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Jan. 2: Mr. Darden went to Fayette, came back to dinner. Jesse went on home from Fayette, spent the night with Latham Brown.

Jan. 8: Johnnie & George started to school at 9 oc. George disliked to go back to school.

Jan. 11: Mr. Jim Bowie & Mary Jane Compton were married tonight. Dewitt Dixon & Jack Darden were at the wedding.

Jan. 13: Irene was complaining all day; after dark she was worse. We sent for Lucinda at 20 min. of 10 oc., a quarter of 11 oc., her babe was born. The babe is large & natural boy.

Jan. 16: Names the baby Thomas after his Pa. How sad to think of poor Tommie's fate. He would have been 31 years old today.

Jan. 18: Aung Kate & Cousin Kate were in Fayette on their way to Miss Katie Bullen's wedding. She is to marry Yants Watson, son of Jim Watson living near Oakland. Miss Bowie will stay with Dewitt Dixon tonight.

Jan. 20: Mr. Humphreys came this morning; thought he would buy the land on Armstrong place. Labe Johnson agreed to buy 40 acres. Hugh Montgomery wants to rent the balance of the land. Mr. Darden is to meet him in Fayette Mon.

Jan. 30: Anna Darden, Aunt Kate, Cousin Kate & children spent the day here. Anna left for home at 3 oc. It makes me sad to look at Aunt Kate & Kate & her three fatherless children.

Feb. 4: Cousin Matt Skinner has been very low, 4 physicians with her.

Feb. 5: Mr. Davenport eat dinner here. He is Secretary of Board of Trustees for Woodland school. Laura Bridewell has applied for the school. Willie Stampley has moved to the Jalone Stampley place. Alex Compton has moved to his place near New Friendship Church.

Feb. 7: Mr. Darden went to Fayette. Called at Mr. Pros Whitney's to see him about the certificate that Laura has to have before she teaches.

Feb. 9: Mr. Darden went to Washington to see George. He wrote that he was coming home on the cars this evening, bring his trunk & quit school. His Pa gave him a good lecture. Told him he must stay at school. Mr. Raymond says George studies & has his lessons well. Percy Harrison has left school.

Feb. 10: Mr. Darden went to the Grange. They have been assisting Cousin Matt Dixon; she has sent two of her little girls to the Orphan Asylum in Natchez. Dr. Rembert put in a petition to join the Grange. He was not elected because he was not farming.

Feb. 12: Laura Bridewell opened her school at Woodland today with 19 scholars. The rule is 8 cents a day when there is not 25 scholars in attendance. Sarah Darden came out on the cars to visit her daughter Kate Darden. Mr. Cunningham's little daughter Mollie, is boarding at Jack's & comes to school.

Feb. 17: Laura Bridewell took Laura, Susie & Jesse & spent the day at Aunt Kate's. Aunt Sarah seems reconciled to Olive's death; she was so willing to die. Mrs. Torrey wrote inviting Sarah to stay with her some. She does not seem disposed to visit. Tommie Dicks & Nannie are at Mr. Pros Whitney's. He is not in business yet.

Feb. 18: Martha Wade wrote that Mrs. Mabella Wade died very quietly at 8 oc., yesterday. She leaves two boys 15 & 6 months; the other over 14. The Chamberlain children are grown.

Feb. 25: Mr. Darden took Laura, Susie & Jesse to the school house to church. Aunt Sarah & Aunt Kate Darden came to dinner with them. Sarah has broken so much. She will go to Mrs. McArn's tomorrow expecting her daughter Lou to meet her there.

Feb. 28: Mr. Darden went to Dr. Wade's since dinner. Mr. Darden came to the creek at Ike Burch's; couldn't pass.

Mar. 10: Mr. Darden went to the Grange. Hugh Montgomery had toothache. Dr. Guice broke it trying to extract it. Mr. Davis McCallum & his brother-in-law McPherson came after supper.

Mar. 20: Uncle Jack went with Aunt Sarah to visit her daughter Mary Jane Chamberlain this morning.

Mar. 22: Mr. Darden collected \$30 due Laura for teaching school from Capt. Jeff Whitney, County Treasurer.

Mar. 24: Jesse & Sallie came half after 11 oc.; their babe is so large & a good babe.

Mar. 26: Kate & Sarah Darden went to Mr. John Guice's today and back. Sarah stayed all night at Mr. Guice's Sat. night, had her purse there. She missed it when she got back to Jack's. They did not find it; there was between \$25 & \$30 in the purse. Inez Chamberlain came home with her grandma; will go home to Bolivar with her.

Mar. 27: Miss Ella Torrey dined here. Mrs. Torrey went to Kate's to dinner. She brought Sarah Darden home with her. Inez Chamberlain came this far & went back to Aunt Kate's. Mrs. Andrews died lately; she was Jeff Briscoe's sister. Mr. Montgomery sent a letter to his son. He expects to visit his Pa this month. Has rented his place; sold his corn for 25¢ a bushel.

Mar. 30: Mr. Darden went to Fayette, heard Mr. Frank Higdon was dead. Mr. John Fulton is dead also. Dewitt Dixon & Inez Chamberlain came this evening, stayed till near sundown. Aunt Kate went for Aunt Sarah yesterday, got Cousin Henry's picture in a frame. George & John Tate got home at 6 oc.; came on the cars. George got off cars at Bolls Creek bottom.

Mar. 31: Laura took the children down to Aunt Kate's to see Aunt Sarah. She will leave in the morning.

Apr. 1: Sarah Darden & Inez Chamberlain went in Jack Darden's carriage to Bowie's store; took the cars there. Aunt Kate loaned her the money to go home. Mr. McClure did not come to pay her as he promised.

Apr. 2: George went to Mrs. Rowland's this eve to see Miss Kate Rowland & India Compton.

Apr. 4: Laura received a letter from Mr. Bridewell; he has gone to Paris, Texas with Mr. Sanders, the merchant he was clerking for in Hope, Arkansas.

Apr. 9: Elic drove the little wagon with George & Johnnie back to school in Washington.

Apr. 10: Laura received a letter from Mr. Bridewell; he is clerking in Paris, Texas.

Apr. 11: Kate Darden & Lucy Baldrige will go to Natchez this evening on the cars.

Apr. 13: Mr. Steph Compton working road from pond to Tom Darden's creek. Irene's babe is three months old today.

Apr. 14: Mr. Darden went to the Grange. Sallie & Jesse went in after dinner; went home with Hugh & Lena. Stella looked pretty, the ladies all looking at her.

Apr. 16: Laura walked to Aunt Kate's after school. Laura & Susie stayed all night. Uncle Jack went to take the mule that Inez rode to his house to Jim Johnson. Sam Chamberlain will get him from there.

Apr. 17: Mr. Darden went to Fayette; the cars leave Fayette in morning; return in the evening.

Apr. 19: I received a letter from Jennie Sillers; Nannie Sillers Farrar's oldest child, Joe, died in Nov. Her Coz. Hattie Johnson Gayden died at the same time. Her babe was born dead; weighed 14 pounds. Hattie lived two days after the babe was born. Eliza Lee married Mr. Campbell of Missouri; made his acquaintance two summer ago. She has gone there to live. Wattie Sillers is an eminent lawyer. Jimmie Sillers is living not far from Memphis. We see brother Sibley's death in Courier. He died on last Sat (14th) in his 84th year. He was a good old man; he & Sister Betsy were living on Mr. Skinner's place near Natchez with Jeff Hornsby.

Apr. 22: Mr. Darden drove Laura in Jesse's buggy to hear Bishop Greene preach. The church was crowded. Daisy Shackelford, Bettie Harper, Mollie Foreman, Pic Wade, Lizzie Campbell, Miss Fox & Florence Calhoun Martin were confirmed in the Episcopal Church.

Apr. 24: Mr. Darden went on cars to Natchez. George & Johnnie did not meet him. Dr. Wade went down as witness in a case of Miss Paul & Mr. Swartz. She had sued him, having had a babe by him. Dr. Stratton & Mr. Weeks came on the cars, will go on to Ben Salem to Presbytery tomorrow. Dr. S. will preach in Fayette tonight. We loaned Jeff Davis to Mr. Pros Whitney to drive Dr. S. & Mr. Weeks to the Presbytery.

Apr. 26: Mr. Darden went to Fayette; took deed of trust on Mrs. Torrey's place & loaned her \$200.

Apr. 28: Laura received a letter from Ellen Goode. Mr. Cook had died suddenly at the infirmary in N. Orleans. (Pros Montgomery's father-in-law) Pros had gone to Mobile with his family; they had been sick & that caused the delay in Pros' visit to his Pa. Anna Seymour had been with Ellen ever a month. The troops have been removed from N. Orleans. They were rejoicing on Tues. in Natchez by firing cannon. George writes he went to Natchez, went on board the man of war Plymouth, was shown all over it by the officers; great curiosity to persons who had never seen anything of that kind before.

Apr. 30: Dr. Stratton preached in Fayette tonight. Mrs. Geoghagan started to Kentucky for her health Sat. Has heart disease.

May 1: There was a number on the cars going to the Odd Fellows picnic at Foster's Grove.

May 3: Mr. Darden went to Jack's; he told him Mr. Sibley died with pneumonia; was sick 10 days. Jack found his mare at Mr. Montgomery's. Pros, his son & family are at Mary Bondurant's.

May 5: Mr. Darden received a letter from Jennie Green, asking him to send her money to buy clothes to go home to Tennessee. She had been living in St. Louis, Missouri, with her daughter, Mary Anderson. She has four children; her health is bad. They have to do all their work. She says Mr. Anderson's means are limited. She can ask no more of him. Willie rented her place & failed to pay her; that her place is in some other person's name. She hopes to redeem her place. Says we can't imagine what need she is in.

May 6: Mr. Darden answered Jennie Green's letter; he could not send her the money. Aunt Kate, Kate & her children have just gone home. Went yesterday to plant flowers on Henry's grave.

May 9: Billie Geoghagan called to let Mr. Darden know he had a young cow & calf in the yard. Miss Jennie Geoghagan married Mr. O'Neal 2nd May. He has a contract on the railroad in Brazos, Texas. She left on the cars as soon as she was married.

- May 12: Mr. Darden saw Jack, he says Pros Montgomery, wife & two children are at his Pa's; his daughter is at Mary Bondurant's.
- May 13: Mr. Darden went to hear Mr. Lewis preach at Ebenezer. He preached Mr. Adair's funeral. Pros Montgomery was at church is looking well. Mr. Darden dined with brother Sam.
- May 14: Mr. Darden took a letter to Kate from her sister Lou. They told him Mrs. Sam Hill & Elic Rowland were married in Natchez by Catholic priest last week. She is 36 & he 26 years old. Mrs. Hill is sister-in-law to Aunt Kate.
- May 22: Circuit Court is going on. Mr. Darden saw Pros Montgomery & wife going from Tom Percy's to Mr. Montgomery's. Pros & Tom spent the day at Dr. Wade's yesterday.
- May 24: It is a mistake, about Mrs. Hill & Elic Rowland being married.
- May 25: Jimmie Wade drove his Ma & Carrie down this morning.
- May 26: They all went to the fair. Kate Darden's little Vernon got the premium for the prettiest baby. Sallie left Stella with Miss Sue Reed; went with Jesse to a party at Sid Briscoe's.
- May 27: Dr. Moffit says Mrs. Geoghagan died suddenly in Kentucky. She had been gone three weeks.
- May 28: Laura received a letter from Mr. Bridewell telling her to send a horse to Port Gibson for him. She dispatched for him to come to Natchez; then out on the cars to Fayette.
- May 30: Mr. Bridewell got here by 9 oc., he stayed all night at Dr. Wade's. Jesse wrote to Laura to come & stay with him; Sallie has fever.
- June 1: Mrs. Billy Robertson has a daughter. That is 6 daughters & three sons.
- June 2: Mr. Darden went to Fayette. Jesse was there. Sallie is better. Jim Killingsworth got as far as Fayette going to see Sallie; he was back when he heard she was better.
- June 3: Mr. Darden took Laura, Susie & Jesse to the school house to church. Mr. Armstrong preached.
- June 4: Mrs. Geoghagan's remains came on the cars this evening; was buried at Steph Stampley's old place where the family are buried. Rev. Mr. Travillion officiated. Mr. Darden attended the burial.
- June 5: Laura, Mr. Bridewell, Laura, Susie & Jesse all went to Fayette to hear Gen. Martin's railroad speech. The Adams Light Infantry came up on the cars. Gen. Martin will speak at Red Lick tomorrow.

June 10: Howard (West) had another chill. He is two years old today. Poor Irene! has so much trouble. Laura, Mr. Bridewell & the children went to Aunt Kate's after dinner, only Cousin Kate home. Dewitt went to Mr. Billy Robertson's; met her with Miss Love & Tennie Baldrige as Laura came home. Kate & Jack Darden had their trial with Mr. Jones about the ox. Kate gained the ox. It was tried before Bob McGinty.

June 13: Pros Montgomery & Robert got here after 11 oc. Pros. looks young. They went to Uncle Jack's tonight.

June 14: I received a letter from Matilda Sillers. She writes that Robert Sillers was renting the Lee place. Rob had his house burned just escaped with his life; not a thing saved.

June 16: Mr. Darden went to Fayette; heard Jimmie Whitney shot Frank, a freedman that was working for him. Jimmie has gone off.

June 19: Mr. Darden went to Fayette; got letters for Laura B. from Mary Scott & Ellen Goode.

June 23: I received a letter from Annie Sillers Farrar with the photograph of her little boy, Johnnie. He has a hair-lip; it does not show plain in the photograph.

June 24: Jack, Dewitt, Kate, Nettie & Miss Love went to the Masonic celebration. Mr. Darden went to Mr. Montgomery's. Pros & family are at Sam's, his brother's.

June 26: Aunt Cloe wrote to Laura that Pros & family had come back; wanted her to spend the day with them tomorrow.

June 28: Mr. Darden went to Mr. Montgomery's to spend the evening with Pros & family. He likes Pros' wife.

June 29: Laura, Mr. Bridewell, Laura, Susie, Jesse & Mr. Darden went to the examination at the Academy. The scholars performed so well. Rev. Mr. Grafton delivered the address yesterday evening. There was a mistake in the day. Laura went to Dr. Richardson's & stayed till it got cool. Carrie & Jimmie Wade were there, stayed to a party at Dick Truly's. Jack Darden sent his carriage & went himself; brought Pros & family back. Jeff Truly drove Miss Pic Wade in Duncan pond, the horses stuck in the mud. Mr. Bridewell had to go in the pond & bring her out in his arms.

July 1: Elic took the little wagon to Washington Thurs. & brought George and Johnnie with their bedding, etc., home.

July 3: Laura & Mr. Bridewell spent the day with Pros & family at Mr. Montgomery's. Cousin Margaret is very pleasant. Uncle Sam was there. Mary Lee looks like her Pa; the little Naomi is smart; little Walter is fine, large fellow.

July 4: George went to a party at Steph Rowland's.

July 5: We received an invitation to Ella Torrey's wedding.

July 7: Mr. Darden, George & Johnnie went on horseback; Laura, Mr. Bridewell, Laura & Susie went in the carriage to see Miss Ella Torrey married in the Presby. Church. Dr. Stratton performed the ceremony. Married with a ring. Miss Pub & Willie Torrey stood up with them. Capt. Penden's home is in Shelbyville, Ill. He is said to be wealthy. They left immediately on the cars. Will go to N. Orleans, then to Chicago, then to their home. He is a widower with a son 9 years old. The whole family shed tears when they parted with Ella. Pros Montgomery & family left on the cars on their way home to Texas. They nominated Claude Pintard & Cabell Richardson, Candidates for Legislature; Rivers Wade for Assessor.

July 11: I had six apple pies made to take to the Grange fair at Ebenezer tomorrow.

July 12: Mr. Darden & George went in the buggy. Lum drove Mr. Bridewell, Laura, Susie, & Laura to the fair at Ebenezer. Large crowd there. Mrs. Capt. Harper read an essay on culture; Lieut. Cabell Richardson & Capt. Whitney spoke. Johnnie rode his mare, went in company with Uncle Jack. As our carriage came back they found Mr. McNair's buggy broke down. They took his wife & children home to the Hugh Montgomery place.

July 14: Jesse & Sallie got here before 8 oc. Stella can sit alone is so good. George went to call on Miss Kate Rowland this evening.

July 16: George went to Mr. Davenport's to call on Miss Osborne.

July 18: Willie Whitney came to dinner. He went with George & Johnnie to Pearcefield's pond after dinner. Tonight they went to Uncle Jack's to serenade.

July 19: Henry Robertson drove Dewitt Dixon & Miss Love to Franklin to see Sallie Dixon.

July 21: Elic brought a letter from the office ~~from~~ Sister Betsy Sibley, telling of her son Frank Hornsby's death. He died of pneumonia 29th June; leaves a destitute wife, a daughter & son.

July 24: Mr. Tunstall sent George a pressing invitation to visit the Miss Limericks at his house; invited Johnnie too.

July 26: Laura & Mr. Bridewell got home at 11 oc., came from Dr. Wade's. Left Martha in bed with rheumatism. She went to Ross Wade's Tues., did not get home till Wed. on account of the rain. Laura stayed Mon. & Tues. nights with Mrs. McCrady at the Bridewell place. They went from Jesse's to Dr. Wade's Sun. eve.; the single tree broke at the Burch Hill.

July 31: Rich Compton called to borrow Johnnie's violin. He was going to see Kiss Tonney Baldrige & Mr. John Martin married. He is a first cousin of Mr. George Jones.

Aug. 6: George eat dinner at Cousin Put's. Ann T. Harper Massey was there have fine peaches there.

Aug. 11: George went to Uncle Jack's. Dett visited Inez Chamberlain. Mary Jane Chamberlain & her Ma had gone to Monticello to visit Annette McMillan.

Aug. 14: Edgar Carpenter called for George to go with him to Mrs. Mabel Stampley's; he served a writ for \$20 on her.

Aug. 16: George & Johnnie went last night with Evans & Phil Stampley & Rich Compton to serenade Wes Whitney's daughters (Carrie & Key).

Aug. 17: Old Rob Davenport died in Bolivar County; was brought to Fayette & buried Sat.

Aug. 19: We all went to church at the school house. Mr. McClaurine preached before dinner. Mr. Hendrickson preach after dinner.

Aug. 21: Mr. Darden went to Fayette with Sallie & Jesse; they went on home.

Aug. 22: Mr. Ratcliff came at sundown. He had been to the Baptist meeting in Franklin. Mr. Darden loaned his \$25 of Johnnie's money to work on the gin.

Aug. 23: Mr. Darden started at 5 oc. He went to Fayette, will put his mare in Dr. Rembert's buggy & go with Dudley Stewart to the camp meeting at Crystal Springs. It is 70 miles; anxious to go to camp meeting to go so far. Mr. Jalone Stampley & Rich Compton eat supper here. George & Mr. Bridewell wne with them to Fayette; but the band that promised to assist in s serenading backed out.

Aug. 26: Henry Scott & George went to Mrs. White Bullen's to dinner.

Aug. 28: George went to Fayette, went to the Campbellite Church. Went to dinner with Cousin Joe Whitney. Penn's wife, Hattie is there on a visit. Mr. Darden got home at sundown. Left the camp ground at 12 oc., yesterday. Stayed at old Mr. Tompson's last night. Mr. Darden stayed at Rev. Mr. Pearson's tent. He married a daughter of Cousin Martha Kaloy's. I am suffering so much with my leg this evening.

Aug. 29: George went in to meeting at Campbellite Church. Then, home with Willie Whitney.

Aug. 30: George went to Jesse's tonight from the Campbellite Church.

Aug. 31: Mr. Darden went to Fayette, got the papers, saw Clara Montgomery Smith. She looks so bad; lost her babe. She has been at Tom Percy's four weeks; was going to her Pa's in Tom's carriage.

Sept. 1: George got home at 10 oc., tonight. He had been to Campbellite Church in Fayette. He joined that church the night before with Willie Whitney & Kate Whitney. Jesse had fever when George left there this evening.

Sept. 2: George took his clothes to be baptized today with Willie & Katie Whitney in Bolls Creek. Johnnie & Malcolm eat dinner & went to see him baptized. Mr. Darden went to Bell Grove to church; would call at Jesse's. Jack came after quinine for Kate's children; they all have fever.

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This typewritten copy of Adine Wade Fulton's copy was completed at 6:30 p.m., September 10, 1978.

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