed in the war. Jennie has taken her to raise.

Aug. 31: Mr. Darden, George & Johnnie went to S. School, not many there. Tom Percy heard George's class.

Sept. 1: Dr. Moffit moved today to old Mr. Nat Kinnison's old place. He pays \$600 for the land lying in Jefferson County. Jalone Stampley moves from the Kinnison place to the Bowman House where Dr. Moffit has been living.

Sept. 3: Mr. Darden received a letter from Jennie Torrey McGehee. She had received dear Olivia's photograph; they had all been sick. Sarah Darden was very sick when she wrote. Rosa Stewart was sick too. Brown Stewart had been living there since March; not in any business.

S ept. 5: Mr. Darden wrote to Mary Jane Chamberlain & sent darling Olivia's photograph to her. Mrs. Bullen, Mollie Scott, Mrs. Stewart & Lulie Gordon went to Kate Darden's today. Sophy Darden's babe is a boy, born Wed. (3) night. Her uncle Dr. McCaleb was with her. Been married nine months & a week.

Sept. 6: Mr. Darden went to Fayette, met Mrs. Tunstell & Sid Briscoe going to Tom Darden's.

Sept. 7: Jesse went to Bethel. Nat Guice called for him. George & Johnnie went to S. School. Mr. Darden went to Bethel.

Sept. 8: Mr. Will Robertson & his son Henry are working on the press shed.

Sept. 9: Mr. Darden went to church at Bethel.

Sept. 11: Mr. Darden went to Bethel, called to see Coz. Sarah Stowers. She has chill & fever & flux; Dr. Richardson attending her.

Sept. 13 : Mr. Darden went to Fayette; called at Tom Darden's; the baby has a fine suit of black hair. Sophie was sitting up. Her mother left this morning. Mr. George Jones called to see about appraising Steph. Stampley's property. Jesse came from Jack's this morning. Miss Fannie Stewart. Lavinia Millsaps, R. Compton, J. Robertson, Labe Johnson & Charley Coffey all stayed there last night.

Sept. 15: Mr. Darden & George went as far as Dr. Wright's this evening on their way to Sister Betsy's.

Sept. 19: Mr. Darden & George started from Mr. Sibley's after 9 oc., this morning, got home at dark. They got there at 3 oc. Tues. Mr. Sibley is in his 79th year & sister Betsy is 70 years old. Mat Skinner got there at 10 oc., Wed. morning. She went to Mr. Baynard's in a hack; Frank Hornsby met her there & took her to her Ma's. Mat has taken Frank Hornsby's daughter Mollie to raise. Frank & his family stayed at Mr. Sibley's last night. Jimmie Wright & Mollie Grafton were married the last day of July. They are living at Dr. Wright's. The dengue is in Natchez; very often turns to yellow fever.

Sept. 20: Capt. Harper telegraphed to Shreveport to know how Bennie Coulson was; he has yellow fever. It is raging there & is very fatal. Blount told Mr. Darden, Julia Wade had a boy, a 7 months child. What a pity, they are so hard to raise.

Sept. 21: Mr. Darden, George & Johnnie went to S. School.

Sept. 24: Mr. Darden went to Fayette; Blount Stuart gave him a dispatch from Reeves Wade saying there was no hope for Julia, for him to come immediately. Blount was not able to ride on horseback & did not go. Mrs. Harrison went. Reeves wanted Dr. W. to go, but he was not able. Sid Briscoe sent the dispatch to him.

Sept. 27: Mr. Darden & I went to church in Fayette. Hugh & Lena went to see Julia this morning. Mrs. Harrison came back yesterday. Julia has high fever & vomiting all the time. Hugh told Mr. Darden they thought Julia would die, before day Tues. night. Poor Julia! What a hard time this life has been to her! Mrs. Harrison thinks it will only be that Julia is young if she lives through this. She is just like her mother was when she died.

Oct. 4: Mr. Darden went to Fayette. Blount Stuart sent me a note from Reeves Wade dated 29th; he said Julia lay in an unconscious state like she was asleep. It was not from opiates, only when she was roused up she would notice anything. He thought it would be a miracle if she recovered. Lena & Hugh were there. Jack Darden called going to Mother Robertson's to preaching.

Oct. 8: Mr. Darden & the boys went to the fair; not many there. Mr. Darden dined with Put Darden & Mr. Majors. Killingsworth & Jeff Chamberlain came home with Jesse. Hugh & Lena have returned from the swamp. Julia is thought to be out of danger. Rev. Mr. Burgess has dangue at Mr. Pros Whitney's; Dr. Richardson went to see him this evening.

Oct. 9: Mr. Darden & the boys went to the fair; Jesse went with Killingsworth & Jeffie Chamberlain. Mr. Darden had two gem pictures taken of Johnnie for Mat Skinner & Jennie McGehee.

Oct. 10: Tom Percy began to clerk for Eisman on Wednesday. Tom has been to Tip's place in Franklin Parish, La., to look after some cattle. He stayed one night with Jeff Briscoe. Tom spent the night with John Bondurant.

Oct. 11: Mr. Darden started to Presbytery at Red Lick.

Oct. 12: Mr. Darden got home after 8 oc., tonight. Mr. McCallum, Hall Bertron, Roudebush, Trawick, Grafton, Bartlett, Burgess & Planke; the latter was ordained. Mr. & Mrs. Bartlett spent Fri. night at Dr. Wade's & Mr. Rondebush last night. Mrs. Harrison was there Sat. & Sun.; she told Martha, Sid got a dispatch from Mr. Wade that Julia was worse.

Oct. 14: Tom Percy eat breakfast here, went to Ambrose Geoghegan's to get some cotton from the freedmen for Eisman. Eisman gives him \$50 a month; gives him & his horse their dinners.

Oct. 13: I received a note from Tom Percy telling me of dear Julia Wade's death. She died yesterday morning after 4 oc. Mr. Wade wrote for Sid to take the carriage. Mrs. Harrison told Mr. Darden he started at 3 oc. Mrs. Harrison did not know when the funeral would take place. I sent Jesse in this evening to hear when she could be buried. When he got to Fayette, he found she would be buried this evening. He went on to the burying. Mr. Darden got back to the burying. Dr. Wade & Miss Lottie came with him. Mr. Johnson preached at Mrs. Harrison's. They then lay poor Julia in the cold grave by her mother.

Oct. 17: I started to Blount Stuart's after 2 oc., found Mr. Wade there with poor little Annie & his niece, Lee Wade. Annie is a skeleton, all of her hair has come out. She had typhoid fever while her dear mother was so sick. Julia thought she would die; said she was going just like her mother. Got Mr. Wade to lay out all her burying clothes a week before her babe was born. She was buried in a brown silk, her wedding dress. Julia lived 4 weeks & 4 days after her babe was born. She did not seem to notice it much. Lena asked her if she did not want her to make it some

clothes; she said it would not need any; to make Annie some. Julia told Mr. Wade she had made peace with God & perfectly resigned to death. Requested everything she had should be given to Annie. Julia was in bed nine weeks, had bed sores, was reduced to nothing. She desired to see her Pa several times; asked about me, said she would like so much to see me. I proposed to take the baby, but Mr. Wade will keep it there & let Mrs. Matthews take charge of it. Lena will go over with him to pack up Julia's things. They will leave Annie & Lee with Blount.

Oct. 18: Mr. Darden, George & Johnnie went to S. School. Miss Abbey Bullen was married last week to Capt. Penny. She is 40 years old.

Oct. 22: Mrs. Steph Stampley was at the Depot place receiving cotton.

Oct. 23: It is 12 years today since Dr. Tate & Olivia married. They are both gone. Ma, Sister Maria, Anne Stuart, Julia, Buckner, Charley Scott, 8 white persons.

Oct. 24: Hugh, Lena & Mr. Wade went to Mrs. Harrison's Wed. evening.

Oct. 25: Mr. George Jones called, Mr. Darden went with him to Steph. Stampley's place to appraise the property. Joe Davenport, Tom Darden & Jack Darden were the other commissioners. They set apart the widow's mules & cow & allowed \$600 for the support of her and her daughters.

Oct. 27: Tom Percy told Mr. Darden that Mr. Montgomery & wife started to Wesson this morning to see Dr. Gary's family. Mrs. Gary is a sister of Mrs. Montgomery. Austin & Clara are with Eva & Annie.

Oct. 28: Mr. Jimmie Wright wants to rent Dr. Tate's place another year. Mr. Darden had offered it to Mr. West & could not give an answer.

Oct. 30: Mr. Martin went to Mr. Gabe Fowler, he was a witness that Mr. Darden was a Union man in against secession.

Nov. 2: Mr. Darden, George & Johnnie went to S. School; not many there. Mrs. Hiram Baldwin will have to give up her fine horse, her carriage has been taken, her silver has been locked up in bank. Only spoons & a few things really necessary.

Nov. 4: Mr. Darden went to Fayette & voted for Alcorn for Governor.

Nov. 8: Mr. Darden went to the meeting of the Grange; there were 9 new members joined. Jennie McGehee wrote acknowledging Johnnie's photograph. She sent the picture of her oldest, Edmund. Mary Bondurant wrote that Aunt Betsy & Mr. Sibley were going to live with Mat Skinner. Will move this week.

Nov. 9: George & Johnnie went to S. School. Mr. Darden went to Ebenezer. Joe Whitney's babe is a girl, born last week.

Nov. 10: Clara & Austin Smith left after 9 oc. They will live at Mrs. Nutt's till Jan., then go to live at Saragossa.

Nov. 15: Mr. Darden saw Coz Anne Eliza Clark at Fleming's; she insisted on his going home with her. Their son-in-law, Eugene Montgomery, has bought land in California; intends to move there. Mr. Darden met Judge Philips & family at old Salem on his way to his home in Crystal Springs.

Nov. 25: Jimmie & Henry Darden passed going to brother Buckner's place. Jimmie told Jesse he had been sick with chills since he came down.

Nov. 28: Dr. Johnson was in town. 4 men dressed in Yankee overcoats went to his house while they were eating supper, presented their pistols, said give up your money or your life. They got 8 or 9 thousand dollars. His wife made a grab, got some, he did not know how much. He got some men to tracked them nearly to Natchez. Jeff Key telegraphed to Fayette this morning from Water Proof, La., that they had captured the horses of the robbers & had the house surrounded.

Nov. 30: The report in Fayette is that one of the robbers is killed, another wounded, the other two got away.

Dec. 2: Laura & Mr. Bridewell got here after 1 oc. Laura came to see if the money was ready to pay for the place.

Dec. 3: Sam Prosper Montgomery's next oldest son Eustis Darden died on 21st of Nov. of meningitis. He was in his 13th year.

Dec. 6: Gen. Charles Clark told Mr. Darden he would come here tonight; did not come.

Dec. 7: Mr. Jimmie Wright came at sundown, he wants to rent Dr. Tate's place.

Dec. 9: Lena Montgomery came at 10 oc, brought Annie & Lee Wade with her. Hugh has been in the swamp 3 weeks.

Dec. 13: Mr. Darden got home half after 4 oc. Irene got to Natchez at 1 oc., this morning. Mr. West came to Natchez with her, they stayed on the wharf boat till day, eat breakfast at Bontura's. Irene has three pretty children.

Dec. 16: Lum drove Irene and her children & myself to Dr. Wade's. Martha has a large baby, was born on Wed. 10th. They have named it Helen Ross after Mrs. Jack Ross.

Dec. 18: Mr. Darden went to Dr. Tate's place, stayed all night. Jimmie Wright has moved there; his wife has not come yet.

Dec. 20: Mr. Darden went to Fayette; eat dinner with Put Darden.

Dec. 25: Mr. Darden got home at night; he got \$3,000 from Fleming, Baldwin & Co. He is very much worried with the way Mr. Fleming has treated him. He has charged him with the provisions at credit prices.

Dec. 26: Mr. Darden started to Port Gibson at 9 oc.

Dec. 28: Mr. Darden & Laura got here just after dark. They eat dinner at Dr. Wade's.

Dec. 30: Kate Darden said Labe Johnson & Lavinia Millsaps were married Thurs. Miss Olive Fowler & Mr. Whittington were to marry Wed.