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Jan. 2: Jesse got home tonight; he went to the party at Mr. Farley's, went from there to Mr. Anon Killingsworth's from there to dinner with Dick Scott.

Jan. 3: Mr. Darden got home at dark. He got \$500 from Mr. Barrett. Mr. Bridewell regrets his course in politics. He went to Brother George's with Mr. Darden yesterday. Drusie & her children are there yet. Had a party there Fri. night. Abe & Jim Vause robbed & beat a peddler, cut him with a knife near the Phoenix School house this eve. Merriman went after them.

Jan. 4: Merriman brought Abe & Jim Vause back tied, put them in jail. Mr. Dave McCaa's place had to be sold for taxes.

Jan. 5: Mr. Darden took George in the buggy to Washington; went on to Natchez.

Jan. 6: Jesse & Ed went to a party at Mrs. Geoghagan's tonight.

Jan. 8: Mr. Moffit went with us to church. They were discussing about the debt the church owes the Masons. They claim that they own the church & leased it to the Presbyterians & the members think they own the church as well as the Masons. They will say more about it tomorrow.

Jan. 12: We all went in the carriage with Irene to Natchez. At 8 oc, the Natchez came, Mr. Darden went on the boat with Irene.

Jan. 13: We started from Natchez at 11 oc., got home before 4 oc. When we got to 9 mile creek, met Mr. Foster moving to a place near Washington; had to take the horses out & back our carriage up the hill so the wagon could pass. Fred Clark was married last night to Miss Winchester. Had no wedding on account of Cousin Ann Eliza's death. He will take a boat for home tonight.

Jan. 15: Jesse did not come home; went to an egg nog at Judge Shackelford's.

Jan. 17: Mr. Darden took George back to school. Had some photographs taken of himself; sent one to Mary Scott in Texas; gave one to Jennie Percy. Mr. Darden sent a letter to George by young Mr. Brown, who took David Herring back to school in Washington.

Jan. 18: Mr. Darden wrote for Shingles to cover Jesse's house.

Jan. 19: Jimmie Wright says Ark. Killingsworth has bought Henry Middleton's place for \$3,700. Mr. Darden went to Fayette. Jesse started to the Hamberlain place - did not go; stayed with Ed Hicks. Went to Wes Whitney's tonight to meet some young people.

Jan. 24: Rev. Mr. Moffit & Mr. Walter Gunthrie passed going back to Washington. Mr. G, is going to take the school at Cane Ridge Church that Mat. Harper is teaching.

Jan. 27: We all started to see Jesse married at 9 oc. Ed Hicks went in the buggy with Jesse. We got to Dr. Wade's at 1 oc. Dr. & Martha with all the children went with us to Mr. Killingsworth's at 4 oc; at 5 oc., Rev. Mr. Burgess performed the ceremony. Mr. Rogers Killingsworth & his sister Jennie walked in before Jesse & Miss Sallie. They stood alone on the floor. Capt. McCloskey, wife & 3 children & sister; Mr. Sutphen, Missie Scott & her brother Dick; Miss Cheek; Dr. Nelson; Mrs. Flowers; Mat Harper; Miss Mollie Barker; Dr. Wade & our family were the only persons there. Mr. & Mrs. Killingsworth are both unwell, and Mr. Trimble (very old) Mrs. K's father is confined to his bed. Mr. Tom Rowan & Ella Calhoun were married yesterday.

Jan. 30: Noel Killingsworth started home at 10 oc; George went to call on Miss Mary Jane Compton. Jesse & Sallie got here at dark; dined at Dr. Wade's; went there last night.

Jan. 31: George started back to Washington half after 9 oc; he did hate to go back. Mr. Darden went to see Mr. Bill Robertson about covering Jessie's house. George took three letters to Cousin Kate Sat., one from Lou. She will remain in Monticello. Olive is living at Australia, 7 miles above Carson's landing in Bolivar County. Rosa's letter told of the death of her little boy with chills & fevers. Dr. Penn Whitney was shot last night about 10 oc. He had been to Capt. Jeff Whitney's to see Miss Hattie. (They were to have been married this morning), when he was in a mile from here, some person walked from a pine tree with a covering over his face & said "Anonymous letter", fired & said "now, my Larkie, marry her if you can." Penn fell from his horse, but got his pistol & fired. The person rode off. Penn walked home, after he had gone 200 yds.; he found his pocket book had fallen. He went back & got on his knees & found it. They sent for Hattie. She was so affected; they had to carry her in the room. Young Mr. Armistead & Howell West went to Rodney to see if any one left there on the boat. Made no discovery. The ball went in his bowels & ranged up; was shot in left side. Dr. Richardson & Mc Nair probed, but did not find the ball. Mr. Darden went to see him, but he was quiet & they did not let him see him. He was shot at in July last, near the fair grounds; received an anonymous letter by being put under the sash in his room, that the ball from his pistol went through his hat. The anonymous letter was written in Dec. It has created great excitement. There was a lady's shoe track a no. 2 where the shooting was, two horse & a mule track. Hattie's old lover had told her she never should marry any other person.

Feb. 1: Penn is no better; have not found the ball. The license was issued this morning for him to marry, but the Dr. though would excite him too much.

Feb. 2: The Board of Supervisors have agreed to take the railroad bonds he holds & give him up the Armstrong place for \$1000. Penn Whitney was better.

Feb. 3: Penn is better, was married yesterday. He was lying in bed & Hattie sitting on the bed. They are first cousins. His parents were so opposed to the match. Mr. Lewis performed the ceremony.

Feb. 4: Lum went to Mr. Killingsworth's after Sallie's trunk.

Feb. 5: Jesse & Sallie started to Mr. Anon Killingsworth's after 9 oc.; went to visit her cousin Capt. McCloskey.

Feb. 12: Sallie & Jesse went to the Grange after church. Dr. Penn Whitney is not so well. Sallie went up stairs to see Hattie; she sent for her.

Feb. 14: Mrs. Montgomery had received a letter from Tip's wife; she had a daughter, said if her letter was not kindly received, she would not trouble them again. Mrs. Montgomery answered it the same day, told her everything she had heard, plain but kindly; she had no reply; thinks it offended her.

Feb. 18: The Directors of the railroad have discharged Capt. Dabney; he was to have the R.R. finished to Fayette 1st Nov.; they extended time to 16th Feb. He will forfeit \$7000. It may be sometime before they can get a new contractor. Have the bridge finished over Middleton's creek.

Feb. 20: Mr. Darden went & took Johnnie (Tate) & Laura (West) to S. School at Presby. Church. Coz Mary Richardson & Miss Mollie Foreman, were there. Mr. Love sit up with Penn Whitney last night. H rests badly at night.

Feb. 23: Jesse & Sallie drove to Bowie's store; Sallie wanted to see the cars. Mr. Darden came home on the cars & got home soon after Sallie & Jesse came. The cars ran off the track opposite Selsertown, detained them an hour, jarred Mr. Darden good deal.

Feb. 25: Elic went with ox wagon to Bowie's store, brought Jessie's furniture home at 3 oc.

Feb. 29: This is a sad day to me. Jesse & Sallie moved to their home; they will have many trials & troubles to under go. Mr. Moffit came at dark, called at Mr. Pros Whitney's. He visited Mr. Dick Caruthers, Mr. Rob. McGinty & Rob Campbell yesterday.

Mar. 2: The Mary Bell, finest boat on the river burned at Vicksburg Sun., morning at 3 oc.; had 5000 bales of cotton & heavy freight; no lives lost; valued \$90,000; insured for \$35,000.

Mar. 3: Four years today since brother Buckner Darden died.

Mar. 5: Penn Whitney is walking about but looks bad.

Mar. 7: Kate Darden received a letter from Bolivar. Jimmie has had billious diarrhea since fall. Brown Stewart has moved on Mr. Hughes place to manage for him; it is in the neighborhood.

Mar. 12: Mr. Darden went to church at Fayette; not many out. Lena & Hugh in to go home with Jesse & Sallie. They went to Sid Briscoe's as the rain came on & the roads were bad to Jesse's. Mr. Darden started to Port Gibson, got nearly to Phoenix School house, met Mr. Eph. Woods; he told him his horse sunk over the ears in the quicksand at Adams ford. Mr. Darden came back. He met Noel Killingsworth going to tell Jesse & Sallie that Mr. Trimble would be buried in the morning at the graveyard on his Pa's place. He was Sallie's grandpa; was in his 89th year.

Mar. 15: Kate Darden sent for creosote, Henry was suffering with teethache. Judge Shackelford gave Daisy a party Fri. night; all young persons there. Jalone Stampley played for them. He gave Johnnie a lesson th the violin Sat. Daisy, Bettie Harper, & Hellen Eisman left for school in Tennessee Sunday. Jack Darden came in the rain at 4 oc., for morphine for Henry, his tooth aching so bad he could not rest.

Mar. 17: Mr. Darden & Laura (B.) got here half after 2 oc. Laura will teach Mr. Wade's & Mr. Jack Ross' children if her health will permit.

Mar. 26: Cunningham Whitney, Penn & Hattie started to N. O. yesterday to see a physician, Dr. Challie.

Apr. 1: Willie Whitney spent the day here; started home, found the creek up, came back. Johnnie & Willie went to Mr. Jones to see India & Olive Compton. They sent a dispatch to send a bed in the carriage for Penn Whitney yesterday.

Apr. 2: Tom Darden & Billy McCaleb went to Jack's; stayed there to dinner. Penn Whitney got home; he is no better. Dr. Challie thought he would be better after a while.

Apr. 4: George started half after 9 oc. He dis liked to start back, is tired of school. Aunt Kate, Kate, her 3 children, Dewitt came after 11 oc. Miss Sue Davenport called at the gate, told us that Mr. Fox came with a horse & ran off with Miss Porter. Her father had sent her to Mr. Elic Compton's to try & keep her from marrying him. He is dissipated. Capt. Whitney, his wife & Willie started to N. Orleans for Joe's health.

Apr. 10: Laura West has gone through the first reader the 2nd time.

Apr. 12: Laura came back to Dr. Wade's, will teach there till fall for \$20 a month. Mr. Ross & Dr. Wade's children are the scholars. There has been \$500 in gold ploughed on the Vause place; think it was buried by old Mr. Vause.

Apr. 15: Jesse & Sallie came 12 oc. Mr. Anon Killingsworth gave Sallie a doz. large & small silver spoons; 1 doz. silver forks; 1 doz. plated knives; soup ladle; butter knife & castor; a splendid present, very kind in him.

Apr. 16: Mr. Darden took Johnnie & Laura (W.) to S. School in the Presby. Church. Jesse & Sallie rode down to Aunt Kate's. Jack called to see Jesse & Sallie this evening. Hugh Montgomery & Lena spent Sat. night with Jesse & Sallies.

Apr. 17: Jesse & Sallie left for home at 8 oc.

Apr. 22: Dr. Penn Whitney is confined to his bed; still suffers so much with pains in his legs. Cicero Stampley called to know his age; thought I knew it by darling Olivia's. She was 38 years old 4th last Dec. Cicero is 38 this month. Mrs. Jalone Stampley has another baby 10 days old.

Apr. 23: Capt. Sam Montgomery has only 8 acres left of his home place; that will not support him.

Apr. 25: Ellen Goode came out from Rodney Sat. evening, Tom Percy was driving her. Mr. Goode & their 3 children were with her. She will remain three weeks.

Apr. 27: Mr. Darden went to Mr. Montgomery's this eve to see Ellen Goode. Mr. Goode is there too. Tom, Jennie & the children were at Mr. Montgomery's. They are expecting Clara & Austin Smith up.

Apr. 29: Mr. Darden went to Mr. Jones & heard Mr. Alex Compton & his daughter, Miss Mary Jane sing & play together on violin & piano.

May 3: The Superintendent of Public Schools, Tom Hunt went to Miss Sue Davenport's school today. Judge Ellis was with him.

May 4: Mr. Darden took Johnnie & Laura (W.) in the buggy. Had beautiful boquetts; Mrs. Rob Moore & Mrs. Harper took the premium (flower vases). Tom Darden took it for vegetables (wine set). Jesse & Sallie were there. Jimmie Wade went home with them. There was a party at Sid Briscoe's tonight.

May 6: Austin & Clara Smith drove in and spoke to me half after 11 oc. They came up last Sun. Clara has three pretty children. Austin has a law suit; had to be in Natchez Mon.

May 8: Dunc. Chamberlain was in Fayette.

May 14: (Sun) We worked Jesse's (Kate mule) in the carriage with Jeff; had a good congregation. Hugh Montgomery, Miss Nannie McCaleb & Anna Briscoe joined the church. Hugh was baptized; the others had been in infancy.

May.16: Mr. Darden received a letter from Mary Scott; all well.

May 18: Mr. Darden went to the school house to help make an alter to have preaching Sat. & Sun. Mr. Davenport, Jack Darden, William Robertson & Henry Darden were there.

May 24: Mr. Darden went to Fayette this evening. Anna Darden came this evening; went to Fayette this morning, had a tooth filled by Dr. Rembert. She had a long ride on horseback.

May 26: Mr. Darden went to Fayette; saw Miss Nannie McCaleb; Ike Burch drove her to Mr. Whitney's. Her Pa came for her yesterday; they will go home tomorrow. She has been at Mr. Whitney's since first Oct. Ike Burch is having too much rain.

May 29: (Rev) Mr. Moffit told us he was to be married to Miss Harrison of Louisville, Ky. He will leave on the Natchez on Wed. The citizens of Fayette & neighborhood made him a present of a fine suit of black clothes; seemed very grateful for it. He thanked me for my attention to him; said he knew his mother would too, for my kindness to her baby boy. We may never meet him again here, but I hope to meet him in the Heavenly home. Mrs. Baldrige was very low yesterday. Dr. Guice stayed there all night. Sent for Dr. Moffit to consult with him.

May 30: Mr. Darden went to Jack's. Kate & Dewitt went to sit up with Mrs. Baldrige last night. She has flux. Dr. G, is doubtful about her getting well.

May 31: They gave Mr. Moffit a dining yesterday at Mr. Raymond's; Mr. McCaleb, Lambain, Bisland, Buell, & Judge Whitehurst were there. Rivers Harrison & George Foreman came on the cars today. Anna Darden sent Jimmie Mc Kouche to the railroad to meet his little brother & take him to Samuel Darden's to live. Frances that cooks for Jesse, had just come at 2 oc., says they sent for Jesse & Sallie half hour by sun yesterday evening that Sallie's Pa was dead. They went this morning to Mr. Killingsworth's. His health has been bad a long time. He leaves a large family, 11 children, four little girls, youngest not more than three years old. Sallie's grandpa died 12th March.

June 1: Mr. Darden went to Fayette; went to hear Mr. Love's scholars examined. They rolled Dr. Penn Whitney in the study hall in a rocking chair; he looks so bad. Mrs. Baldrige died this morning. Mr. Steph Compton brought us a ticket to Mrs. Baldrige's funeral.

June 2: Mr. Peter Stampley was buried yesterday at the Brick Church.

June 4: Jack & Mr. Sibley eat dinner here; he came with Sister Betsey here. She is looking fleshy.

June 6: Mr. Darden took George back to school at Washington. Jack eat dinner here; went on with Mr. Sibley & Sister Betsy will go to Mr. Montgomery's this eve.

June 9: Clara Eisman was married to Mr. Schauff by Dr. Gutrelf on Wed. They started off to his home in Vicksburg.

June 10: Rev. Mr. Grafton was to come to Ebenezer today to dissolve the church. The Church was to be sold to the Methodists for \$100. They will repair & add a Grange Hall. The members will connect with Presbyterian Church in Fayette.

June 15: Mr. Darden went to meet Dr. Wade so he could have the mortgage on his place to secure the money borrowed from Johnnie. Mr. Montgomery went to the railroad & met Mary Bondurant & her six children. Bettie is 12 years old, Ida is 10 years, Ella is 8 years, Dan is 4 years and the twins will be two in Oct. Eva rode in the buggy with Mr. Montgomery. Mary & her children came in the carriage. Robert went with his Pa to meet them. He rode his pony. Mary is very grey, her front teeth out, had no nurse. Johnnie Bondurant came to Natchez with them. They had a very unpleasant ride on the cars. Sister Betsy & Mr. Sibley left today.

June 17: Mr. Darden went to the Grange celebration; large crowd.

June 21: Johnnie Tate came home from Jesse's; he says Sallie is doing her own milking & cooking.

June 23: Mr. Darden drove us to Mr. Montgomery's in the buggy; Johnnie rode his mare. Eva & Annie Seymour & Bettie Bondurant were dressing to go to the party at Blount Stuart's tonight. Lena gave it to Rosa Montgomery Ballue. Cousin Sam was at his Pa's. He thinks his sons mind is improving. Sam is quite grey. Mary Bondurant's twins are good deal trouble to her. She will leave for home Tuesday, go by Fayette. The road is so bad this way.

June 25: Jimmy Killingsworth came for Dr. Wade, by day this morn., his mother was taken sick at 10 oc., last night. She is expecting to be confined. Sallie & Jesse went there yesterday. She is 46 years old.

June 27: Mr. Charley Duncan called & took dinner. Mr. Darden went with Mr. Duncan to see Mr. Gabe Fowler. He is very low with chronic diarrhea.

June 28: Mr. Darden took Bettie in the buggy; Lum drove Mary Bondurant to the railroad. Mr. Darden stayed with Mary until the cars left.

June 29: Mr. Darden went to Fayette; saw Mr. Montgomery, he told him Austin Smith was in Missouri. He had an Uncle to die & leave him & his brother Dave a farm in Missouri. I neglected to notice Jennie Torrey McGehee's death on 20th May. She had severe attack of cholera morbus was sick three days. The Dr. left a few hours before she died & did not think her dangerous. She tried to tell them about her 4 little children. They could not understand her. Her babe was only 6 months old. They took her remains to the graveyard in a dugout.

June 30: Percy Harrison got here at 12 oc. Rivers was sick & had to stop at the school house.

July 1: Blount Wade & Scott Killingsworth got here at 12 oc. Mrs. K. has a boy baby, born Sun. morning. Named Unkin after Mr. Anon Killingsworth's children. That is 13 children all at home but Sallie; 6 girls & 7 boys. I feel so sorry for her losing her husband & having a baby in less than 4 weeks after his death. Mr. Darden, Laura, George & Blount Wade went to the school house to Mr. Stampley's singing school. Scott K. stayed with Johnnie.

July 2: Mr. Stampley called & got Johnnie's violin; he is teaching singing school at Ebenezer Church. Has the violin to get the right pitch of the tunes.

July 4: Mr. Jalone Stampley came to give Johnnie his (violin) lesson, but he was too sick. He had not been here long when Dan came for him & said his Pa was dying. Mr. Darden went with Jalone there; he was dead when they got there. Jack Darden, Clarence Compton, & Mr. Page laid him out. Kate Darden was there & stayed all night. He died without making any profession of religion or saying anything about dying. He leaves his family destitute.

July 5: Mr. Jenkins passed with Mr. Fowler's coffin at 10 oc. Mr. Darden went to the burying at old Salem; not many there.

July 8: Charley Geoghagan brought Mr. Darden's mare home; he borrowed her for his sister Jennie to ride to the spelling bee; Jesse & Sallie came before 5 oc., went on to hear them sing. George & Charley Geoghagan will call on Miss Bessie Humphreys at Dr. Moffit's tonight.

July 9: Mr. Darden, George, John & Laura West went to S. School. Willie Davenport came home with Johnnie from Church.

July 11: Mr. Darden went in to the Democratic meeting. Mr. Hicks, Judge Shackelford, Capt. Jeff Whitney & Put Darden were the speakers. Brother Sam came home with him. George & Johnnie went in tonight to see the torch light procession.

July 12: Mr. Darden went with Brother Sam to spend the day at Jack's. Brother Sam stayed all night with Jack. Mary Scott wrote on 5th July, Mr. Sid Bass left that morning very early to live at Terrell, on the railroad 50 miles from them. All were sad at their leaving. Thought Dr. Bass might move to the same place after a while.

July 13: Mr. Darden went to the Grange.

July 17: George & Johnnie went to the railroad; the cars run within 200 yards of Spring Hill.

July 22: Mr. Darden went to Fayette. Blount Stuart told him Lena had been quite sick with fever. Capt. Sam Montgomery's wife went to wait on her.

July 23: George went to call on Miss Sallie Williams.

July 29: Mr. Darden went with Laura to the singing school. Percy Harrison came at 11 oc.; he went with George & Johnnie to the Pearchfield's pond. Sid Briscoe is very sick with flux.

July 30: Mr. Darden started half after 4 oc., this morning; eat breakfast at Mr. Love's; went to church at Red Lick; had dinner on the ground. They came by Sid Briscoe's as they came home. He is very sick, has fever with flux.

July 31: Lum drove the carriage to Dr. Wade's for Laura; Miss Lottie Wade & Mattie came with her.

Aug. 1: George & Johnnie went to call on India Compton tonight.

Aug. 4: Mr. Darden went to Mr. Compton's spelling match at New Friendship Church. Kate Darden & all the family were there, Mrs. Shackelford & Cousin Sara Stowers spent yesterday with Aunt Anna. Frank Marschalk's family are there. Jimmie Whitney called here this evening.

Aug. 11: Dunbar Wade got here after supper, had been to see about surveying Mrs. Steph Stampley's land.

Aug. 14: Mr. Darden & the boys went to Fayette to see the Democratic pole raised. Very large crowd there. Gen. Chalmers spoke. Good many out; they nominated Joe McCormick for Sheriff; Clarence Darden went home with Jesse, also Mr. Spencer.

Aug. 15: George, Johnnie & Jesse went to dinner at Uncle Jack's. Mr. George Jones brought his brother Mose home a corpse this evening.

Aug. 16: George & Johnnie started home with Jesse to Uncle George's at 7 oc. Mr. Darden went by Mr. Jones & took Sarah Jane to the burying.

July 31: Mr. Darden went to Fayette took letters to Irene, Mary Scott & Cousin Jack Burch.

Aug. 19: Mr. Darden & George went to Fayette. The Brandywine Club was there with their cannon. The darkies had said they were going to raze the white man raise their hats to them & send a committee to wait on their wives. The different clubs met in Fayette, Capt. Harper, Mr. Vertner, Mr. John Martin & Judge Shackelford spoke. The radicals did not raise their pole. Very few negroes there. Everything passed off quietly.

Aug. 21: Mattie & Effie Mayberry eat dinner here, went to Mr. Jones with Laura & Ollie Compton.

Aug. 23: Joe McCormick was the Democratic Candidate & Tom Hunt radical candidate for Sheriff of this county. Mr. Wes Whitney told Mr. Darden he did not think Penn was long for this world.

Aug. 24: Joe McCormick is far ahead of Tom Hunt for Sheriff's office. George & Johnnie spent the day with John Darden.

Aug. 25: Mr. Darden went to Fayette; brought Annie Wade home with him.

Aug. 26: We all went to church. Mr. Planke of Port Gibson & Mr. Shaw of Rodney; Mr. Planke preaching in the morning. Mr. Shaw in the evening. Mr. Shaw was married to Miss Smiley in May. She died a week ago; her father lives near Clinton, La. Poor Penn Whitney died at 60 oc., this morning after suffering 7 long months lacking 4 days. He told his Pa, he was perfectly resigned and

felt prepared for death. Mr. Planke will make the remarks at the grave; he will be buried by the Grangers. Hattie is left a widow soon. Cunningham & Wes have buried two grown sons in 3½ years.

Aug. 27: Mr. Darden went to Fayette to join the Grange procession to bury Dr. Penn Whitney. George, Johnnie & Henry Darden went too. Laura Bridewell & Laura West went in the carriage to meet the procession at Tom Darden's; took dinner & will eat before going on to Fayette. Will have Communion and preaching by Mr. Planke at the church at 4 oc., this evening. I am so disappointed that I could not go. Annie Wade is sick with fever & I could not leave her. Mr. Prosper Montgomery sold Eisman 2400 acres of land; then Eisman deeded 1000 acres back to Robert & Sylvester, his two sons by his last wife. The 1400 acres pays Mr. Montgomery out of debt; cuts Clara, Jennie & Ellen out of what was their mother's part. There was a very large procession at Penn's burying. Dr. Richardson & McNair made a post mortem examination; did not find the ball. Think it passed off with his first blood. There was a great deal of clotted blood & matter collected on his leg where he complained of such severe pain. The bone was diseased crumbled when they touched it. One of his entrails had grown to his body. Penn told his Pa he did not know who shot him. His Pa asked him the evening before he died. Hattie was so distressed; she went in the carriage with Capt. Jess Whitney. She had on an elegant black silk trimmed with lace. Joe Whitney has another daughter two weeks old. That is nine children she has had.

Aug. 31: Martha got here at 9 oc. Jimmie drove her. She brought Barnes, Jesse & Hellen. George got home from Jesse's at 10 oc. He brought a letter for Laura. Mr. Bridewell is clerking in a jewelry shop in Hot Springs.

Sept. 1: George & Jimmie (W.) went to dinner at Uncle Jack's. Kate, Kate & her children came late, stayed to supper; Jack drove them. Johnnie Tate came home from Willie Whitney's this evening. Hattie Whitney is there, Joe's babe only weighed 6 lbs.

Sept. 2: The club met at the school house. George & Henry Robertson went with the clubs tonight to scout round, got home after 12 oc.

Sept. 6: Will Whitney spent the day here. Hattie thinks of making Capt. Whitney's her home. Capt. W. tried to sell Penn's horse to Mr. Darden for \$150. He said they disliked to sell him, but needed the money.

Sept. 9: Mr. Darden took Annie to the Grange. Lena was there, took her home. Annie was here two weeks.

Sept. 15: Mrs. Judge Shackelford came to call on Laura, stayed an hour.

Sept. 16: George met the club at the school house. He drove Sis. Laura to Fayette this evening to see Mr. Drake on business. She called to see Mary Lou Darden; found her sick.

Sept. 17: Mr. Darden went with Jack to Ebenezer; there is a protracted meeting going on. Mrs. Pros Pearcefield's babe was born dead; she was unconscious two days before it was born.

Sept. 21: George & Johnnie started to the barbeque at Union Church after breakfast. Laura Bridewell drove to Aunt Kate's stayed an hour or two; Laura West went with her. Wes Whitney was there. Mr. Darden drove Laura to Fayette to call on Mrs. Shackelford this evening.

Sept. 22: George & Johnnie got home at 12 oc; stayed with their Uncle Sam last night. There was a large crowd at Union Church, fine dinner. No one from Stampley town club there but George & Henry Darden.

Sept. 24: We all went to church at the school house, had good congregation, nice dinner. Mr. Lewis organized a church there. He preached this morning & Mr. Armstrong this evening. Henry Darden's wife, Kate joined the church; also Miss Nancy Love & Rich Compton. Henry Darden went home with Tully Guice to attend the barbeque in Meadville tomorrow.

Sept. 27: Mr. Darden went to Fayette. Mr. Hicks told him Ed & Sallie Johnson would marry in two weeks. She is Jim Johnson's oldest daughter.

Sept. 30: Laura writes Mr. Vertner advises her to sue Winfield (B,) right away; that he will attend to her business & everything for \$50. There was a feather bed, sheet, washstand, bowl & pitcher had been taken since she left in Aug. The stove had been sold by Walter, he says with Winfield's consent. Laura wants her Pa to go with her to Port Gibson next Sat. if it is convenient. Gen. Clark's daughter Emma (Lanier) died with swamp fever lately. Left four children. It has been about nine months since her mother died. Mother Robertson is having her land surveyed & divided among her children.

Oct. 4: Mr. Darden went to Fayette; got a letter from Carson & Shields; Judge Berry granted his petition to loan Barrott Brothers \$9,000 by taking a mortgage on their property in Port Gibson & their binding themselves to keep the property insured in some solvent company for the benefit of John Overton Tate, a minor; Mr. Darden his guardian.

Oct. 8: Jesse, George & Johnnie went to the school house to church. Ira Robertson preached. Henry Darden s-howed Jesse a letter from Aunt Sarah Darden, telling of the death of her daughter Olive. She died with fever Sept. 1879; her babe born 8th Sept. is a girl. Mr. Peak's mother & sister have charge of it. Sarah did not say if Olive was willing to die. Lou Darden will go home from Annette McKillan's soon. Inez Chamberlain will go with her.

Oct. 9: George rode down to Uncle Jack's. Ira, William & Miss Lizzie Robertson eat dinner there. Sallie & Jesse started home at 8 oc. Mr. Darden went by to see Ira Robertson about what he owes him. He promised to pay some.

Oct. 11: George & Johnnie started to school at Washington at 7 oc. Ed Hicks & Mr. Jim Johnson's oldest daughter Sallie are to be married this evening. Only the family to be there.

Oct. 13: Eva Seymour & Jeffie Montgomery went on the cars today to go to Mary Bondurant's. Eva will teach again.

Oct. 14: Mr. Ratcliff came here to dinner; he wants to rent Dr. Tate's place.

Oct. 28: Jesse & Mr. Darden went to Fayette to hear Lynch (colored) speak; they cheered him so he had to stop. They ought to have let him speak. He went off on the cars. The freedmen followed him to the cars. The clubs were ordered to follow on to see if Lynch got off the cars; he did not.

Oct. 29: I am suffering so much with my side down to my ankle with neuralgia. Cannot rest for hours at a time.

Nov. 1: Henry Darden came & borrowed Mr. Darden's gun to go deer hunting in the morning.

Nov. 4: Mr. Darden went to church at the school house. Kate Darden was received into the church. Kate had her children baptized. Rich. Compton was baptized also.

Nov. 5: (Sun.) Mr. George Jones came here this morning at 3 oc; for a gun, said Henry Darden & Walker Harper were ambushed & shot. They sent for Henry's wife, Ma & Pa. Mr. Darden went to Jack's after breakfast. Dewitt told him Henry was at Ed Field's at the Hugh Montgomery saw mill. Mr. Darden went on there. Jesse & Sallie came half after 11 oc. Jesse's club was ordered out; Sallie came with him. Joe Jackson went by with a lounge and bedding for Henry Darden. Jesse & Mr. Arkwright Killingsworth went to Ed Field's with Joe. Mr. Darden & Jesse got home at dark. Dr. Richardson & Dr. McNair think Henry will die; he is shot in the loin, went up. He told Mr. Darden he was doing his duty, would act the same way again. Rev. Mr. Lewis came out & talked with him. Mrs. Stewart & Bullen were there. Mrs. B. stayed with Kate; Jack & Henry's wife came home to her babe. The clubs from all round were there. They got 7 of the negroes; they got away that means they were shot. The club from Fayette were ordered to arrest Dave Bergamen who had shot Charley Chess (both black); they went to a house where they were holding a prayer meeting. They were ordered to surround the house & they were fired upon; Henry was mortally wounded & Walker was shot so badly on both sides with no. 2 small shot. He bled a good deal. They were both at Ed Fields (Col.) Capt. Harper took Walker home this evening. The club made the negro whose house they were holding the meeting, tell the names of those that had come there with their guns. The negroes were in a cotton house & ran off when they fired.

Nov. 6: Mr. Gilbert came here at 1 oc., told us Henry was dying, then Mr. Henry Key came & sent Elic to the house to tell us. Mr. Darden & Jesse went there after breakfast. Mr. Gordon brought a new suit of clothes from Fayette. They laid him out after Jesse got there. They got his coffin in Rodney. Henry Key carried it out. They buried about sundown in Fayette. Great many at the burying.

They sent for Mr. Lewis; he went & prayed with Henry & received him into the church. He professed to love his God, that he was willing to die; was so penitent, exhorted all to make their peace with God & not postpone as he had done; was so anxious to see his children; to kiss them good bye. Mr. Will Robertson went & brought Nettie in his lap but he was dead when they got there; died at 4 oc., this morning; talked to the last, turned on his side & like he was going to sleep. Oh! What dreadful thing to be shot down & leave wife & helpless children & heartbroken parents. Jesse came home. His Pa went to the burying, when he came after dark, brought a dispatch from Courtie Smith that Mr. West was shot on Sat. 4th by unknown persons & died this morning. Oh! What dreadful news to us. Poor Irene has been so uneasy about him for sometime. Poor little Laura was so distressed, cried so long, wondered what her mama would do. Irene is in delicate situation.

Nov. 7: Mr. Darden & Jesse went to Fayette to vote for President Tilden; Vice-President Hendires & Gen. Chalmers. Allen Parker was shot last night; is a radical negro. I put up Mr. Darden's clothes to be ready to start to see Irene.

Nov. 8: Mr. Darden started in the buggy by 8 oc. Oh! How lonesome I felt when he told me good bye. Miss Fannie Stewart & Dr. Rombert were married this morning. Kate Darden was there preparing for the wedding when Henry was shot.

Nov. 9: George went to see Uncle Jack & Aunt Kate. They are so distressed about Henry's sad death.

Nov. 10: Brother George came and stayed all night with us. His daughter, Drusie's children have diptheria; Martha Darden was with her.

Nov. 11: Brother George went to see Jack & Kate, then went to s-ee Brother Sam.

Nov. 13: Mr. Darden got home before 11 oc., found Irene & Mrs. West & all friends in great distress. Tommie West with a number of his club had started to a torch light procession in Bayou Sara on Sat. night. They called at a negor's house (Tom Rice) who had been making some threats to caution him about talking. While he was talking the negro's wife, there was two guns fired, the buck shot wounding Mr. West in the left groin about the same place that Henry Darden's wound was. Also flesh wounds in the arm. He drew his pistol, galloped his horse & ordered his men to surround the house. It was too late, he had got away. Mr. West thought he was fatally wounded at first; they took him to Dr. Davis' that night; had Dr. Sterling, Dr. Derrick, Dr. Jones & Dr. Davis with him. He begged for morphine when they took him to Dr. Davis. Cortey Smith & Jimmie Stewart were with him when he was shot. They took him home Sun. morning in a wagon. Cortey Smith went on before to tell Irene. He wept like a child. The Drs. assured Irene that the wound was not mortal. Mr. West did not say a word about dying, was under the influence of morphine all the time, suffered so much. Professor Andrews preached his funeral sermon. Did not bury him till Wed. Irene will have to come home to live. Mr. West left nothing for her.

Oh! How sad to think of his leaving his helpless family of 4 children; then dying without leaving a hope of future state. Darling Irene, what will become of her? Mr. West would have been elected Sheriff; the next highest Democrat was elected. Mr. West was very popular.

Nov. 14: Jack Darden came at 9 oc., stayed to dinner; he cried like his heart would break when he met us. It is so hard for them to give up their only child. George & Johnnie started back to Washington after 1 oc.; took the cars in the old field near Ambrose Geoghagan's.

Nov. 16: Mr. Darden took Henry Darden's wife letter to her. Lou Darden wrote from Monticello & Brown Stewart wrote from Bolivar telling of the death of Olive's little baby. It was sick a week.

Nov. 19: Laura went with her grandpa to Uncle Jack's. Mrs. Davenport & Miss Sue were there.

Nov. 20: George is 18 years old today. Henry Darden would have been 27 years old if he had lived.

Nov. 21: Sallie & Jesse came at 2 oc. Sallie will stay until she is through her confinement.

Nov. 24: I am suffering so much with neuralgia in the hip & leg. It will be five weeks tomorrow since I was taken.

Nov. 26: Mr. Ratcliff came late this evening - wants to rent the Tate place.

Nov. 27: Mr. Darden took a letter to Kate, Henry Darden's wife, from her sister, Mary Jane Chamberlain.

Nov. 28: Mr. Darden went to Book field, took the cars for Natchez; paid Johnnie Tate's taxes \$902. More than three times what it was last year. Kate Darden went to Natchez on cars, took Nettie & A. J. with her. She sold cotton for 11 1/2; came back on the cars. Judge Shields told Mr. Darden he buried his son-in-law last week. I received a letter from dear Irene; she is so distressed, has a great deal of sympathy shown her. Will come home as soon as they get their cotton out.

Dec. 2: Mr. Darden went to meet Mr. Ratcliff at Tate place; did not come home.

Dec. 3: Mr. Darden got home after 2 oc; he spent last night with Jeff Hornsby; he lives 6 miles below Dr. Tate's. Mr. Darden went to Fayette to plead with Board Supervisors for a school at Woodland near us. The jail was discovered to be on fire Sun. morning before day. They telegraphed to Natchez for the engine; the cars brought it out & put it out. The people in Fayette kept the fire under control by carrying water & pouring on till the engine got there.

Dec. 5: Mr. Darden went to the Grange. Mr. Pros Whitney was elected Master of the Grange.

Dec. 17: Sallie has been sick all night. We sent for Mrs. Will Robertson. She got here before breakfast. Sallie's pains did not get hard till dark; she had a hard time. Her babe was born half after 3 oc; it is a girl. The babe weighed eight pounds. Miss Nannie McCaleb & Tommie Dicks were married on 13th.

Dec. 21: Tom Percy told Jesse, Jennie had a daughter; his mother is with her. Ellen Goode has another son - week old. I received a letter from Irene, she will leave Bayou Sara Fri. morning to come home. The place has been seized, will be sold 1st Sat. in Jan. Mrs. West's only hope is to claim the homestead.

Dec. 22: Mr. Darden & Jesse went to Fayette, Capt. Tompson started to Fayette with Dave Ross handcuffed; when he got between the two Coles Creeks, 6 men masked took him from Capt. Thompson & hung him. He was one of the leaders that shot Henry Darden.

Dec. 25: Lum drove the carriage to Bowie's store to meet poor Irene & her children. Mr. Darden went in the buggy. Irene came on the Labelle; left home Thurs., had to stay in Bayou Sara till Sat. after 12 oc. Hugh Connell came to Natchez with her; went back on the Lee. Dick Truly of Fayette was very kind, went & saw her on the cars; told her he would see her taken care of in Fayette if her Pa was not at the store to meet her.

Dec. 27: Kate, Dewitt, Kate & her 3 children & Mattie Mayberry came after 3 oc., to see Sallie & Irene & her children. It was a sad meeting; Mr. West & Henry both being murdered the same day.

Dec. 28: George went to Uncle Jack's. Percy Harrison & Jim Whitney came; we sent for George.

Dec. 30: George came home to dinner; he saw Dunbar McCaleb, told him Sophie had another babe. Miss Kate Bullen is to be married to Mr. Yants Watson on 15th Jan.