

## Diary of L.H. Graves

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south side of East Fork near Mr. Wilmeth's. remained a week still in our tents  
on the 25<sup>th</sup> moved to McKinney. Remained one night- in a house with brick  
frame.

On next day- (26 Nov.) rented and moved in a house of R. L Waddill's.  
House in lind until 15<sup>th</sup> Mar. 58.

On that day moved from said house and farm to acre farm about 1 ½ miles nearly west of McKinney

On 17<sup>th</sup> *pnot* commenced plowing for corn.

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corn is now selling at 75 cts. per bushel. 214 wheat about 6 inches high. Some planting corn.

Jan. 6 Uncle L.B. Harrison started for his house in Mo.

26 Mar. commenced sowing oats. Finished on 29<sup>th</sup> same month.

27 April 1<sup>st</sup> commenced planting corn. Finished on 6<sup>th</sup>. Breaking prairie and dropping same in corn.

April 26 Wheat just beginning to head out.

May 8 Wheat all headed out.

April 30 Redford & Cheatham started for their houses in Mo.

May 31<sup>st</sup> finished cutting wheat.

June 1<sup>st</sup> Commenced plowing and planting corn and wheat. Stubble land

June 5 finished stacking wheat.

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June 6 Some corn in this garden at McKinney is tastling.

June 19<sup>th</sup> commenced cutting oats.

July 10<sup>th</sup> finished threshing wheat.

Aug 12<sup>th</sup> Pulling fodder as fast as we can

Peaches are ripe.(Aug. 5)

Aug 31<sup>st</sup> Hail storm.

Sept 20<sup>th</sup> commenced sowing wheat.

Oct. 9<sup>th</sup> near 30 acres of wheat corn.

Nov. 15<sup>th</sup> Breaking prairie.

Nov. 18<sup>th</sup> killed hogs.

Nov 19<sup>th</sup> First snow this winter

Nov 20<sup>th</sup> Snow all gone.

Dec. 1<sup>st</sup> Weather warm. Breaking prairie.

Dec. 3 Rely and myself cut down a bee ive.

Dec. 4<sup>th</sup> snow and sleet,

Dec. 5 snow and sleet melted off

Dec. 6 Sunday stayed at home all day long.

Dec. 8 coldest day of this winter.

Dec. 9 cutting rail timbers

Dec.13,14, 14-17, 19 Broke prairie

Sunday 19<sup>th</sup>. Wrote to Will Graves.

Dec. 20 Broke prairie

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Dec. 19 Sunday stayed at home all day.

21 Saw very first sky rockets off at McKinney.

22 Broke Prairie

received ticket to convention party at McKinney.

23 Rely and myself broke prairie

24 Hauled rails. Also cane poles for framing for a meat house.

25 Subscribed for the Cincinnati Dallas Times. wrote to Cheatum.

26 Went to McKinney to church. Mr. Rogers and Tom Muse was here this evening. Wheat looks quite green.

27 27 killed two partridges. 3 rabbits- +e.

28 Bought a buckskin for us- +c to make gloves.

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Dec. 28 Made a pair of gloves.

Dec. 30 Rely & myself killed a half dozen rabbits apiece.

Dec. 31 Rely, Tillie & myself attended a social party at Mrs. John Faires's house.

Jan. 1 Hauled 2 loads of bois d'arc posts from McKinney. Wrote to Uncle Jim.

Jan. 2 Cloudy.

Jan. 3 Commenced hauling rails from our timbers to make a fence between us and Uncle Isaac.

Jan. 4 Still hauling rails.

Jan. 5 Raised our meat house.

Jan. 6 Hauled rails.

Jan. 7 commenced getting bois d'arc for fencing.

Jan. 8 Went to mill.

Jan. 9 Went to McKinney to church.

Jan. 10 Rest up this fence between us and Uncle Isaac.

Jan. 11 Did not do any work today on account of rain.

Jan. 12 Commenced breaking prairie again.

Jan. 13 Broke prairie all day.

Jan. 14 " " " "

Jan. 15 Broke prairie half of today. Went to McKinney P. M. bought some articles of goods from N. C. Horn's and R. C. White.

Jan. 16 Finished covering our meat house on yesterday.

Went to McKinney to church a.m. also p.m.

Jan. 17 Hung up our meat.

Jan. 18 Rely & myself hauled 5 loads of wood apiece.

Jan. 19 Broke prairie and replowed some prairie land.

Jan. 20 ground in fine plowing order. went to church tonight.  
Jan. 21 still plowing.  
Jan. 22 Got some bois d'arc posts and stakes. Clear cold day.  
Jan. 23 Stayed at Uncle Isaac's last night. Clear day. Went to McKinney to singing tonight.  
Jan 24 Worked in the bottom.  
Jan. 25 Worked in the bottom  
Jan. 26 We made rails- cut down one tree that made 100.  
Jan. 27 We made 200 rails.  
Jan. 28 We made 220 rails. Bought 25 bu oats at 62 1/2 cents per bushel.  
Jan. 29 We made 200 rails.  
Jan. 30 I went to McKinney to church A. M. alas again tonight.

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Jan. 31 We made 203 rails.  
Feb. 1<sup>st</sup> Rely and myself hauled bois d'arc posts. wrote to Mr. T. Moss.  
Feb. 2 Hauled rails.  
Feb 3 Hauled rails and went to McKinney to an exhibition tonight.  
Feb. 4 Rely and myself hauled rails.  
Feb. 5 I was not able to work.  
Feb. 6 Did not go to church today on account of my not being well.  
Some at McKinney think Rely Jim and Tom Muse and myself are strange fellows and that we never go about the groceries.  
Feb 7 Received a letter from cousin Joe. M Nichols. Not well enough to work.  
Rely and Fount hauled bois d'arc posts.  
Feb 8 Wrote to John T. Moss.  
Feb. 9 Went to mill. Bought some articles from Sam Berry.  
Feb. 10 Rely & Fount hauled bois d'arc posts. I hauled some posts and pine planks to make a fence along the south line of our farm. Pa sowed some mustard and I received a letter from James M. Wallace. The wheat fields look beautiful indeed.  
Feb. 11 Commenced putting in bois d'arc posts and pine planks making a fence on south side of the farm.  
Feb. 12 Still working at our fence. Received my 1<sup>st</sup> N. of C. D. Times.  
Feb. 13 Wrote to cousin Joe Moss. Some have sown some oats. Mother has more than 50 young chickens.  
Feb. 14 Still making fence- Set in 40 bois d'arc posts.  
Feb. 15 Still fencing.  
Feb. 16 Still fencing.  
Feb. 17 Finished our fence of pine planks and B. posts.

Feb. 18 1<sup>st</sup> N. of McKinney Messenger has published today. Fenced and hauled some wood.

Feb. 19 Cut out a road and fenced some. On yesterday received B. letter from Bob S. Rankin, Uncle Jim & Will Isaacs.

Feb. 20 Sunday I stayed at home all day. Wrote to R. and Rankin. Wheat grown and pretty about 4 inches high.

Feb. 21 Commenced moving out our fence on the west. Nab. R. M. Anderson, Roll Andy, and Frank helped us to move out our fence. Pa., Anderson Rely & myself hauled out the rails.

Feb. 22 Finished moving out our fence a. m. *burnt* steam.

Feb. 23 Went to mill. Commenced sowing oats. Peach trees in full bloom.

Feb. 24 Sowing oats. Pa bought 2 bushels sweet potatoes at \$1.50 cts per bushel.

Feb. 25 Beaded out sweat potatoes. Finished a letter to Uncle Jim. Wheat looks so well.

Feb. 26 Bushed our oat land.

Feb. 27 Finished a letter to J. M. E that I commenced on yesterday. Wrote to Will Graves. I went to church a.m. also p.m. and also tonight.

Feb. 28 Planted a row of bois d'arc seed from orchard to line fence N. of the house. Wheat 6 in. high.

March 1 Few light showers of rain. Hauled in logs to saw mill.

March 2 Finished sowing oats. Planted a row of B. and N. this house.

March 3 Big show in McKinney. Rely and myself had our first likenesses taken. Pa and Fount plowed.

March 4 Rely and Fount helped Uncle Isaac to move out his fence. Commenced gardening. Roads in fine condition.

March 5 Commenced setting bois d'arc posts and putting up pine planks in front of the house around this yard. I went to McKinney p. m. to p. office.

March 6 Rely and myself went to McKinney to church.

March 7 Made rails and cut some b. posts. Pa bought a cow for \$16.00.

March 8 Finished south side of yard fence. Sowed some oats. Fount and myself layed off corn land.

March 9 Commenced planting corn.

March 10 Still planting corn.

March 11 Have 15 acres of corn planted. Reploved some prairie land. Oats coming up right pretty.

March 12 Worked at fence. Rec'd another N. of C. D. Times.

March 13 Few drops of rain fell. Red'd a letter from R. A. C. Went to McKinney to church.

March 14 Worked a fence. Oats begin to look a little green.

March 15 Planted bois d'arc on rt. side of yard.  
March 16 Worked at fence.  
March 17 Did various kinds of farm work.  
March 18 We fenced, cut brush, plowed and layed off corn land.  
March 19 Sowed some flax. Planted some corn.  
March 20 Few light showers of rain. Rely and myself out to McKinney to church. Wrote to M. A. Cheatam.  
March 21 A little rain. Planting corn.  
March 22 Finished planting corn. Wheat about 12 inches high. Sowed some hungarian grass and A. M. Hauled them in and then run a brush over the land.  
March 23 A few drops of rain fell a.m.  
Clear p.m. Planted some chinese sugar cane seeds. Planted some pop-corn.  
Plowing on a piece of land for sweet potatoes.  
March 24 Raised some white rock for the foundation of a chimney- Planted a watermelon patch.  
March 25 Mr. F. Porter left Uncle Isaac yesterday morning with a drove of mules and horses for Mo. Worked at fence. Rec'd a letter from Milt Ramsey also one from O. G. Whitsett.  
March 26 Plowed. Put up fence, then went to McKinney, spent a few hours. Also went to church tonight. Some of our first planting of corn is up.  
March 27 Cloudy a.m. but clear p.m. Went to McKinney to church a.m. also p.m. Rely went with me. Wrote to cousin J. G. G.  
March 28 Plowed and cut stakes and siders.  
March 29 Hauled S and siders. Mother has about 200 young chickens.  
March 30 Clear windy day- Rely and myself plowed a little a.m. then went to McKinney and spent the day.  
March 31 Nab. (Green) and myself started to Sherman on the hunt of some of our horses that we think have started back to Mo. Cousin, Nab. and myself on staying in Sherman. Heavy first frost last night.  
April 1 Nab. And myself rode N. N. E. and N. at some distance, but found our horses at last about 10 miles E. of Sherman. A man by the name of Savage had stopped then.  
April 2 Nab. and myself arrived at home p.m. I rec'd a letter from Fred Green.  
April 3 Considerable frost last night. But it did not hurt the wheat much. Mr. Baloo came out to put up a chimney for us. Had to call in Dr. (Smith) for the first time since we have been in Texas to see Fount.  
April 4 Mr. B commenced a chimney for us. Rely and myself waited on him.  
April 5 Still helping about chimney. Pa sold the horse I rode down from Missouri for \$90.00.

April 6 Little Parnilia got part of one of her fingers cut off and another cut-nearly off by little Ike. [IKE IS 7 AND PARNILIA IS 2]

April 7 Rely and myself still helping Mr. B. about chimney.

April 8 Mr. B finished chimney. Layered our hearth.

April 9 Rely and myself went to McKinney p.m. Fount has the typhoid fever. Ma set up with him until one o'clock last night.

April 10 Sunday. I stayed home all day. Sat up with F. until 2 o'clock last. Mr. Avery died this evening of consumption.

April 11 A few drops of rain fell. I plowed part of today. Went to see Mr. Avery. He died this evening. Wheat coming out pretty.

April 12 Cloudy a.m. but clear p.m. Had a beautiful rain a.m. Brushed a piece of land.

April 13 Hewed 2 large gate posts. Set out some sweet potatoe plants p.m. Wheat all headed out.

April 14 I went to mill. Rec'd a letter from Uncle Jim. There is a case of small pox at McKinney. People are leaving there by the whole sale on account of it.

April 15 Rely and Sam cut brush. I plowed. Both schools then are dismissed on account of small-pox. Shields is the person that has it now.

April 16 Slight frost this morning. Latheing and burning brush. and plowing brush land. Rely and myself sat up with Fount last night. He is still very much unwell.

April 17 Little frost again this morning. Some little ice. Every person in McKinney that can are leaving on account of the small pox.

April 18 Rely hauled rails and wood. Saw cut wood. I broke brushland and Wick dropped it in corn. Rely and myself still sitting up with Fount.

April 19 Pa planked up the south side of the barn. I finished breaking a piece of new ground. Ground pretty dry. Corn coming up.

April 20 Commenced fixing a little well over our east well.

April 21 Wind from the south a.m. but from the north p.m. Finished our little house over our east well.

April 22 Pa Rely and myself made a larger gate to be put south of the house.

April 23 Some little frost a.m. We set in two gate posts and hung the gate.

April 24 Finished a letter to Uncle J. I stayed at home all day Sunday night.

April 25 Rely, Wick, Sam and myself commenced replanting corn. Finished a letter to Fed G.

April 26 Commenced plowing corn. Wrote to cousin Fed and Uncle Jim Harrison.

April 27 Wick and Sam finished replanting corn. Finished plowing over our piece of corn. Sold 15 bushels of wheat at 50 cts per bushel. Strawberrys are

now ripe. I finished making a martin box, put it up and shot a blue bird for whipping the martins away from it.

April 28 Light rain, Pa Rely Wick Sam and myself shelled some corn a.m. Planted corn. p.m. Pa went to mill. He delivered 17 bushels of wheat to Mrs. Lambert 50 cts per bs. This day one month ago Fount was taken sick, not yet able to work. Smallpox is raging very much in Jefferson so I learn.

April 29 Plowed and planted some corn.

April 30 Plowed a.m. went fishing p.m. Caught no fish worth talking about. Rice birds are injuring our wheat. Mother has 37 young turkeys.

May 1 Received a letter from cousin Dor. M. Nichols.

May 2 Plowing corn.

May 3 Plowing corn. Pa went down new Milwood (28 miles) purchased a reaper. as Ky Harvester from Sherwood for \$200.00 and got back late p.m.

May 4 Plowing corn. Still going over it the first time.

May 5 Had a fine rain p.m.

May 6 Rained right smart a.m. Set out a few sweet potatoe plants yesterday evening.

May 7 Fixed some shelves in meat house. Bought Wick 10 marbles for ten cents. [WICK IS 10 YEARS OLD]

May 8 Rained p.m.

May 9 Commenced breaking prairie between us and Dr. Stuart. Ground pretty. Fount and Green thined corn.

May 10 Breaking prairie & cutting brush thining corn. Had fried chicken.

May 11 I went to mill. Got back to dinner. Part of hands still thining corn.

May 12 Plowing and chopping out the sweet potato patch. Rely and Fount cut wheat. Pa and myself went down after our reaper a. m. tonight staying about nine from East Fork.

May 13 We got home with our reaper. Rely, Fount, Sam and Green cut and bound wheat. Chiggers are beginning to make their appearance.

May 14 Commenced cutting wheat with reaper. Had four hands from Uncle Isaac.

May 15 Went to McKinney to p. office. Came back and spent the balance of today (Sunday) at home.

May 16 Still harvesting wheat. Had 4 hands from Uncle I.

May 17 Still in the harvest field. Had 2 hands from Mr. Muse one from Uncle I.

May 18 Harvesting wheat still. 2 hands again to-day from Mr. Muse. Wheat is first rate. Now have about 40 acres cut.

May 19 Spent to-day in shocking wheat. Show in McKinney tonight

May 20 Harvested wheat. One of our hands gave out, or rather got sick. Price of hired hands \$1.50 cts per day.



May 21 Went to church a.m. p.m. also again tonight.  
 May 23 Shocked wheat. I killed two very large snakes p.m. Pa also killed one. Hungarian grass looks fine. Flax also looks well. Corn looks well.  
 May 24 All hands still harvesting wheat. Oats are beginning to head out.  
 May 25 Still in our wheat. Corn nearly waist high.  
 May 26 Worked in the harvest first part of today with our coats on. Finished cutting wheat except a few little spots that we can not cut with reaper well.  
 May 27 Laying by corn. Finished shocking wheat.  
 May 28 Had a beautiful rain last night. Reshocked some wheat. Set out some sweet potato plants.  
 May 29 I went to McKinney to church, but there was no meeting. Tom H. Muse come over this evening. (Sunday).  
 May 30 Plowing and thinning corn. I stayed at Uncle Isaac's last night.  
 May 31 Still plowing corn thinning +c +c +c  
 June 1<sup>st</sup> We cut a small piece of Geren white wheat this morning also a little tuskan wheat. Commenced stacking wheat. Put up one partly large stack. Chiggers very numerous This is the 27 page I have write in this little book today copied from another little book. May 27<sup>th</sup> 1871.  
 June 2 Stacking wheat and thinning corn. Well at house 16 feet of water.  
 June 3 Fine shower of rain last night. Thinning corn and chinise sugar cane. I noticed a silk in corn. Carpenters raised the frame of Mr. Waddill's large house. Three schools in progress at McKinney-1 male 1 female and 1 mixed. Little Parnelia' finger that was cut off on the 6<sup>th</sup> of April is nearly well.  
 June 4 Good many are speaking of going out to fight the Indians. Did some fencing.  
 June 5 Rely and myself went to meeting three times today. Heard a Baptist a.m., a Christian p.m. and a Methodist tonight.  
 June 6 Plowing corn and chinese sugar cane. Having potatoes +c.  
 June 7 Stacking wheat- hauling wood. Having potatoes +c.  
 June 8 Stacking wheat. Put up quite a large stack. Killed a small rattle snake. Saw large drove of horses and mules going north.  
 June 9 Some thunder and rain. Stacked some wheat. Now have up firm stacks.  
 June 10 Put up another large stack of wheat.  
 June 11 Pulled weeds out of potatoe patch. Stuck some peas and beans. Hoeing potatoes. Man in McKinney shot through the leg.  
 Junw 12 Went to church at McKinney morning -evening-night.  
 June 13 Hauled some fodder to McKinney at \$2.00 per hd. Hoeing & plowing.  
 June 14 Stacking wheat. Pa made two half bushels out of pine lumber. Corn is tastling and silking good deal.

June 15 Put up our 8<sup>th</sup> stack of wheat. Mother received a letter from Cousin Parmelia Whitelow.

June 16 Finished stacking wheat except some late wheat the frost injured. Uncle I. Borrowed 5 bs. wheat of us.

June 17 Cut some oats. Planted some pumpkin and yesterday chopped weeds. Pulled some flax.

June 18 Chopped some weeds and bound some flax- Rely Will Berry and myself went fishing on East Fork, but caught nothing except some minnows.

June 19 Went to church a.m. Rely went with to church to-night.

June 20 Thermometer as high as 94 p.m. chopped weeds out of corn. Cut some hungarian grass. stacked the wheat the frost injured. Went to church to-night.

June 21 Finished stacking wheat. Stacked some hungarian grass. It was two short to bind.

June 22 Commenced cutting oats. Bound part of the same. Pa made a wooden horse yesterday. Rely & myself went to McKinney to-night to church. One of the best days for harvesting I ever saw.

June 23 Bound and shocked oats. Heard a lecture on temperance at McKinney to-night.

June 24 Beautiful rain last night. Shelled corn & chopped weeds.

June 25 Chopping and pulling weeds. Sold some oats at \$2.00 per hd.

June 26 Few showers of rain. Went with Jim & Tom Muse and Will Berry to East Fork p.m.

June 27 Commenced stacking oats. Shelled some corn before breakfast. Stacked about 5000 bundles of oats. Two stacks.

June 28 Finished stacking oats. Raised about 8000 bundles this year. Had about 10 minutes rain.

June 29 I went to mill. Brought back a load of scantling. Started to mill again p.m. with a load of oats for the miller but was prevented from going on account or rain. Went to McKinney to-night to hear a lecture on the *reicsiur* of the Bible, but was disappointed.

June 30 Commenced breaking up wheat stubble land. Went to mill. part of hands chopped & pulled weeds out of corn. Fount & myself carried 400 bundles oats to miller.

July 1 Broke stubble land. Chopped & pulled weeds out of corn. I went to McKinney to church to-night. Have a few *roast-wears*.

July 2 Part of us breaking stubble land and out chopping & pulling weeds.

July 3 I went to church a.m. Went to see a lady immersed at 2 o'clock p.m. went also gain tonight. I also went last night. Four persons joined the Christian Church this evening and to-night. Some more joined Eliza & Tillie were two of those that joined to-night.

July 4 Fount broke stubble land. Rely & myself went to McKinney saw the Templars march. Went to church p.m. also went to creek. saw 7 persons baptised. Tillie & Eliza were 2 of N. Went to church to-night.

July 5 Plowed, shelled corn- stacked some hungarian grass. I went to church to-night. The Reformers, or Christians still carrying on there protracted meeting.

July 6 Went to mill- got no grinding- Came home went to plowing. Dr. Hall's (Christian) protracted meeting closed to-night. Rely & myself went to church to-night.

July 7 Fount & myself worked on the road. Pa went to mill as I did not get grinding. Rest plowing & chopping weeds.

July 8 Cut some poles for barn. Plowing & hoeing potatoes.

July 9 Cut & hauled some logs for grainery a.m. Went to McKinney p.m. Spent \$8.15 cts for goods.

July 10 Stayed at home all day. Went to church to-night.

July 11 Worked on the barn.

July 12 Worked on the barn.

July 13 Beautiful rain. Some worked on house & others worked in corn. Sick mule.

July 14 Plowing and working on barn. Flour \$3.00 per hundred pounds.

July 15 Thermometer 90 degrees at noon. Plowing working on granery +c. Mostly S. East wind during this month. Prospect for corn No 1.

July 16 Breaking stubble land & working on barn. Layed a hearth in W. room

July 17 Went to McKinney to church. a.m. went also again to-night. Ike & myself brought in two ripe watermellons this evening.

July 18 Thermometer 96 degrees at 3 o'clock. Ridged up some sweet potatoes went over it with hoes. Grabbed up some persimmons. Chopped and hoed weeds out of corn. Rely Fount Sam & Green did what I have mentioned above. Pa & myself finished weatherboarding the barn. Made a ladder. Wheat stubble land too dry to plow.

July 19 Thermometer 100 degrees at 2 o'clock Chopping weeds out of corn. Now finding hogs in Chinese sugar cane.

July 20 Thermometer 99  $\frac{3}{4}$  degrees at 3 o'clock p.m. All hands of us pulled & bound & shucked a little flax a.m. Expected Uncle Isaac to pull this flax some time ago. Rested from work 4 hours middle of day on account of weather being as warm. Pa and myself fixed a foot, or spout to barn.

July 21 Thermometer 99 Degrees 3 p.m. Fixed a temporary shade for our mules. Hoed weeds out of corn. Sawed off some bois d'arc blocks. Rested from work from 11 until 4 p.m. Then hoed corn.

July 22 Thermometer 99 degrees 3 p.m. Hauled some wood. Cut some broom, corn. Pa made large door & hung it to shed on East side of barn. Little rain p.m.

July 23 Helped Uncle Isaac to thresh wheat & barley.

July 24 I went to McKinney thinking to hear preaching, but disappointed. Tom Muse & Will Berry came out p.m. Rely & myself went to McKinney to church to-night.

July 25 Pa, Rely, Fount, Sam Wick and myself helped Uncle Isaac to thrash wheat. N. of bushels thrashed today 346 ½. 16 hands in all.

July 26 Half dozen of us helped Uncle I. to thrash wheat. Machine got out of order and only thrashed 240 bushels. Some have sown turnips and.

July 27 Helped Uncle I. to finish thrashing his crop of wheat. bu then had about 50 bushels of hungarian grass thrashed. Moved the machine to our stack. good got it set about an hour & a half sun p.m. Thrashed 100 ½ bushels. Uncle Isaac helped us.

July 28 Thrashed 339 ½ bs. Nab. hired a hand at \$1.50 cts to work in his place today. I went to McKinney to an exhibition tonight.

July 29 Uncle I. and his hands still helping us to thrash wheat. Thrashed 336 ½ bs. Uncle I. offered the owners of machine \$550 for it, but they would not take it.

July 30 Few drops of rain fell. Finished thrashing our wheat. Uncle Isaac and his hands helped us- raised this year about a thousand bushels of wheat.

July 31 I went to McKinney to church a.m. p.m. James Muse and Will Berry came by. Rely and myself went with them to singing. Rely and myself went to McKinney tonight thinking to hear preaching, but was disappointed.

At the organization of Company K, 6<sup>th</sup> Texas Cavalry in Sept.1861. The following is a list of officers and privates. **[NOTE BY LINDY FISHER, TRANSCRIBER- A.G. GRAVES LISTED HERE IS ALBERT GOODWIN GRAVES, L.H.'S COUSIN, NOT HIS FATHER, ALBERT GALLATIN GRAVES.]**

1<sup>st</sup> Lt. G. S. Fitzhugh killed Dec. 26<sup>th</sup> 1861

L. M. Martin listed first of the Co. Jan. 9/62

T. B. Collier listed 3<sup>rd</sup> Lt. from Jan. 9/62

At reorganization in May 62.

Dr. T. A. Norfleet listed Capt.

T. B. Collier listed 1<sup>st</sup> Lt.

A. G. Graves listed 2<sup>nd</sup> Lt.

L. H. Graves listed 3<sup>rd</sup> Lt.

Capt J. A. Norfleet killed Oct. 4 1862 [Battle of Corinth]  
T. B. Collier promoted to Capt. Oct. 4 1862  
A. G. Graves promoted to 1<sup>st</sup> Lt. Oct. 4 1862  
L. H. Graves promoted to 2<sup>nd</sup> Lt. Oct. 4 1862  
R. C. White listed 3<sup>rd</sup> Lt. Oct. 4 1862

Capt. T. B. Collier resigned  
A. G. Graves promoted Capt.  
L. H. Graves promoted 1<sup>st</sup> Lt.  
R. C. White 2<sup>nd</sup> Lt.  
No 3<sup>rd</sup> Lt listed

Oct. 1864 Co. K & D consolidated on account of cos' being so small  
S. G Rosamond Capt. D & K  
L. H. Graves retained 1st Lt. D & K  
R. C White retained 2nd Lt. D & K  
Sept 12<sup>th</sup> 1861 Company K 6<sup>th</sup> Texas Cavalry was sworn into the Confederate Union at Camp Barton 15 miles east of Dallas, Dallas County, Texas. The following is a list of company officers & men.

J. W. Throckmorton Capt. [Gov.]

G. S. Fitzhugh 1<sup>st</sup> Leicut.

A. G. Patterson 2<sup>nd</sup> Lt.

L. M. Martin 3<sup>rd</sup> Lt.

**[L.H. Graves was initially listed  
as killed in the battle of Corinth]**

Privates & Non. Com. Officers

1. Allen P. P.
2. Archer William
3. Alderman William
4. Anderson R. M.
5. Box Henry
6. Burke James
7. Brown S. A.
8. Brown Z. T. (or Y.T.)
9. Brown S. F.
10. Brogan James
11. Blanton Joseph
12. Brencsey Robert (or Burcuy)
13. Buster Waller W.

**[Taken from the Dallas Herald  
Saturday, Nov. 8, 1862]**

**KILLED**

**Capt. Norfleet**

**3<sup>rd</sup> Lt. L.H. Graves**

**1<sup>st</sup> Sgt. T. B. Henry**

**Pvt. Henry Box**

**Pvt. J.F. Burke**

**Pvt. Thos. Carouth**

**Pvt. H. Hood**

**Pvt. P. McKinney**

**Pvt. Geo. Nipp**

**Pvt. W.C. Smith**

**Pvt. Jas. Walsh**

14. Clark Mathew
15. Clark Richard
16. Carr Ed
17. Carpenter Ben. F.
18. Collier Thomas B.
19. Caruth T. C.
20. Cloyd William J.
21. Cappell Jasper
22. Davis J. S. M.
23. Debolt William
24. Estes Ben. T.
25. Fitzhugh J. S.
26. Graves A. G.
27. Graves L. H.
28. Grimes G. W.
29. Grayham F.
30. Hood W. H. H.
31. House Robert
32. Hickman Chaney
33. Horn J. C.
34. Henry Thomas B.
35. Henry John
36. Hatcher Jordan
37. Hunter F. M.
38. Hatler S. D.
39. Ice Bent. F.
40. Jones A. L.
41. Jackson "Shade"
42. Lovelady T. H. B.
43. Lewis John
44. Lewis Robert
45. Lisenbee T. W.
46. McKinney Peter
47. McClure W. J.
48. Myers Ed. G.
49. Moore S. J.
50. Moore H. S.
51. Mayes James
52. Mayes J. Andy
53. Mullinix Genathan

## **WOUNDED**

**J.M. Lewis-severe: left on field**

**W.J. McClure- severe**

**J.P. Ninuey- severe**

**B.P. Simmons severe**

**W.A. Alderman- slight**

**J.M. Hinton**

**C. G. Beeman**

## **PRISONERS**

**B.T. Estes**

*This box added by transcriber,  
Lindy Fisher.*

54. Montgomery James. S.
55. Mills Fayette
56. Mills John
57. Mills William
58. Medcalf E. B.
59. Miller
60. McCormick George
61. McCue Johnny
62. McGarrahan Ran.
63. Nipp George
64. Nicholson J. S. M.
65. *Nuney* J. P. (or Ninuey, Ninmy)
66. Nelson Richard
67. Norfleet Thomas A.
68. Nolan Robert
69. Norlan Tyne
70. O'Brien D. W.
71. Patrick Thomas J.
72. Powers John
73. Patterson James
74. Roard C. H.
75. Rummors G. J.
76. Seares Dan
77. Snider Charles S.
78. Stewart John B.
79. Schulic Peter
80. Seaten Robert
81. Smith C. W.
82. Smith W. C.
83. Simmons John W.
84. Simmons Bu. P.
85. Simmons Clay
86. Shields John B.
87. Sissum George
88. Skidmon T. F.
89. Stanley William
90. Skidmon John
91. Stanger Lewis
92. Shirley "Jack" A. L.
93. Sanders Allen

94. Sweeney "Dad"
95. Toucrey E. H.
96. Tucker D. F.
97. Thompson J. F.
98. Tyler "Doc"
99. Wallace Sam L.
100. White R. C.
101. Williams George
102. Woods R. O.
103. Wilson J. A.
104. Wilson W. B.
105. Wilson "Buck"
106. Welch James
107. Wasson T. C.

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*Diary of L. H. Graves*

[Diary begins again in ink and written under the correct dates at the top of the pages. This is when his father gave him the diary.]

Sat. May 13, 1871 I with John & Charley finished plowing over my 12 acre piece of corn p.m. Half way between noon and night. This is the 2<sup>nd</sup> time that I have plowed over this piece of corn. This land Wick had in wheat last year. It was rather late for me to go to McKinney this evening as I felt so very tired, rather more than common. Brother Billie went to McKinney this evening. He brought out my paper "Enquirer". I am generally glad to get the Enquirer as it always contains more, as less news. Flour at McKinney is worth \$6.00 per hundred pounds now and has been for some time. I would that- I could remember my daily transactions since the 1<sup>st</sup> of January last.

Sun. May 14- I went to McKinney to church a.m. Heard a Cumberland Presbyterian. Came out and took dinner with sisters Tillie & Genie- Woot & Tuck absent on trading trips. Went back to McKinney this evening expecting to ride a few miles south east to get some strawberrys, but did not go on account of failing to get anyone to go with me. Joe. Williams told me he ate some very fine strawberrys down at the place I thought of going to-day. I called to see



cousin E. W. Bingham a little while this evening. Some rain fell this evening, very light showers.

Mon. May 15, Commenced plowing my 32 acre piece of corn over the third time this morning. John and Charley (Negros) still working for me. I let them run round with turning plows or rather one with a single shovel and the other with a turning plow. I with a double shovel once in a row take out the middle very nicely. I succeeded in getting a very good stand of corn and only dropped two grains in a hill- once in awhile I dropped 3 grains, but not intentionally. I dropped it this way to avoid the hard labor of thinning. Thinning corn is certainly worse dreaded by me than any other work on a farm.

Tues. May 16- I with John and Charley plowed over about eight acres of corn. I now have about half of this piece of corn plowed over. It is about knee high & looks well. I pull up every burr that the plows fail to plow up. Also pull up what few weeds that are in the hill. We are now selling corn at 60 cts per bushel specie in the small way- five ten and fifteen bushels at a time. Present crop of wheat has been injured very much in places by birds. Known, as called here the rice bird. Hundreds and thousands of these birds collect together in droves and injure the wheat in the dor. state.

Wed. May 17- Plowed corn myself some one half of to-day John and Charley plowed all day. I hauled a barrel of water and then went to McKinney. Genie came up this morning. spent the day. I got up in one of the sweet cherry trees and got a few sweet cherries for little Bennie (Genie's little boy) sold the remainder of my *shere* oats to Maj. Buck at same price that I have been selling at for some time \$3.00 per hundred. Bought some articles of goods for Tillie. Took supper there and went to McKinney to meeting to-night. The Methodists commenced a protracted meeting at McKinney on Sunday last.

Thurs. May 18- Finished plowing over my 32 acre piece of corn about an hour by sun this evening. I then with both my hands (Charley & John) plowed some for Wick as I had a little corner of corn at one end of this piece he's now plowing over. This little book was bought by Pa to-day from a journeyman and given to me by him. Mulberrys and cherries are ripening quite fast. Cousin Good Graves commenced cutting his wheat to-day. That is I suppose he did as he expected to do Pa said on yesterday evening. Pa walked up to Uncle Isaac's a little while on yesterday evening. The ground is getting quite dry Rain would be very thankful to many just now.

Fri. May 19, 1871- I with John & Charley commenced going over my piece of corn east of the East branch the third time with same plows we've been using all this week. I say the third time. In the first-place I broke it up & brushed it, then layed it off both ways planted & covered it with two mules, then broke the middles out and brushed it again before the corn came up. Am now plowing it the third time since the corn came up. Between 2 & 3 o'clock we had to stop plowing on account of rain. It commenced raining very gently and I would not be surprised if we have really a good rain. I am truly glad to see it. I wish I could have gotten this nice little book as this as that I could have commenced my diary with the new year, on the 1st day of January.

Sat. May 20- Had quite a fine rain yesterday evening and last night. The ground is now thoroughly wet. I went to McKinney this morning. Got a letter for Genie from Woot it having been surely six weeks since she heard from him. He wrote that he would be by home with cattle about the last of this month. I went to see Mr. J. H. Jenkin's little boy this evening. He is very sick congestive of the brain. Jenkins is an old friend of mine. Sheriff Bush handed me a blank form to make out my Co. roll (in the Milishia) Sold some corn at 50 cts per bs gold.

Sun. May 21 Wrote some over one hundred names in my company state Militia also made out one for Tuck Hill as he is not here. Went to McKinney to meeting a.m. Took dinner with Col. G. H. McMurray Went to prayer meeting at half past 3 o'clock p. m. Came out home about an hour and a half by sun and drove up my little mules, also the work mules for tomorrow's use. Then went back to McKinney to church tonight. There was considerable shouting several *morners* tonight. Have Methodist- preachers (Gatewood and Roggers by name) have been carrying this meeting on for one week, how much longer it will last I do not know-

Mon. May 22- Mostly clear to-day. I spent half of today hunting a mule found it near Mr. Chandlers. Caught it in his lot. Took dinner with him for the first time in life. Came home. Went to plowing corn. Did not plow long as the ground is too wet. Spent a few hours this evening writing names in mine and Tuck's Muster Rolls. Have now got them ready for Sheriff Bush. Got as many nice cherries as I wanted to eat in our yard this evening. Mother received her deed to some land that Grandpa gave her in Mo.

Tues. May 23 I went to McKinney to carry mine and Tuck Hill's company rolls to Sheriff Bush. Sold our hundred bushels of corn to Jesse Shain at 50 cts

per bushel- Came home. Commenced cutting wheat about half past 10 o'clock. It has been very much injured by the birds and frost, as something else- quite a number of heads blasted. Billie John & Charley nearly kept up binding with the reaper. Wick and myself took it turn about driving and *reking* off. Received a nice printed photographed ticket to a Grand Temperance Entertainment at McKinney tomorrow evening. These are the nicest-gotten up tickets I have ever seen.

Wed. May 24 Rained a little early this morning after which I went to plowing corn. Had John and Charley with me. Finished plowing over my piece of corn east of the East branch. It looks very pretty indeed. We started to cutting the balance of our wheat this evening, but only went two rounds with reaper until we had to stop on account of rain. I then with all hands bound and shocked what I did cut. The latter part of this evening shower after shower of rain has fallen. I have given out going to the Temperance Entertainment to-night. I do not think they will have it to-night since so much rain.

Thurs. May 25 I went out to McKinney this morning. Sold one hundred bushels of corn to Waltern (stage agent) at 50 cts per bushel. To Scot Alison, 20 bushels at same price. Found out that the Temperance Entertainment did not come off last night, but would come off to-night. Came back home. Mr. G. W. Grimes came late this evening. Staying with us tonight. I went to the Temperance ball had quite a nice time. Everything passed off very pleasantly. There was dancing and promenading good music and quite a nice supper. The young ladies deserve great credit for preparing such nice cake +c. +c. +c.

Fri. May 26 It was near 2 o'clock last night when I got home of course I very soon want to sleep. G. W. Grimes and myself went to McKinney. Several showers of rain fell again this evening. Shain sent-cut after a load of corn this evening. I took Millia Ella & Maggie to school this morning also went after Thurs. evening. I do not know when the ground will get dry enough to plow again, but hope it will do next week. Tuck Hill cam up after the cradle to cut his wheat. Corn is now growing solidly.

Sat. May 27, 1871 Some more rain. I remained at home writing in the first part of this little book pretty much all day. Bud Newman and sister Fannie Neuman came a.m. glad to see them. The family generally regrets that our favorite cat *Harefit* was killed last night by the dogs under the house. She was much the best cat we have ever had. She brought out my "Enquirer" also a N. of the "Messenger" this evening. This week has been so wet John & Charley only

worked one and three quarter days a piece. Not yet done cutting what little wheat we have. Most of my young mules are doing well (19 in No.) they are now one year old.

Sun. May 28 Wrote until 10 o'clock a.m. then got ready & went to church at McKinney. Heard old Mr. Cloyd. Bud, Fannie, Lucie, & myself (Ike also) went to McKinney to church to-night. It was about 12 or 1 o'clock to-night when we got back home. The Methodist protracted meeting has been going on two weeks. I expected it would close to-night, but meeting tomorrow evening also again to-morrow night. Had some nice cherry pie for dinner. Several were here to help partake of it. Partly good turn out at church to-night. Some shouting. Drove up my little mules. Oats are heading out.

Mon. May 29 I with John & Charley threw down the string of fence east of the orchard plowed or tried to plow the hegerow, then put up the fence again. John hauled some bois d'arc stakes- Charley set in stakes. I has such a dreadful headache I went to bed about an hour and a half sun. p.m. This fence has needed resetting for sometime. Walked through part of my corn before breakfast. Pulled up some weeds and burrs. My first planting of corn is about waist high. This ground being so very wet have not yet finished cutting wheat. Ike went to McKinney. Billie off visiting I suppose. Melia Eliza E. and Maggie going to school to Mr. J. S. Muse.

Tues. May 30 Finished staking and sidering fence East of orchard early a.m. Chopped weeds out of center of road from east well to E. gate. Fixed pole bridge on E. branch. Sold and measured out 92 bushels corn to Jeff Davis & others at one time .50 cts. per bushel. Pa measured out, as rather attended to measuring 20 bs more corn for me *Mr. M. Ice*. 112 bushels measured out today. Went to plowing corn this evening. ground pretty heavy. Corn is growing so fast- Concluded to try and plow some anyhow. Methodist protracted meeting at McKinney I learn will go on all this week.

Wed. May 31, 1871 Had corn (laying it by) until noon with John & Charley this evening finished cutting wheat would have finished several days ago had it not been for the rain. Got it bound and shocked I then put John and Charley to plowing corn. I rested about half of this evening on account of not feeling very well. I have not felt right well for two or some days, but hope I may feel all right soon. Mister Scott Allison so {*two words smeared*} in this evening that I sold him several days ago. Ike helped me a little in the wheat p.m. Jack Franklin was married on yesterday evening.

Thurs. June 1, 1871 John & Charley layed by corn. Billie also plowed for me to-day. I sold Cass O'Brien ten bushels corn. 36 bundles oats for \$2.00 to him also. Not feeling evenly well concluded to rest to-day from work. Went to McKinney Stayed there more of the day. Could have sold good deal of corn today if I had had it. Mrs. {?} did not do much at McKinney to-day. My oats are about all headed out which look very fine indeed. This has been the warmest day this season. Genie came up with little Bennie to-day.

Fri. June 2 Still laying by corn. Billie has been plowing for me for the last day and a half until noon to-day. Let John & Charley plow for him this evening. Weather quite hot compared with the kind of weather we've been having. Mother is now having her soap made. Corn is growing as fast as I ever saw it grow in any country. Ground is now in fine plowing order. I hauled a barrel of water first thing this morning. I then plowed most of to-day. stopped this evening awhile before night on account of not feeling very well. Genie went home this evening.

Sat. June 3 Plowed corn until near noon John & Charley plowing for Billie a.m. All hands stopped work at dinner. Went to McKinney this evening. Heard several political speeches by Gov. J. W. Throckmorton and the Hon. John C. Conner first one & then the other spoke for considerable length of time. Others also spoke in Court House, but I did get over in time to hear them. Col. Allen Capt. Brown Col. Allison & Capt. Johnson. I took supper at Mr. Bingham's. went to church tonight. The Methodist 3 weeks meeting closed to-night.

Sun. June 4 I went out to McKinney to church. Heard Mr. J. S. Muse. Took dinner at Woot & Tuck Hill's. Several of us took dinner there to-day. Went back to McKinney this evening. Mailed three letters for Tillie & Genie then went to singing at 4 o'clock. Tried to sing with others for about two hours. Accompanied Miss Florence Heard home from singing this evening. We had to run as it commenced raining on us soon after leaving the church. Am to-night staying at Mrs. Waddill's for first time in years. The youngsters of McKinney & vicinity have concluded to meet there every Sunday evening at 4 o'clock to sing.

Mon. June 5 Went to plowing corn again this morning. John did not come. I fear he has left me. Charley & myself did not quite finish my 32 acre piece of corn. I stopped plowing a little while before night on account of feeling

somewhat bad. Pa sold near 30 bushels of corn at 50 cts. per bushel. Weather getting very hot. The heat this evening was very oppressive indeed plowing in corn near five feet high. Still have a few cherrys. I took a little medicine to-night. On day before yesterday evening I offered Jimmie Dowell \$1.75 cts for ten bushels of wheat to sow he did not say for certain whether he would let me have that or not.

Tues. June 6 Learned this morning that John had left me to work for Stiff (Capt. Ed) Finished laying by my 32 acre piece of corn by noon. Commenced plowing over the small corn N. of Wick's oats. This is only the 2<sup>nd</sup> plowing for this piece of corn. Charley still helping me. Billie helped me to plow a little while this evening. He finished laying by his corn to-day. Only gave it 3 plowings. I am aiming to give most of mine 4 plowings. Pa and myself measured out near 75 bushels of corn to-day at 50 cts per bs. If we sell any more we will have more per bushel.

Wed. June 7 Still laying by corn. Charley & Billie plowing for me. I stayed about the house good portion of to-day measuring out corn to diferent ones. Finished measuring out all the corn that I sold while back. I see now I sold my corn too early. If I only had held it awhile longer I could have gotten much better price. Believe I could have gotten 75 cts per bushel instead of 50 cts. the price I sold at. Several of us attended Mr. Muses's Exhibition to-night which lasted about 2 hours to-night.

Thurs. June 8 Went to McKinney a.m. Mr. Muses Examination was going on awhile. sold Geo. O'Brien a \$20.00 rate set of harness for \$11.00 which only cost me \$5.00. Bought a mare and mule colt from Les Faires for \$80.00 in specie. Hope to sell the mare for \$60.00 in the fall and keep the colt. I think it will make me a very nice mule. Took supper at cousin Dellie Dudmond's this evening. Went to Exhibition again to-night. Last night of Mr. Muse exhibition. It lasted much longer to-night.

Fri. June 9 I did not do much of anything to-day on account of last night's dissipation and not feeling very well. Hoed some in my sweet potatoe patch. Late this evening which needs work very much. Parson Allen's School ends with a grand exhibition to-night. Bud Newman Fannie Lucie & Melia have gone out there to-day. I would like to have gone, but did not feel like going that distance twelve miles nearly W. of this. Charley still laying by corn for me. Cherrys nearly all gone.

Sat. June 10, 1871 Concluded on late yesterday evening I would stack my wheat today if it was a suitable day. Finished stacking wheat little wheat I had about 1 o'clock p.m. Splendid day for stacking especially a.m. Wick also stacked his wheat. Ike helped him. Charley helped me to stack mine. Went to McKinney p.m. in Bud's wagon with him. Dr. Hill not in- Woot is back trying to find some stampeded cattle some distance S. W. of this. Got my paper "Enquirer" this evening published at McKinney by John Bingham who married cousin Eliza G.

Sun. June 11 Rode out this morning to look up some of my little mules that have gotten with some other horses. Expected to get back in time to go to church, but when I got ready it was after 11 o'clock- remained at home until about 4 o'clock then went to McKinney to singing. Came home. Drove up the mules little and big. Two of mine have gotten as they will not stay with the rest. Not very many out at singing this evening. Doc Hill Genie & Tillie and others took dinner with us to-day. I took a little ride in Tuck & Woot's new buggy.

Mon. June 12 Billie Charley & myself commenced laying by my piece of corn that makes up to Sherman road. We did a very good day's plowing considering it was such a warm day. Thermometer 90 degrees at 2 o'clock p.m. Have been paying Billie one dollar per day gold (or silver) for the last few days. He's been plowing corn for me. Tried to get Ike to plow for me at \$1.00 per day but he would not do it. Sackie brought mother some very nice plums from her pa's to *puarm* on yesterday evening which were thankfully received. I ate a few of them which were excellent.

Tues. June 13 I plowed in corn to-day by myself. Finished laying by my piece of corn East of East branch this evening. Ground getting quite dry. This is the 5<sup>th</sup> plowing for this piece of corn. Weather warm. Little party (Dance) at Wick's to-night. All went except Pa mother & myself. I did not feel like going. Felt very tired Doc Hill was there. he & Tuck expect to start on with their cattle in the morning. Woot has not arrived from below. Measured out some corn to-day at 75 cts per bushel to a freedman on widow Allen's farm.

Wed. June 14 I plowed corn again to-day. Finished laying by my piece of corn N. of Wick's oats. This is only the second plowing for this piece of corn as it was planted oats. Went out to Alf Chandler's after a mule of mine that learned was jumping in his field immediately after dinner. Drove it with some of uncle's horses into his lot. Brought it home. Drove the rest of our mules & horses up. Gave them all some salt. Most of my young mules are doing well.

Pa is speaking of raising some on what little corn he has left. I learn old corn is very scarce in the country. This is a very bad pen.

Thurs. June 15 I hoed in my sweet potatoe patch until at 10 o'clock. Found a tap that I lost off my double shovel plow put it on and put it (the plow) in shop out of the weather. Fixed in a handle in one of our big plows. Pa turned off two wagons that wanted to buy corn. He does not care to sell any more corn just now. I shelled corn this evening. Ike & Billie helped some. I have some more plowing in corn, I want to do, but it is so very dry will have to wait until a rain. Ike & Billie hoed some in Pa's potatoe patch a.m.

Fri. June 16 Had a fine rain a.m. I did not get up until quite late this morning on account of having such a fine rain which we were needing very bad. I did not do much of anything a.m. Went to McKinney this evening. Thespian Entertainment by the young men of McKinney to commence to-night and to last for 2 nights. I expected to have gone to this Thespian Entertainment to-night, but upon my arrival at home late p.m. I was glad to meet Woot Hill after supper. I concluded to go down & spend a few hours with him, therefore did not attend T. Entertainment to-night.

Sat. June 17 I measured up eight bushels of corn by myself before breakfast then went to mill. Got grinding stopped a while at McKinney. Wrote a ticket to Miss Florence Heard in accord to the Thespian Entertainment to-night, but did not send it as I heard she had company for to-night. Came home. Walked to North East corner of farm carried a planke hammer & saw +c with me to fix up or rather to stop a hog hole in the fence. Went to the Thespian Entertainment to-night.

Sun. June 18, 1871 Woot Hill came by this morning on his way North to *rejoin* his drove of cattle. We took dinner at Capt. Newman's Bud & Fannie being there. Bud & myself rode with Woot some two miles north of Capt. N's Then came back to the Capt.'s stayed until somewhat late then came on home. drove my little mules and the others home. as I came as I think I will commence cutting oats to-morrow. I would liked very much to have heard Mr. Darnall at the Hackberry School house to-day, but I did not hear him.

Mon. June 19 I commenced cutting oats early a.m. with cradle cut round more than a thousand yards next to fence in order to save them all. Commenced cutting with scraper this evening, oats are rather green to cut, but as I have more than ours to cut I concluded to commence in time. I put Charley



to plowing corn. He plowed corn all day taking out some middle that I could not plow awhile back on account of the ground being too dry. My oats I think are as fine as I ever saw. Billie helped me. Mr. Grimes came & paid me the \$10.00 he borrowed awhile back.

Tues. June 20 Still cutting oats. Had some hands to commence binding this evening. Williams, Lane, Negro (Tom) and Charley. The latter plowed corn a.m. I hired a young Missourian this morning to help me in my harvest, with the promise that he would commence work this evening, but he failed to come. Billie & myself broke the tung of reaper this evening which surprised me very much. I was driving Billie raking off he failed to get off in making a turn. Pa helped us to fix it so that we could run the reaper in an hour, or so.

Wed. June 21 Finished cutting my part of oats just before noon. Had another binder Parry (Negro) to commence this morning. Jor. Williams son Lam Charley Uncle Tom & Billie all bound all day except the latter. he commenced binding for Wick this evening. Ike & myself cut on Wick's this evening. Very hot evening for binding oats. Think we will have rain soon. I am paying \$1.50 cts per day for hands to help in harvesting my oats. Thermometer has been about 90 degrees for several days.

Thurs. June 22 Finished cutting Wick's oats about 9 o'clock a.m. Ike & myself then drove on out into west field and commenced cutting on Tuck & Woot Hill's. I was as very anxious to finish a piece we were cutting on did not stop much before dark although Ike did not think we could finish it, but we did. The hands that bound for me yesterday still bound for us today. Not quite so warm to-day as it was yesterday. Some of hands getting pretty tired I am also partly tired. Will be quite glad when I finish cutting, binding & shocking my oats. I bound some this morning before breakfast.

Fri. June 23 I commenced shocking oats this morning a while after daylight. Shocked until breakfast was over, then shocked with Perry and Charley until I finished which was a few minutes after 12 o'clock. Was very tired and warm when I came in to dinner. Rested until half past 1 o'clock. Then went out with the mules to-day to finish T. & W.'s oats after cutting 2 or 3 hours Tuck & myself broke a lever to reaper. I then went to McKinney to get it fixed. Got it fixed this evening. This reaper has been in use about 13 years.

*The writing gets smaller and in much lighter ink for the rest of the diary.*

Sat. June 24, 1871 Finished cutting Woot & Tuck's oats about 9 o'clock a.m. I then with Tuck and six others, eight of us in all got all of these oats shocked a few minutes before 12 o'clock to-day. Tuck & myself. were then in a great hurry to get to McKinney as this is the evening for a Democratic meeting there. we were just in time to walk out on the side for Capt. Conner. Good deal of excitement. There were 120 against Conner and 220 for him at McKinney to-day. I was truly glad that a majority of the men were for Conner at McKinney. I hope we will be able to send him to Congress again.

Sun. June 25 Tuck came by early a.m. I rode out West with him to look for some of our stock. We found them all. Got back home about 10 o'clock rested until the evening. Tuck came up in his fine buggy. Tillie and the children also. We went up to Mr. McDonalds to see them and get some plumbs this evening. Little Willie went in the buggy with us. Had quite a nice ride. We got some very good plumbs. I intended to go to McKinney to the singing at 4 o'clock p.m. but I gave it up. Warm day. Corn is tastling and silking right smartly.

Mon. June 26 I commenced stacking oats this morning. They are so pretty have not had any rain on them since they were cut. The straw I think is about the brightest I ever saw. They were cut a little green. Charley & myself stacked some over 2500 bundles to-day. I tried to run two wagons, went down to see old Uncle Jake after I failed to get Bob, but failed to get him too. Wick also commenced stacking his oats this morning. Billie helped him to-day. Price of hands to help stack \$1.00 per day in gold except the stacker, \$1.50 cts for stacker. Hope to have two, or three more hands to-morrow.

Tues. June 27, 1871 Stacked oats with two wagons today. Perry (Negro) stacking put up one large stack for me and then was about finishing one for Pa when it came as very near tumbling over that we commenced another stack. He is no stacker to suit me. If I cannot get a better one to-morrow will stack myself. Had Green and Ellis also Charley to help in stacking to-day. This has been the warmest day according to our thermometer we have had this summer. Thermometer 95 degrees at 3 p.m. Corn needing rain very much. It has already been injured a little on account of not raining.

Wed. June 28 Stacking oats again today. Succeeded in getting an extra hand to stack for me to-day Bob (Negro) Kept two wagons runing Hauling up oats stacked near six thousand bundles. Oats are so very fine this year. Had to ter down one of the stacks that was put up yesterday. I had one extra hand which I

employed in my potatoe patch a.m. but this evening I put him to thinning bundles from the other stacks I have just mentioned and I went to stacking them myself. Did not interfere with my other stacker & hands in stacking on another stack. Thermometer 97 degrees. 2 degrees warmer than any day this year.

Thurs. June 29 Finished stacking my oats about 1 o'clock or a little after as so very glad that I got them all cut, bound, shocked and stacked without any rain falling on them after they were ripe. This is I believe the first year we have been so fortunate in having such a nice time for sowing oats. Went out to McKinney this evening with Ike to get released from a bond of one thousand dollars that Tuck Wick & myself went on for Ike. He & Jack Franklin it seems made a little negro get down & pray whist't drunk. I was at Good's a while p.m. to see about a thrasher.

Fri. June 30 Got all of my little mules and some other stock in stubble field early a.m. got some of them in on yesterday evening. I take Charley and went a fixed the ranch where the road crosses it to keep the hogs from getting in the field. Put in fence round my oat stacks. Gathered up all the tangle straw round mine & Pa's stacks. Took Charley & went & drove two of my little mules from out West. Went to McKinney to see Mr. R. Dedmund in some legal business in reference to Ike. Pa went on the *bond* for Ike to get him released again. Noticed some clouds gathering in N. W. Commenced thundering and then we had pretty rain p.m.

Sat. July 1 Drove up the mules from stubble field. Charley drove our team and I the other to the bottom after wood. We hauled two loads of wood apiece. I then with Charley gathered up all the plows that we left about in diferent places in corn field put them in the shop. Took off four of them and carried them to McKinney to one of the blacksmith shops. Got them sharpened. Want to commence breaking up stubble land Monday if nothing prevents. Politics at a high ebb at McKinney. Conner and Anti Connerites- bought some goods for the family.

Sun. July 2, 1871 I went up to the Hackberry or Tucker Schoolhouse to meeting. Heard Col. Wilmeth preach. Went to Rely's to dinner. Stayed there until late this evening. Whilst there walked out in his field with him to look at his cotton corn +c. When I arrived at home this evening was told that Tuck Hill came near being killed roaching one of his fine mules. Happened to get the rope caught round his neck that was fastened to two mules. First roasteuran to-

night this season. I want to commence breaking up stubble (wheat) land on tomorrow.

Mon. July 3 I commenced breaking up wheat stubble land which is covered over with weeds some few burrs weeds from 2 to 3 feet high. Ground in fine plowing order. The plow that I plowed with to-day almost scoured. Charley and myself did not plow much over two acres as the weather was so very warm. Several started this morning to Dallas to be at the Convention held there on tomorrow. Hope John C. Conner will be the nominee of the party. (Democratic party) Pa still selling some corn at 75 cts per bs.

Tues. July 4 Charley & myself plowed again to-day on wheat stubble land. Some little rain fell about noon, but not enough to amount to anything much. Did not stop us from plowing. I now have about five rows of wheat stubble land plowed. I felt very bad this evening for awhile, but that feeling wore off and we plowed until near dark. Upon coming in from work I found an old army friend of mine here, A. B. Mayes, commonly called Dolphin. We talked some on the acts of the by-gone days of Confederate and United States war.

Wed. July 5 Mr. Cummings came by this morning and informed us that the machine would be here about noon. Charley and myself plowed until dinner this evening. We helped Wick thrash wheat. Finished thrashing his part this evening. He only had 26  $\frac{3}{4}$  bushels off of 5 acres. Cumming's is a two horse *enless* chain thrasher. The wheat crop in this portion of Texas this year is very indifferent yield to the acre, but the gain is very good. Corn seems to be filling pretty well, but another rain would help it very much.

Thurs. July 6, 1871 Thrashed mine and Tuck & Woot Hill's crop of wheat by noon. Tuck and W. only had 23  $\frac{1}{2}$  bushels of wheat. I only have 20  $\frac{1}{2}$  bushels. I offered Mr. C. \$2.00 per bushel for the tall wheat of mine & Tuck's, but he declined selling it at that price. He said he thought he could make more out of it by grinding it as flour. Was now worth \$4.50 per hundred pounds which is very fine price for flour. Anna & Eliza came down and spent the day with us. First time Eliza has been here since Christmas. After finishing up my straw & fixing up fence went to plowing. Charley also.

Fri. July 7 Still breaking up wheat stubble land Charley and myself. Ground is drying rapidly. Weather not so warm as it has been. Thermometer about 90 to 92 degrees for the last several days about noon. Capt. *Jno.* C. Conner was the nominee of the Democratic Convention held at Dallas on the 4<sup>th</sup> Inst. Some

were very bitter against Conner, but I hope all will now be well. I could not endorse Capt. Conner's record, but I believed he was the best man for us. Just now. I do not like his fighting against us during the war he will be pretty certain to go to Congress again.

Sat. July 8 Charley and myself finished plowing up wheat stubble land about noon. Was glad to get done as the ground had gotten so very hard. Expect to commence breaking up oat stubble land Monday next. I went to McKinney this evening on business. collected some money that has been due me for several weeks. Bought some articles of goods for Pa & mother. District Court has been in session all this week in McKinney. Several cases to be tried during Jury's term. Sold some more corn at 45 cts per bushel.

Sun. July 9 Having heard late yesterday evening that Pa's old *Jennett* had been very badly cut by some one for getting into Mrs. *Neuman's* field I suppose. I went early this morning to get the bell off of her as it was Pa's request. Then went by Tuck's. stayed a while. Drank a few glasses of sugar of lemon in good color water. Went to McKinney to church a.m. Took dinner with Genie Lucie Maggie also. I went back to McKinney to singing this evening. Stopped awhile at Mrs. Waddill's to see Geo. Morris who has just returned from Ky. Saw Frank Perkins for first time in many years. He is also here on a visit from Ky. to see his mother & others.

Mon. July 10 Commenced breaking up oat stubble land. Expect to sow this land in wheat this fall also the wheat stubble land that I have just finished breaking up. Charley helped me to plow to-day. Rely came down this morning as I sent him word Saturday evening Pa wished to see him. He and Genie took dinner with us to-day. Fannie was also here. Bud N. came late p.m. just up from the pine mills where he brought back some lumber to build him a house. He brought out a barrell of sugar for Pa. Dan O'Brien brought it up from Jefferson.

Tues. July 11, 1871 Charley and myself still plowing oat stubble land. Had few drops of rain. A good rain now would help the corn very much to fill much better. Billie's started off last night. Ike left more than a week ago. I know not where they have gone as they are disposed to be wild which I am deeply regret. I would give anything in the bounds of reason if only they would stick to the farm. Wick went to McKinney p.m. He brought me a letter from Uncle C. W. Jackson. Was very glad to hear from him.

Wed. July 12 Still plowing oat stubble land. I think Charley & myself plowed about 3 ½ acres to-day. On yesterday I did not rest but a few minutes at dinner time. Spent a few hours fixing up the plow gear sawing new pieces on the broke *seams*. A brother of Charley, came this morning. Pa gave him employment to-day in his potatoe patch and orchard. I now have about 20 acres of wheat & oats stubble land plowed. I want to sow a pretty good crop of wheat this fall. I suppose there was meeting in McKinney to-night as I heard the bell. Was too tired to go over.

Thurs. July 13 Charley and myself still plowing oat stubble land. Finished up right hand side of branch on the east side of it. Ground is drying quite fast. A good rain would help very much the corn especially. Charley's brother (Hiram by name) worked for me to-day. I put him to cutting out fence corners. He worked well, very well for a young hand. This is my birthday. 31 years old to-day. Age on age rolls on, on + on. Little did I ever think that I would have lived a single man so long as I have. *Few* younger than myself of Pa's family have married late as this.

Fri. July 14 Plowed with Charley until dinner. This evening I let Hiram take my plow and I went to McKinney to buy some mule collars as the mules' shoulders are getting very sore from working old and indiferent collars. I bought four pretty good collars for ten dollars specie from J. G. Skidmon. He has some as high as \$5.00 a piece gold. This was quite a warm evening certain, but we have had warmer weather this summer. Heard late this evening that Woot Hill came near dying from drinking a certain kind of water on his way to Mo. on the way of Kansas.

Sat. July 15, 1871 Still dry weather. Charley and Hiram Finished plowing up oat stubble on east side of E. branch about an hour by sun p.m. I now have 30 acres of wheat and oat stubble land plowed to sow wheat on this fall. I *writed* & greased two new collars and carried them in to the field where the boys were plowing and put them on the mules. Have some peaches in our orchard. Nearly ripe. Went to McKinney. Did not start until late p.m. Met a negro coming for some corn for Jude Andrews. I used to go to school to Judge A.

Sun. July 16 Hottest day this year up to present time. It was so very warm I concluded to not go to church a.m. But intended to go to the singing at McKinney at 4 o'clock p.m. Just as I was starting to catch my horse Uncle Isaac came. Pa not being at home, the horn was blown for him. He hearing it soon came, but by that time it was getting so late. I gave out going to the

singing. Genie spent the day here with little Bennie. Tuck came by in their fine new buggy after Genie. Bud Newman & Fannie came late pm.. Molly Graves spent the day with us.

Mon. July 17 Commenced breaking up stubble land in West field where Woot & Tuck had oats. Charley & myself plowed all of 3 acres. Thermometer 98 about 3 o'clock hottest part of to-day. Our plows scoured good portion of to-day. Hiram chopped up some burro north side of this corn I bought of Billie a.m. Put him to cutting out fence corners with bryer, as brush *after* this evening. I do not know whether I will sow wheat on this land this fall as not, but by plowing it now it will in much better condition for corn next year. It will make the oats come up much faster after rain.

Tues. July 18 Charley and myself plowed oat stubble land again to-day. I think we plowed near 4 acres had no cleaning of plows much. It is truth thermometer was 97 degrees warmest part of day. Ground very dry. Had no rain is a long time. Hiram cut out fence corners about a half mile in length. I ate some ripe peaches in orchard to-day. Had Hiram to cut some sun-flowers along little branch on south side of the oat stubble I am now plowing. I do not want them to go to seed any where on the fence.

Wed. July 19 Charley plowed all day. I plowed some over half of to-day. Hiram cut burrs out of corn a.m. this evening I let him plow most of time. I cut up some sun flowers and fixed some fence. Late this evening I drove up my little mules. A few very light showers of rain fell near middle of day which was very acceptable but in quite a short time. Could not tell that any had fallen as the ground is so very dry. Heat more oppressive this evening than it has been for several days. Plows scoured mostly today on account of ground being so very dry.

Thurs. July 20, 1871 Finished plowing the piece of oat stubble land that we commenced on Monday morning near 14 acres in four days this warm weather is first rate plowing. I now have about 43 or 44 acres of stubble land plowed. Have only about 6 ½ acres to plow yet but can not plow it until it rains which I hope will be right soon. Hiram cut weeds out of fence corners and along the turning row towards Uncle Isaac's. Walker walked over to where I was plowing and stayed awhile with me. Genie came up late p.m. to go to McKinney tomorrow. I went to McKinney to hear a temperance lecture, but as it *turns out he is not* speaking until tomorrow night.

Fri. July 21 Hitched up two of the mules for Wick to drive Genie & Fannie to McKinney. I expected to go, but hearing on last night that they were summoning every one that went to McKinney for the Balloo case for next week I declined the idea of going. Took Charley & Hiram a load of rails with us to N. W. corner of farm threw down near 60 pounds to where Uncle Isaac's pasture fence goes and fixed it up good staking & sidering it. The ground very hard to ax in stakes. Hauled back a pretty good load of rail wood formerly rails. I went to McKinney to-night to temperance lecture C.& H. chopped weeds & grass out of my potatoe patch.

Sat. July 22 Charley cut weeds in the yard with byer or brush scyth until dinner. Hiram *ground* up bushes after helping me *new* my new studdebaker wagon under a shade. I paid \$135.00 gold dollars for this wagon and harness this morning bow sheet feed box +c. I went to McKinney this evening. Nothing very strange going here then. Charley and Hiram went to McKinney this evening. Old corn is very scarce in this part of Texas now. New crop of corn will be cut short.

Sun. July 23 Hiram rode round with me hunting up my little mules. We found most of them. I then turned them in the field. Kept them up the balance of to-day. I rode over to the singing at McKinney this evening. Some appearance of rain, but we have had so little rain for a long time. I fear it will not rain much. I went out in the large peach orchard of Pa's and gathered some very nice peaches to make a cobbler which we had for dinner to-day. Not many ripe peaches yet.

Mon. July 24 Charley Hiram and myself went over about 36 acres of my corn chopping out the burrs and large weeds. This has been a few good day for working in corn for the season of year. This morning it was quite pleasant. We saved thousands of burrs from going to seed. They were very thick except in a few places. We kept steady at work pretty much all day. Bud Neuman came late this evening from the pinerys East. He was quite tired when he came.

Tues. July 25, 1871 Charley and Hiram chopped burrs out of corn. They went out a good deal more to-day from what one of them told me. I rode round most of to-day trying to buy a mule, or horse. – Saw several mules, but price size +c did not suit me. I bought a horse from Lawson Ken conditionally provided I did not get one from some one else. To my surprise this morning Pa waked me up & told me my horse was home that was rode off by permission awhile back.



Wed. July 26 I went to McKinney as early this morning as I could get off with four mules an wagon to have shod to be ready to start to pinerys to-morrow morning. Got Frank Brown to shoe them. Brought them & wagon back and this evening I rode our mule Jack out and had him shod before. Still no rain. Hundreds and thousands are quite anxious to see some refreshing showers, but we can not tell when we will have any more rain.

Thurs. July 27 Started on my first trip to the pine mills about one hundred miles from East of us with three wagons. Charley Hiram and myself driving them. Wick also along with a two horse team. Bud Neuman along with his four horse team. W. & T. Hill teams with us until we get near Sulphur Springs. They then turned to the left. They went to Rudolph's and Blakeman's mills. Lumber there is 150 cts. per hundred feet. I am too fast as I did not have this little book with me & took no notes in any other books.

Fri. July 28 This morning some ten or twelve miles from home to-night. We are between 35 or 40 miles from McKinney still traveling eastward to pine mills. Rodes very dry & dusty. I am this trip traveling a road I never traveled before. Passed through Greenville the county seat of Hunt County. Water drying up right fast on & near the road. I met and passed quite a number of teams in rout for the pine mills for lumber. This is rather a leisure time with the farmers if there is such a thing as a leisure time for a good farmer.

Sat. July 29 Passed near Sulphur Springs. Left it just to the left. Wick Bud & myself have all got along finely so far. Have a chance to buy some water-mellons once in while along the road. Met several big oxtteams loaded with pine lumber for the prairie country. As I did not have this little book with me I can not recollect exactly the day's transactions. Old corn is worth \$ 1.50 cts. per bushel. Oats 50 cts per dozen fodder same price.

Sun. July 30, 1871 Still jogging along toward the pinerys. Arrived at *Wano* and Goodson's mill & lumber yard about an hour by sun this evening. Wick & Bud Neuman fixed in long coupling boxes in their wagons to haul lumber 16 ft. long. I greased my three wagons by Charley & Hiram's assistance. Did a little towards fixing coupling poles in my wagons. We want to get all five of our wagons loaded to-morrow anyhow a little before night if we finally can. Price of lumber is 1.25 per hrd feet at this mill.

Mon. July 31 Commenced loading our wagons early this morning. Put on a thousand feet of in lumber on Bud's wagon for four horses 700 feet of inch

bunches on the wagon I am driving for two mules. 600 feet for one of the others and near 600 feet on the other between five and six hundred on Wick's wagon. I might say all in lumber flooring and boxing We all got very warm loading and keying down our loads of lumber. I have already mentioned the price of lumber here could not get down any in price.

Tues. Aug. 1, 1871 Camped last night a short distance below Winnsboro. Drove up into this little village early. I purchased two buckets at 25 cts. a piece some rope to go to the end of our lines to make them long enough in locking our wagons so that one will not have to let our lines go when in backing our wagons. We are now homeward bound. Had some hard pulling through the sand to-day also some bad sand the few miles we drove on yesterday evening. I imagine I should dislike very much to live in this sandy country.

Wed. Aug. 2 Met some old friends and acquaintances. Still traveling to-wards home with our heavy loaded wagons. Wish I was there to-day to get some nice ripe peaches +c. Hiram is a much better driver on the road than Charley. He is more attentive to his business than Charley. Have not had to double at any hill as yet, but the roads are certainly as fine for wagoning as I ever saw them in any country.

Thurs. Aug. 3, 1871 Still jogging along to-wards home. Charley went to sleep to-day his team moving out of the road hang a tree and *the tins* were of *this* which broke the coupling pole and I am partly certain the axle is injured if it not broken. Sent Charley to Greenville after an anger to put in another C. P Had it all to unload. Cut as good a pole as I could find. I must confess, I was mad enough to whip Charley if he had been a slave, but we have to govern our temper under all circumstances & specially to-wards the negros these days.

Fri. Aug. 4 At half past 12 to-day Wick Bud & myself arrived at home. Bud & myself very soon went into our large peach orchard and ate as many nice peaches as we wanted. After Charley & Hiram unloaded my wagon we hitched our four mules to it and went after one of my wagons & the load of lumber on it about eight miles East of McKinney where the axle *tin* broke down. Charley made a bad drive when he broke it. He unloaded the other wagons and gathered some new corn to end an p.m.

Sat. Aug. 5 I went over to McKinney in Bud's wagon. He had the misfortune to get two of the fellows of his wagon broke while trying to fix a band on it. One of his horses pulled down the axle ten when one of the wheels was off. He

*spinned* striking the wheel breaking 2 of the fellows. I arrived to get an axle put in my wagon to-day, but did not. I took over some peaches in B's wagon. Sold part of them at \$1.00 per bushel. Good many peaches in McKinney. Rest feels sweet to me since my return from pine mills.

Sun. Aug. 6, 1871 I went up to the Hackberry School-house to hear Mack Wilmeth preach but was disappointed as he was not there. Brother Bums delivered a very good discourse. I came home to dinner. Rely insisted on my going home with him and taking dinner, but I concluded I would come home and rest awhile and go to the singing at McKinney. This evening very few out at singing. Protracted meeting going on the school house also mentioned is expected to last for several days.

Mon. Aug. 7 Commenced pulling fodder. I went to McKinney in wagon to carry the wagon Charley broke down from one shop to another to have the axle *tree* fixed in. I carried the timber to make the axle as seasoned timber is quite a scarce article in McKinney. It was terribly late when I got out home. Rode with Asher Skidmon up in Uncle Isaac's pasture to look at two young mules he got of Uncle I., but I did not buy them. came in 20 dollars of buying them. Charley Hiram and Albert pulling fodder for me. C. & H. pulled last Saturday for me.

Tues. Aug. 8, 1871 Brought the wagon home this evening that I had an axle put in. Charley Hiram & Albert pulled fodder again to-day. I am paying Albert \$1.00 per hundred bundles. Charley & Hiram I pay the same. all are 180 bundles a day. I have them hired by the month. But I concluded I would give them a chance to make a few dimes extra if they wished to. Still no rain. Every Christian person should offer a few kind and good words of prayer for rain.

Wed. Aug. 9 I commenced stacking fodder early a.m. Charley & Hiram helping me. They finished binding it up. Albert still helping about 9 o'clock. stacked about 700 bundles to-day. Commenced cutting up some corn in shocks 16 hills square to the shock. I cut this evening with them four of us put up about 20 shocks p.m. This is the first corn I have had cut up in many years. In Mo. we used to cut up more or less every year. Pa killed a nice little shoat just before night. We now have some very fine peaches. Commenced a letter to Uncle C. W. J.

Thurs. Aug. 10 Commenced drying peaches this morning here at Pa's. three negro women are drying them on the shares one half for the other half. Charley Hiram & Albert cut up 21 or 22 shocks of corn. It is getting pretty dry. I want

to have about 50 shocks of corn cut up in all. I went to McKinney this evening. not much news going on there nor is there much business being done there at present time. Quite a warm day. Wick started to Jefferson this morning.

Fri. Aug. 11 Early this morning I hitched up two of the mules and went up to Mr. Enos Scott's and paid him ten dollars in gold for twenty bushels of oats weighing thirty two pounds to the bushel. Weather very hot. Thermometer 99 degrees & has been near that about the middle of the day for some time. Charley and Hiram cut up corn until dinner. This evening we gathered a load of corn to feed on while am gone as I expect to start to the pine mills Monday morning next. After more lumber to build with as I am thinking of building a house.

Sat. Aug. 12 Measured up the last of our old corn only about six bushels and carried it to mill. Carried over one hundred bundles of oats for which I received \$3.00 in silver. I carried them as I went on to mill. Charley and Hiram finished cutting up what corn I wanted cut up a.m. I now have between 50 or 60 shocks of corn 16 hills square. I brought my bale of cotton home and put it in shop which I gave \$50.00 for some time back. Bought a two gal water keg for \$1.00. I carried Rely's wheat what little he had to mill this evening. Got it ground for him.

Sun. Aug. 13, 1871 Protracted, as camp meeting going on at Walnut Grove. several at McKinney I learned on yesterday evening am going out there to-day. Tuck & Tillie came up and spent most of to-day. I did not go anywhere to meeting to-day as it was so very warm. I concluded to remain at home & rest & write a letter to my sweet heart which I tried to do. Wish to start as early in the morning as I can get off to pine mills. I rather dread this trip on account of weather being so very hot & water so scarce in places.

Mon. Aug. 14 Started on another trip to pine mills four wagons three of which my own so called the other belongs to a negro going along with me to haul a load of pine planks for me at \$2.25 per hundred feet for inch lumber. Are to-night camped within 4 ½ miles of Greenville. Traveled well as it was 9 o'clock a.m. when we left home. An old (army) friend Gibson by name treated me to as much nice comb honey as I could eat late p.m. for which I returned him my many thanks.

Tues. Aug. 15 Passed through Greenville deposited some feed there to get as we return from pine mills. Got along finely to-day. Deposited some more feed

at a grocery store at Black Jack Grove. We got about a mile in the edge of the timber. See no more prairie until we load and get out of the timber. Good well near where we are camped. Water very scarce in many places along the road. I am now on a diferent road from the one I traveled on the other trip. I took a right hand road 2 mi E of Black Jack Grove.

Wed. Aug. 16 Started early a.m. Passed through little village. Then through Winnsboro and thence to Waum & Goodson's mill. Are to-night camped at said mill. Bugs very troublesome. Hiram had misfortune to let the bugs eat up about 1 ½ bushels of oats. I tried to load here at 1.00 per hundred feet but they would not take less than 1. 25. Some rain fell on us to-day. Right pretty little rain fell just ahead of us. I fixed my sheet for rain to-night, but no rain fell to-night. Now anxious to load, but not at 1. 25 per hrd ft.

Thurs. Aug. 17 Passed by Ratton's mill. This man used to live at McKinney. only halted a few minutes as there was no lumber at this mill that suited me. Arrived at Lawrence's mill about half past 9 o'clock. Found plenty of the prettiest lumber I most ever saw, but most of the best lumber sold but not taken away. \$1.00 per hundred for best here. Lawrence absent himself, but a little son of his showed me a pile of nice lumber when I could commence loading. I very soon went to work fixing long coupling poles and lock pieces got all four wagons mostly loaded except keying down.

Fri. Aug. 18, 1871 Got up early. Put Charley to getting breakfast. The rest of us Hiram and Albert and myself commenced keying down our loads of lumber, but it was near nine o'clock when we got started home. I put on 3000 feet on 4 wagons. Flooring and ceiling for which I paid 30 gold dollars. Traveled near 20 miles. Albert hung a high stump a broke his coupling pole but we tied it up so it lasted until near night. Made up a big fire unloaded his wagon put in another C. P. loaded it to-night.

Sat. Aug. 19 Albert stalled at a hill a little while after we started from camp. I hitched on two of our mules soon pulled him up the hill. Near night broke a single tree. Charley made one a broke right away. I then made a good one put the irons on it hot. He (Albert) broke another C.P. drove a short distance and camped. Only 4 miles to-day. Bought some nice water mellons which I enjoyed very much. Cut as nice a pole as we could find for C.P. put it in to-night unloaded and loaded his load again. Keyed it down. Quite tired near 12 o'clock to-night when I layed down.

Sun. Aug. 20 Got up about 3 hours before day, but did not aim to get up so early. got breakfast, or rather had H. & C. to get it. Watered and fed and started just as soon as we could see how to drive. Made a very good day's drive. Camped a short distance west of *Survills*. excellent public well. No breakage to-day I believe. Got our feed that we left a B. J. G. as we went down. Bought some ginger cakes which ate very well to hungry man. I had hoped to make it back home on to-morrow evening, but I can not now, on account of Tuck not back with Albert's wagon.

Mon. Aug. 21 Passed through Greenville homeward bound. Sold our thousand pounds of Pa's side meat at 15 cts per pound to a Capt Martin. aim to haul it to him next week, if *not no* trade. Got along very well to-day. Drove a little in the night to get to Pilot Grove Creek. Doubled teams pulled up the hill camped near Thom Shirley. He's on his way to Jefferson with several teams loaded with cotton, Uncle Isaac's crop. One of Albert's wheels about to give out.

Tues. Aug. 22 Camped at Pilot Grove Creek last night. Started without eating any breakfast this morning as the boys lost our meat last night. More bad luck as Albert told me part of the hounds of his wagon was broke. I very soon fixed it by his and Charley's assistance. I arrived at home about 12 o'clock to-day. Hogs have been breaking in the field destroying the corn. Pa been having a hard time generally. Unloaded all four of the wagons. 3,000 ft. of choice lumber. Very tired, to much as to go to McKinney to hear Mr. Carlton preach +c.

Wed. Aug. 23, 1871 Picked up my diary for the first time in ten days. I did not take this diary with me to pine mills. I made a couplin pole for one of Pa's old wagon's, sent Charley up to Uncle Isaac's after 15 bushels of seed wheat which I paid \$30 gold for. two dollars per bu gold. Weather still hot and dry. Had quite a hard days work piling up my lumber nicely with little sticks and pieces of boards. Charley helped Wick to fix the *branch* this evening where hogs have been getting in. Hogs are the most troublesome animals in the world when they once get to getting in a field.

Thurs. Aug 24 Hearing a few days ago that Gen. Davis (Radical) was to speak in McKinney to-day I went over to hear him. great many men assembled upon my arrival at the old court house. And just such a skunk I do not think I ever heard. It was the most tyranical outrageous of speeches. Most all the negro were present to hear him. I bought another bale of cotton a fraction under 500

lbs. for 45 dollars gold. Jessy O. brought it out in his wagon. I came with him. Rec'd a letter from an old *Mississippi* friend.

Fri. Aug. 25 Put Charley and Hiram to pulling corn off of shocks where I had cut up a few weeks ago. Corn has dried up very fast in the last few weeks. It will soon do to house. I was quite busy all of to-day fixing up a set of old harness and an old wagon. Had no time to loose. I am trying to get ready for another trip to pine mills. Want to start Monday morning if nothing prevents. I went out to McKinney heard Dr. B. F. Hall preach. First time in many months.

Sat. Aug. 26 First thing after feeding a little this morning before breakfast. I took Charley and Hiram and took a considerable look for my little mules. found them all except four immediately after breakfast. Hiram hauled a barrel of water, he and Charley hauled up the corn they pulled on yesterday. I then had seven loads of fodder cut and hauled not in front lot. I pulled the corn off of this fodder a few weeks ago. Mother had a thousand pounds meat washed. Heard Dr. Hall at McKinney again to-night.

Sun. Aug. 27, 1871 Spent an hour or so posting up my diary. There may be some more in the last ten days transactions as I have written only from memory. Did not go to church or anywhere to-day on account of expecting to start to pine mills on to-morrow and feeling very much like resting anyway. Remained at home all day. Camp meeting now going on an, as near Honey Creek a few miles North of McKinney. Tuck and Lucie went up there to-day. Mollie came down and spent the day. I am mistaken about remaining at home all day. I rode over to McKinney p.m. and then took a circle to find some of my little mules.

Mon. Aug. 28, 1871 Had a good deal of fixing this morning before I could get off to the pinerys East. Weighed and put in near 1100 pounds of bacon for a Capt. B. Martin at Greenville aim to get fifteen cents for sides and 12 ½ cts for shoulders. I started about half past ten o'clock traveled by moon shine about 2 hours after night. Got within ten miles of Greenville near plenty of water for ourselves and mules. Charley & Hiram with me again. Same team and wagons I made the other two trips with.

Tues. Aug 29 Arrived at Greenville pretty early a.m. Capt. M received and paid me for the bacon. very much pleased with the meat. Saw him sell a side at 20 cts. per pound. Found water at only three places for our mules to-day. Just East of Greenville later at Survill's well and below Black Jack Grove 2 ½ miles where I am stopping for to-night A slight northern late p.m. Had some trouble

with one of my mules. She got loose & while we were trying to catch her she ran off to another bunch of horses. We finally succeeding in catching her.

Wed. Aug. 30 Right smart rain fell on and just ahead of us. Considerable thunder and lightning but no one hurt that I know of. I made a long drive to-day. Tried to make Winnsboro, but did not get quite there. Got within about a mile of it. Near the house where we are camping some one playing ahead on a violin commonly called a fiddle with us. Plenty of rain in this part of Texas, but I fear none has fallen on in the good county of Collin. Did not sleep much to-night. In fact have not slept much since I left home.

Thurs. Aug. 31 Some rain on us to-day, but not much. Met an old army comraid Ed Williams near Lawrence's Mill. Arrived at this mill about ten o'clock. Was disappointed in getting the kind of lumber I expected to haul this time for my house, but loaded with fencing and flooring planks. Got good lumber at \$1.00 per hundred 1900 feet. He gave me so many of strips as I wanted to haul. I suppose I put in about one hundred feet of them. Got loaded just before night except keying down and fixing the cross ties. did that to-night. I think it must have been near 2 o'clock when I went to sleep to-night.

Fri. Sept. 1, 1871 Started back home about an hour's sun this morning. Traveled some over 20 miles had some heavy sand for a few miles below Winnsboro. I partly broke my coupling pole by striking a stump with left hind wheel. I did not intend to travel after dark to-night, but on account of getting to good water did so. All hands & mules pretty tired. Water drying up some since we went down along this road. Still there is plenty of water in this part of country.

Sat. Sept. 2 Still making tracks towards home. Good days travel. To-night camped within about 3 miles of *Surville* noted well for the abundance of good water it contains. Saw Mack Kerr with an ox team at Black Jack G. at the best camping place we have struck for many a day. So much good grass. Did not cook any supper to-night being very tired and not feeling very hungry. Water very rare in this section of country. Citizens refuse (have to an account of the scarcity of it) to let a teamster have a keg filled.

Sun. Sept. 3 Still making tracks towards home. Passed through Greenville stopped there about an hour. Preaching going on. It made me wished I was so that I could attend meeting in my own loved neighborhood. Am to-night stopping about 80 miles east of home. My friend Geo. Fitzhugh came up to a



well when I was watering early a.m. but I drove on and he never overtook me he's just from Jefferson. Thom Sherley and his team are on behind. Saw a right pretty girl dressed in red this evening.

Mon. Sept. 4 Arrived at home at 10 o'clock a.m. The moon shown so very brightly I started about three hours before day this morning. Made a quick trip this time in seven days to Lawrence's mill some over one hundred miles so I now think. Some only call it one hundred miles. I brought back about 2000 feet of nice lumber. 100 feet were in strips given to me. My those two horse loads only cost me \$19.00 for 1900 feet. Very tired & sleep p.m. Took a considerable *dr nap*.

Thurs. Sept. 5 Piled up my lumber nicely a. m. Had a barrel of water hauled also a load of stock fodder for my little mules. Drove most of them up yesterday evening. Two of them I have not seen in some time. I went to McKinney this evening. Bought some articles of goods for homefolks. Still very dry no rain having fallen worth talking about since I left farm. Charley and Hiram rested this evening. Peaches nearly all gone, or rather dried up on the trees.

Wed. Sept. 6, 1871 Commenced gathering corn to house Charley Hiram and myself. Gathered only six loads as we got rather a late start a.m. and p.m. Charley killed a shoat and Hiram hauled a barrel of water. I drove up all of my little mules that I could find. Corn not as good as it was last year owing to the droughth this season. Wick hauling some brick from near Pilot Point to build a chimney to the house where he is living. Tucks wagons also. This is some earlier than we commonly commence housing corn.

Thurs. Sept. 7 First thing this morning after feeding greased the wagon we are using in gathering corn. Gathered eight loads of corn to-day. C. & H. and myself. some hundred and twenty or thirty bushels. Drove up all of my little mules that were close by. Weather some cooler than it was a week or so ago. Did not lose much time to-day from gathering corn. Charley and Hiram are both very good hands. They suit me very well. I do not know how I could get along without them now.

Fri. Sept. 8 Before breakfast C. & H. and myself got in middle corn house and threw the corn back right smartly. We got *tired* five loads before dinner. Worked very steady and partly fast the last load. Gathered three loads p.m. then rode out on prairie and found two of my little mules I have not seen for several

weeks. got them up. Capt. Bush and others were out this evening looking for some one Ike I suppose, but they failed to find him this time. Thought something about going to the Thespian Entertainment at McKinney to-night, but gave it out.

Sat. Sept. 9 Gathered corn with Charley and Hiram until dinner. All went to McKinney p.m. Bought some goods. Went to the clerk's office after my deed to 123 acres of land. Rec'd my first N. of Atlanta Sun (A. H. Stevens paper). I now have 28 loads of corn gathered in all. Charley & Hiram caught some right nice little fish just below our fence on West branch this evening. had them for supper to-night. I went to McKinney to the Thespian Entertainment to-night.

Sun. Sept. 10 I went to McKinney to church a.m. Heard a Cumberland Presbyterian (*Sevun* I believe is his name) Several of the McKinney girls not out to church to-day. Came home to dinner. Spent a few hours at Wicks this evening. About an hour by sun started out after my little mules found and drove up all of my little mules for the first time in more than a month. I have some very pretty young mules hope to do well with them some day. Weather still very dry. It is getting to be dangerous to ride over the prairies are on account of the large cracks in the ground.

Mon. Sept. 11, 1871 Still gathering corn. eight loads again to-day. Charley Hiram and myself. Gathered one load east of East branch. So that old friend Detton can have a pass-way to gather his big crop ironacally speaking. He failed to cultivate his ten acres as he should have done. I went over to McKinney to-night to a meeting of the Young Mens Democratic Club. joined it and was appointed by his excellency Hugh J. Throckmorton on a committee. H. J. T. is president of the Club. Had good deal of fun there to-night.

Tues. Sept. 12 Gathered eight loads of corn again to-day. Weather still very dry. I would that we only could have a good rain it would then cause the grass to grow on the prairie which is now dried up pretty much and eaten out together. As we live near Town the grass here is more eaten out than it is further from McKinney. I now have upwards of five hundred bushels of corn gathered. It is not near as heavy as it was last year. I am rather at a loss to know what to write just now.

Wed. Sept. 13 Charley Hiram and myself still getting corn eight loads again to-day. I do not suppose the bed will hold more than 14 or 15 bushels this year. We have generally for several years counted this bed at 18 bushels. Lucie

Melia and myself intended going to a party at McKinney to-night, but it rained a lots this evening which prevented us from going. I was also late in getting up my little mules this evening. Had a right smart little round to find my little donkeys.

Thurs. Sept. 14 Charley and Hiram did not help me much this morning as they went to a negro wedding to-day. Shelled by some little assistance over eight bushels of corn then threw the corn back in the two rooms where I have my corn and was in Pa's middle corn house. got very warm. The clock was striking 12 just as I entered in the house after doing this. I *watered* two of the mules carried my corn and some for Wick to the mill p.m. stopped while in McKinney. Bought two pants patterns. Rec'd my commission as Capt. from E. J. Davis p.m. It has a flaming gold, an *gided* star on it. Had then was a right nice party at McKinney last night.

Fri. Sept. 15 Charley not able to work to-day as he was up dancing nearly all night. Hiram and myself gathered six loads of corn to-day, but did not have time to throw out the last load. Corn *pulled* very tough this morning as a little sprinkle of rain fell on yesterday and pretty heavy dew last night. I now have 59 loads of corn gathered for Pa and myself estimating 15 bushels per load. It would make 285 bushels gathered in all. 29 loads for myself and 30 for Pa. It may not make on average of 15 bushels per load.

Sat. Sept. 16, 1871 Charley Hiram and myself gathered 4 loads of corn a.m. I went to McKinney this evening. Charley and Hiram went down to the bottom after a load of wood p.m. Then they drove up my little mules. An old army comrade came out with me this evening and spent the night name Mat Clark. Wick went down to mill after the grain I took down a few days ago. Brought back the meal. Dry weather still continues in this portion of Texas. It has been raining some round. I still hope we may have rain soon.

Sun. Sept. 17 I went to Hackberry School house to meeting to-day. Heard Brother Joe. Darnall preach. Went home with Rely to dinner. Some rain fell this evening whilst at Rely's but not much. I came by Ed Stiff's stopped awhile this evening. Ed not at home. I drove up the mules on my return home later this evening. Have not as yet sown my wheat on account of the long droughth we have had and I might add are still having. But hope it may rain so that I can commence soon.

Mon. Sept. 18 I went down to McKinney a.m. to pay mine and Pa's taxes. Paid for Pa \$69.65 cts for myself \$12.00 U. S. currency. Wrote to the Adj. Gen. James Davidson and sent him mine and my Leuts' oaths as we non commissioned officers in Reserve Militia by his excellency Gov. E. J. Davis. I being ordered to report to Brig. Gen J. C. Chapman. I also wrote him a letter telling as soon as armed +c I would be ready for service. C. & H. gathered 2 loads of corn off of shock. Went with C. H. hauled out a load of this fodder. Went to McKinney temperance meeting to-night.

Tues. Sept. 19 Had quite a fine rain last night. many hearts are truly thankful to Him "who *subeth* doeth all things well" for such a fine rain. I commenced sowing wheat this morning. Ground rather wet a.m. but plowed tolerably well this evening. Am sowing on oat stubble land. Using double shovel plow some. I rained some three hours last night. I hope we may have more rain soon.

Wed. Sept. 20 Still sowing wheat Charley and Hiram helping me. Layed aside double shovel plows and now using the harrow & cultivator and following with a very wide brush aiming to brush it both ways after *harrowing* it well. I would be so thankful and proud to make a heavy yield of wheat on this land next year. In do not think there will be much sown this fall as seed wheat is very scarce and high in price.

Thurs. Sept. 21, 1871 Charley Hiram and myself still putting in wheat. They are working for me for 11.50 & 12.33 1/3 per month. C. the most. Ground is now in fine plowing order. Finished sowing the 19 acres East of East branch, but did not get done brushing it. Commenced sowing near the house late this evening. I layed off several lands Charley plowed in. Now using big plow two mules to a plow.

Fri. Sept. 22 I have just posted up my diary since Tuesday morning to-night. I finished brushing wheat land E. of East branch at 12 n. Now have that 19 acres put in as nice as I ever saw wheat put in, if we can only have a good rain soon it will be so fine on it. As I wish to write a letter, as two yet to-night will stop writing here for present. I have just written xx four pages, a letter to my friend. J. H. Stapp. It is now between 9 & 10 o'clock. near 10 o'clock.

Sat. Sept. 23 I got up rather earlier than common this morning. Shucked a lot of corn in order to get the shucks for my little mules. Charley then helped me to setup two or three of our oat stacks. The rain that we had on last Monday night was accompanied by considerable wind which blew off the tops of these

stacks. I stopped work at noon. Drove Genie Lucie + Melie over to McKinney in wagon. Genie wished some pictures, but was disappointed. Late this evening I drove up a few of my little mules Charley failed to find.

Sun. Sept. 24 As some of Pa's hogs have been missing for two days and learning some of them were in Mr. Muse's field. I went with Charley and Hiram to try to get them out, but we failed to find any of them. Rely and Neuman rode up as I returned home. I then went to McKinney expecting to hear a fellow on Education, but as old Brother Cloyd was holding forth in Church at the time this Honorable gentleman was deferred the privilege of speaking. My old friend R. N. Anderson came out with me. He only remained a few hours. Mother went up with me to *Mc* for *water with* see with when I intend to *buied*.

Mon. Sept. 25 Am still plowing in wheat three two mule teams. I am plowing it in across the way. I plowed this land in the summer. My first sowing of wheat with the oats are coming up. Charley Hiram and myself the three that are running these teams. Stopped a little while before night. Charley and Hiram hauled out a load of stock fodder. I drove up my little mules. I went to the Democratic Club meeting at McKinney to-night.

Tues. Sept. 26, 1871 Finished sowing 30 acres of wheat, but did not get it all brushed late this evening. I roached a mule made some little pads to go under the collars of the teams. I am going to send to the pine mills with Bud Neuman. I expected H. Stiff here this morning to make a horse trade with me, but he failed to come according to promise. I went to McKinney to have some shoeing done then went down to the mill paid \$2.00 a for slab planks (bois d'arc) to go round and cover the well I had commenced a little while before dinner.

Wed. Sept. 27 Expected to start one wagon with Bud Neuman to the pinerys this morning. It did not suit him to go. Concluded to wait until to-morrow morning. I finished brushing my last 11 acres of wheat land a.m. Went with Uncle John cut two forks and fixed some a windlos he helping me for my well. It is now near 8 feet deep. Charley and H. gathered five loads of corn to-day. I hind a hand on yesterday evening to drive my team. he came this morning, but it did not suit to go. he went back with the promise to come in the morning.

Thurs. Sept. 28 Disappointed this morning by my driver not coming. Bud N. went over to see him his excuse was he not very well and I was not giving him enough. I had a positive contract with him to go and drive this team of mine.

But he like most other Freedman not much confidence to be put in what they say. Bud tried hard half of to-day to get me a driver for this wagon, but he failed to get a hand. Uncle John also out trying to get a hand to help him about my well. He got the promise of a negro to help him to-morrow. Commenced gathering on the corn I bought of Billie. C. H. and myself only gathered 9 loads in all to-day. I now have about 11.10 bushels gathered.

Fri. Sept. 29 Several hands came this morning to help me gather corn to-day. Run three wagons two hands to each of two of three wagons & three with the 3<sup>rd</sup> wagon counting a boy. Gathered 19 loads in all some over 300 bus. two hands also working in and at my well. Corn now breaks off easy. I paid three hands \$1.00 per day except this boy & C. & H. but made C. & H. a present of a gold dollar apiece along there monthly wages. This was also a most excellent day for gathering corn. Cool & pleasant.

Sat. Sept. 30 Most of the hands I had on yesterday came back & helped me gather corn until 12 n. Yesterday and to-day I housed near 500 bushels of corn. I paid Uncle John \$4.00 Alex 1.00 for well. I went to McKinney this evening heard Robert Horn Mack Wilmeth and James R. Wilmeth were holding a protracted meeting at McKinney. Came home found the latter preacher here I then went out West after my little mules got in all except three. Then went to McKinney to church to-night. Joe. Parker was to *brought* to McKinney *wounded*.

Sun. Oct. 1, 1871 I might not be out of place to state here that Joe Parker has been quite a wild boy. I fear Billie was with him. I went to McKinney to church a.m. *Mr. and Mrs.* Kerr came out with me to dinner. I passed by the church this evening on my way to Jack Sherley's. I promised him I would be out to look at a couple of mule colts to trade or not trade on to-morrow morning. Am to-night staying with him. Saw his two mule colts.

Mon. Oct. 2 Came home to breakfast distance about ten miles did not buy his (Jack's) colts. I found Bud Neuman hitching up as soon as I got in sight of the house almost. They started to pine mills about 9 o'clock a.m. I sent two wagons. Charley and myself gathered corn off of shock 10 shocks 1 ½ loads. It rained a little (rather a mist of rain) for a right smart while To-day How I do wish we could have a real good rain, but we are not thankful enough to Him "who is the author of every good and perfect gift."

Tues. Oct. 3 I went down to Sherley's mill after some bois d'arc for Pa to be used for kerbing well. Whisest then I concluded to buy some bois d'arc posts which I paid 12 ½ cts apiece for. I brought back quite a good load of bois d'arc from said mill to-day. Election going on for congressman. I did not get to vote to-day. hauled up some corn late p.m. that Charley pulled off of shock to-day he only pulled about 4 shocks when he ought to have pulled 8 shocks.

Wed. Oct. 4 Charley and myself gathered corn off of stalk only got 3 loads as it was very indeferent corn on account of the drough-late planting. It was damp gathering. This day nine years ago I was pretty badly wounded at Corinth Mississippi. Fell in to the hands of the Yanks. I reckon I never will forget the 4<sup>th</sup> day of Oct. 1862. I remember everything that transpired on that day. Time oh! time how fast thou fliest. Days, weeks, months & even years glide by so swiftly.

Thurs. Oct. 5 I went to McKinney this morning to vote and to learn about Brother Billie as it is reported he had been killed down East near 100 miles. But I learned it was all a mistake about him being killed. I voted for Capt. John C. Conner for congress. Got home to dinner Charley and Bill M. (Freedman) gathered corn a.m. All three of us gathered corn p.m. 4 loads C. & B. only got 2 loads a.m. They ought to have gather 3 loads a.m.

Fri. Oct. 6, 1871 Bill Charley & myself still gathering corn. The former & myself threw the corn back in corn houses before breakfast. The latter hauled a barrel of water. Immediately after breakfast we went to gathering corn. Am now gathering off of my 12 acre piece. This piece of corn is not turning out as well as I had hoped it would. We then gathered eight loads to-day. About one hundred and twenty bushels of corn. I now have I suppose near 1800 bushels gathered.

Sat. Oct. 7 Bill Charley and myself only gathered 3 loads a.m. as we had to get part of it off of shock. Stopped work at dinner. I went by McKinney bought some goods. Then went down to Mr. Gib Mathews's to look at his mule colts he has six this year. I bought five of him last year at 50.00 dollars apiece. He asked my 40 dollars this year. I only left a bid of 37 ½ dollars for them. am to-night staying with him. It was nearly dark when I arrived at his house.

Sun. Oct. 8 Mr. G. Mathews and myself rode round a little this morning to take another little look at his mule colts. He then went to Spring Creek to church. I found my old friend and sweetheart there. She was looking as pretty

as ever. I went then to dinner to-day. Started for home late p.m. Got to McKinney in time to see the protracted meeting close to-night It has been carried on by Mr. James & Mac Wilmeth & Robert Horn. The two latter have not been long from college.

Mon. Oct. 9 Charley gathered corn off of shock a.m. I helped him a little after I came back from McKinney. I brought out 3 pr boots two coats & one pr cloth pants. Two pr of the boots for Charley and Hiram. One pr for myself one coat for Pa the other for myself. also the pants for L.H.G. Bud Neuman and the other wagons got back from the pine mill late p.m. Only gathered 2 loads of corn to-day. Unloaded my load of boxing planks this evening.

Tues. Oct. 10 Gathering corn. I gathered 6 shocks while Charley and Albert gathered 6 ½ only. Made them throw it out. Hiram lost half of to-day. Finished gathering corn off of shock. 5 ½ loads gathered to-day. Gathered the little pieces near the hog pen, or rather near the place where we have been making and still will make it this year. Soon I hope as Pa has been wanting to put up his hogs for some time. Three acres have only turned out about 4 loads.

Wed. Oct. 11 Commenced gathering on my 8 ½ acre piece. Four of us with two wagons gathered 12 loads. about 180 bushels. This is very good corn for this year. Now have gathered about 205 bushels of this piece of corn. It was near dark when we stopped work. I let Hiram have the coat before I ever wore it that I brought home on day before yesterday morning. I hope to finish gathering corn on to-morrow. My wheat is not doing much I sowed awhile back.

Thurs. Oct. 12, 1871 Finished gathering corn 6 loads. Three of which 16 2/3 I suppose, =50. 3 about 15 per load = 45 To-day about 95 bushels. 205 & 95 makes 300 bushels off of this piece of corn. A very small fraction over 35 bushels to the acre. Sent to the bottom after a load of wood. Put Albert & H. to hauling rails for a hog pen. Late this evening I went up then laid the *uenks* and we then put it up. also a pen round the piece of corn I put up there for the hogs. About 150 bushels.

Fri. Oct. 13 I run three wagons to-day hauling up stock fodder. Hauled 5 loads to the wagon. 15 loads in all. Albert, Charley Hiram and myself run them. about 45 shocks we hauled up. Ricked it in the orchard. A few light showers of rain on us during the day. Old Uncle John Muse & Bill (Freedman) working at and in my well. I suppose they have it near 18 feet deep. I am truly proud that



I have the field clear. This was certainly the best day for hauling out stock fodder I ever saw.

Sat. Oct. 14 Had fine rain last night and still it continues to rain to-day. I took a considerable round before breakfast after two of my little mules in the rain but failed to find them. I with several negros shelled about 6 bushels of corn in an hour, or so a.m. Bud Newman came down yesterday evening on his way after some lime to use in putting up a chimney to the house he's going to build. I went to McKinney this evening. Spent more than twenty dollars gold for goods with John Howell. H. & *Easted store*. Bought myself a very nice dress coat.

Sun. Oct. 15 It rained slowly more than half of to-day. Do not suppose there was any church at McKinney today. I rode round some this evening on hunt of my little mules that have been missing for about ten day (2 in No.) Did not see anything of them. Bud N. and sister Fannie still with us. I was at Mr. A. Chandler's talking with him about an hour this evening. Weather considerable cooler then it's been. Had our 1st fire in the house this fall on yesterday morning. (14<sup>th</sup> last.)

Mon. Oct. 16, 1871 Took Bill Charley and Hiram to the bottom ground off several bois d'arc blocks to come under a little porch over our East door. also sawed off some for the house I am expecting to build. Got a few posts ground pieces 13 or 15 stakes all bois d'arc. Commenced sowing wheat again on corn land about 3 p.m. Left out a little over half acre where I going to build. I am truly thankful for such a fine rain. Collin County Fair commences to-morrow.

Tues. Oct. 17 Did not have time to go to the fair to-day. I run 5 plows to-day. Charley Hiram Bill Albert & George varying in price from 9-15 dollars per month. Or at this rate. Let 4 of these boys take a mule a piece and the other two mules or rather a mule & a horse. The corn land where I am now sowing wheat on is very clean & in fine plowing order. I found my two missing mules in J. S. Muses's field, but failed in driving them home. Heard that Billie was arrested but got away from the jaill at McKinney last night. I know what he was arrested for.

Wed. Oct. 18 Got up early. Drove up the mules. Put the boys to shucking and shelling corn until breakfast. I measured up some wheat to sow. Immediately after breakfast I went to sowing wheat & the boys to plowing it in. I sowed ten bushels of wheat a.m. just before dinner. Albert broke the other handle out of his plow. I helped him, or rather did nearly all the work in putting

in another handle. I went down to the Fair this evening. Saw several premiums awarded to some good mules +c +c +c. Met with several of my old friends. Dan McCullock among the number.

Thurs. Oct. 19 Finished sowing wheat to-day. I then went to the Fair one mile East of McKinney. The boys Charley Hiram Bill Albert & George finished plowing in wheat a little before night. Quite a crowd at the Fair this evening. I have 20 acres of wheat yet to brush. I put 16 acres of this last sowing of wheat in with single mule to a plow. Wick and myself sewed eight acres together. Put this in with two horses to the plow. I am truly glad that I am done sowing wheat.

Fri. Oct. 20 All hands and everyone on the place went to the Fair to-day except Pa. He stayed at home. It closed late this evening after much fun and laughter to many that were present. Good deal of fine stock was shown during these 4 days and many premiums were awarded. I had nothing to show, or at least I did not show anything, therefore of course got no premium. Uncle Isaac Tuck Hill and many others got several premiums. Heard some bad news about a man eaten eaten alive.

Sat. Oct 21, 1871 Had 10 ½ bushels corn and 6 bushels wheat measured up before breakfast this morning and immediately after breakfast I started to the mill. Put the boys to getting wood except George. Put him to brushing my wheat land. I drove up to town after leaving my grain at the mill. Went back from McKinney to mill got my meal & flour home late. Boys stopped work at dinner to-day. Some rain.

Sun. Oct. 22 Started to Rely's Between 8 & 9 o'clock saw the most brilliant rainbow in the West this morning I most ever saw. Rely & myself started on the hunt of Billie. Took dinner with our old friend S. D. Hatler for the first time together in five years. We are to-night stopping with Mr. Naif Hampton. I killed the largest rattlesnake this evening I ever saw. It was about 5 feet long 12 in. in circumference. & had 12 or 13 rattles on it. Killed it on Lower Bonham road just beyond Sister Grove Creek.

Mon. Oct. 23 Rely and myself did not arrive at home until 9 o'clock to-night. Did not find Billie. We rode not less than 40 miles to-day. Did not stop for dinner. Were very tired and hungry when we got back home. Mother had very good supper for us. Negro boys spent to-day in getting wood. We were at old

man Dixon's & also at Widow Lee's. My first sowing of wheat looks very pretty.

Tues. Oct. 24 I sowed a little wheat in the orchard. Geo. & myself plowed it in a.m. for the chickens. Put Charley Hiram and Albert to getting wood. Bill helped old Uncle John about well until dinner. The latter got sick & the former hauled one load of wood p.m. I plowed over part of my little potatoe patch a.m. Geo. Finished brushing wheat land & chopped up some wood this evening. I went to McKinney. Bought some articles of goods p.m. Got some papers. Wrote to R. M. Anderson.

Wed. Oct. 25 I took George with me to McKinney we carried five mules to have shod. I got them all shod before. did not care to have them shod behind. Spent to-day in getting ready to start to Jefferson on to-morrow. Stopped Albert and Bill from working any longer a.m. But told Bill I wanted him to help Uncle John about my well whenever it suited the old negro to work in well. Do not feel able to keep so many negros just now.

Thurs. Oct. 26, 1871 I was quite busy good portion of to-day before I could get started to Jefferson. It was about 2 o'clock p.m. when I got my three wagons and Bud Neuman got started to Jefferson. We stopped awhile in McKinney. Bud put on a bale of cotton, but is only to get 1.75 cts per hundred lbs. for hauling it. I bought Charley and Hiram a pair of blankets for \$4.00 from Ben Rhine. Traveled by moon-shine until we arrived at Sister Grove Creek 9 miles East from McKinney. (9 mile)

Fri. Oct. 27 We made a partly good day's drive. Arrived at Greenville awhile after sun set. Tried to sell some 2 or 300 lbs. Bacon at different houses in Greenville but they did not seem disposed to want to buy and just as we were leaving said town I saw a man standing in a door of his storehouse. I called to him & asked him if he did not want to buy some bacon. He asked me the price. I told him 12 ½ and 15 cts. He gave me 12 and 15 cts per lb. for shoulders & sides. (27 mls to-day)

Sat. Oct. 28 Passed through Black Jack Grove. I deposited a sack of corn at Greenville one dozen bushels oats near toll. bridge. East of Greenville on yesterday evening. Left another sack or rather left another bag of corn at Black Jack in a barrel. We are to-night camped within 4 ½ miles of Sulphur Springs. Met quite a No. of wagons loaded with pine plank mostly. Price we paid to

cross toll. bridge over the Sabine river near Greenville 35 cts for two horse wagons \$1.00 G. backs for our 4 2 horse wagons. (26 1/2 mls to-day)

Sun. Oct. 29 Met Bill Mallow just returning from Arkansas. Also met *Spengion* who lived near McKinney returning from Jefferson with new kind of school books for public schools. of Old John Brown, Lincoln Grant and others of the same ink. Passed through *Guin* grocery we are to-night encamped about four miles East of those groceries. Traveled to-day about 27 miles. Have been getting along finely so far. (27 miles)

Mon. Oct. 30 Rain rain rain to-day. We overtook Jor. Waddill George O'Brien & Bob Davis a.m. They started from McKinney just one day ahead of us. We all *wacked* in the an old grocery to-day rain falling. It was an old blacksmith shop instead of a grocery. We are to-night encamped a little ahead of Waddill & others. It rained very hard while we were trying to get supper & while I was trying to dry my feet by a campfire. Passed through Mount Pleasant another toll. bridge 25 cts G. backs for 2 horse wagons. (About 22 miles)

Tues. Oct. 31, 1871 Since the rain there has been a considerable change in the weather. It is good deal cooler than it was before the rain. Roads muddy pretty hard on team and disagreeable traveling. We only made about 19 miles to-day and did very well to make that distance. Our friends Waddill O'Brien and Davis still behind us. Do not suppose they will overtake us before we get to Jefferson, Texas. (About 19 mls to-day)

Wed. Nov. 1 Arrived I might say in Jefferson to-day. We stopped about sun set in a wagon yard in about 1/2 mile of the business portion of Jefferson. I hope to sell my cotton for a pretty good price on to-morrow. But Abe & John Hall returning from Jefferson to-day. Distance from home 1 1/2 miles west of McKinney to Jefferson according to the distances give me is one hundred (155 1/2) & fifty-five and a half miles. A room furnished us in wagon yard to-night. 22 1/2 mls to-day 1/2 m yet to main part of Jefferson.

Thurs. Nov. 2, 1871 We drove in Jefferson early a.m. First bid on my cotton 13 3/4 cts. down an still further offered 13 30/100 cts. by this time a Maj Slack wished me to give him 50 cts on the bale to sell it for me. I hesitated at first to let him sell it for me, but at last I concluded to let him sell it for me. One of the bales I had only bought 12 1/4 & the other 14 1/4 cts. I made I cleared on these two bales of cotton 37.75 cts in gold by hauling them to Jefferson. 155 miles.

Fri. Nov. 3 We all stayed at the same wagon yard last night. Jor. Waddill O'Brien & Davis. Price at wagon yard 25 cts. for two horse wagons a night. It only cost me 150 cts for two nights 3 wagons. Now making to-wards home. We are to-night encamped about 18 miles west of Jefferson. Waddill & others with us. Some rain fell on us about middle of to-day, but it then cleared off mostly. All of us pretty well loaded. I loaded my teames with flour and salt mostly some grocerys for home even bought a nice suit of clothes for myself.

Thurs. Nov. 4 I got up first and I have been doing generally on this trip. Made a fire waked up the other boys. Started awhile after sunrise stopped at a lake to water our teames all of us watering our mules and horses out of buckets except Jor. Waddill. he concluded to drive in said lake & in so doing he broke the hind axle of his wagon turning the wheel off in the water and letting the bed down. I stopped and helped him to get all his things out and I then left them.

Sun. Nov. 5 Upon our arrival in Dangerfield on yesterday evening I heard a church bell. It reminded me of the good old times I have seen at meeting, but very soon after I heard same bell tolling the death knell of someone who has been called from this to another mode of existance. Stopping in Dangerfield to have an axle tree made for Joe Waddill in a few minutes I saw the coffin of a lady this was the cause of the ringing of that bell on yesterday we got along very well to-day.

Mon. Nov. 6 Still homeward bound. We made about 25 miles to-day. If it does not rain I hope to get back home on Thursday evening next as it is only about 75 miles from here home. But it looks so very much like rain. I fear very much we are going to have rain on us. Our friends Waddill and others I do not suppose will over take us between this and home. Roads in very good hauling order.

Tues. Nov. 7, 1871 Rain rain rain. But we made a very good days travel considering the roads. I think we made about 23 miles to-day. Stopped awhile in Sulphur Springs. Bud Neuman bought some sash (40 by 12) 12 *light* windows at 12 ½ cts per *light*. Just such as I paid 10 cts per *light* for in Jefferson. While in Jefferson I bought enough sash for 14 windows. I also bought two nice parnal doors for \$6.70 for sash \$16.80 for one pair dog irons \$1.35 In all \$24.85 on this trip for my house.

Wed. Nov. 8 Roads being so muddy we did not make such a day's drive in No. of miles as we've been making. We will now do well to make it home Friday evening. We are to-night encamped one mile East of Greenville on the Sabine. Our mules had some hard pulling to-day. I think when I get home off this trip I will rest up awhile. My teames as well as myself and hands.

Thurs. Nov. 9 I sold our barrel of flour at \$13.00 before arriving in the town of Greenville to toll-bridge man. While in Greenville I sold three barrels more of flour at same price, but took 2 of these barrels out of Bud's wagon. So I only sold 2 of brls of mine and 2 of Bud's. This is very nice flour indeed. We took what's called the ridge *rout* after traveling about 4 miles this side of Greenville. This road is further, but a much better road. We are encamped to-night in about 18 mls of McKinney.

Fri. Nov. 10 Arrived at McKinney about an hour sun p.m. Bud and myself deposited some flour & salt 6 brls Flour & 6 sacks salt authorized him to sell the flour at \$14.00 per Bbl. and the salt at 7.00 per sack. It was nearly dark when we got to Pa's. Still I had nearly everything unloaded before eating supper. Found a letter here at home for me from my old friend Jor. H. Stapp of Lafayette Co. Missouri.

Sat. Nov. 11 Finished unloading wagons early this morning and I then went to McKinney, but did not learn any news much from any source. I got my Enquirer. Joe Wadill O'Brien & Davis had not arrived at McKinney when I left there late this evening. I was much pleased to see my wheat looking so green and beautiful on my arrival in sight of it coming home late yesterday evening. I saw all my little mules this morning. They also have *im fured* good deal since I saw them 15 days ago.

Sun. Nov. 12 I have just written 18 of the foregoing pages in this diary. I took another little book on the road with me to J. in a which I took down a few notes. So that I might know how to *froued* in this book. Some rain fell on last night and it had been raining off an on *most* of to-day. It was 9 o'clock when I got up this morning. I have been reading and writing most of to-day since that time. Now late in the evening.

Mon. Nov. 13, 1871 Considerable Northern very disagreeable indeed. I went to McKinney but did not buy much only some nails & calico. The former 10 cts per lbs. the latter 12 ½ cts. per yd. District court commenced at McKinney to-day but not much done on account of the bad weather. Charley and Hiram

did not do anything to-day. My first sowing of wheat does look beautiful my last sowing is also up. Rely came by this morning as he has just received a letter from our brother Ike. Nothing from Billie at week.

Tues. Nov. 14 Charley Hiram and myself commenced resetting the East string of our front lot fence, but we did not finish it. Charley helped to kill a beef for ourselves one of Pa's young steers. Bud Neuman came by this evening. Has nothing done in the way of putting up his house. The carpenter disappointed him. It seems one disappointment follows another. We were disappointed in getting cypress shingles in Jefferson.

Wed. Nov. 15 Got up pretty early. Shucked some corn in order to get the shucks for my little mules. Then mixed some tar & grease together. Put C. & H. to cutting up the beef that was killed on yesterday. then came breakfast. Then H. & myself greased both the old wagons . Hitched up two of the mules hauled a load of rails for siders on the fence we reset on yesterday. H. & myself finished the string of fence and hauled all the old pieces of rails +c away. Charley helped Uncle J. about the well. I fixed two of our gates so that they can be opened & shut easier this evening.

Thurs. Nov. 16, 1871 I with Hiram spent most of to-day in roaching and shaving my yearling mules and our suckling mules. Some of them have grown considerably and a few of them have not grown much. Charley helped old Uncle John about my well. I with Hiram spent the latter part of to-day in fixing up my box trough so that I can commence feeding my little mules pretty soon. Corn is only worth 50 & 60 cts per bushel and but few buyers at these prices so I want to feed my mules with this corn.

Fri. Nov. 17 Commenced resetting our fence on the East side of farm. Hiram and myself worked at it. Making quite a good fence out of as old rails as we handled to-day. Charley helped about well again to-day. Jack Sherley sent the two mules colts I bought of him a month or more ago over late this evening. They have grown considerably since I saw them. They only cost me \$75.00 gold dollars (\$37.50 cts a piece) Weather turned considerable cooler. It is getting time of year for us to have cool weather.

Sat. Nov. 18 Little sleet fell last night. Quite disagreeable weather a.m. more pleasant p.m. I rode over to McKinney tolerable early a.m. to get some powder to use in blasting in my well, but Uncle John did not come. I went back to McKinney p.m. Called at Woot & Tucks talked awhile with Tillie & Genie

carried Genie a letter from Woot. He has sold his cattle at last. this the best news Genie has heard in a long time. Charley & Hiram spent 3/4 of the day in chopping wood.

Sun. Nov. 19 I remained at home most of to-day. Weather tolerably cool a.m. more pleasant p.m. Cousin Mollie Graves came down this evening. Uncle Isaac also came by from East. He only remained an hour or so. I rode out in the prairie west of us and drove up four of my yearling mules. These young mules have paired off two & two ever since last spring they have not been disposed to stay with the rest at all. Genie also came up this evening. She went from here to see Sakin a little while. I carried little Bennie more than half of the way home late p.m.

Mon. Nov. 20 Still resetting fence on East side of farm. I did not work at it quite all of to-day. Hiram did. Charley a little while this evening. he helped old Uncle John most of to-day about my well. I had to go to McKinney after more powder this evening to use in blasting in my well. I tried to make a horse trade at McKinney whils't there, but failed. My wheat is looking beautiful indeed. That is my first sowing. ?? very *well sale* at anything like a good price.

Tues. Nov. 21, 1871 Hiram & myself still working at fence resetting it. Charley helping old Uncle John about my well. Weather quite cool. District court still in session at McKinney. Scarcely anything in the way of news for to-day. I helped Pa to make a new gate on the East side of farm as the old gate had about given out. Have one there now which I hope will last some time The first time I go down to the mill will get a good bois d'arc slab to go on the top of the gate posts.

Wed. Nov. 22 I with Hiram finished resetting the string of fence on the East. I am truly glad that I am done this fence as I am tired of this kind of work for the present and besides I have so much other work I wish to do before Christmas. Am very anxious for old Uncle John (Freedman) to finish my well. He thinks he will certainly finish it on to-morrow, but I think it very doubtful. Hiram and myself made a few pannils of strait rail fence near the Sherman road.

Thurs. Nov. 23 I put Hiram to plowing up oat stubble land where I expect to sow oats again next year. The ground is in pretty good plowing order. Charley helped old Uncle John about well again to-day he did not finish it this evening.



I hardly know what to record of to-days transactions as I have gotten behind in posting up my diary. I took two of the mules and drove down to Sherley's mill after a bois d'arc slab to go on the top of the East gate posts. Gave a quarter for it. stopped good while in McKinney.

Fri. Nov. 24 I went to McKinney this morning after I drove the mules in the East field and layed off a land for Hiram. He plowed all of to-day. Old Uncle John stopped working in well, but he not having fulfilled his part of contract. I told him he must dig it some deeper he has dug it 25 feet 3 inches deep. In case he got plenty of water he was to stop at 25 feet, but if not he was to not go more than 30 feet. Charley plowed a little p.m. This makes about 18 days old Uncle John has been working in well. It has not cost me in money more than 40 gold dollars.

Sat. Nov. 25 Drove up the mules before breakfast out of my beautiful wheat field. Fed them some corn. I then took some tools went over to the East gate. Morticed two holes through the bois d'arc slab and Pa & myself put it on the top to the gate posts. Backed up to Sherman *road*, where the road hands were throwing it up nicely. Fixed the lot gate. And alas worked little round our best well. Drove mules in East field. Have been writing in this little book for several back pages. Charley & Hiram plowed. Very bad news indeed. Ike has been captured so he was *captured* on last night.

Sun. Nov. 26, 1871 I rode down to Woot & Tuck's a.m. to see little Bennie stayed there awhile. Met Rely as I was returning home going on to McKinney to see Ike. Rely came here to dinner he led out Ike's horse. I spent most of to-day at home. Did not rest well last night on account of Ike's being in Jail at McKinney. We all regret very much that he is where he is. This was quite a warm day for the season of year. Reminded on very much like summer.

Mon. Nov. 27 Heard last night that there was some Government man near the Tucker School house buying horses for the Government. I went up early this morning to see them about selling them a horse, but could not sell him to them. I then went to McKinney. Bought a large bay horse for \$86.50 in green backs after wards let the old gentleman have him back by him giving me two dollars in specie. I then bought a very nice bay, or brown horse for 88 dollars in currency. I hope to sell this horse for a good profit on to-morrow he is the fullest of ticks I ever saw in my life.

Tues. Nov. 28 Charley and Hiram breaking up for corn that is plowing for corn. Sold my little brown horse to Government man for \$120.00 currency. Tuck only sold two horses to them out of eight. I gave a man by the name of Smith 5 dollars currency as he pointed me to this horse.

Wed. Nov. 29, 1871 I rode my bay mare to McKinney traded her to a man by the name of Allen. I gave him \$40.00 in specie to boot in an hour as so afterwards I sold the horse I got in this trade to same Govt. man for same money (120 dollars) I got for the other one I sold on yesterday. It was tolerably late when I got back home. Charley and Hiram cut wood in the bottom. Commenced sleeting to-night. I consider that I have made near fifty dollars in gold since last Monday morning. Would that I could do as well all the time.

Thurs. Nov. 30 Considerable sleet on the ground this morning and very cold for Texas. Charley and Hiram did not work to-day on account of it being so cold. I went to McKinney, but did not buy any horse. I rode one of Philand's {Muse's} to try to sell to same man, but they did not like him so I had a long ride for nothing. I was to pay over hundred gold dollars for this horse in case I sold him. Ballew trial still going on charged to have killed young Golden.

Fri. Dec. 1 Charley helped old Uncle John about well. I went along with Hiram carried a sack of salt and two hundred bundles of oats to McKinney. I got \$3.00 per hundred bundles \$7.00 in a trade for the sack of salt. Hiram then hauled a load of corn to hog.pen and then cut some wood to kill hogs with. I remained in McKinney until late this evening. Most of the sleet melted off to-day. I only collected some money past of barrel of flour I sold Col: Allison a few days ago. Let him have a barrel of flour for \$13.00 specie.

Sat. Dec. 2 Old Uncle John finished or rather stopped working in my well between 26 & 27 feet deep. I wanted him to go on still deeper but he was willing to knock off one dollar and stop now. He failed to strike a good vein of water. I intend to have it dug some deeper someday. Charley helped him Hiram set in two forks at hog.pen. helped Pa to grind the butcher knives and worked about hen house some p.m. I was at McKinney a.m. also p.m. Heard several witnesses give in their testimony in the Ballew trial charged to have killed James P. Golden in Oct. 1870.

Sun. Dec. 3 I rode down to McKinney a.m. to church, but there was no preaching only a few out. Wick and Sackie spent to-day at Pa's. Tuck Hill called by a little while this evening. Quite a pretty day over-head, a little

muddy under foot. Late this evening a severe northern came up accompanied by considerable wind blowing off some of the top bundles of some of our oat stacks. This is going to be one of the coldest nights of this winter.

Mon. Dec. 4, 1871 Went with Charley and Hiram to haul a load of wood to hog.pen. Also dragged up some logs to use about killing hogs. I then sent Charley after the kettles, but he failed to get them all the first trip. Hiram let in the hog.head. Charley hauled two loads of wood. and got Tuck's kettle from Lovejoy's the third trip. I rode round to see the hands about helping to kill hogs on to-morrow. Last night was one of the coldest nights we have had in a long time.

Tues. Dec. 5 Killed hogs. Had five hands besides Charley, Hiram Pa & myself. Pa only shot them. We got them all cut out just before night. 26 in number most of them good size hogs. Had a splendid day for killing not so cold to-day as it was on yesterday. We used kettles altogether this year in heating water. I believe I am a little too fast *theire* was an old *inan* as so used a little. It does not take as much wood as in heating the water with rock. Only had three kettles.

Wed. Dec. 6 I started to Rowlett Cheek Church about 9 a.m. to near Elder J. R. Graves formerly of Nashville now of Memphis, Tenn. He is a very distant relation of ours. He commenced speaking about 12 n. and spoke until 8 p.m. delivering a very good discourse. Charley and Hiram helped Pa about salting down his pork. I arrived at my old friend Bowman's about sun set. was met by my good friend Miss Fannie. Was introduced by her to Mrs. Jack Bowman who lives close by. Heard some excellent music indeed.

Thurs. Dec. 7 Caught my pony to start home at 11 o'clock a.m. We did not get started until 4 p.m. Spent to-day very pleasantly reading singing talking and hearing music on piano by Miss Fannie. She has a most beautiful piano. it looks as though it had just come out of a *banbox*. Arrived at home a little after dark got two papers as I came through McKinney. Charley and Hiram plowed to-day. Charley had to go to McKinney so he only plowed half of to-day. Ballew trial still going on the Lawyers commenced speaking this morning so I learned before I arrived at McKinney.

Fri. Dec. 8 I went to McKinney tolerably early a.m. to hear the lawyers speak on the Ballew case. Capt. T. J. Brown finished his lengthy speech at 10 a.m. immediately after which Gov. Throckmorton followed in the defence for

Ballew. He closed his speech late p.m. speaking 4 ½ hours in all. Mr. W. G. Ewing from Ill. made the closing speech in this case. He spoke about an hour and a half before dark. Court adjourned until after supper. my old friend Joe. Russell came out and took supper with me. We went back and heard Ewing through with his lengthy *qlbe* and interesting speech. *Judge Andrews* gave his case to the jury about 9 o'clock to-night. XXXXXXXX

Sat. Dec. 9, 1871 I went to McKinney Joe. Russell accompanied me. Upon our arrival at McKinney heard that jury brought in a verdict of guilty saying that he should pay the penalty by hanging Steven M. Ballew. His Lawyer's Brown & Throckmorton made a motion for a new trial, but it was over ruled by the Judge. They are going to appeal it to the Supreme Court but it seems to me they will say hang him. Quite a number of persons were in McKinney to-day rather more than normal. Charley & Hiram plowed all of to-day.

Sun. Dec. 10 Frank Perkins came out with me on yesterday evening. he stayed with me on last night. he walked up to where I am going to build this morning after which we rode down to McKinney. Heard Bob Horn speak, or rather preach a very good discourse. not as many out as I hoped to see as it was such a pretty day. Woot & Doc Hill got in late yesterday evening after many months absence on a cattle trip. They brought back mules wagons and flour.

Mon. Dec. 11 Charley & Hiram plowed all day now plowing for corn next spring. have been for several days. I spent most of to-day brushing down stalks ahead of the plows. John Wilmeth brought me about 40 bois d'arc posts this evening. for which I paid him 15 cts apiece. This was a beautiful day and very pleasant. D. C. Hill is hear to-night. I weighed and divided a sack of salt before breakfast C. & H. assisted. I promised half to this sack salt to Mr. Jack Mack. He failed to come after it to-day. But suppose he will come some other time for it.

Tues. Dec. 12 I went over to McKinney in wagon. carried over some plows to have sharpened. Put Charley and Hiram to hauling wood. I went on to bottom after some bois d'arc blocks +c. Hauled and had hauled 8 loads from bottom. This wood was cut awhile back. Received two letters for Pa, but they were only circulars not much *force*. Blacksmith only charged me 35 cts for sharpening three plows and cutting new threads +c on a screw. Beautiful weather indeed for plowing, hauling +c.

Wed. Dec. 13 I got up little earlier than common. Did all the feeding before Charley and Hiram came. I talked to them about getting here earlier. Had four of the mules hitched to two of the wagons. Ground all three of the axes. Hiram turned the grindstone for me. Made four loads with each of these wagons to-day. Nearly all dead wood cut and gathered it up at diferent places in the bottom. We worked pretty hard to-day. I want to get up a large woodpile for Christmas at least twenty wagon loads.

Thurs. Dec. 14, 1871 Pretty cool to-day. I went down to bottom carrying two wagons Charley and Hiram. The former cut down a large oak tree. The Latter and myself sawed off some bois d'arc blocks for my house. Hauled that up and a big load of wood on the other wagon. Sent Charley and Hiram down after two more loads of wood this morning. I now have about twenty loads of wood at the wood-pile. My young mules are doing very well now *fusing* on my wheat & I am feeding them well on corn.

Fri. Dec. 15 Put Charley and Hiram to plowing this morning. They plowed all day a little cool, but a splendid day for plowing. I went to McKinney this morning for business for Ike to see when his trial in the J. W. Thomas case will come off. I wrote to Capt. Bledson at Sherman, Texas to come down, if he possibly could and attend to this case for us. I hope he will come. Capt. T. C. Goodner married Miss Jennie Box on last night. I saw the happy couple in a buggy in McKinney to-day. I came home about 1 p.m. Finished brushing down stalks where I aim to put corn another year and I plowed some late this evening.

Sat. Dec. 16 Hitched up all three of our teams and went to plowing Charley Hiram and myself. Did not plow long until Jack Mack came into the field where I was and told me that he had most of my bois d'arc posts ready. I just unhitched and hitched to our three wagons passed through McKinney. got over 90 posts brought them home from 3 miles S. E. of McKinney. I had Charley & Hiram to cut some wood at wood-pile after unloading wagons and runing them under the shelters. Went to McKinney late this evening after my Enquirer +c.

Sun. Dec. 17 I rode down to McKinney to meeting. Heard a new Methodist preacher. Rode down to P. office as I am expecting a letter from Mr. Joe Bledson, but did not receive any. Came home. After dinner rode up to Mr. McDonal's to see about some news that might be beneficial to Ike in his trial on

to-morrow. Woot & Genie took dinner with us. I was also at Rely's this evening from his house I went to McKinney. Heard from Mrs. Bledson. He could not come down to be at Ike's trial in the Thomas case. I returned home to-night a little after dark.

Mon. Dec. 18, 1871 Started Charley and Hiram to plowing. I took the other team and went to McKinney in wagon after a thousand boards and a bag of nails Mr. Bateman brought me from Jefferson. 6 penny *fencing* nails. I went to Jenkins & Goodner about employing them in Ike's trial in Thomas case. I T. C. Goodner in the office he took the case. The trial commenced about 2 p.m. just got through with the witnesses unless some more wished to be introduced in the morning after which there will be some speaking I suppose.

Tues. Dec. 19 Had a dreadful head.ache last night. did not feel much like doing anything a.m. I went up to where I intend building and planted 50 or 60 peach seed of choice kinds. Hauled a barrel of water with an old mule (Luce) which my Father worked down in wagon from Mo. in 57. She is yet a splendid mule. Rely and Wick came between 11 & 12 a.m. Ike was acquitted on the charge of shooting at J. W. Thomas house on 7<sup>th</sup> Sept. last. No speaking by the attorney. Charley and Hiram plowed to-day. Still brushing up for corn next spring. Had to drive Tuck & Woots mules & horses off my wheat the 2<sup>nd</sup> time.

Wed. Dec. 20 Next to the coldest day this winter. Charley and Hiram cut wood at wood-pile all day. I went to see Mrs. Johnson in regard to some rails that was made on her land by a (Freedman) through mistake. She consented for Pa to have the rails by paying what's right for the timber. Went from there to McKinney had a long chat with Frank Perkins in his neat little office. He is now an attorney at law. Jenkins's little boy was *buried* p.m. Stopped at W. & T. Hill's little while.

Thurs. Dec. 21 Charley Hiram & myself plowed to-day. Very cool south wind to-day, but we kept steady going. Plowed I suppose about 4 ½ or 5 acres. Hiram had to haul barrel of water as the wash women were here. He broke the sled partly to pieces and turned over his first barrel of water, but Pa fixed it up and then he made it all right next time. D. C. Hill came p.m. he and several others going to a shivarce to-night. as an old friend of his marries to-night.

Fri. Dec. 22 Finished plowing my corn land about sunset this evening. Hope to raise a big crop of corn for the number of acres I will have next year. Charley Hiram and myself plowed between 5 and 6 acres to-day. Charley's team ran off

with plow p.m. did no damage of a serious nature only loosening the clivis & one clip off the swingle tree. This was a very windy day especially this evening. Considerable storm of wind to-night. I have some over 40 acres corn next year.

Sat. Dec. 23, 1871 I went over to McKinney this morning. Christmas near at hand. Put Charley and Hiram to hauling some rails out of bottom. Pa went down with them. after which one of them hauled a barrel of water. They hauled three loads apiece of rails. Carried in good pile of stove wood. Shucked some corn for Christmas by this time I came home from town. after finished feeding I paid them off have paid Charley over one hundred dollars this year for work since last spring. Hiram over half that amount.

Fri. Dec. 24 Did not rise so early this morning after feeding and driving my little mules +c in East field. Commenced fixing to pay one of my most worthy lady friends a visit. I sent her word more than a week ago that I would be down Christmas eve. Tuck & Dock Hill came before I got ready to start. chatted Tuck awhile started a little after 12 n. Southward arrived at Ms. Bowman's between 3 & 4 p.m. Found Miss Fannie at home and as aimable as fair and as entertaining as ever.

Mon. Dec. 25 Pretty cool day. I remained all day with Miss Fannie spent the day very pleasantly indeed by talking reading hearing singing and music on one of the nicest pianos in Texas by one of Texas fairest daughters. We amused ourselves little while to-night by playing hul-gul with pecans. Geo B. and a Ms. *{Blank space was left here}* who is boarding here went to a party to-night some 5 or 6 miles. As it was rather cool and being in such good company I did not go home late p.m. as I expected when I left home.

Tues. Dec. 26 Arrived at McKinney about 12 n. Stayed there a while. Came out home. Drove my little mules from East field into West field to get water. Scared up a mule eared rabbit closer to house than I've ever seen one stopped awhile at Wick's to get a letter as I heard there was one there for me. It was from Ed Harrison. whils't there a hawk came so near catching a little snow bird it flew in the house at the door. It then made for the window & while it was trying to get through it I caught the poor little innocent bird. I let it go.

Wed. Dec. 27 Pretty cool morning in fact right cool all day. I went over to Ms. Johnson's to pay her for some rail timber that a Freedman cut on her land through mistake. She only charged one dollar per hundred. Paid her 2.55 cts.

came home to dinner. started to McKinney to carry a pair of boots back. Met two wagons wanting corn. I turned back sold them 32 bushels at 65 cts per bushel took in a 20 dollar gold piece +c. I bought a buckskin from them at \$1.50 cts. Went to McKinney bought some good for the family.

Thurs. Dec. 28, 1871 I went to McKinney this morning to be at the trial of Prof. Reid Williams charged with an assault upon the person of Jesse Shain. Heard several of the witnesses give in their testimony, but from the evidence I do not think there will be anything done with Williams. I found two peddlers here when I returned late p.m. In Williams and Shain difficulty, Williams fired a derringer pistol at Shain, but think he did it in self defence as Shain struck at him with a pretty heavy quiety. [(siding whip) added by Lindy Fisher]

Fri. Dec. 29 Charley rode one of my yearling mules to-day. Hiram has rode another one of them several times. I started by Rely's on up to Bud Newman's but meeting Rely I did not go by his house. Asked him to help eat a turkey on to-morrow here at Pa's. Bud is so very busy about getting done his new house he told me he could not come. Fannie came down with me this evening. Another party on hand near us to-night, but I did not go to it. Same two peddlers came back again late this evening. Are staying all night with us.

Sat. Dec. 30 Began to add up my expenditures this year putting them down in the latter part of this little book. I went to McKinney. Spent a few hours there Mother had the finest turkey for dinner to-day I've partaken of in my years. It weighed 21 pounds with the head. Tuck & Tillie. Woot & Genie. Wick & Sarkin, Rely. Fannie & Tuck's & Woot's little children and D.C. Hill were here to-day to dinner. Bud N. and Nannie G. did not come, but they were invited. Billie is in Mo. Ike in jail at McKinney. Beautiful day indeed.

Sun. Dec. 31 I remained at home most of to-day. Went down to W. & Tuck Hill's a little while this evening. Did not hear of any meeting anywhere in the neighborhood to-day. The year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred & seventy one expires with to-day 1872 commences to-morrow. Time oh! How fast thou fliest. Bud N. came down a.m. went back p.m. He is very busy about his house. Carried some boards back with him. Two peddlers remained here all day. Some rain would help the wheat now as the ground is getting pretty dry.



1871

To Charley for work	\$104.50
To Hiram “ “	55.30
To <i>Jim</i> Sanford “ “	27.10
To Brother Billy wrk & crops oats & corn	100.00
To Brother Ike work & crops oats & corn	5.00
To seed oats 7.00 to and wheat 58.	65.00
To oat harvest besides C. & H.	7.90
To stacking oats “ “ “	11.00
To <i>Grun</i> for working potatoes	1.00
To gathering corn besides C. & H.	9.00
To Albert cutting corn +c	3.30
To Bill <i>wides</i> helping about well	.40
To putting in wheat besides C. & H.	5.00
To hauling out stock fodder 2.00 {can't read}	
To pine lumber	206.20
To boards 10.00 nails 8.00	18.00
To bois d'arc posts	40.75
To well	41.95
To sash & door	23.00

<i>for</i> money for farm work	\$396.40
Lumber bois d'arc post +c +c	306.90
Sash & doors	<u>23.50</u>
Aggregate amount	726.80 cts

To one wagon & harness	\$135.00
3 mules colts \$105 have only paid	70.00
For clothing +c in the year 1871	<u>126.80</u>
	331.25
Amount taken from left hand page	<u>\$726.25</u>
Received in year 1871	1058.05
	<u>1056.25</u>
diference of	2.80

Gained by trade	\$104.00
Gained by trade in 3 days	45.00
511 1/4 bushels of last years corn	288.20
30 bushels of last years corn	22.50
Some over 7000 bus. oats	207.40

From this years corn crop	
Up to this date Dec. 31, 1871	104.95
Rec'd on 300 bushels oats	100.50
Sold one mule of my own raising this year	125.00
Rec'd from A. L Sherley	<u>49.20</u>
	\$1056.25

corn crop of 1871	
up to Dec. 31, 1871 sold	\$104.95
up to Feb. 29 1872	<u>220.32</u>
about 486 bushels	325.27

### **Afterword**

This page is added by Lindy Fisher

Lucretius Harrison Graves died in 1901 at the age of 61. He never married. He is buried next to his father and mother at Pecan Grove Cemetery in McKinney. He has a nine foot tall white stone marker inscribed with:

*A Christian  
Farewell dear brother  
Till we meet again.*

I suspect that his sisters (especially Tillie and Genie) helped in planning his burial. His sister Mary Quintillia "Tillie" Graves (Mrs. Tuck Hill) ended up with these diaries. These two diaries were passed down in her family. He also has a Condederate Army marker.

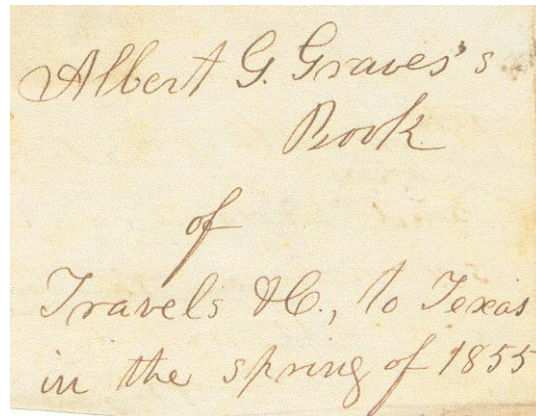
*1<sup>st</sup> Lieut. Co K 6 Texas Cav  
Confederate States Army*

He built a beautiful home that was later torn down to make room for the new Central Expressway (Hwy. 75) in 1969.

Wick Graves (1848-1940), his cousin, lived until he was 91 years old. He is buried with his wife and some family members in another section of Pecan Grove Cemetery.

His father Albert Gallatin Graves (1813-) lived until he was 78 years old. His mother Francis J. Graves (1817-1894) lived to be 77 years old. They have a tall grave marker with the inscription:

*Lord help us to obey Thy commands  
We command our souls into Thy hand.  
To prepare us for eternity  
At death take us to Thy self above  
There forever let us praise and love.*



**Foreword to  
Albert G. Graves Book of Travels H. to Texas  
in the spring of 1855.**

[There is another diary written by his son Lucretius Harrison Graves in 1859, and 1871 with a muster list in 1861-1865 of 6<sup>th</sup> Texas Cavalry Company K. It was transcribed at the same time and has about 85 pages with an index.]

This is the transcription from a separate original very small journal in the possession of Mary Lou Hill. She was married to Ralph Henry Hill Sr. who was the grandson of Tuck Hill. It was written by Albert G. Graves in longhand penmanship in 1855 about his trips to Texas to look for a place to relocate his family. He decided on McKinney as is recorded in this journal.

Albert Gallatin Graves (1813-1891) (b. Orange County, Virginia). He married Francis J. Harrison (she was first cousin to President William Henry Harrison) in April 1840 and had 12 children. He immigrated to Texas with his brother Isaac F. Graves (1815-1886) (b. Orange County Virginia) married Margaret Ann Stevens and had 12 children. Both brothers were shown on the 1850 census in Virginia. According to Minnie Champs' *Families of Collin County*, Albert and Isaac Graves with their wives, children and slaves arrived in Collin County on Nov. 5, 1857 settling on adjoining land northwest of the small town of McKinney at the present intersection of Hwy 75 and Hwy 380. The Isaac Graves home with an historical marker was demolished to build the present Kroger store on the southeast corner.

According to the *Families of Collin County*, Isaac owned 23 slaves and Albert owned 8 on August 15, 1864.

This journal was transcribed by Lindy Fisher June 2002 with the permission of Mary Lou Hill, wife of Ralph Henry Hill Sr.. I do not know exactly what capital H. means; it is possibly a shorthand for the word history. Each page of the original diaries has been scanned by Ralph White, a McKinney historian.

I have scanned several of the most interesting pages.

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## Albert G. Graves Book of Travels H. to Texas in the spring of 1855.

“Left home on 15<sup>th</sup> of March, 1855 and traveled as set down on the next and following pages. A. G. Graves”

is written in black pen inside the front cover of the small dark beige hardcover book. He seems to have been traveling with Cousin J. and his brother, Isaac Graves. If the writing is illegible, I used italic letters. The other entries are as follows.

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“ 16 Laid by- (snowstorm)	
“ 17 Grand River	1 27
“ 18 Bradley's	30
“ 19 Phillips	40
“ 20 Spring River	40
20 North Hill side	34
(near the Moline)	
“ 22 Cove Grove	39
or Rock Hill	
“ 23 Albery's Creek	30
“ 24 Arkansas River	40
“ 25 (Well) Near Fisher's	36
“ 26 Hollow Log	36
“ 27 Rock Mount	34
“ 28 mls. S. Boggy Depot	33
“ 29 8 ms from Red River	30
“ 30 8 to Red River	8

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## Texas

1855 Travels H.

We started on the 15<sup>th</sup> of March, at 10 o'clock in the morning, and arrived at Col. Johnson's at 5 o'clock in the evening.

The ground was covered with snow in the morning and it began to snow again a little before night. On the 16<sup>th</sup>, we laid by- as it snowed the most of the day. Very cold weather indeed.

March 17- Saturday

Set out from the Col., at 7 o'clock A.M. and arrived at Clinton at 2 P.M.; traveled thence south west about seven miles, crossing Grande River and stayed or camped in an old cabin, on a Mr. Crews' farm. The land here only second rate, but the prairie lies well.

March 18- Sunday

Left said cabin at 7 A.M. traveled a zigzag S.W. and W. direction, over hills, knobs and snow banks, and stayed at a Mr. Bradley's, 3 miles north of Pappinsville: Fare good. Today's travel gave us a view of some good second rate land (farms in the prairie) The land about Pappinsville is not very good.

March 19- Monday

Started early from *Sid* Bradley's, traveled three miles to Pappinsville, crossed the Meridizine river. (first running water)

This day we crossed the Little Osage River, at Ball's Mill,- an excellent bridge here, -but the water in the river not fit for our horses to drink.

We traveled upwards of 40 miles today and stayed at a Mr. Phillip's. Fare bad-, exceedingly cold weather.

20<sup>th</sup> of March.- Tuesday

Today we traveled 40 miles nearly in a south direction. Some pretty lying prairies we saw this day, but only second rate land. We camped on Spring river, snow in some places still on the ground, and very cold.

March 21- Wednesday

Started at sunrise, then 10 miles to Centre Creek. (a flush running stream) thence 10 ms to the Grand Falls on Shoal Creek. Scot's Mill is here. This is a noble stream. Thence 14 miles & camped on a cold north hillside near the boundary line of Mo.- Weather very cold and we all have "colds".

#### March 22- Thursday

Set out at sun rise, thence through a portion of the Senaca Territory, about 11 miles to Grande or Neosho River. This river at this place is about 170 yds wide, and the boundary between the Senaca and Cherokee Indians. Gilstrap's Store is here, on the north bank of Grande River. Then S. W. 28 miles to a beautiful cove in the woods, on a place called the Rock Hill. Weather quite pleasant in the evening but very cold next morning. >Some land today very good.

#### March 23- Friday

Thence 30 miles, and pitched our camp 3 hours by sun in the evening, on John Alberty's Creek. Unable to get any food for our horses but had a few oats with us- The day we met with a Mr. Landrum, a Cherokee and had some conversation with him on the slavery question, in connection with Kansas Territory. He is a man of some intelligence and refinement.

#### March 24- Saturday

Started early in the morning. Met a Mr. Campbell from Lafayette Co. Mo., on his return from Texas, half after 9 o'clock A. M., had some conversation with him about Texas H. Proceeding on, arrived at Ft. Gibson half after 4 o'clock P.M., fading Grande River just above Ft. Gibson, and also just below. We forded the Arkansas also, between the mouth of Grande river and the mouth of Verdigris. The water touched our carriage bed in crossing. Paid \$2.00 per bushel for corn & 75 cents per doz, for small bundles of fodder.

#### March 25- Sunday

Left the bank of the Arkansas river, and traveled 6 miles and found some pools of very indifferent water. 14 miles further we came to Elk Creek, the water here not good. Proceeding on 17 miles further, we staid at a well of excellent water, near Fisher's, where we succeeded in procuring some corn for our horses. A northern i.e. a violent wind from the north. Compelled us to take up out tent before day. Very cold indeed. This day traveled 37 miles. Soil not rich.

#### March 26- Monday

Left camp soon after day and traveled 3 miles, crossed North Canadian river, rocky ford, thence three miles farther, forded middle Canadian, (quicksand bottom). Each of these Rivers about 200 yards wide. An Indian Village by the name of North Fork is situated between these rivers. Fed at 11 o'clock at the

foot of the Big Hill, near a pretty lake of clear water. Staid at Hollow Log about 30 miles from Middle Canadian. Today exceedingly cold.

March 27- Tuesday

Still and pleasant weather this morning, tho' cold enoug for ice to be on the water in our bucket. Thence 12 miles to Perryville (an Indian Mission.) Thence 22 miles and camped east side of Rock Mountain. Saw a wolf as we were about to pitch our camp.

On hand only 17 small ears of corn, and none to be had Fed our horses on brush and dry grass. Black Horse lame from a kick as we suppose. Saw some tolerably good land today.

March 28- Wednesday

Thence 6 miles to & Hack's, gave \$1.50 for half bushel of corn. Thence to East Boggy 8 miles, gave \$2.50 for one bushel of corn Toll Bridge here owned by a Mr. Gary. Thence 17 miles, crossing Muddy Boggy and West Boggy (toll Bridge again) to the Ind. Village, Boggy Depot, (quicksand country,) thence south 2 miles, and camped on a little branch whose water is impregnated with some kind of mineral. 33 miles travel to-day.

March 29- Thursday

Thence 15 miles to toll Bridge on Little Blue, here met a man by the name of James Swarts on his return home, (Caldwell Co. Mo.) having been to see Texas, and was much pleased with its soil and productions. Cousin J. wrote home by him. Thence 15 miles to a branch in the prairie, and camped Wind S. E. and cloudy. No bad accident up to this date.

March 30- Friday

It began to rain before day and continued to rain moderately for a while after leaving camp. Traveled this morning 8 miles and came to Red River. Crossed at Colbert's Ferry. Thence 7 miles to Sand Bluff and fed. Thence 9 miles to Sherman, the county seat of Grayson Co. Texas, camped on a little stream half mile south of Sherman. The soil about Sherman is excellent, being the black & waxy land. The price of land from 2-10 dollars.

March 31- Saturday

Very severe, white frost this morning, plenty of ice in our bucket and on the creek near us. Thence 32 miles to Honey Creek, Collin Co. Mostly prairie today, but very rich, waxy land; and the most of it lies well for cultivation, tho' not very much under fence. The timber here is not of the first quality. The frost

mentioned above (on this page) injured the wheat crop very much, for some distance south of West Trinity.

#### April 1- Sunday

Set out this morning some two or three hours by sun having been delayed by shaving and putting on clean shirts. Camped on Honey Creek, 3 miles north of Mc'Kinney, the County seat of Collin Co., last night. We traveled today from Honey Creek to White Rock, a small river. Saw some beautiful prairie and rich land. My horse had the colic this evening tolerably bad. White Rock is in Dallas Co.

#### April 2- Monday

Moderately warm this morning, wind south. Proceeded from the ford on White Rock to Mr. John Jackson's, two miles distant. Staid at Mr. Jackson's this and the following day. Cousin J.'s horse got crippled by getting his left hind foot over his halter at the trough at night. In a bad condition for traveling, one horse sick and another crippled.

#### April 3- Tuesday

At Mr. Jackson's as mentioned on previous page. The grass on the prairie still quite short, but let our horses graze round and get what they could. The land in this portion of Dallas county is very good, tho' hardly equal in fertility to some we saw in Collin Co. The streams and branches have clear and fine running water. **This country is but thinly settled, but the time will come when it will have a dense population.**

#### April 4- Wednesday

Started after breakfast, cloudy and raining, but after traveling some five or six miles it stopped raining. Got to Dallas (town) in the evening- staid there an hour or so, then crossed West Trinity on a Toll Bridge, Shortly after crossing said river, it began to rain very hard, with hard thunder and lightning. We arrived at the third house on the road before we could get permission to stay all night. Soil begins to become poorer.

#### April 5- Thursday

Last night we staid at Judge Hoard's; hospitably entertained. (4 miles S. of Dallas) This morning somewhat cloudy and roads muddy, we traveled 12 miles to Doct. Palmer's, arrived at 10 o'clock, and found him at home. This evening Isaac's mule got his right hind foot badly cut by the lasso getting round it,



whilst pegged out to graze. The Doct. conversed a good deal about Texas, its soil, its stock H. The land here not of the first quality.

April 6- Friday

Left Doct. Palmer's early this morning, traveled west 8 miles, thence north east 20 miles to the town of Dallas. West Trinity here, during high water, is one mile and a half wide. But quite a small stream at this time. The timber on this stream, at this place is very inferior. Corn, generally, is just about up, wheat half leg high and jointing- The season is said to be late this spring, having been dry & cold.

April 7- Saturday

Today retraced a part of the road from Dallas, to Mc'kinney, traveled only 16 miles. Two horses still unfit for traveling fast. The land here is gently undulating, and quite fertile, (I mean the prairies.) Being satisfied with the soil, and climate of this part of Texas, we have come to the conclusion to move hither, so soon as we can sell our land in Missouri. From 20-50 bushels of corn per acre. From 20-40 bushels of wheat per acre.

April 8- Sunday

Started early but traveled very slow on account B.s & M's feet, fed at the creek little south of Mckinney- tolerably large body of timber on this stream. Ash, elm, Black walnut, pecan, cottonwood, oaks H. Thence N. E. to 8 mile post & camped. Some excellent land on the road.

April 9- Monday

Thence N. E. 21 miles to Bois D'arc Creek, in Fannin county. Some fine timber here. Had but little corn to feed on, and no grass of any consequence. Land here not very good. Improved land or farms worth 5 dollars per acre.

April 10- Tuesday

Thence ten miles to Bonham, county seat of Fannin county. In the morning cloudy and also in the evening. The small streams here have but little water in them, and that very indifferent. From Bonham we traveled 3 miles north and camped on a small branch, water bad, but grass more plentiful. Today with some difficulty we got some corn. We bought some very good bacon at Bonham. Gave 15 cents per lb.

April 11- Wednesday

Had to lay by to-day consequence of the soreness of two of our horses' feet i.e. their ankles. Bought a peck of meal.

April 12- Thursday

Started late in the day, Traveled 10 m to Red River, crossed at Kemp's Ferry, and camped on north side. Good many ticks infested as here. Kemp (a Chicasaw Indian) has a spring of excellent water. The bottom land here produces 75 bushels of corn per acre.

**April 13- Friday**

Near Kemp's Ferry, excellent timber on Red River bottoms here. Cousin J. traded his lame horse for a pony. Isaac's mule is in a little better condition for traveling. Traveled 24 miles today, and camp on a small branch 2 miles south of Little, or perhaps Big Blue. The Blue is a stream not very large. We crossed a few miles below where we crossed, going out to Texas.

April 14- Saturday

From camp, 16 miles to within one mile S. of Tiner's, and fed or grazed, the grass still short. Thence 12 miles to West Boggy, one mile North of Boggy Depot. Thompson's Salts Works are about 4 miles S. of Boggy Depot, a Missionary Station. 160 or 170 bushels of salt made per week. Corn worth 1 ½ dols per bushel, and scarce.

April 15- Sunday

Thence 23 miles to the creek near Hack's. But little grass as yet. It rained some during last night; and cloudy in the morning. To-day's travel between Boggy depot and the divide. The waters of the Canadian on one side, and those of the Boggy on the other. Much of the prairie rocky.

April 16- Monday

Thence 28 miles to Perryville (Indian village in the timber) about 10 o'clock this morning. James H. Thompson overtook us and continued with us part of the day. To-day travel partly between ridges of the Ozark Mts.

April 17- Tuesday

Thence \_\_\_ miles to one mile south of Big Lake. Grass some better. To-day over a very rough and mountainous country. Water for ourselves & horses scarce. Passed several wagons moving away, or rather back, from Texas.

Some timber tho the country *lese* tolerably good. James H. Thompson with us a little while to-day.

April 18- Wednesday

Thence \_\_\_ miles to a small stream 5 miles south of Elk Creek. To-day over Big Hill and by Wat. Grayson's, bought some corn, crossed both the Canadians, and passed over some pretty lying prairie. Met several wagons moving to Texas.

April 19- Thursday

Thence 26 miles to north side of Arkansas river. To-day grazed about one mile east of Temple Knob. Forded the Arkansas in sight of Ft. Gibson, Water came against Buggy bed. The water here some deeper than when going down to Texas. The water of the Arkansas river is strongly impregnated with salt. Quicksand bottom. Reed or cane on its banks.

April 20- Friday

Thence 30 miles to Lime Rock Creek (square or oblong square lime rock in seams) Now south of Alberty's 5 miles. Saw more Carion crows here than at any other place. Some excellent land here in the woodland. We camped near a mountain. Grass improving a little tho' not plenty. Some pretty lying and some quite rough, hilly prairie to-day.

April 21- Saturday

Thence 24 miles to Rock River Creek, thence 5 miles to Cabin Creek, thence 7 miles to Cove, Rock Hill. Carried water 2 miles out of a sulphur spring this evening. Heard a wolf bark in the night. Between Rock and Cabin Creeks, Cherokee nation, we met with James H. Thompson, as made known to us by J. T. Alberty- said Thompson had been accused of murder near Ft. Smith, We gave him a certificate stating his whereabouts.

April 22- Sunday

Thence 23 miles to Gilstrap; Crossing on Grande River. The certificate mentioned on preceeding page, we gave to-day. The prairie today some uneven and some of it flinty, and some of it lies very well. Grande river is still low, rock bottom, somewhat rough.

April 23- Monday

Thence 25 miles to Scotte Mill, at Grand Falls on Shoal Creek or rather River. Some rough traveling to-day, over some of the Ozark Hills.

April 24- Tuesday

Thence 28 miles to S. Fork of Little Spring River. Today crossed Center Creek and Spring River. Some pretty lying prairie, here. Very windy.

April 25- Wednesday

Thence 43 miles to Douglass' Old Stand. On the Monatean, owned by Thornton and Cogswell. Fare only moderate. Large drove of cattle here.

April 16- Thursday

Thence \_\_\_ to Red Dirt- Thence the next day 27 and night home about 60 miles.

Columbus-	Miles
Roe's Hill	22
Papinsville	50
Phillip's Creek	43
Spring River	40
Missouri Line	34
Rock Hill	39
Alberty's Creek	30
Arkansas River	40
Fisher's Well	36
Small stream	36
Rock Mount	34
Boggy depot	32
Red River	41

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1857

Dec. 25	28 Degrees
Dec. 26	30
Dec. 27	50
Dec. 28	55

	Sunrise	noon	sunset
Jan. 1	48	64	51 degrees
Jan. 2	34	45	45
Jan. 3	29	48	44
Jan. 4 Mon	40	40	38

Jan. 5	36	58	58
Jan. 6	42	68	57
Jan. 7	32	42	39
Jan. 8 Fri.	36	54	52
Jan. 9	51	56	57
Jan. 10 S	56	60	58
Jan. 11	40	64	62

1837	mls		
Marion City	8		
Palmyra	6		
Paris	40		
Glascow	56		
Dover		52	
Lexington		12	
From Quincy to Carthage		42	
McComb		26	
Rock Spring		13	
Grand River		26	
Creek of Paperville		27	
Little Osaga		17	
Dry wood		22	
South Drywood		10	
Spring River		22	137
Shoal Creek		20	
Neosho River		21	
Lovdrum's		32	
Lime Stone creek		25	98
5 ms n. Ark. River		20	
6 ms. S. Do.		11	
Fisher's Well		31	62
Lay by Oct 27			
28 Post Oak Creek		12	309
Neosho to Jefferson	114		
Brady's ferry	50		
1857 Oct.			mls
29 Thurs. Cane Creek			18

30	6 ms, S. Pervill	24	
31	Gary's	30	
Nov. 1	Bogy Mill	16	
Nov. 2	Northville Ind Store	26	
Nov. 3	Cross Red River 1 m	16	
Nov. 4	Thockton Creek	19	
Nov. 5	Honey Creek	27	485

Eldridge Emerson

4 ms. N. E. from Pilot Point 44- (24)

Christopher Sercy

700 Acres 6 degrees N, twelve south in cultivation 7 ms West of McKinney

1857 Nov. 2

2	flour 22 lb X 6	132
2	½ B Meal	50
2	2 B. corn	250
2	Toll Bridge	75
3	For Red River	375
3	2 B. corn	200
3	1 doz oats	50
3	¾ X 3 ½	120
3	½ B. s. potatoes	50
4	Well. 2 B. corn	150
4	calyso	100
4	buckskin	200
4	2 cornbs (2-), pins(10)	30
5	2 B. Meal corn	260
5	Oats 40 softer	<u>65</u>
		21.07

1837

Travels in Fall of 1837

To Barboursville 20

Charlottesville 20

“Wayne’sboro” 25

(Weast Cave)

Staunton 17

Greenville 12

Fairfield 12

Lexington	1
Nat. Bridge	14
Buchanan	11
Salem	33
Christianburg	27
Newbern	17
Evinsham	28
(Smith Ch)	
<b>End of Diary</b>	

## Appendix I

This is the record of family history provided by Mary Hill Kilgore on 2-1-2005 that delineates how Jesse and Frank James are related to Tuck and Woot Hill as second cousins. Mary Kilgore is a member of the DAR and therefore has very good family records.

Robert C. Poor  
Betsy Mims 1769-1823

Drury Woodson Poor 1787-1854	brother & sister	Mary Poor 1790-1827 married John M. James
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Susan Poor 1818-1896 m R.M. Hill	1 <sup>st</sup> cousins	Robert Sallee James 1818-185?
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F.M. "Tuck" Hill	2 <sup>nd</sup> cousins	Jesse & Frank James
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Marian, Maybelle, Ralph Hill Sr.

Ralph Hill Jr. - Mary Ida Hill Kilgore

Suzanne Kay Hill b. 1980	Cindy Kilgore Fleaharty b 1978
	Kristi Ann Kilgore b 1980



## Travels of A. G. Graves in 1855

(Map supplied by Lindy Fisher, not by A.G. Graves)



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south side of East Fork near Mr. Wilmeth's. remained a week still in our tents on the 25th moved to McKinney. Remained one night- in a house with brick frame.

On next day- (26 Nov.) rented and moved in a house of R. L Waddill's. House in lind until 15<sup>th</sup> Mar. 58.

On that day moved from said house and farm to acre farm about 1 ½ miles nearly west of McKinney

On 17<sup>th</sup> *pnot* commenced plowing for corn.

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corn is now selling at 75 cts. per bushel. 214 wheat about 6 inches high. Some planting corn.

Jan. 6 Uncle L.B. Harrison started for his house in Mo.

28 Mar. commenced sowing oats. Finished on 29<sup>th</sup> same month.

29 April 1<sup>st</sup> commenced planting corn. Finished on 6<sup>th</sup>. Breaking prairie and dropping same in corn.

April 26 Wheat just beginning to head out.

May 8 Wheat all headed out.

April 30 Redford & Cheatham started for their houses in Mo.

May 31<sup>st</sup> finished cutting wheat.

June 1<sup>st</sup> Commenced plowing and planting corn and wheat. Stubble land

June 5 finished stacking wheat.

-1858

June 6 Some corn in this garden at McKinney is tastling.

June 19<sup>th</sup> commenced cutting oats.

July 10<sup>th</sup> finished threshing wheat.

Aug 12<sup>th</sup> Pulling fodder as fast as we can

Peaches are ripe.(Aug. 5)

Aug 31<sup>st</sup> Hail storm.

Sept 20<sup>th</sup> commenced sowing wheat.

Oct. 9<sup>th</sup> near 30 acres of wheat corn.

Nov. 15<sup>th</sup> Breaking prairie.

Nov. 18<sup>th</sup> killed hogs.

Nov 19<sup>th</sup> First snow this winter

Nov 20<sup>th</sup> Snow all gone.

Dec. 1<sup>st</sup> Weather warm. Breaking prairie.

Dec. 3 Rely and myself cut down a bee ive.

Dec. 4<sup>th</sup> snow and sleet,

Dec. 5 snow and sleet melted off

Dec. 6 Sunday stayed at home all day long.

Dec. 8 coldest day of this winter.

Dec. 9 cutting rail timbers

Dec.13,14, 14-17, 19 Broke prairie

Sunday 19<sup>th</sup>. Wrote to Will Graves.

Dec. 20 Broke prairie

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Dec. 19 Sunday stayed at home all day.

22 Saw very first sky rockets off at McKinney.

22 Broke Prairie

received ticket to convention party at McKinney.

29 Rely and myself broke prairie

30 Hauled rails. Also cane poles for framing for a meat house.

31 Subscribed for the Cincinnati Dallas Times. wrote to Cheatum.

32 Went to McKinney to church. Mr. Roggers and Tom Muse was here this evening. Wheat looks quite green.

33 27 killed two partridges. 3 rabbits- +e.

34 Bought a buckskin for us- +c to make gloves.

1859

Dec. 28 Made a pair of gloves.

Dec. 30 Rely & myself killed a half dozen rabbits apiece.

Dec. 31 Rely, Tillie & myself attended a social party at Mrs. John Faires's house.

Jan. 1 Hauled 2 loads of bois d'arc posts from McKinney. Wrote to Uncle Jim.

Jan. 2 Cloudy.

Jan. 3 Commenced hauling rails from our timbers to make a fence between us and Uncle Isaac.

Jan. 4 Still hauling rails.

Jan. 5 Raised our meat house.

Jan. 6 Hauled rails.

Jan. 7 commenced getting bois d'arc for fencing.

Jan. 8 Went to mill.

Jan. 9 Went to McKinney to church.

Jan. 10 Rest up this fence between us and Uncle Isaac.

Jan. 11 Did not do any work today on account of rain.

Jan. 12 Commenced breaking prairie again.

Jan. 13 Broke prairie all day.

Jan. 14 " " " "

Jan. 15 Broke prairie half of today. Went to McKinney P. M. bought some articles of goods from N. C. Horn's and R. C. White.

Jan. 16 Finished covering our meat house on yesterday.

Went to McKinney to church a.m. also p.m.

Jan. 17 Hung up our meat.

Jan. 18 Rely & myself hauled 5 loads of wood apiece.

Jan. 19 Broke prairie and replowed some prairie land.

Jan. 20 ground in fine plowing order. went to church tonight.

Jan. 21 still plowing.

Jan. 22 Got some bois d'arc posts and stakes. Clear cold day.

Jan. 23 Stayed at Uncle Isaac's last night. Clear day. Went to McKinney to singing tonight.

Jan. 24 Worked in the bottom.

Jan. 25 Worked in the bottom

Jan. 26 We made rails- cut down one tree that made 100.  
Jan. 27 We made 200 rails.  
Jan. 28 We made 220 rails. Bought 25 bu oats at 62 1/2 cents per bushel.  
Jan. 29 We made 200 rails.  
Jan. 30 I went to McKinney to church A. M. alas again tonight.  
1859  
Jan. 31 We made 203 rails.  
Feb. 1<sup>st</sup> Rely and myself hauled bois d'arc posts. wrote to Mr. T. Moss.  
Feb. 2 Hauled rails.  
Feb 3 Hauled rails and went to McKinney to an exhibition tonight.  
Feb. 4 Rely and myself hauled rails.  
Feb. 5 I was not able to work.  
Feb. 6 Did not go to church today on account of my not being well.  
Some at McKinney think Rely Jim and Tom Muse and myself are strange fellows and that we never go about the groceries.  
Feb 7 Received a letter from cousin Joe. M Nichols. Not well enough to work.  
Rely and Fount hauled bois d'arc posts.  
Feb 8 Wrote to John T. Moss.  
Feb. 9 Went to mill. Bought some articles from Sam Berry.  
Feb. 10 Rely & Fount hauled bois d'arc posts. I hauled some posts and pine planks to make a fence along the south line of our farm. Pa sowed some mustard and I received a letter from James M. Wallace. The wheat fields look beautiful indeed.  
Feb. 11 Commenced putting in bois d'arc posts and pine planks making a fence on south side of the farm.  
Feb. 12 Still working at our fence. Received my 1<sup>st</sup> N. of C. D. Times.  
Feb. 13 Wrote to cousin Joe Moss. Some have sown some oats. Mother has more than 50 young chickens.  
Feb. 14 Still making fence- Set in 40 bois d'arc posts.  
Feb. 15 Still fencing.  
Feb. 16 Still fencing.  
Feb. 17 Finished our fence of pine planks and B. posts.  
Feb. 18 1<sup>st</sup> N. of McKinney Messenger has published today. Fenced and hauled some wood.  
Feb. 19 Cut out a road and fenced some. On yesterday received B. letter from Bob S. Rankin, Uncle Jim & Will Isaacs.  
Feb. 20 Sunday I stayed at home all day. Wrote to R. and Rankin. Wheat grown and pretty about 4 inches high.

Feb. 21 Commenced moving out our fence on the west. Nab. R. M. Anderson, Roll Andy, and Frank helped us to move out our fence. Pa., Anderson Rely & myself hauled out the rails.

Feb. 22 Finished moving out our fence a. m. *burnt* steam.

Feb. 23 Went to mill. Commenced sowing oats. Peach trees in full bloom.

Feb. 24 Sowing oats. Pa bought 2 bushels sweet potatoes at \$1.50 cts per bushel.

Feb. 25 Beaded out sweat potatoes. Finished a letter to Uncle Jim. Wheat looks so well.

Feb. 26 Bushed our oat land.

Feb. 27 Finished a letter to J. M. E that I commenced on yesterday. Wrote to Will Graves. I went to church a.m. also p.m. and also tonight.

Feb. 28 Planted a row of bois d'arc seed from orchard to line fence N. of the house. Wheat 6 in. high.

March 1 Few light showers of rain. Hauled in logs to saw mill.

March 2 Finished sowing oats. Planted a row of B. and N. this house.

March 3 Big show in McKinney. Rely and myself had our first likenesses taken. Pa and Fount plowed.

March 4 Rely and Fount helped Uncle Isaac to move out his fence. Commenced gardening. Roads in fine condition.

March 5 Commenced setting bois d'arc posts and putting up pine planks in front of the house around this yard. I went to McKinney p. m. to p. office.

March 6 Rely and myself went to McKinney to church.

March 7 Made rails and cut some b. posts. Pa bought a cow for \$16.00.

March 8 Finished south side of yard fence. Sowed some oats. Fount and myself layed off corn land.

March 9 Commenced planting corn.

March 10 Still planting corn.

March 11 Have 15 acres of corn planted. Replowed some prairie land. Oats coming up right pretty.

March 12 Worked at fence. Rec'd another N. of C. D. Times.

March 13 Few drops of rain fell. Red'd a letter from R. A. C. Went to McKinney to church.

March 14 Worked a fence. Oats begin to look a little green.

March 15 Planted bois d'arc on rt. side of yard.

March 16 Worked at fence.

March 17 Did various kinds of farm work.

March 18 We fenced, cut brush, plowed and layed off corn land.

March 19 Sowed some flax. Planted some corn.

March 20 Few light showers of rain. Rely and myself out to McKinney to church. Wrote to M. A. Cheatam.

March 21 A little rain. Planting corn.

March 22 Finished planting corn. Wheat about 12 inches high. Sowed some hungarian grass and A. M. Hauled them in and then run a brush over the land.

March 23 A few drops of rain fell a.m.  
Clear p.m. Planted some chinese sugar cane seeds. Planted some pop-corn.  
Plowing on a piece of land for sweet potatoes.

March 24 Raised some white rock for the foundation of a chimney- Planted a watermelon patch.

March 25 Mr. F. Porter left Uncle Isaac yesterday morning with a drove of mules and horses for Mo. Worked at fence. Rec'd a letter from Milt Ramsey also one from O. G. Whitsett.

March 26 Plowed. Put up fence, then went to McKinney, spent a few hours. Also went to church tonight. Some of our first planting of corn is up.

March 27 Cloudy a.m. but clear p.m. Went to McKinney to church a.m. also p.m. Rely went with me. Wrote to cousin J. G. G.

March 28 Plowed and cut stakes and siders.

March 29 Hauled S and siders. Mother has about 200 young chickens.

March 30 Clear windy day- Rely and myself plowed a little a.m. then went to McKinney and spent the day.

March 31 Nab. (Green) and myself started to Sherman on the hunt of some of our horses that we think have started back to Mo. Cousin, Nab. and myself on staying in Sherman. Heavy first frost last night.

April 1 Nab. And myself rode N. N. E. and N. at some distance, but found our horses at last about 10 miles E. of Sherman. A man by the name of Savage had stopped then.

April 2 Nab. and myself arrived at home p.m. I rec'd a letter from Fred Green.

April 3 Considerable frost last night. But it did not hurt the wheat much. Mr. Baloo came out to put up a chimney for us. Had to call in Dr. (Smith) for the first time since we have been in Texas to see Fount.

April 4 Mr. B commenced a chimney for us. Rely and myself waited on him.

April 5 Still helping about chimney. Pa sold the horse I rode down from Missouri for \$90.00.

April 6 Little Parnilia got part of one of her fingers cut off and another cut-nearly off by little Ike. [IKE IS 7 AND PARNILIA IS 2]

April 7 Rely and myself still helping Mr. B. about chimney.

April 8 Mr. B finished chimney. Layered our hearth.

April 9 Rely and myself went to McKinney p.m. Fount has the typhoid fever. Ma set up with him until one o'clock last night.

April 10 Sunday. I stayed home all day. Sat up with F. until 2 o'clock last. Mr. Avery died this evening of consumption.

April 11 A few drops of rain fell. I plowed part of today. Went to see Mr. Avery. He died this evening. Wheat coming out pretty.

April 12 Cloudy a.m. but clear p.m. Had a beautiful rain a.m. Brushed a piece of land.

April 13 Hewed 2 large gate posts. Set out some sweet potatoe plants p.m. Wheat all headed out.

April 14 I went to mill. Rec'd a letter from Uncle Jim. There is a case of small pox at McKinney. People are leaving there by the whole sale on account of it.

April 15 Rely and Sam cut brush. I plowed. Both schools then are dismissed on account of small-pox. Shields is the person that has it now.

April 16 Slight frost this morning. Latheing and burning brush. and plowing brush land. Rely and myself sat up with Fount last night. He is still very much unwell.

April 17 Little frost again this morning. Some little ice. Every person in McKinney that can are leaving on account of the small pox.

April 18 Rely hauled rails and wood. Saw cut wood. I broke brushland and Wick dropped it in corn. Rely and myself still sitting up with Fount.

April 19 Pa planked up the south side of the barn. I finished breaking a piece of new ground. Ground pretty dry. Corn coming up.

April 20 Commenced fixing a little well over our east well.

April 21 Wind from the south a.m. but from the north p.m. Finished our little house over our east well.

April 22 Pa Rely and myself made a larger gate to be put south of the house.

April 23 Some little frost a.m. We set in two gate posts and hung the gate.

April 24 Finished a letter to Uncle J. I stayed at home all day Sunday night.

April 25 Rely, Wick, Sam and myself commenced replanting corn. Finished a letter to Fed G.

April 26 Commenced plowing corn. Wrote to cousin Fed and Uncle Jim Harrison.

April 27 Wick and Sam finished replanting corn. Finished plowing over our piece of corn. Sold 15 bushels of wheat at 50 cts per bushel. Strawberrys are now ripe. I finished making a martin box, put it up and shot a blue bird for whipping the martins away from it.

April 28 Light rain, Pa Rely Wick Sam and myself shelled some corn a.m. Planted corn. p.m. Pa went to mill. He delivered 17 bushels of wheat to Mrs. Lambert 50 cts per bs. This day one month ago Fount was taken sick, not yet able to work. Smallpox is raging very much in Jefferson so I learn.

April 29 Plowed and planted some corn.

April 30 Plowed a.m. went fishing p.m. Caught no fish worth talking about. Rice birds are injuring our wheat. Mother has 37 young turkeys.

May 1 Received a letter from cousin Dor. M. Nichols.

May 2 Plowing corn.

May 3 Plowing corn. Pa went down new Milwood (28 miles) purchased a reaper. as Ky Harvester from Sherwood for \$200.00 and got back late p.m.

May 4 Plowing corn. Still going over it the first time.

May 5 Had a fine rain p.m.

May 6 Rained right smart a.m. Set out a few sweet potatoe plants yesterday evening.

May 7 Fixed some shelves in meat house. Bought Wick 10 marbles for ten cents. [WICK IS 10 YEARS OLD]

May 8 Rained p.m.

May 9 Commenced breaking prairie between us and Dr. Stuart. Ground pretty. Fount and Green thined corn.

May 10 Breaking prairie & cutting brush thinning corn. Had fried chicken.

May 11 I went to mill. Got back to dinner. Part of hands still thinning corn.

May 12 Plowing and chopping out the sweet potato patch. Rely and Fount cut wheat. Pa and myself went down after our reaper a. m. tonight staying about nine from East Fork.

May 13 We got home with our reaper. Rely, Fount, Sam and Green cut and bound wheat. Chiggers are beginning to make their appearance.

May 14 Commenced cutting wheat with reaper. Had four hands from Uncle Isaac.

May 15 Went to McKinney to p. office. Came back and spent the balance of today (Sunday) at home.

May 16 Still harvesting wheat. Had 4 hands from Uncle I.

May 17 Still in the harvest field. Had 2 hands from Mr. Muse one from Uncle I.

May 18 Harvesting wheat still. 2 hands again to-day from Mr. Muse. Wheat is first rate. Now have about 40 acres cut.

May 19 Spent to-day in shocking wheat. Show in McKinney tonight

May 20 Harvested wheat. One of our hands gave out, or rather got sick. Price of hired hands \$1.50 cts per day.

May 21 Went to church a.m. p.m. also again tonight.

May 23 Shocked wheat. I killed two very large snakes p.m. Pa also killed one. Hungarian grass looks fine. Flax also looks well. Corn looks well.

May 24 All hands still harvesting wheat. Oats are beginning to head out.

May 25 Still in our wheat. Corn nearly waist high.

May 26 Worked in the harvest first part of today with our coats on. Finished cutting wheat except a few little spots that we can not cut with reaper well.



May 27 Laying by corn. Finished shocking wheat.  
 May 28 Had a beautiful rain last night. Reshocked some wheat. Set out some sweet potato plants.  
 May 29 I went to McKinney to church, but there was no meeting. Tom H. Muse come over this evening. (Sunday).  
 May 30 Plowing and thinning corn. I stayed at Uncle Isaac's last night.  
 May 31 Still plowing corn thinning +c +c +c  
 June 1<sup>st</sup> We cut a small piece of Geren white wheat this morning also a little tuskan wheat. Commenced stacking wheat. Put up one partly large stack. Chiggers very numerous This is the 27 page I have write in this little book today copied from another little book. May 27<sup>th</sup> 1871.  
 June 2 Stacking wheat and thinning corn. Well at house 16 feet of water.  
 June 3 Fine shower of rain last night. Thinning corn and chinise sugar cane. I noticed a silk in corn. Carpenters raised the frame of Mr. Waddill's large house. Three schools in progress at McKinney-1 male 1 female and 1 mixed. Little Parnelia' finger that was cut off on the 6<sup>th</sup> of April is nearly well.  
 June 4 Good many are speaking of going out to fight the Indians. Did some fencing.  
 June 5 Rely and myself went to meeting three times today. Heard a Baptist a.m., a Christian p.m. and a Methodist tonight.  
 June 6 Plowing corn and chinese sugar cane. Having potatoes +c.  
 June 7 Stacking wheat- hauling wood. Having potatoes +c.  
 June 8 Stacking wheat. Put up quite a large stack. Killed a small rattle snake. Saw large drove of horses and mules going north.  
 June 9 Some thunder and rain. Stacked some wheat. Now have up firm stacks.  
 June 10 Put up another large stack of wheat.  
 June 11 Pulled weeds out of potatoe patch. Stuck some peas and beans. Hoeing potatoes. Man in McKinney shot through the leg.  
 Junw 12 Went to church at McKinney morning -evening-night.  
 June 13 Hauled some fodder to McKinney at \$2.00 per hd. Hoeing & plowing.  
 June 14 Stacking wheat. Pa made two half bushels out of pine lumber. Corn is tastling and silking good deal.  
 June 15 Put up our 8<sup>th</sup> stack of wheat. Mother received a letter from Cousin Parmelia Whitelow.  
 June 16 Finished stacking wheat except some late wheat the frost injured. Uncle I. Borrowed 5 bs. wheat of us.  
 June 17 Cut some oats. Planted some pumpkin and yesterday chopped weeds. Pulled some flax.  
 June 18 Chopped some weeds and bound some flax- Rely Will Berry and myself went fishing on East Fork, but caught nothing except some minnows.

June 19 Went to church a.m. Rely went with to church to-night.

June 20 Thermometer as high as 94 p.m. chopped weeds out of corn. Cut some hungarian grass. stacked the wheat the frost injured. Went to church to-night.

June 21 Finished stacking wheat. Stacked some hungarian grass. It was two short to bind.

June 22 Commenced cutting oats. Bound part of the same. Pa made a wooden horse yesterday. Rely & myself went to McKinney to-night to church. One of the best days for harvesting I ever saw.

June 23 Bound and shocked oats. Heard a lecture on temperance at McKinney to-night.

June 24 Beautiful rain last night. Shelled corn & chopped weeds.

June 25 Chopping and pulling weeds. Sold some oats at \$2.00 per hd.

June 26 Few showers of rain. Went with Jim & Tom Muse and Will Berry to East Fork p.m.

June 27 Commenced stacking oats. Shelled some corn before breakfast. Stacked about 5000 bundles of oats. Two stacks.

June 28 Finished stacking oats. Raised about 8000 bundles this year. Had about 10 minutes rain.

June 29 I went to mill. Brought back a load of scantling. Started to mill again p.m. with a load of oats for the miller but was prevented from going on account or rain. Went to McKinney to-night to hear a lecture on the *reicsiur* of the Bible, but was disappointed.

June 30 Commenced breaking up wheat stubble land. Went to mill. part of hands chopped & pulled weeds out of corn. Fount & myself carried 400 bundles oats to miller.

July 1 Broke stubble land. Chopped & pulled weeds out of corn. I went to McKinney to church to-night. Have a few *roast- wears*.

July 2 Part of us breaking stubble land and out chopping & pulling weeds.

July 3 I went to church a.m. Went to see a lady immersed at 2 o'clock p.m. went also gain tonight. I also went last night. Four persons joined the Christian Church this evening and to-night. Some more joined Eliza & Tillie were two of those that joined to-night.

July 4 Fount broke stubble land. Rely & myself went to McKinney saw the Templars march. Went to church p.m. also went to creek. saw 7 persons baptised. Tillie & Eliza were 2 of N. Went to church to-night.

July 5 Plowed, shelled corn- stacked some hungarian grass. I went to church to-night. The Reformers, or Christians still carrying on there protracted meeting.

July 6 Went to mill- got no grinding- Came home went to plowing. Dr. Hall's (Christian) protracted meeting closed to-night. Rely & myself went to church to-night.

July 7 Fount & myself worked on the road. Pa went to mill as I did not get grinding. Rest plowing & chopping weeds.

July 8 Cut some poles for barn. Plowing & hoeing potatoes.

July 9 Cut & hauled some logs for grainery a.m. Went to McKinney p.m. Spent \$8.15 cts for goods.

July 10 Stayed at home all day. Went to church to-night.

July 11 Worked on the barn.

July 12 Worked on the barn.

July 13 Beautiful rain. Some worked on house & others worked in corn. Sick mule.

July 14 Plowing and working on barn. Flour \$3.00 per hundred pounds.

July 15 Thermometer 90 degrees at noon. Plowing working on granery +c. Mostly S. East wind during this month. Prospect for corn No 1.

July 16 Breaking stubble land & working on barn. Layed a hearth in W. room

July 17 Went to McKinney to church. a.m. went also again to-night. Ike & myself brought in two ripe watermellons this evening.

July 18 Thermometer 96 degrees at 3 o'clock. Ridged up some sweet potatoes went over it with hoes. Grabbed up some persimmons. Chopped and hoed weeds out of corn. Rely Fount Sam & Green did what I have mentioned above. Pa & myself finished weatherboarding the barn. Made a ladder. Wheat stubble land too dry to plow.

July 19 Thermometer 100 degrees at 2 o'clock Chopping weeds out of corn. Now finding hogs in Chinese sugar cane.

July 20 Thermometer 99  $\frac{3}{4}$  degrees at 3 o'clock p.m. All hands of us pulled & bound & shucked a little flax a.m. Expected Uncle Isaac to pull this flax some time ago. Rested from work 4 hours middle of day on account of weather being as warm. Pa and myself fixed a foot, or spout to barn.

July 21 Thermometer 99 Degrees 3 p.m. Fixed a temporary shade for our mules. Hoed weeds out of corn. Sawed off some bois d'arc blocks. Rested from work from 11 until 4 p.m. Then hoed corn.

July 22 Thermometer 99 degrees 3 p.m. Hauled some wood. Cut some broom, corn. Pa made large door & hung it to shed on East side of barn. Little rain p.m.

July 23 Helped Uncle Isaac to thresh wheat & barley.

July 24 I went to McKinney thinking to hear preaching, but disappointed. Tom Muse & Will Berry came out p.m. Rely & myself went to McKinney to church to-night.

July 25 Pa, Rely, Fount, Sam Wick and myself helped Uncle Isaac to thrash wheat. N. of bushels thrashed today 346 ½. 16 hands in all.

July 26 Half dozen of us helped Uncle I. to thrash wheat. Machine got out of order and only thrashed 240 bushels. Some have sown turnips and.

July 27 Helped Uncle I. to finish thrashing his crop of wheat. bu then had about 50 bushels of hungarian grass thrashed. Moved the machine to our stack. good got it set about an hour & a half sun p.m. Thrashed 100 ½ bushels. Uncle Isaac helped us.

July 28 Thrashed 339 ½ bs. Nab. hired a hand at \$1.50 cts to work in his place today. I went to McKinney to an exhibition tonight.

July 29 Uncle I. and his hands still helping us to thrash wheat. Thrashed 336 ½ bs. Uncle I. offered the owners of machine \$550 for it, but they would not take it.

July 30 Few drops of rain fell. Finished thrashing our wheat. Uncle Isaac and his hands helped us- raised this year about a thousand bushels of wheat.

July 31 I went to McKinney to church a.m. p.m. James Muse and Will Berry came by. Rely and myself went with them to singing. Rely and myself went to McKinney tonight thinking to hear preaching, but was disappointed.

At the organization of Company K, 6<sup>th</sup> Texas Cavalry in Sept.1861. The following is a list of officers and privates. **[NOTE BY LINDY FISHER, TRANSCRIBER- A.G. GRAVES LISTED HERE IS ALBERT GOODWIN GRAVES, L.H.'S COUSIN, NOT HIS FATHER, ALBERT GALLATIN GRAVES.]**

1<sup>st</sup> Lt. G. S. Fitzhugh killed Dec. 26<sup>th</sup> 1861

L. M. Martin listed first of the Co. Jan. 9/62

T. B. Collier listed 3<sup>rd</sup> Lt. from Jan. 9/62

At reorganization in May 62.

Dr. T. A. Norfleet listed Capt.

T. B. Collier listed 1<sup>st</sup> Lt.

B. G. Graves listed 2<sup>nd</sup> Lt.

L. H. Graves listed 3<sup>rd</sup> Lt.

Capt J. A. Norfleet killed Oct. 4 1862

[Battle of Corinth]

T. B. Collier promoted to Capt. Oct. 4 1862

B. G. Graves promoted to 1<sup>st</sup> Lt. Oct. 4 1862

L. H. Graves promoted to 2<sup>nd</sup> Lt. Oct. 4 1862

R. C. White listed 3<sup>rd</sup> Lt. Oct. 4 1862

Capt. T. B. Collier resigned  
 B. G. Graves promoted Capt.  
 L. H. Graves promoted 1<sup>st</sup> Lt.  
 R. C. White 2<sup>nd</sup> Lt.  
No 3<sup>rd</sup> Lt listed

Oct. 1864 Co. K & D consolidated on account of cos' being so small

S. G Rosamond Capt. D & K

L. H. Graves retained 1st Lt. D & K

R. C White retained 2nd Lt. D & K

Sept 12<sup>th</sup> 1861 Company K 6<sup>th</sup> Texas Cavalry was sworn into the Confederate Union at Camp Barton 15 miles east of Dallas, Dallas County, Texas. The following is a list of company officers & men.

J. W. Throckmorton Capt. [**Gov.**]

G. S. Fitzhugh 1<sup>st</sup> Leicut.

A. G. Patterson 2<sup>nd</sup> Lt.

L. M. Martin 3<sup>rd</sup> Lt.

**[L.H. Graves was initially listed as killed in the battle of Corinth]**

Privates & Non. Com. Officers

1. Allen P. P.
2. Archer William
3. Alderman William
4. Anderson R. M.
5. Box Henry
6. Burke James
- 100.** Brown S. A.
- 101.** Brown Z. T. (or Y.T.)
- 102.** Brown S. F.
103. Brogan James
- 104.** Blanton Joseph
- 105.** Brencney Robert (or Burcuy)
- 106.** Buster Waller W.
- 107.** Clark Mathew
108. Clark Richard
- field**
- 109.** Carr Ed
- 110.** Carpenter Ben. F.
- 111.** Collier Thomas B.
112. Caruth T. C.

**[Taken from the Dallas Herald Saturday, Nov. 8, 1862]**

**KILLED**

**Capt. Norfleet**

**3<sup>rd</sup> Lt. L.H. Graves**

**1<sup>st</sup> Sgt. T. B. Henry**

**Pvt. Henry Box**

**Pvt. J.F. Burke**

**Pvt. Thos. Carouth**

**Pvt. H. Hood**

**Pvt. P. McKinney**

**Pvt. Geo. Nipp**

**Pvt. W.C. Smith**

**Pvt. Jas. Walsh**

**WOUNDED**

**J.M. Lewis-severe: left on**

**W.J. McClure- severe**

**J.P. Ninuey- severe**

**B.P. Simmons severe**

**W.A. Alderman- slight**

113. Cloyd William J.
114. Cappell Jasper
115. Davis J. S. M.
116. Debolt William
117. Estes Ben. T.
118. Fitzhugh J. S.
119. Graves A. G.
120. Graves L. H.
121. Grimes G. W.
122. Grayham F.
123. Hood W. H. H.
124. House Robert
125. Hickman Chaney
126. Horn J. C.
127. Henry Thomas B.
128. Henry John
129. Hatcher Jordan
130. Hunter F. M.
131. Hatler S. D.
132. Ice Bent. F.
133. Jones A. L.
134. Jackson "Shade"
135. Lovelady T. H. B.
136. Lewis John
137. Lewis Robert
138. Lisenbee T. W.
139. McKinney Peter
140. McClure W. J.
141. Myers Ed. G.
142. Moore S. J.
143. Moore H. S.
144. Mayes James
145. Mayes J. Andy
146. Mullinix Genathan
147. Montgomery James. S.
148. Mills Fayette
149. Mills John
150. Mills William
151. Medcalf E. B.
152. Miller

**J.M. Hinton**

**C. G. Beeman**

**PRISONERS**

**B.T. Estes**

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153. McCormick George
154. McCue Johnny
155. McGarrah Ran.
156. Nipp George
157. Nicholson J. S. M.
158. *Nuney* J. P. (or Ninuey, Ninmy)
159. Nelson Richard
160. Norfleet Thomas A.
161. Nolan Robert
162. Norlan Tyne
163. O'Brien D. W.
164. Patrick Thomas J.
165. Powers John
166. Patterson James
167. Roard C. H.
168. Rummers G. J.
169. Seares Dan
170. Snider Charles S.
171. Stewart John B.
172. Schulic Peter
173. Seaten Robert
174. Smith C. W.
175. Smith W. C.
176. Simmons John W.
177. Simmons Bu. P.
178. Simmons Clay
179. Shields John B.
180. Sissum George
181. Skidmon T. F.
182. Stanley William
183. Skidmon John
184. Stanger Lewis
185. Shirley "Jack" A. L.
186. Sanders Allen
187. Sweeney "Dad"
188. Toucrey E. H.
189. Tucker D. F.
190. Thompson J. F.
191. Tyler "Doc"
192. Wallace Sam L.

- 100. White R. C.
- 101. Williams George
- 108. Woods R. O.
- 109. Wilson J. A.
- 110. Wilson W. B.
- 111. Wilson "Buck"
- 112. Welch James
- 113. Wasson T. C.

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*Diary of L. H. Graves*

[Diary begins again in ink and written under the correct dates at the top of the pages. This is when his father gave him the diary.]

Sat. May 13, 1871 I with John & Charley finished plowing over my 12 acre piece of corn p.m. Half way between noon and night. This is the 2<sup>nd</sup> time that I have plowed over this piece of corn. This land Wick had in wheat last year. It was rather late for me to go to McKinney this evening as I felt so very tired, rather more than common. Brother Billie went to McKinney this evening. He brought out my paper "Enquirer". I am generally glad to get the Enquirer as it always contains more, as less news. Flour at McKinney is worth \$6.00 per hundred pounds now and has been for some time. I would that- I could remember my daily transactions since the 1<sup>st</sup> of January last.

Sun. May 14- I went to McKinney to church a.m. Heard a Cumberland Presbyterian. Came out and took dinner with sisters Tillie & Genie- Woot & Tuck absent on trading trips. Went back to McKinney this evening expecting to ride a few miles south east to get some strawberrys, but did not go on account of failing to get anyone to go with me. Joe. Williams told me he ate some very fine strawberrys down at the place I thought of going to-day. I called to see cousin E. W. Bingham a little while this evening. Some rain fell this evening, very light showers.

Mon. May 15, Commenced plowing my 32 acre piece of corn over the third time this morning. John and Charley (Negros) still working for me. I let them run round with turning plows or rather one with a single shovel and the other with a turning plow. I with a double shovel once in a row take out the middle



very nicely. I succeeded in getting a very good stand of corn and only dropped two grains in a hill- once in awhile I dropped 3 grains, but not intentionally. I dropped it this way to avoid the hard labor of thinning. Thinning corn is certainly worse dreaded by me than any other work on a farm.

Tues. May 16- I with John and Charley plowed over about eight acres of corn. I now have about half of this piece of corn plowed over. It is about knee high & looks well. I pull up every burr that the plows fail to plow up. Also pull up what few weeds that are in the hill. We are now selling corn at 60 cts per bushel specie in the small way- five ten and fifteen bushels at a time. Present crop of wheat has been injured very much in places by birds. Known, as called here the rice bird. Hundreds and thousands of these birds collect together in droves and injure the wheat in the dor. state.

Wed. May 17- Plowed corn myself some one half of to-day John and Charley plowed all day. I hauled a barrel of water and then went to McKinney. Genie came up this morning. spent the day. I got up in one of the sweet cherry trees and got a few sweet cherrys for little Bennie (Genie's little boy) sold the remainder of my *shere* oats to Maj. Buck at same price that I have been selling at for some time \$3.00 per hundred. Bought some articles of goods for Tillie. Took supper there and went to McKinney to meeting to-night. The Methodists commenced a protracted meeting at McKinney on Sunday last.

Thurs. May 18- Finished plowing over my 32 acre piece of corn about an hour by sun this evening. I then with both my hands (Charley & John) plowed some for Wick as I had a little corner of corn at one end of this piece he's now plowing over. This little book was bought by Pa to-day from a journeyman and given to me by him. Mulberrys and cherrys are ripening quite fast. Cousin Good Graves commenced cutting his wheat to-day. That is I suppose he did as he expected to do Pa said on yesterday evening. Pa walked up to Uncle Isaac's a little while on yesterday evening. The ground is getting quite dry Rain would be very thankful to many just now.

Fri. May 19, 1871- I with John & Charley commenced going over my piece of corn east of the East branch the third time with same plows we've been using all this week. I say the third time. In the first-place I broke it up & brushed it, then layed it off both ways planted & covered it with two mules, then broke the middles out and brushed it again before the corn came up. Am now plowing it the third time since the corn came up. Between 2 & 3 o'clock we had to stop plowing on account of rain. It commenced raining very gently and I would not

be surprised if we have really a good rain. I am truly glad to see it. I wish I could have gotten this nice little book as this as that I could have commenced my diary with the new year, on the 1st day of January.

Sat. May 20- Had quite a fine rain yesterday evening and last night. The ground is now thoroughly wet. I went to McKinney this morning. Got a letter for Genie from Woot it having been surely six weeks since she heard from him. He wrote that he would be by home with cattle about the last of this month. I went to see Mr. J. H. Jenkin's little boy this evening. He is very sick congestive of the brain. Jenkins is an old friend of mine. Sheriff Bush handed me a blank form to make out my Co. roll (in the Milishia) Sold some corn at 50 cts per bs gold.

Sun. May 21 Wrote some over one hundred names in my company state Militia also made out one for Tuck Hill as he is not here. Went to McKinney to meeting a.m. Took dinner with Col. G. H. McMurray Went to prayer meeting at half past 3 o'clock p. m. Came out home about an hour and a half by sun and drove up my little mules, also the work mules for tomorrow's use. Then went back to McKinney to church tonight. There was considerable shouting several *morners* tonight. Have Methodist- preachers (Gatewood and Roggers by name) have been carrying this meeting on for one week, how much longer it will last I do not know-

Mon. May 22- Mostly clear to-day. I spent half of today hunting a mule found it near Mr. Chandlers. Caught it in his lot. Took dinner with him for the first time in life. Came home. Went to plowing corn. Did not plow long as the ground is too wet. Spent a few hours this evening writing names in mine and Tuck's Muster Rolls. Have now got them ready for Sheriff Bush. Got as many nice cherries as I wanted to eat in our yard this evening. Mother received her deed to some land that Grandpa gave her in Mo.

Tues. May 23 I went to McKinney to carry mine and Tuck Hill's company rolls to Sheriff Bush. Sold our hundred bushels of corn to Jesse Shain at 50 cts per bushel- Came home. Commenced cutting wheat about half past 10 o'clock. It has been very much injured by the birds and frost, as something else- quite a number of heads blasted. Billie John & Charley nearly kept up binding with the reaper. Wick and myself took it turn about driving and *reking* off. Received a nice printed photographed ticket to a Grand Temperance Entertainment at McKinney tomorrow evening. These are the nicest-gotten up tickets I have ever seen.

Wed. May 24 Rained a little early this morning after which I went to plowing corn. Had John and Charley with me. Finished plowing over my piece of corn east of the East branch. It looks very pretty indeed. We started to cutting the balance of our wheat this evening, but only went two rounds with reaper until we had to stop on account of rain. I then with all hands bound and shocked what I did cut. The latter part of this evening shower after shower of rain has fallen. I have given out going to the Temperance Entertainment to-night. I do not think they will have it to-night since so much rain.

Thurs. May 25 I went out to McKinney this morning. Sold one hundred bushels of corn to Waltern (stage agent) at 50 cts per bushel. To Scot Alison, 20 bushels at same price. Found out that the Temperance Entertainment did not come off last night, but would come off to-night. Came back home. Mr. G. W. Grimes came late this evening. Staying with us tonight. I went to the Temperance ball had quite a nice time. Everything passed off very pleasantly. There was dancing and promenading good music and quite a nice supper. The young ladies deserve great credit for preparing such nice cake +c. +c. +c.

Fri. May 26 It was near 2 o'clock last night when I got home of course I very soon want to sleep. G. W. Grimes and myself went to McKinney. Several showers of rain fell again this evening. Shain sent-cut after a load of corn this evening. I took Millia Ella & Maggie to school this morning also went after Thurs. evening. I do not know when the ground will get dry enough to plow again, but hope it will do next week. Tuck Hill cam up after the cradle to cut his wheat. Corn is now growing solidly.

Sat. May 27, 1871 Some more rain. I remained at home writing in the first part of this little book pretty much all day. Bud Newman and sister Fannie Neuman came a.m. glad to see them. The family generally regrets that our favorite cat *Harefit* was killed last night by the dogs under the house. She was much the best cat we have ever had. She brought out my "Enquirer" also a N. of the "Messenger" this evening. This week has been so wet John & Charley only worked one and three quarter days a piece. Not yet done cutting what little wheat we have. Most of my young mules are doing well (19 in No.) they are now one year old.

Sun. May 28 Wrote until 10 o'clock a.m. then got ready & went to church at McKinney. Heard old Mr. Cloyd. Bud, Fannie, Lucie, & myself (Ike also) went to McKinney to church to-night. It was about 12 or 1 o'clock to-night

when we got back home. The Methodist protracted meeting has been going on two weeks. I expected it would close to-night, but meeting tomorrow evening also again to-morrow night. Had some nice cherry pie for dinner. Several were here to help partake of it. Partly good turn out at church to-night. Some shouting. Drove up my little mules. Oats are heading out.

Mon. May 29 I with John & Charley threw down the string of fence east of the orchard plowed or tried to plow the hegerow, then put up the fence again. John hauled some bois d'arc stakes- Charley set in stakes. I has such a dreadful headache I went to bed about an hour and a half sun. p.m. This fence has needed resetting for sometime. Walked through part of my corn before breakfast. Pulled up some weeds and burrs. My first planting of corn is about waist high. This ground being so very wet have not yet finished cutting wheat. Ike went to McKinney. Billie off visiting I suppose. Melia Eliza E. and Maggie going to school to Mr. J. S. Muse.

Tues. May 30 Finished staking and sidering fence East of orchard early a.m. Chopped weeds out of center of road from east well to E. gate. Fixed pole bridge on E. branch. Sold and measured out 92 bushels corn to Jeff Davis & others at one time .50 cts. per bushel. Pa measured out, as rather attended to measuring 20 bs more corn for me *Mr. M. Ice*. 112 bushels measured out to-day. Went to plowing corn this evening. ground pretty heavy. Corn is growing so fast- Concluded to try and plow some anyhow. Methodist protracted meeting at McKinney I learn will go on all this week.

Wed. May 31, 1871 Had corn (laying it by) until noon with John & Charley this evening finished cutting wheat would have finished several days ago had it not been for the rain. Got it bound and shocked I then put John and Charley to plowing corn. I rested about half of this evening on account of not feeling very well. I have not felt right well for two or some days, but hope I may feel all right soon. Mister Scott Allison so {*two words smeared*} in this evening that I sold him several days ago. Ike helped me a little in the wheat p.m. Jack Franklin was married on yesterday evening.

Thurs. June 1, 1871 John & Charley layed by corn. Billie also plowed for me to-day. I sold Cass O'Brien ten bushels corn. 36 bundles oats for \$2.00 to him also. Not feeling evenly well concluded to rest to-day from work. Went to McKinney Stayed there more of the day. Could have sold good deal of corn today if I had had it. Mrs. {?} did not do much at McKinney to-day. My oats

are about all headed out which look very fine indeed. This has been the warmest day this season. Genie came up with little Bennie to-day.

Fri. June 2 Still laying by corn. Billie has been plowing for me for the last day and a half until noon to-day. Let John & Charley plow for him this evening. Weather quite hot compared with the kind of weather we've been having. Mother is now having her soap made. Corn is growing as fast as I ever saw it grow in any country. Ground is now in fine plowing order. I hauled a barrel of water first thing this morning. I then plowed most of to-day. stopped this evening awhile before night on account of not feeling very well. Genie went home this evening.

Sat. June 3 Plowed corn until near noon John & Charley plowing for Billie a.m. All hands stopped work at dinner. Went to McKinney this evening. Heard several political speeches by Gov. J. W. Throckmorton and the Hon. John C. *Conner* first one & then the other spoke for considerable length of time. Others also spoke in Court House, but I did get over in time to hear them. Col. Allen Capt. Brown Col. Allison & Capt. Johnson. I took supper at Mr. Bingham's. went to church tonight. The Methodist 3 weeks meeting closed to-night.

Sun. June 4 I went out to McKinney to church. Heard Mr. J. S. Muse. Took dinner at Woot & Tuck Hill's. Several of us took dinner there to-day. Went back to McKinney this evening. Mailed three letters for Tillie & Genie then went to singing at 4 o'clock. Tried to sing with others for about two hours. Accompanied Miss Florence Heard home from singing this evening. We had to run as it commenced raining on us soon after leaving the church. Am to-night staying at Mrs. Waddill's for first time in years. The youngsters of McKinney & vicinity have concluded to meet there every Sunday evening at 4 o'clock to sing.

Mon. June 5 Went to plowing corn again this morning. John did not come. I fear he has left me. Charley & myself did not quite finish my 32 acre piece of corn. I stopped plowing a little while before night on account of feeling somewhat bad. Pa sold near 30 bushels of corn at 50 cts. per bushel. Weather getting very hot. The heat this evening was very oppressive indeed plowing in corn near five feet high. Still have a few cherrys. I took a little medicine to-night. On day before yesterday evening I offered Jimmie Dowell \$1.75 cts for ten bushels of wheat to sow he did not say for certain whether he would let me have that or not.

Tues. June 6 Learned this morning that John had left me to work for Stiff (Capt. Ed) Finished laying by my 32 acre piece of corn by noon. Commenced plowing over the small corn N. of Wick's oats. This is only the 2<sup>nd</sup> plowing for this piece of corn. Charley still helping me. Billie helped me to plow a little while this evening. He finished laying by his corn to-day. Only gave it 3 plowings. I am aiming to give most of mine 4 plowings. Pa and myself measured out near 75 bushels of corn to-day at 50 cts per bs. If we sell any more we will have more per bushel.

Wed. June 7 Still laying by corn. Charley & Billie plowing for me. I stayed about the house good portion of to-day measuring out corn to diferent ones. Finished measuring out all the corn that I sold while back. I see now I sold my corn too early. If I only had held it awhile longer I could have gotten much better price. Believe I could have gotten 75 cts per bushel instead of 50 cts. the price I sold at. Several of us attended Mr. Muses's Exhibition to-night which lasted about 2 hours to-night.

Thurs. June 8 Went to McKinney a.m. Mr. Muses Examination was going on awhile. sold Geo. O'Brien a \$20.00 rate set of harness for \$11.00 which only cost me \$5.00. Bought a mare and mule colt from Les Faires for \$80.00 in specie. Hope to sell the mare for \$60.00 in the fall and keep the colt. I think it will make me a very nice mule. Took supper at cousin Dellie Dudmond's this evening. Went to Exhibition again to-night. Last night of Mr. Muse exhibition. It lasted much longer to-night.

Fri. June 9 I did not do much of anything to-day on account of last night's dissipation and not feeling very well. Hoed some in my sweet potatoe patch. Late this evening which needs work very much. Parson Allen's School ends with a grand exhibition to-night. Bud Newman Fannie Lucie & Melia have gone out there to-day. I would like to have gone, but did not feel like going that distance twelve miles nearly W. of this. Charley still laying by corn for me. Cherrys nearly all gone.

Sat. June 10, 1871 Concluded on late yesterday evening I would stack my wheat today if it was a suitable day. Finished stacking wheat little wheat I had about 1 o'clock p.m. Splendid day for stacking especially a.m. Wick also stacked his wheat. Ike helped him. Charley helped me to stack mine. Went to McKinney p.m. in Bud's wagon with him. Dr. Hill not in- Woot is back trying to find some stampeded cattle some distance S. W. of this. Got my paper

“Enquirer” this evening published at McKinney by John Bingham who married cousin Eliza G.

Sun. June 11 Rode out this morning to look up some of my little mules that have gotten with some other horses. Expected to get back in time to go to church, but when I got ready it was after 11 o'clock- remained at home until about 4 o'clock then went to McKinney to singing. Came home. Drove up the mules little and big. Two of mine have gotten as they will not stay with the rest. Not very many out at singing this evening. Doc Hill Genie & Tillie and others took dinner with us to-day. I took a little ride in Tuck & Woot's new buggy.

Mon. June 12 Billie Charley & myself commenced laying by my piece of corn that makes up to Sherman road. We did a very good day's plowing considering it was such a warm day. Thermometer 90 degrees at 2 o'clock p.m. Have been paying Billie one dollar per day gold (or silver) for the last few days. He's been plowing corn for me. Tried to get Ike to plow for me at \$1.00 per day but he would not do it. Sackie brought mother some very nice plums from her pa's to *puarm* on yesterday evening which were thankfully received. I ate a few of them which were excellent.

Tues. June 13 I plowed in corn to-day by myself. Finished laying by my piece of corn East of East branch this evening. Ground getting quite dry. This is the 5<sup>th</sup> plowing for this piece of corn. Weather warm. Little party (Dance) at Wick's to-night. All went except Pa mother & myself. I did not feel like going. Felt very tired Doc Hill was there. he & Tuck expect to start on with their cattle in the morning. Woot has not arrived from below. Measured out some corn to-day at 75 cts per bushel to a freedman on widow Allen's farm.

Wed. June 14 I plowed corn again to-day. Finished laying by my piece of corn N. of Wick's oats. This is only the second plowing for this piece of corn as it was planted oats. Went out to Alf Chandler's after a mule of mine that learned was jumping in his field immediately after dinner. Drove it with some of uncle's horses into his lot. Brought it home. Drove the rest of our mules & horses up. Gave them all some salt. Most of my young mules are doing well. Pa is speaking of raising some on what little corn he has left. I learn old corn is very scarce in the country. This is a very bad pen.

Thurs. June 15 I hoed in my sweet potatoe patch until at 10 o'clock. Found a tap that I lost off my double shovel plow put it on and put it (the plow) in shop out of the weather. Fixed in a handle in one of our big plows. Pa turned

off two wagons that wanted to buy corn. He does not care to sell any more corn just now. I shelled corn this evening. Ike & Billie helped some. I have some more plowing in corn, I want to do, but it is so very dry will have to wait until a rain. Ike & Billie hoed some in Pa's potatoe patch a.m.

Fri. June 16 Had a fine rain a.m. I did not get up until quite late this morning on account of having such a fine rain which we were needing very bad. I did not do much of anything a.m. Went to McKinney this evening. Thespian Entertainment by the young men of McKinney to commence to-night and to last for 2 nights. I expected to have gone to this Thespian Entertainment to-night, but upon my arrival at home late p.m. I was glad to meet Woot Hill after supper. I concluded to go down & spend a few hours with him, therefore did not attend T. Entertainment to-night.

Sat. June 17 I measured up eight bushels of corn by myself before breakfast then went to mill. Got grinding stopped a while at McKinney. Wrote a ticket to Miss Florence Heard in accord to the Thespian Entertainment to-night, but did not send it as I heard she had company for to-night. Came home. Walked to North East corner of farm carried a planke hammer & saw +c with me to fix up or rather to stop a hog hole in the fence. Went to the Thespian Entertainment to-night.

Sun. June 18, 1871 Woot Hill came by this morning on his way North to *rejoin* his drove of cattle. We took dinner at Capt. Newman's Bud & Fannie being there. Bud & myself rode with Woot some two miles north of Capt. N's Then came back to the Capt.'s stayed until somewhat late then came on home. drove my little mules and the others home. as I came as I think I will commence cutting oats to-morrow. I would liked very much to have heard Mr. Darnall at the Hackberry School house to-day, but I did not hear him.

Mon. June 19 I commenced cutting oats early a.m. with cradle cut round more than a thousand yards next to fence in order to save them all. Commenced cutting with scraper this evening, oats are rather green to cut, but as I have more than ours to cut I concluded to commence in time. I put Charley to plowing corn. He plowed corn all day taking out some middle that I could not plow awhile back on account of the ground being too dry. My oats I think are as fine as I ever saw. Billie helped me. Mr. Grimes came & paid me the \$10.00 bs he borrowed awhile back.



Tues. June 20 Still cutting oats. Had some hands to commence binding this evening. Williams, Lane, Negro (Tom) and Charley. The latter plowed corn a.m. I hired a young Missourian this morning to help me in my harvest, with the promise that he would commence work this evening, but he failed to come. Billie & myself broke the tung of reaper this evening which surprised me very much. I was driving Billie raking off he failed to get off in making a turn. Pa helped us to fix it so that we could run the reaper in an hour, or so.

Wed. June 21 Finished cutting my part of oats just before noon. Had another binder Parry (Negro) to commence this morning. Jor. Williams son Lam Charley Uncle Tom & Billie all bound all day except the latter. he commenced binding for Wick this evening. Ike & myself cut on Wick's this evening. Very hot evening for binding oats. Think we will have rain soon. I am paying \$1.50 cts per day for hands to help in harvesting my oats. Thermometer has been about 90 degrees for several days.

Thurs. June 22 Finished cutting Wick's oats about 9 o'clock a.m. Ike & myself then drove on out into west field and commenced cutting on Tuck & Woot Hill's. I was as very anxious to finish a piece we were cutting on did not stop much before dark although Ike did not think we could finish it, but we did. The hands that bound for me yesterday still bound for us today. Not quite so warm to-day as it was yesterday. Some of hands getting pretty tired I am also partly tired. Will be quite glad when I finish cutting, binding & shocking my oats. I bound some this morning before breakfast.

Fri. June 23 I commenced shocking oats this morning a while after daylight. Shocked until breakfast was over, then shocked with Perry and Charley until I finished which was a few minutes after 12 o'clock. Was very tired and warm when I came in to dinner. Rested until half past 1 o'clock. Then went out with the mules to-day to finish T. & W.'s oats after cutting 2 or 3 hours Tuck & myself broke a lever to reaper. I then went to McKinney to get it fixed. Got it fixed this evening. This reaper has been in use about 13 years.

***The writing gets smaller and in much lighter ink for the rest of the diary.***

Sat. June 24, 1871 Finished cutting Woot & Tuck's oats about 9 o'clock a.m. I then with Tuck and six others, eight of us in all got all of these oats shocked a few minutes before 12 o'clock to-day. Tuck & myself. were then in a great hurry to get to McKinney as this is the evening for a Democratic meeting there.

we were just in time to walk out on the side for Capt. Conner. Good deal of excitement. There were 120 against Conner and 220 for him at McKinney to-day. I was truly glad that a majority of the men were for Conner at McKinney. I hope we will be able to send him to Congress again.

Sun. June 25 Tuck came by early a.m. I rode out West with him to look for some of our stock. We found them all. Got back home about 10 o'clock rested until the evening. Tuck came up in his fine buggy. Tillie and the children also. We went up to Mr. McDonalds to see them and get some plumbs this evening. Little Willie went in the buggy with us. Had quite a nice ride. We got some very good plumbs. I intended to go to McKinney to the singing at 4 o'clock p.m. but I gave it up. Warm day. Corn is tastling and silking right smartly.

Mon. June 26 I commenced stacking oats this morning. They are so pretty have not had any rain on them since they were cut. The straw I think is about the brightest I ever saw. They were cut a little green. Charley & myself stacked some over 2500 bundles to-day. I tried to run two wagons, went down to see old Uncle Jake after I failed to get Bob, but failed to get him too. Wick also commenced stacking his oats this morning. Billie helped him to-day. Price of hands to help stack \$1.00 per day in gold except the stacker, \$1.50 cts for stacker. Hope to have two, or three more hands to-morrow.

Tues. June 27, 1871 Stacked oats with two wagons today. Perry (Negro) stacking put up one large stack for me and then was about finishing one for Pa when it came as very near tumbling over that we commenced another stack. He is no stacker to suit me. If I cannot get a better one to-morrow will stack myself. Had Green and Ellis also Charley to help in stacking to-day. This has been the warmest day according to our thermometer we have had this summer. Thermometer 95 degrees at 3 p.m. Corn needing rain very much. It has already been injured a little on account of not raining.

Wed. June 28 Stacking oats again today. Succeeded in getting an extra hand to stack for me to-day Bob (Negro) Kept two wagons runing Hauling up oats stacked near six thousand bundles. Oats are so very fine this year. Had to ter down one of the stacks that was put up yesterday. I had one extra hand which I employed in my potatoe patch a.m. but this evening I put him to thining bundles from the other stacks I have just mentioned and I went to stacking them myself. Did not interfere with my other stacker & hands in stacking on another stack. Thermometer 97 degrees. 2 degrees warmer than any day this year.

Thurs. June 29 Finished stacking my oats about 1 o'clock or a little after as so very glad that I got them all cut, bound, shocked and stacked without any rain falling on them after they were ripe. This is I believe the first year we have been so fortunate in having such a nice time for sowing oats. Went out to McKinney this evening with Ike to get released from a bond of one thousand dollars that Tuck Wick & myself went on for Ike. He & Jack Franklin it seems made a little negro get down & pray whist't drunk. I was at Good's a while p.m. to see about a thrasher.

Fri. June 30 Got all of my little mules and some other stock in stubble field early a.m. got some of them in on yesterday evening. I take Charley and went a fixed the ranch where the road crosses it to keep the hogs from getting in the field. Put in fence round my oat stacks. Gathered up all the tangle straw round mine & Pa's stacks. Took Charley & went & drove two of my little mules from out West. Went to McKinney to see Mr. R. Dedmund in some legal business in reference to Ike. Pa went on the *bond* for Ike to get him released again. Noticed some clouds gathering in N. W. Commenced thundering and then we had pretty rain p.m.

Sat. July 1 Drove up the mules from stubble field. Charley drove our team and I the other to the bottom after wood. We hauled two loads of wood apiece. I then with Charley gathered up all the plows that we left about in diferent places in corn field put them in the shop. Took off four of them and carried them to McKinney to one of the blacksmith shops. Got them sharpened. Want to commence breaking up stubble land Monday if nothing prevents. Politics at a high ebb at McKinney. Conner and Anti Connerites- bought some goods for the family.

Sun. July 2, 1871 I went up to the Hackberry or Tucker Schoolhouse to meeting. Heard Col. Wilmeth preach. Went to Rely's to dinner. Stayed there until late this evening. Whilest there walked out in his field with him to look at his cotton corn +c. When I arrived at home this evening was told that Tuck Hill came near being killed roaching one of his fine mules. Happened to get the rope caught round his neck that was fastened to two mules. First *roasteuran* tonight this season. I want to commence breaking up stubble (wheat) land on tomorrow.

Mon. July 3 I commenced breaking up wheat stubble land which is covered over with weeds some few burrs weeds from 2 to 3 feet high. Ground in fine plowing order. The plow that I plowed with to-day almost scoured. Charley

and myself did not plow much over two acres as the weather was so very warm. Several started this morning to Dallas to be at the Convention held there on tomorrow. Hope John C. Conner will be the nominee of the party. (Democratic party) Pa still selling some corn at 75 cts per bs.

Tues. July 4 Charley & myself plowed again to-day on wheat stubble land. Some little rain fell about noon, but not enough to amount to anything much. Did not stop us from plowing. I now have about five rows of wheat stubble land plowed. I felt very bad this evening for awhile, but that feeling wore off and we plowed until near dark. Upon coming in from work I found an old army friend of mine here, A. B. Mayes, commonly called Dolphin. We talked some on the acts of the by-gone days of Confederate and United States war.

Wed. July 5 Mr. Cummings came by this morning and informed us that the machine would be here about noon. Charley and myself plowed until dinner this evening. We helped Wick thrash wheat. Finished thrashing his part this evening. He only had 26 3/4 bushels off of 5 acres. Cumming's is a two horse *enless* chain thrasher. The wheat crop in this portion of Texas this year is very indifferent yield to the acre, but the gain is very good. Corn seems to be filling pretty well, but another rain would help it very much.

Thurs. July 6, 1871 Thrashed mine and Tuck & Woot Hill's crop of wheat by noon. Tuck and W. only had 23 1/2 bushels of wheat. I only have 20 1/2 bushels. I offered Mr. C. \$2.00 per bushel for the tall wheat of mine & Tuck's, but he declined selling it at that price. He said he thought he could make more out of it by grinding it as flour. Was now worth \$4.50 per hundred pounds which is very fine price for flour. Anna & Eliza came down and spent the day with us. First time Eliza has been here since Christmas. After finishing up my straw & fixing up fence went to plowing. Charley also.

Fri. July 7 Still breaking up wheat stubble land Charley and myself. Ground is drying rapidly. Weather not so warm as it has been. Thermometer about 90 to 92 degrees for the last several days about noon. Capt. *Jno.* C. Conner was the nominee of the Democratic Convention held at Dallas on the 4<sup>th</sup> Inst. Some were very bitter against Conner, but I hope all will now be well. I could not endorse Capt. Conner's record, but I believed he was the best man for us. Just now. I do not like his fighting against us during the war he will be pretty certain to go to Congress again.

Sat. July 8 Charley and myself finished plowing up wheat stubble land about noon. Was glad to get done as the ground had gotten so very hard. Expect to commence breaking up oat stubble land Monday next. I went to McKinney this evening on business. collected some money that has been due me for several weeks. Bought some articles of goods for Pa & mother. District Court has been in session all this week in McKinney. Several cases to be tried during Jury's term. Sold some more corn at 45 cts per bushel.

Sun. July 9 Having heard late yesterday evening that Pa's old *Jennett* had been very badly cut by some one for getting into Mrs. *Neuman's* field I suppose. I went early this morning to get the bell off of her as it was Pa's request. Then went by Tuck's. stayed a while. Drank a few glasses of sugar of lemon in good color water. Went to McKinney to church a.m. Took dinner with Genie Lucie Maggie also. I went back to McKinney to singing this evening. Stopped awhile at Mrs. Waddill's to see Geo. Morris who has just returned from Ky. Saw Frank Perkins for first time in many years. He is also here on a visit from Ky. to see his mother & others.

Mon. July 10 Commenced breaking up oat stubble land. Expect to sow this land in wheat this fall also the wheat stubble land that I have just finished breaking up. Charley helped me to plow to-day. Rely came down this morning as I sent him word Saturday evening Pa wished to see him. He and Genie took dinner with us to-day. Fannie was also here. Bud N. came late p.m. just up from the pine mills where he brought back some lumber to build him a house. He brought out a barrell of sugar for Pa. Dan O'Brien brought it up from Jefferson.

Tues. July 11, 1871 Charley and myself still plowing oat stubble land. Had few drops of rain. A good rain now would help the corn very much to fill much better. Billie's started off last night. Ike left more than a week ago. I know not where they have gone as they are disposed to be wild which I am deeply regret. I would give anything in the bounds of reason if only they would stick to the farm. Wick went to McKinney p.m. He brought me a letter from Uncle C. W. Jackson. Was very glad to hear from him.

Wed. July 12 Still plowing oat stubble land. I think Charley & myself plowed about 3 ½ acres to-day. On yesterday I did not rest but a few minutes at dinner time. Spent a few hours fixing up the plow gear sawing new pieces on the broke *seams*. A brother of Charley, came this morning. Pa gave him employment to-day in his potatoe patch and orchard. I now have about 20 acres

of wheat & oats stubble land plowed. I want to sow a pretty good crop of wheat this fall. I suppose there was meeting in McKinney to-night as I heard the bell. Was too tired to go over.

Thurs. July 13 Charley and myself still plowing oat stubble land. Finished up right hand side of branch on the east side of it. Ground is drying quite fast. A good rain would help very much the corn especially. Charley's brother (Hiram by name) worked for me to-day. I put him to cutting out fence corners. He worked well, very well for a young hand. This is my birthday. 31 years old to-day. Age on age rolls on, on + on. Little did I ever think that I would have lived a single man so long as I have. *Few* younger than myself of Pa's family have married late as this.

Fri. July 14 Plowed with Charley until dinner. This evening I let Hiram take my plow and I went to McKinney to buy some mule collars as the mules' shoulders are getting very sore from working old and indifereent collars. I bought four pretty good collars for ten dollars specie from J. G. Skidmon. He has some as high as \$5.00 a piece gold. This was quite a warm evening certain, but we have had warmer weather this summer. Heard late this evening that Woot Hill came near dying from drinking a certain kind of water on his way to Mo. on the way of Kansas.

Sat. July 15, 1871 Still dry weather. Charley and Hiram Finished plowing up oat stubble on east side of E. branch about an hour by sun p.m. I now have 30 acres of wheat and oat stubble land plowed to sow wheat on this fall. I *writed* & greased two new collars and carried them in to the field where the boys were plowing and put them on the mules. Have some peaches in our orchard. Nearly ripe. Went to McKinney. Did not start until late p.m. Met a negro coming for some corn for Jude Andrews. I used to go to school to Judge A.

Sun. July 16 Hottest day this year up to present time. It was so very warm I concluded to not go to church a.m. But intended to go to the singing at McKinney at 4 o'clock p.m. Just as I was starting to catch my horse Uncle Isaac came. Pa not being at home, the horn was blown for him. He hearing it soon came, but by that time it was getting so late. I gave out going to the singing. Genie spent the day here with little Bennie. Tuck came by in their fine new buggy after Genie. Bud Newman & Fannie came late pm.. Molly Graves spent the day with us.

Mon. July 17 Commenced breaking up stubble land in West field where Woot & Tuck had oats. Charley & myself plowed all of 3 acres. Thermometer 98 about 3 o'clock hottest part of to-day. Our plows scoured good portion of to-day. Hiram chopped up some burro north side of this corn I bought of Billie a.m. Put him to cutting out fence corners with bryer, as brush *after* this evening. I do not know whether I will sow wheat on this land this fall as not, but by plowing it now it will in much better condition for corn next year. It will make the oats come up much faster after rain.

Tues. July 18 Charley and myself plowed oat stubble land again to-day. I think we plowed near 4 acres had no cleaning of plows much. It is truth thermometer was 97 degrees warmest part of day. Ground very dry. Had no rain is a long time. Hiram cut out fence corners about a half mile in length. I ate some ripe peaches in orchard to-day. Had Hiram to cut some sun-flowers along little branch on south side of the oat stubble I am now plowing. I do not want them to go to seed any where on the fence.

Wed. July 19 Charley plowed all day. I plowed some over half of to-day. Hiram cut burrs out of corn a.m. this evening I let him plow most of time. I cut up some sun flowers and fixed some fence. Late this evening I drove up my little mules. A few very light showers of rain fell near middle of day which was very acceptable but in quite a short time. Could not tell that any had fallen as the ground is so very dry. Heat more oppressive this evening than it has been for several days. Plows scoured mostly today on account of ground being so very dry.

Thurs. July 20, 1871 Finished plowing the piece of oat stubble land that we commenced on Monday morning near 14 acres in four days this warm weather is first rate plowing. I now have about 43 or 44 acres of stubble land plowed. Have only about 6 ½ acres to plow yet but can not plow it until it rains which I hope will be right soon. Hiram cut weeds out of fence corners and along the turning row towards Uncle Isaac's. Walker walked over to where I was plowing and stayed awhile with me. Genie came up late p.m. to go to McKinney tomorrow. I went to McKinney to hear a temperance lecture, but as *it turns out he is not speaking until tomorrow night.*

Fri. July 21 Hitched up two of the mules for Wick to drive Genie & Fannie to McKinney. I expected to go, but hearing on last night that they were summoning every one that went to McKinney for the Balloo case for next week I declined the idea of going. Took Charley & Hiram a load of rails with us to

N. W. corner of farm threw down near 60 pounds to where Uncle Isaac's pasture fence goes and fixed it up good staking & sidering it. The ground very hard to ax in stakes. Hauled back a pretty good load of rail wood formerly rails. I went to McKinney to-night to temperance lecture C.& H. chopped weeds & grass out of my potatoe patch.

Sat. July 22 Charley cut weeds in the yard with byer or brush scyth until dinner. Hiram *ground* up bushes after helping me *new* my new studdebaker wagon under a shade. I paid \$135.00 gold dollars for this wagon and harness this morning bow sheet feed box +c. I went to McKinney this evening. Nothing very strange going here then. Charley and Hiram went to McKinney this evening. Old corn is very scarce in this part of Texas now. New crop of corn will be cut short.

Sun. July 23 Hiram rode round with me hunting up my little mules. We found most of them. I then turned them in the field. Kept them up the balance of to-day. I rode over to the singing at McKinney this evening. Some appearance of rain, but we have had so little rain for a long time. I fear it will not rain much. I went out in the large peach orchard of Pa's and gathered some very nice peaches to make a cobbler which we had for dinner to-day. Not many ripe peaches yet.

Mon. July 24 Charley Hiram and myself went over about 36 acres of my corn chopping out the burrs and large weeds. This has been a few good day for working in corn for the season of year. This morning it was quite pleasant. We saved thousands of burrs from going to seed. They were very thick except in a few places. We kept steady at work pretty much all day. Bud Neuman came late this evening from the pinerys East. He was quite tired when he came.

Tues. July 25, 1871 Charley and Hiram chopped burrs out of corn. They went out a good deal more to-day from what one of them told me. I rode round most of to-day trying to buy a mule, or horse. — Saw several mules, but price size +c did not suit me. I bought a horse from Lawson Ken conditionally provided I did not get one from some one else. To my surprise this morning Pa waked me up & told me my horse was home that was rode off by permission awhile back.

Wed. July 26 I went to McKinney as early this morning as I could get off with four mules an wagon to have shod to be ready to start to pinerys to-morrow morning. Got Frank Brown to shoe them. Brought them & wagon back and this evening I rode our mule Jack out and had him shod before. Still no rain.



Hundreds and thousands are quite anxious to see some refreshing showers, but we can not tell when we will have any more rain.

Thurs. July 27 Started on my first trip to the pine mills about one hundred miles from East of us with three wagons. Charley Hiram and myself driving them. Wick also along with a two horse team. Bud Neuman along with his four horse team. W. & T. Hill teams with us until we get near Sulphur Springs. They then turned to the left. They went to Rudolph's and Blakeman's mills. Lumber there is 150 cts. per hundred feet. I am too fast as I did not have this little book with me & took no notes in any other books.

Fri. July 28 This morning some ten or twelve miles from home to-night. We are between 35 or 40 miles from McKinney still traveling eastward to pine mills. Rodes very dry & dusty. I am this trip traveling a road I never traveled before. Passed through Greenville the county seat of Hunt County. Water drying up right fast on & near the road. I met and passed quite a number of teams in rout for the pine mills for lumber. This is rather a leisure time with the farmers if there is such a thing as a leisure time for a good farmer.

Sat. July 29 Passed near Sulphur Springs. Left it just to the left. Wick Bud & myself have all got along finely so far. Have a chance to buy some water-mellons once in while along the road. Met several big oxtteams loaded with pine lumber for the prairie country. As I did not have this little book with me I can not recollect exactly the day's transactions. Old corn is worth \$ 1.50 cts. per bushel. Oats 50 cts per dozen fodder same price.

Sun. July 30, 1871 Still jogging along toward the pinerys. Arrived at *Wano* and Goodson's mill & lumber yard about an hour by sun this evening. Wick & Bud Neuman fixed in long coupling boxes in their wagons to haul lumber 16 ft. long. I greased my three wagons by Charley & Hiram's assistance. Did a little towards fixing coupling poles in my wagons. We want to get all five of our wagons loaded to-morrow anyhow a little before night if we finally can. Price of lumber is 1.25 per hrd feet at this mill.

Mon. July 31 Commenced loading our wagons early this morning. Put on a thousand feet of in lumber on Bud's wagon for four horses 700 feet of inch bunches on the wagon I am driving for two mules. 600 feet for one of the others and near 600 feet on the other between five and six hundred on Wick's wagon. I might say all in lumber flooring and boxing We all got very warm

loading and keying down our loads of lumber. I have already mentioned the price of lumber here could not get down any in price.

Tues. Aug. 1, 1871 Camped last night a short distance below Winnsboro. Drove up into this little village early. I purchased two buckets at 25 cts. a piece some rope to go to the end of our lines to make them long enough in locking our wagons so that one will not have to let our lines go when in backing our wagons. We are now homeward bound. Had some hard pulling through the sand to-day also some bad sand the few miles we drove on yesterday evening. I imagine I should dislike very much to live in this sandy country.

Wed. Aug. 2 Met some old friends and acquaintances. Still traveling to-wards home with our heavy loaded wagons. Wish I was there to-day to get some nice ripe peaches +c. Hiram is a much better driver on the road than Charley. He is more attentive to his business than Charley. Have not had to double at any hill as yet, but the roads are certainly as fine for wagoning as I ever saw them in any country.

Thurs. Aug. 3, 1871 Still jogging along to-wards home. Charley went to sleep to-day his team moving out of the road hang a tree and *the tins* were of *this* which broke the coupling pole and I am partly certain the axle is injured if it not broken. Sent Charley to Greenville after an anger to put in another C. P Had it all to unload. Cut as good a pole as I could find. I must confess, I was mad enough to whip Charley if he had been a slave, but we have to govern our temper under all circumstances & specially to-wards the negros these days.

Fri. Aug. 4 At half past 12 to-day Wick Bud & myself arrived at home. Bud & myself very soon went into our large peach orchard and ate as many nice peaches as we wanted. After Charley & Hiram unloaded my wagon we hitched our four mules to it and went after one of my wagons & the load of lumber on it about eight miles East of McKinney where the axle *tin* broke down. Charley made a bad drive when he broke it. He unloaded the other wagons and gathered some new corn to end an p.m.

Sat. Aug. 5 I went over to McKinney in Bud's wagon. He had the misfortune to get two of the fellows of his wagon broke while trying to fix a band on it. One of his horses pulled down the axle ten when one of the wheels was off. He *spinned* striking the wheel breaking 2 of the fellows. I arrived to get an axle put in my wagon to-day, but did not. I took over some peaches in B's wagon. Sold

part of them at \$1.00 per bushel. Good many peaches in McKinney. Rest feels sweet to me since my return from pine mills.

Sun. Aug. 6, 1871 I went up to the Hackberry School-house to hear Mack Wilmeth preach but was disappointed as he was not there. Brother Bums delivered a very good discourse. I came home to dinner. Rely insisted on my going home with him and taking dinner, but I concluded I would come home and rest awhile and go to the singing at McKinney. This evening very few out at singing. Protracted meeting going on the school house also mentioned is expected to last for several days.

Mon. Aug. 7 Commenced pulling fodder. I went to McKinney in wagon to carry the wagon Charley broke down from one shop to another to have the axle *tree* fixed in. I carried the timber to make the axle as seasoned timber is quite a scarce article in McKinney. It was terribly late when I got out home. Rode with Asher Skidmon up in Uncle Isaac's pasture to look at two young mules he got of Uncle I., but I did not buy them. came in 20 dollars of buying them. Charley Hiram and Albert pulling fodder for me. C. & H. pulled last Saturday for me.

Tues. Aug. 8, 1871 Brought the wagon home this evening that I had an axle put in. Charley Hiram & Albert pulled fodder again to-day. I am paying Albert \$1.00 per hundred bundles. Charley & Hiram I pay the same. all are 180 bundles a day. I have them hired by the month. But I concluded I would give them a chance to make a few dimes extra if they wished to. Still no rain. Every Christian person should offer a few kind and good words of prayer for rain.

Wed. Aug. 9 I commenced stacking fodder early a.m. Charley & Hiram helping me. They finished binding it up. Albert still helping about 9 o'clock. stacked about 700 bundles to-day. Commenced cutting up some corn in shocks 16 hills square to the shock. I cut this evening with them four of us put up about 20 shocks p.m. This is the first corn I have had cut up in many years. In Mo. we used to cut up more or less every year. Pa killed a nice little shoat just before night. We now have some very fine peaches. Commenced a letter to Uncle C. W. J.

Thurs. Aug. 10 Commenced drying peaches this morning here at Pa's. three negro women are drying them on the shares one half for the other half. Charley Hiram & Albert cut up 21 or 22 shocks of corn. It is getting pretty dry. I want to have about 50 shocks of corn cut up in all. I went to McKinney this evening.

not much news going on there nor is there much business being done there at present time. Quite a warm day. Wick started to Jefferson this morning.

Fri. Aug. 11 Early this morning I hitched up two of the mules and went up to Mr. Enos Scott's and paid him ten dollars in gold for twenty bushels of oats weighing thirty two pounds to the bushel. Weather very hot. Thermometer 99 degrees & has been near that about the middle of the day for some time. Charley and Hiram cut up corn until dinner. This evening we gathered a load of corn to feed on while am gone as I expect to start to the pine mills Monday morning next. After more lumber to build with as I am thinking of building a house.

Sat. Aug. 12 Measured up the last of our old corn only about six bushels and carried it to mill. Carried over one hundred bundles of oats for which I received \$3.00 in silver. I carried them as I went on to mill. Charley and Hiram finished cutting up what corn I wanted cut up a.m. I now have between 50 or 60 shocks of corn 16 hills square. I brought my bale of cotton home and put it in shop which I gave \$50.00 for some time back. Bought a two gal water keg for \$1.00. I carried Rely's wheat what little he had to mill this evening. Got it ground for him.

Sun. Aug. 13, 1871 Protracted, as camp meeting going on at Walnut Grove. several at McKinney I learned on yesterday evening am going out there to-day. Tuck & Tillie came up and spent most of to-day. I did not go anywhere to meeting to-day as it was so very warm. I concluded to remain at home & rest & write a letter to my sweet heart which I tried to do. Whish to start as early in the morning as I can get off to pine mills. I rather dread this trip on account of weather being so very hot & water so scarce in places.

Mon. Aug. 14 Started on another trip to pine mills four wagons three of which my own so called the other belongs to a negro going along with me to haul a load of pine planks for me at \$2.25 per hundred feet for inch lumber. Are to-night camped within 4 ½ miles of Greenville. Traveled well as it was 9 o'clock a.m. when we left home. An old (army) friend Gibson by name treated me to as much nice comb honey as I could eat late p.m. for which I returned him my many thanks.

Tues. Aug. 15 Passed through Greenville deposited some feed there to get as we return from pine mills. Got along finely to-day. Deposited some more feed at a grocery store at Black Jack Grove. We got about a mile in the edge of the

timber. See no more prairie until we load and get out of the timber. Good well near where we are camped. Water very scarce in many places along the road. I am now on a diferent road from the one I traveled on the other trip. I took a right hand road 2 mi E of Black Jack Grove.

Wed. Aug. 16 Started early a.m. Passed through little village. Then through Winnsboro and thence to Waum & Goodson's mill. Are to-night camped at said mill. Bugs very troublesome. Hiram had misfortune to let the bugs eat up about 1 ½ bushels of oats. I tried to load here at 1.00 per hundred feet but they would not take less than 1. 25. Some rain fell on us to-day. Right pretty little rain fell just ahead of us. I fixed my sheet for rain to-night, but no rain fell to-night. Now anxious to load, but not at 1. 25 per hrd ft.

Thurs. Aug. 17 Passed by Ratton's mill. This man used to live at McKinney. only halted a few minutes as there was no lumber at this mill that suited me. Arrived at Lawrence's mill about half past 9 o'clock. Found plenty of the prettiest lumber I most ever saw, but most of the best lumber sold but not taken away. \$1.00 per hundred for best here. Lawrence absent himself, but a little son of his showed me a pile of nice lumber when I could commence loading. I very soon went to work fixing long coupling poles and lock pieces got all four wagons mostly loaded except keying down.

Fri. Aug. 18, 1871 Got up early. Put Charley to getting breakfast. The rest of us Hiram and Albert and myself commenced keying down our loads of lumber, but it was near nine o'clock when we got started home. I put on 3000 feet on 4 wagons. Flooring and ceiling for which I paid 30 gold dollars. Traveled near 20 miles. Albert hung a high stump a broke his coupling pole but we tied it up so it lasted until near night. Made up a big fire unloaded his wagon put in another C. P. loaded it to-night.

Sat. Aug. 19 Albert stalled at a hill a little while after we started from camp. I hitched on two of our mules soon pulled him up the hill. Near night broke a single tree. Charley made one a broke right away. I then made a good one put the irons on it hot. He (Albert) broke another C.P. drove a short distance and camped. Only 4 miles to-day. Bought some nice water mellons which I enjoyed very much. Cut as nice a pole as we could find for C.P. put it in to-night unloaded and loaded his load again. Keyed it down. Quite tired near 12 o'clock to-night when I layed down.

Sun. Aug. 20 Got up about 3 hours before day, but did not aim to get up so early. got breakfast, or rather had H. & C. to get it. Watered and fed and started just as soon as we could see how to drive. Made a very good day's drive. Camped a short distance west of *Survills*. excellent public well. No breakage to-day I believe. Got our feed that we left a B. J. G. as we went down. Bought some ginger cakes which ate very well to hungry man. I had hoped to make it back home on to-morrow evening, but I can not now, on account of Tuck not back with Albert's wagon.

Mon. Aug. 21 Passed through Greenville homeward bound. Sold our thousand pounds of Pa's side meat at 15 cts per pound to a Capt Martin. aim to haul it to him next week, if *not no* trade. Got along very well to-day. Drove a little in the night to get to Pilot Grove Creek. Doubled teams pulled up the hill camped near Thom Shirley. He's on his way to Jefferson with several teams loaded with cotton, Uncle Isaac's crop. One of Albert's wheels about to give out.

Tues. Aug. 22 Camped at Pilot Grove Creek last night. Started without eating any breakfast this morning as the boys lost our meat last night. More bad luck as Albert told me part of the hounds of his wagon was broke. I very soon fixed it by his and Charley's assistance. I arrived at home about 12 o'clock to-day. Hogs have been breaking in the field destroying the corn. Pa been having a hard time generally. Unloaded all four of the wagons. 3,000 ft. of choice lumber. Very tired, to much as to go to McKinney to hear Mr. Carlton preach +c.

Wed. Aug. 23, 1871 Picked up my diary for the first time in ten days. I did not take this diary with me to pine mills. I made a couplin pole for one of Pa's old wagon's, sent Charley up to Uncle Isaac's after 15 bushels of seed wheat which I paid \$30 gold for. two dollars per bu gold. Weather still hot and dry. Had quite a hard days work piling up my lumber nicely with little sticks and pieces of boards. Charley helped Wick to fix the *branch* this evening where hogs have been getting in. Hogs are the most troublesome animals in the world when they once get to getting in a field.

Thurs. Aug 24 Hearing a few days ago that Gen. Davis (Radical) was to speak in McKinney to-day I went over to hear him. great many men assembled upon my arrival at the old court house. And just such a skunk I do not think I ever heard. It was the most tyranical outrageous of speeches. Most all the negro were present to hear him. I bought another bale of cotton a fraction under 500

lbs. for 45 dollars gold. Jessy O. brought it out in his wagon. I came with him. Rec'd a letter from an old *Mississippi* friend.

Fri. Aug. 25 Put Charley and Hiram to pulling corn off of shocks where I had cut up a few weeks ago. Corn has dried up very fast in the last few weeks. It will soon do to house. I was quite busy all of to-day fixing up a set of old harness and an old wagon. Had no time to loose. I am trying to get ready for another trip to pine mills. Want to start Monday morning if nothing prevents. I went out to McKinney heard Dr. B. F. Hall preach. First time in many months.

Sat. Aug. 26 First thing after feeding a little this morning before breakfast. I took Charley and Hiram and took a considerable look for my little mules. found them all except four immediately after breakfast. Hiram hauled a barrel of water, he and Charley hauled up the corn they pulled on yesterday. I then had seven loads of fodder cut and hauled not in front lot. I pulled the corn off of this fodder a few weeks ago. Mother had a thousand pounds meat washed. Heard Dr. Hall at McKinney again to-night.

Sun. Aug. 27, 1871 Spent an hour or so posting up my diary. There may be some more in the last ten days transactions as I have written only from memory. Did not go to church or anywhere to-day on account of expecting to start to pine mills on to-morrow and feeling very much like resting anyway. Remained at home all day. Camp meeting now going on an, as near Honey Creek a few miles North of McKinney. Tuck and Lucie went up there to-day. Mollie came down and spent the day. I am mistaken about remaining at home all day. I rode over to McKinney p.m. and then took a circle to find some of my little mules.

Mon. Aug. 28, 1871 Had a good deal of fixing this morning before I could get off to the pinerys East. Weighed and put in near 1100 pounds of bacon for a Capt. B. Martin at Greenville aim to get fifteen cents for sides and 12 ½ cts for shoulders. I started about half past ten o'clock traveled by moon shine about 2 hours after night. Got within ten miles of Greenville near plenty of water for ourselves and mules. Charley & Hiram with me again. Same team and wagons I made the other two trips with.

Tues. Aug 29 Arrived at Greenville pretty early a.m. Capt. M received and paid me for the bacon. very much pleased with the meat. Saw him sell a side at 20 cts. per pound. Found water at only three places for our mules to-day. Just East of Greenville later at Survill's well and below Black Jack Grove 2 ½ miles where I am stopping for to-night A slight northern late p.m. Had some trouble

with one of my mules. She got loose & while we were trying to catch her she ran off to another bunch of horses. We finally succeeding in catching her.

Wed. Aug. 30 Right smart rain fell on and just ahead of us. Considerable thunder and lightning but no one hurt that I know of. I made a long drive to-day. Tried to make Winnsboro, but did not get quite there. Got within about a mile of it. Near the house where we are camping some one playing ahead on a violin commonly called a fiddle with us. Plenty of rain in this part of Texas, but I fear none has fallen on in the good county of Collin. Did not sleep much to-night. In fact have not slept much since I left home.

Thurs. Aug. 31 Some rain on us to-day, but not much. Met an old army comraid Ed Williams near Lawrence's Mill. Arrived at this mill about ten o'clock. Was disappointed in getting the kind of lumber I expected to haul this time for my house, but loaded with fencing and flooring planks. Got good lumber at \$1.00 per hundred 1900 feet. He gave me so many of strips as I wanted to haul. I suppose I put in about one hundred feet of them. Got loaded just before night except keying down and fixing the cross ties. did that to-night. I think it must have been near 2 o'clock when I went to sleep to-night.

Fri. Sept. 1, 1871 Started back home about an hour's sun this morning. Traveled some over 20 miles had some heavy sand for a few miles below Winnsboro. I partly broke my coupling pole by striking a stump with left hind wheel. I did not intend to travel after dark to-night, but on account of getting to good water did so. All hands & mules pretty tired. Water drying up some since we went down along this road. Still there is plenty of water in this part of country.

Sat. Sept. 2 Still making tracks towards home. Good days travel. To-night camped within about 3 miles of *Surville* noted well for the abundance of good water it contains. Saw Mack Kerr with an ox team at Black Jack G. at the best camping place we have struck for many a day. So much good grass. Did not cook any supper to-night being very tired and not feeling very hungry. Water very rare in this section of country. Citizens refuse (have to an account of the scarcity of it) to let a teamster have a keg filled.

Sun. Sept. 3 Still making tracks towards home. Passed through Greenville stopped there about an hour. Preaching going on. It made me wished I was so that I could attend meeting in my own loved neighborhood. Am to-night stopping about 80 miles east of home. My friend Geo. Fitzhugh came up to a



well when I was watering early a.m. but I drove on and he never overtook me he's just from Jefferson. Thom Sherley and his team are on behind. Saw a right pretty girl dressed in red this evening.

Mon. Sept. 4 Arrived at home at 10 o'clock a.m. The moon shown so very brightly I started about three hours before day this morning. Made a quick trip this time in seven days to Lawrence's mill some over one hundred miles so I now think. Some only call it one hundred miles. I brought back about 2000 feet of nice lumber. 100 feet were in strips given to me. My those two horse loads only cost me \$19.00 for 1900 feet. Very tired & sleep p.m. Took a considerable *dr nap*.

Thurs. Sept. 5 Piled up my lumber nicely a. m. Had a barrel of water hauled also a load of stock fodder for my little mules. Drove most of them up yesterday evening. Two of them I have not seen in some time. I went to McKinney this evening. Bought some articles of goods for homefolks. Still very dry no rain having fallen worth talking about since I left farm. Charley and Hiram rested this evening. Peaches nearly all gone, or rather dried up on the trees.

Wed. Sept. 6, 1871 Commenced gathering corn to house Charley Hiram and myself. Gathered only six loads as we got rather a late start a.m. and p.m. Charley killed a shoat and Hiram hauled a barrel of water. I drove up all of my little mules that I could find. Corn not as good as it was last year owing to the droughth this season. Wick hauling some brick from near Pilot Point to build a chimney to the house where he is living. Tucks wagons also. This is some earlier than we commonly commence housing corn.

Thurs. Sept. 7 First thing this morning after feeding greased the wagon we are using in gathering corn. Gathered eight loads of corn to-day. C. & H. and myself. some hundred and twenty or thirty bushels. Drove up all of my little mules that were close by. Weather some cooler than it was a week or so ago. Did not lose much time to-day from gathering corn. Charley and Hiram are both very good hands. They suit me very well. I do not know how I could get along without them now.

Fri. Sept. 8 Before breakfast C. & H. and myself got in middle corn house and threw the corn back right smartly. We got *tired* five loads before dinner. Worked very steady and partly fast the last load. Gathered three loads p.m. then rode out on prairie and found two of my little mules I have not seen for several

weeks. got them up. Capt. Bush and others were out this evening looking for some one Ike I suppose, but they failed to find him this time. Thought something about going to the Thespian Entertainment at McKinney to-night, but gave it out.

Sat. Sept. 9 Gathered corn with Charley and Hiram until dinner. All went to McKinney p.m. Bought some goods. Went to the clerk's office after my deed to 123 acres of land. Rec'd my first N. of Atlanta Sun (A. H. Stevens paper). I now have 28 loads of corn gathered in all. Charley & Hiram caught some right nice little fish just below our fence on West branch this evening. had them for supper to-night. I went to McKinney to the Thespian Entertainment to-night.

Sun. Sept. 10 I went to McKinney to church a.m. Heard a Cumberland Presbyterian (*Sevun* I believe is his name) Several of the McKinney girls not out to church to-day. Came home to dinner. Spent a few hours at Wicks this evening. About an hour by sun started out after my little mules found and drove up all of my little mules for the first time in more than a month. I have some very pretty young mules hope to do well with them some day. Weather still very dry. It is getting to be dangerous to ride over the prairies are on account of the large cracks in the ground.

Mon. Sept. 11, 1871 Still gathering corn. eight loads again to-day. Charley Hiram and myself. Gathered one load east of East branch. So that old friend Detton can have a pass-way to gather his big crop ironacally speaking. He failed to cultivate his ten acres as he should have done. I went over to McKinney to-night to a meeting of the Young Mens Democratic Club. joined it and was appointed by his excellency Hugh J. Throckmorton on a committee. H. J. T. is president of the Club. Had good deal of fun there to-night.

Tues. Sept. 12 Gathered eight loads of corn again to-day. Weather still very dry. I would that we only could have a good rain it would then cause the grass to grow on the prairie which is now dried up pretty much and eaten out together. As we live near Town the grass here is more eaten out than it is further from McKinney. I now have upwards of five hundred bushels of corn gathered. It is not near as heavy as it was last year. I am rather at a loss to know what to write just now.

Wed. Sept. 13 Charley Hiram and myself still getting corn eight loads again to-day. I do not suppose the bed will hold more than 14 or 15 bushels this year. We have generally for several years counted this bed at 18 bushels. Lucie

Melia and myself intended going to a party at McKinney to-night, but it rained a lots this evening which prevented us from going. I was also late in getting up my little mules this evening. Had a right smart little round to find my little donkeys.

Thurs. Sept. 14 Charley and Hiram did not help me much this morning as they went to a negro wedding to-day. Shelled by some little assistance over eight bushels of corn then threw the corn back in the two rooms where I have my corn and was in Pa's middle corn house. got very warm. The clock was striking 12 just as I entered in the house after doing this. I *watered* two of the mules carried my corn and some for Wick to the mill p.m. stopped while in McKinney. Bought two pants patterns. Rec'd my commission as Capt. from E. J. Davis p.m. It has a flaming gold, an *gided* star on it. Had then was a right nice party at McKinney last night.

Fri. Sept. 15 Charley not able to work to-day as he was up dancing nearly all night. Hiram and myself gathered six loads of corn to-day, but did not have time to throw out the last load. Corn *pulled* very tough this morning as a little sprinkle of rain fell on yesterday and pretty heavy dew last night. I now have 59 loads of corn gathered for Pa and myself estimating 15 bushels per load. It would make 285 bushels gathered in all. 29 loads for myself and 30 for Pa. It may not make on average of 15 bushels per load.

Sat. Sept. 16, 1871 Charley Hiram and myself gathered 4 loads of corn a.m. I went to McKinney this evening. Charley and Hiram went down to the bottom after a load of wood p.m. Then they drove up my little mules. An old army comrade came out with me this evening and spent the night name Mat Clark. Wick went down to mill after the grain I took down a few days ago. Brought back the meal. Dry weather still continues in this portion of Texas. It has been raining some round. I still hope we may have rain soon.

Sun. Sept. 17 I went to Hackberry School house to meeting to-day. Heard Brother Joe. Darnall preach. Went home with Rely to dinner. Some rain fell this evening whilst at Rely's but not much. I came by Ed Stiff's stopped awhile this evening. Ed not at home. I drove up the mules on my return home later this evening. Have not as yet sown my wheat on account of the long droughth we have had and I might add are still having. But hope it may rain so that I can commence soon.

Mon. Sept. 18 I went down to McKinney a.m. to pay mine and Pa's taxes. Paid for Pa \$69.65 cts for myself \$12.00 U. S. currency. Wrote to the Adj. Gen. James Davidson and sent him mine and my Leuts' oaths as we non commissioned officers in Reserve Militia by his excellency Gov. E. J. Davis. I being ordered to report to Brig. Gen J. C. Chapman. I also wrote him a letter telling as soon as armed +c I would be ready for service. C. & H. gathered 2 loads of corn off of shock. Went with C. H. hauled out a load of this fodder. Went to McKinney temperance meeting to-night.

Tues. Sept. 19 Had quite a fine rain last night. many hearts are truly thankful to Him "who *subeth* doeth all things well" for such a fine rain. I commenced sowing wheat this morning. Ground rather wet a.m. but plowed tolerably well this evening. Am sowing on oat stubble land. Using double shovel plow some. I rained some three hours last night. I hope we may have more rain soon.

Wed. Sept. 20 Still sowing wheat Charley and Hiram helping me. Layed aside double shovel plows and now using the harrow & cultivator and following with a very wide brush aiming to brush it both ways after *harrowing* it well. I would be so thankful and proud to make a heavy yield of wheat on this land next year. In do not think there will be much sown this fall as seed wheat is very scarce and high in price.

Thurs. Sept. 21, 1871 Charley Hiram and myself still putting in wheat. They are working for me for 11.50 & 12.33 1/3 per month. C. the most. Ground is now in fine plowing order. Finished sowing the 19 acres East of East branch, but did not get done brushing it. Commenced sowing near the house late this evening. I layed off several lands Charley plowed in. Now using big plow two mules to a plow.

Fri. Sept. 22 I have just posted up my diary since Tuesday morning to-night. I finished brushing wheat land E. of East branch at 12 n. Now have that 19 acres put in as nice as I ever saw wheat put in, if we can only have a good rain soon it will be so fine on it. As I wish to write a letter, as two yet to-night will stop writing here for present. I have just written xx four pages, a letter to my friend. J. H. Stapp. It is now between 9 & 10 o'clock. near 10 o'clock.

Sat. Sept. 23 I got up rather earlier than common this morning. Shucked a lot of corn in order to get the shucks for my little mules. Charley then helped me to setup two or three of our oat stacks. The rain that we had on last Monday night was accompanied by considerable wind which blew off the tops of these

stacks. I stopped work at noon. Drove Genie Lucie + Melie over to McKinney in wagon. Genie wished some pictures, but was disappointed. Late this evening I drove up a few of my little mules Charley failed to find.

Sun. Sept. 24 As some of Pa's hogs have been missing for two days and learning some of them were in Mr. Muse's field. I went with Charley and Hiram to try to get them out, but we failed to find any of them. Rely and Neuman rode up as I returned home. I then went to McKinney expecting to hear a fellow on Education, but as old Brother Cloyd was holding forth in Church at the time this Honorable gentleman was deferred the privilege of speaking. My old friend R. N. Anderson came out with me. He only remained a few hours. Mother went up with me to *Mc* for *water with* see with when I intend to *buied*.

Mon. Sept. 25 Am still plowing in wheat three two mule teams. I am plowing it in across the way. I plowed this land in the summer. My first sowing of wheat with the oats are coming up. Charley Hiram and myself the three that are running these teams. Stopped a little while before night. Charley and Hiram hauled out a load of stock fodder. I drove up my little mules. I went to the Democratic Club meeting at McKinney to-night.

Tues. Sept. 26, 1871 Finished sowing 30 acres of wheat, but did not get it all brushed late this evening. I roached a mule made some little pads to go under the collars of the teams. I am going to send to the pine mills with Bud Neuman. I expected H. Stiff here this morning to make a horse trade with me, but he failed to come according to promise. I went to McKinney to have some shoeing done then went down to the mill paid \$2.00 a for slab planks (bois d'arc) to go round and cover the well I had commenced a little while before dinner.

Wed. Sept. 27 Expected to start one wagon with Bud Neuman to the pinerys this morning. It did not suit him to go. Concluded to wait until to-morrow morning. I finished brushing my last 11 acres of wheat land a.m. Went with Uncle John cut two forks and fixed some a windlos he helping me for my well. It is now near 8 feet deep. Charley and H. gathered five loads of corn to-day. I hind a hand on yesterday evening to drive my team. he came this morning, but it did not suit to go. he went back with the promise to come in the morning.

Thurs. Sept. 28 Disappointed this morning by my driver not coming. Bud N. went over to see him his excuse was he not very well and I was not giving him enough. I had a positive contract with him to go and drive this team of mine.

But he like most other Freedman not much confidence to be put in what they say. Bud tried hard half of to-day to get me a driver for this wagon, but he failed to get a hand. Uncle John also out trying to get a hand to help him about my well. He got the promise of a negro to help him to-morrow. Commenced gathering on the corn I bought of Billie. C. H. and myself only gathered 9 loads in all to-day. I now have about 11.10 bushels gathered.

Fri. Sept. 29 Several hands came this morning to help me gather corn to-day. Run three wagons two hands to each of two of three wagons & three with the 3<sup>rd</sup> wagon counting a boy. Gathered 19 loads in all some over 300 bus. two hands also working in and at my well. Corn now breaks off easy. I paid three hands \$1.00 per day except this boy & C. & H. but made C. & H. a present of a gold dollar apiece along there monthly wages. This was also a most excellent day for gathering corn. Cool & pleasant.

Sat. Sept. 30 Most of the hands I had on yesterday came back & helped me gather corn until 12 n. Yesterday and to-day I housed near 500 bushels of corn. I paid Uncle John \$4.00 Alex 1.00 for well. I went to McKinney this evening heard Robert Horn Mack Wilmeth and James R. Wilmeth were holding a protracted meeting at McKinney. Came home found the latter preacher here I then went out West after my little mules got in all except three. Then went to McKinney to church to-night. Joe. Parker was to *brought* to McKinney *wounded*.

Sun. Oct. 1, 1871 I might not be out of place to state here that Joe Parker has been quite a wild boy. I fear Billie was with him. I went to McKinney to church a.m. *Mr. and Mrs.* Kerr came out with me to dinner. I passed by the church this evening on my way to Jack Sherley's. I promised him I would be out to look at a couple of mule colts to trade or not trade on to-morrow morning. Am to-night staying with him. Saw his two mule colts.

Mon. Oct. 2 Came home to breakfast distance about ten miles did not buy his (Jack's) colts. I found Bud Neuman hitching up as soon as I got in sight of the house almost. They started to pine mills about 9 o'clock a.m. I sent two wagons. Charley and myself gathered corn off of shock 10 shocks 1 ½ loads. It rained a little (rather a mist of rain) for a right smart while To-day How I do wish we could have a real good rain, but we are not thankful enough to Him "who is the author of every good and perfect gift."

Tues. Oct. 3 I went down to Sherley's mill after some bois d'arc for Pa to be used for kerbing well. Whisest then I concluded to buy some bois d'arc posts which I paid 12 ½ cts apiece for. I brought back quite a good load of bois d'arc from said mill to-day. Election going on for congressman. I did not get to vote to-day. hauled up some corn late p.m. that Charley pulled off of shock to-day he only pulled about 4 shocks when he ought to have pulled 8 shocks.

Wed. Oct. 4 Charley and myself gathered corn off of stalk only got 3 loads as it was very indeferent corn on account of the drough-late planting. It was damp gathering. This day nine years ago I was pretty badly wounded at Corinth Mississippi. Fell in to the hands of the Yanks. I reckon I never will forget the 4<sup>th</sup> day of Oct. 1862. I remember everything that transpired on that day. Time oh! time how fast thou fliest. Days, weeks, months & even years glide by so swiftly.

Thurs. Oct. 5 I went to McKinney this morning to vote and to learn about Brother Billie as it is reported he had been killed down East near 100 miles. But I learned it was all a mistake about him being killed. I voted for Capt. John C. Conner for congress. Got home to dinner Charley and Bill M. (Freedman) gathered corn a.m. All three of us gathered corn p.m. 4 loads C. & B. only got 2 loads a.m. They ought to have gather 3 loads a.m.

Fri. Oct. 6, 1871 Bill Charley & myself still gathering corn. The former & myself threw the corn back in corn houses before breakfast. The latter hauled a barrel of water. Immediately after breakfast we went to gathering corn. Am now gathering off of my 12 acre piece. This piece of corn is not turning out as well as I had hoped it would. We then gathered eight loads to-day. About one hundred and twenty bushels of corn. I now have I suppose near 1800 bushels gathered.

Sat. Oct. 7 Bill Charley and myself only gathered 3 loads a.m. as we had to get part of it off of shock. Stopped work at dinner. I went by McKinney bought some goods. Then went down to Mr. Gib Mathews's to look at his mule colts he has six this year. I bought five of him last year at 50.00 dollars apiece. He asked my 40 dollars this year. I only left a bid of 37 ½ dollars for them. am to-night staying with him. It was nearly dark when I arrived at his house.

Sun. Oct. 8 Mr. G. Mathews and myself rode round a little this morning to take another little look at his mule colts. He then went to Spring Creek to church. I found my old friend and sweetheart there. She was looking as pretty

as ever. I went then to dinner to-day. Started for home late p.m. Got to McKinney in time to see the protracted meeting close to-night It has been carried on by Mr. James & Mac Wilmeth & Robert Horn. The two latter have not been long from college.

Mon. Oct. 9 Charley gathered corn off of shock a.m. I helped him a little after I came back from McKinney. I brought out 3 pr boots two coats & one pr cloth pants. Two pr of the boots for Charley and Hiram. One pr for myself one coat for Pa the other for myself. also the pants for L.H.G. Bud Neuman and the other wagons got back from the pine mill late p.m. Only gathered 2 loads of corn to-day. Unloaded my load of boxing planks this evening.

Tues. Oct. 10 Gathering corn. I gathered 6 shocks while Charley and Albert gathered 6 ½ only. Made them throw it out. Hiram lost half of to-day. Finished gathering corn off of shock. 5 ½ loads gathered to-day. Gathered the little pieces near the hog pen, or rather near the place where we have been making and still will make it this year. Soon I hope as Pa has been wanting to put up his hogs for some time. Three acres have only turned out about 4 loads.

Wed. Oct. 11 Commenced gathering on my 8 ½ acre piece. Four of us with two wagons gathered 12 loads. about 180 bushels. This is very good corn for this year. Now have gathered about 205 bushels of this piece of corn. It was near dark when we stopped work. I let Hiram have the coat before I ever wore it that I brought home on day before yesterday morning. I hope to finish gathering corn on to-morrow. My wheat is not doing much I sowed awhile back.

Thurs. Oct. 12, 1871 Finished gathering corn 6 loads. Three of which 16 2/3 I suppose, =50. 3 about 15 per load = 45 To-day about 95 bushels. 205 & 95 makes 300 bushels off of this piece of corn. A very small fraction over 35 bushels to the acre. Sent to the bottom after a load of wood. Put Albert & H. to hauling rails for a hog pen. Late this evening I went up then laid the *uenks* and we then put it up. also a pen round the piece of corn I put up there for the hogs. About 150 bushels.

Fri. Oct. 13 I run three wagons to-day hauling up stock fodder. Hauled 5 loads to the wagon. 15 loads in all. Albert, Charley Hiram and myself run them. about 45 shocks we hauled up. Ricked it in the orchard. A few light showers of rain on us during the day. Old Uncle John Muse & Bill (Freedman) working at and in my well. I suppose they have it near 18 feet deep. I am truly proud that



I have the field clear. This was certainly the best day for hauling out stock fodder I ever saw.

Sat. Oct. 14 Had fine rain last night and still it continues to rain to-day. I took a considerable round before breakfast after two of my little mules in the rain but failed to find them. I with several negros shelled about 6 bushels of corn in an hour, or so a.m. Bud Newman came down yesterday evening on his way after some lime to use in putting up a chimney to the house he's going to build. I went to McKinney this evening. Spent more than twenty dollars gold for goods with John Howell. H. & *Easted store*. Bought myself a very nice dress coat.

Sun. Oct. 15 It rained slowly more than half of to-day. Do not suppose there was any church at McKinney today. I rode round some this evening on hunt of my little mules that have been missing for about ten day (2 in No.) Did not see anything of them. Bud N. and sister Fannie still with us. I was at Mr. A. Chandler's talking with him about an hour this evening. Weather considerable cooler then it's been. Had our 1st fire in the house this fall on yesterday morning. (14<sup>th</sup> last.)

Mon. Oct. 16, 1871 Took Bill Charley and Hiram to the bottom ground off several bois d'arc blocks to come under a little porch over our East door. also sawed off some for the house I am expecting to build. Got a few posts ground pieces 13 or 15 stakes all bois d'arc. Commenced sowing wheat again on corn land about 3 p.m. Left out a little over half acre where I going to build. I am truly thankful for such a fine rain. Collin County Fair commences to-morrow.

Tues. Oct. 17 Did not have time to go to the fair to-day. I run 5 plows to-day. Charley Hiram Bill Albert & George varying in price from 9-15 dollars per month. Or at this rate. Let 4 of these boys take a mule a piece and the other two mules or rather a mule & a horse. The corn land where I am now sowing wheat on is very clean & in fine plowing order. I found my two missing mules in J. S. Muses's field, but failed in driving them home. Heard that Billie was arrested but got away from the jaill at McKinney last night. I know what he was arrested for.

Wed. Oct. 18 Got up early. Drove up the mules. Put the boys to shucking and shelling corn until breakfast. I measured up some wheat to sow. Immediately after breakfast I went to sowing wheat & the boys to plowing it in. I sowed ten bushels of wheat a.m. just before dinner. Albert broke the other handle out of his plow. I helped him, or rather did nearly all the work in putting

in another handle. I went down to the Fair this evening. Saw several premiums awarded to some good mules +c +c +c. Met with several of my old friends. Dan McCullock among the number.

Thurs. Oct. 19 Finished sowing wheat to-day. I then went to the Fair one mile East of McKinney. The boys Charley Hiram Bill Albert & George finished plowing in wheat a little before night. Quite a crowd at the Fair this evening. I have 20 acres of wheat yet to brush. I put 16 acres of this last sowing of wheat in with single mule to a plow. Wick and myself sewed eight acres together. Put this in with two horses to the plow. I am truly glad that I am done sowing wheat.

Fri. Oct. 20 All hands and everyone on the place went to the Fair to-day except Pa. He stayed at home. It closed late this evening after much fun and laughter to many that were present. Good deal of fine stock was shown during these 4 days and many premiums were awarded. I had nothing to show, or at least I did not show anything, therefore of course got no premium. Uncle Isaac Tuck Hill and many others got several premiums. Heard some bad news about a man eaten eaten alive.

Sat. Oct 21, 1871 Had 10 ½ bushels corn and 6 bushels wheat measured up before breakfast this morning and immediately after breakfast I started to the mill. Put the boys to getting wood except George. Put him to brushing my wheat land. I drove up to town after leaving my grain at the mill. Went back from McKinney to mill got my meal & flour home late. Boys stopped work at dinner to-day. Some rain.

Sun. Oct. 22 Started to Rely's Between 8 & 9 o'clock saw the most brilliant rainbow in the West this morning I most ever saw. Rely & myself started on the hunt of Billie. Took dinner with our old friend S. D. Hatler for the first time together in five years. We are to-night stopping with Mr. Naif Hampton. I killed the largest rattlesnake this evening I ever saw. It was about 5 feet long 12 in. in circumference. & had 12 or 13 rattles on it. Killed it on Lower Bonham road just beyond Sister Grove Creek.

Mon. Oct. 23 Rely and myself did not arrive at home until 9 o'clock to-night. Did not find Billie. We rode not less than 40 miles to-day. Did not stop for dinner. Were very tired and hungry when we got back home. Mother had very good supper for us. Negro boys spent to-day in getting wood. We were at old

man Dixon's & also at Widow Lee's. My first sowing of wheat looks very pretty.

Tues. Oct. 24 I sowed a little wheat in the orchard. Geo. & myself plowed it in a.m. for the chickens. Put Charley Hiram and Albert to getting wood. Bill helped old Uncle John about well until dinner. The latter got sick & the former hauled one load of wood p.m. I plowed over part of my little potatoe patch a.m. Geo. Finished brushing wheat land & chopped up some wood this evening. I went to McKinney. Bought some articles of goods p.m. Got some papers. Wrote to R. M. Anderson.

Wed. Oct. 25 I took George with me to McKinney we carried five mules to have shod. I got them all shod before. did not care to have them shod behind. Spent to-day in getting ready to start to Jefferson on to-morrow. Stopped Albert and Bill from working any longer a.m. But told Bill I wanted him to help Uncle John about my well whenever it suited the old negro to work in well. Do not feel able to keep so many negros just now.

Thurs. Oct. 26, 1871 I was quite busy good portion of to-day before I could get started to Jefferson. It was about 2 o'clock p.m. when I got my three wagons and Bud Neuman got started to Jefferson. We stopped awhile in McKinney. Bud put on a bale of cotton, but is only to get 1.75 cts per hundred lbs. for hauling it. I bought Charley and Hiram a pair of blankets for \$4.00 from Ben Rhine. Traveled by moon-shine until we arrived at Sister Grove Creek 9 miles East from McKinney. (9 mile)

Fri. Oct. 27 We made a partly good day's drive. Arrived at Greenville awhile after sun set. Tried to sell some 2 or 300 lbs. Bacon at different houses in Greenville but they did not seem disposed to want to buy and just as we were leaving said town I saw a man standing in a door of his storehouse. I called to him & asked him if he did not want to buy some bacon. He asked me the price. I told him 12 ½ and 15 cts. He gave me 12 and 15 cts per lb. for shoulders & sides. (27 mls to-day)

Sat. Oct. 28 Passed through Black Jack Grove. I deposited a sack of corn at Greenville one dozen bushels oats near toll. bridge. East of Greenville on yesterday evening. Left another sack or rather left another bag of corn at Black Jack in a barrel. We are to-night camped within 4 ½ miles of Sulphur Springs. Met quite a No. of wagons loaded with pine plank mostly. Price we paid to

cross toll. bridge over the Sabine river near Greenville 35 cts for two horse wagons \$1.00 G. backs for our 4 2 horse wagons. (26 1/2 mls to-day)

Sun. Oct. 29 Met Bill Mallow just returning from Arkansas. Also met *Spengion* who lived near McKinney returning from Jefferson with new kind of school books for public schools. of Old John Brown, Lincoln Grant and others of the same ink. Passed through *Guin* grocery we are to-night encamped about four miles East of those groceries. Traveled to-day about 27 miles. Have been getting along finely so far. (27 miles)

Mon. Oct. 30 Rain rain rain to-day. We overtook Jor. Waddill George O'Brien & Bob Davis a.m. They started from McKinney just one day ahead of us. We all *wacked* in the an old grocery to-day rain falling. It was an old blacksmith shop instead of a grocery. We are to-night encamped a little ahead of Waddill & others. It rained very hard while we were trying to get supper & while I was trying to dry my feet by a campfire. Passed through Mount Pleasant another toll. bridge 25 cts G. backs for 2 horse wagons. (About 22 miles)

Tues. Oct. 31, 1871 Since the rain there has been a considerable change in the weather. It is good deal cooler than it was before the rain. Roads muddy pretty hard on team and disagreeable traveling. We only made about 19 miles to-day and did very well to make that distance. Our friends Waddill O'Brien and Davis still behind us. Do not suppose they will overtake us before we get to Jefferson, Texas. (About 19 mls to-day)

Wed. Nov. 1 Arrived I might say in Jefferson to-day. We stopped about sun set in a wagon yard in about 1/2 mile of the business portion of Jefferson. I hope to sell my cotton for a pretty good price on to-morrow. But Abe & John Hall returning from Jefferson to-day. Distance from home 1 1/2 miles west of McKinney to Jefferson according to the distances give me is one hundred (155 1/2) & fifty-five and a half miles. A room furnished us in wagon yard to-night. 22 1/2 mls to-day 1/2 m yet to main part of Jefferson.

Thurs. Nov. 2, 1871 We drove in Jefferson early a.m. First bid on my cotton 13 3/4 cts. down an still further offered 13 30/100 cts. by this time a Maj Slack wished me to give him 50 cts on the bale to sell it for me. I hesitated at first to let him sell it for me, but at last I concluded to let him sell it for me. One of the bales I had only bought 12 1/4 & the other 14 1/4 cts. I made I cleared on these two bales of cotton 37.75 cts in gold by hauling them to Jefferson. 155 miles.

Fri. Nov. 3 We all stayed at the same wagon yard last night. Jor. Waddill O'Brien & Davis. Price at wagon yard 25 cts. for two horse wagons a night. It only cost me 150 cts for two nights 3 wagons. Now making to-wards home. We are to-night encamped about 18 miles west of Jefferson. Waddill & others with us. Some rain fell on us about middle of to-day, but it then cleared off mostly. All of us pretty well loaded. I loaded my teames with flour and salt mostly some grocerys for home even bought a nice suit of clothes for myself.

Thurs. Nov. 4 I got up first and I have been doing generally on this trip. Made a fire waked up the other boys. Started awhile after sunrise stopped at a lake to water our teames all of us watering our mules and horses out of buckets except Jor. Waddill. he concluded to drive in said lake & in so doing he broke the hind axle of his wagon turning the wheel off in the water and letting the bed down. I stopped and helped him to get all his things out and I then left them.

Sun. Nov. 5 Upon our arrival in Dangerfield on yesterday evening I heard a church bell. It reminded me of the good old times I have seen at meeting, but very soon after I heard same bell tolling the death knell of someone who has been called from this to another mode of existance. Stopping in Dangerfield to have an axle tree made for Joe Waddill in a few minutes I saw the coffin of a lady this was the cause of the ringing of that bell on yesterday we got along very well to-day.

Mon. Nov. 6 Still homeward bound. We made about 25 miles to-day. If it does not rain I hope to get back home on Thursday evening next as it is only about 75 miles from here home. But it looks so very much like rain. I fear very much we are going to have rain on us. Our friends Waddill and others I do not suppose will over take us between this and home. Roads in very good hauling order.

Tues. Nov. 7, 1871 Rain rain rain. But we made a very good days travel considering the roads. I think we made about 23 miles to-day. Stopped awhile in Sulphur Springs. Bud Neuman bought some sash (40 by 12) 12 *light* windows at 12 ½ cts per *light*. Just such as I paid 10 cts per *light* for in Jefferson. While in Jefferson I bought enough sash for 14 windows. I also bought two nice parnal doors for \$6.70 for sash \$16.80 for one pair dog irons \$1.35 In all \$24.85 on this trip for my house.

Wed. Nov. 8 Roads being so muddy we did not make such a day's drive in No. of miles as we've been making. We will now do well to make it home Friday evening. We are to-night encamped one mile East of Greenville on the Sabine. Our mules had some hard pulling to-day. I think when I get home off this trip I will rest up awhile. My teames as well as myself and hands.

Thurs. Nov. 9 I sold our barrel of flour at \$13.00 before arriving in the town of Greenville to toll-bridge man. While in Greenville I sold three barrels more of flour at same price, but took 2 of these barrels out of Bud's wagon. So I only sold 2 of brls of mine and 2 of Bud's. This is very nice flour indeed. We took whats called the ridge *rout* after traveling about 4 miles this side of Greenville. This road is further, but a much better road. We are encamped to-night in about 18 mls of McKinney.

Fri. Nov. 10 Arrived at McKinney about an hour sun p.m. Bud and myself deposited some flour & salt 6 brls Flour & 6 sacks salt authorized him to sell the flour at \$14.00 per Bbl. and the salt at 7.00 per sack. It was nearly dark when we got to Pa's. Still I had nearly everything unloaded before eating supper. Found a letter here at home for me from my old friend Jor. H. Stapp of Lafayette Co. Missouri.

Sat. Nov. 11 Finished unloading wagons early this morning and I then went to McKinney, but did not learn any news much from any source. I got my Enquirer. Joe Wadill O'Brien & Davis had not arrived at McKinney when I left there late this evening. I was much pleased to see my wheat looking so green and beautiful on my arrival in sight of it coming home late yesterday evening. I saw all my little mules this morning. They also have *im fured* good deal since I saw them 15 days ago.

Sun. Nov. 12 I have just written 18 of the foregoing pages in this diary. I took another little book on the road with me to J. in a which I took down a few notes. So that I might know how to *froued* in this book. Some rain fell on last night and it had been raining off an on *most* of to-day. It was 9 o'clock when I got up this morning. I have been reading and writing most of to-day since that time. Now late in the evening.

Mon. Nov. 13, 1871 Considerable Northern very disagreeable indeed. I went to McKinney but did not buy much only some nails & calico. The former 10 cts per lbs. the latter 12 ½ cts. per yd. District court commenced at McKinney to-day but not much done on account of the bad weather. Charley and Hiram

did not do anything to-day. My first sowing of wheat does look beautiful my last sowing is also up. Rely came by this morning as he has just received a letter from our brother Ike. Nothing from Billie at week.

Tues. Nov. 14 Charley Hiram and myself commenced resetting the East string of our front lot fence, but we did not finish it. Charley helped to kill a beef for ourselves one of Pa's young steers. Bud Neuman came by this evening. Has nothing done in the way of putting up his house. The carpenter disappointed him. It seems one disappointment follows another. We were disappointed in getting cypress shingles in Jefferson.

Wed. Nov. 15 Got up pretty early. Shucked some corn in order to get the shucks for my little mules. Then mixed some tar & grease together. Put C. & H. to cutting up the beef that was killed on yesterday. then came breakfast. Then H. & myself greased both the old wagons . Hitched up two of the mules hauled a load of rails for siders on the fence we reset on yesterday. H. & myself finished the string of fence and hauled all the old pieces of rails +c away. Charley helped Uncle J. about the well. I fixed two of our gates so that they can be opened & shut easier this evening.

Thurs. Nov. 16, 1871 I with Hiram spent most of to-day in roaching and shaving my yearling mules and our suckling mules. Some of them have grown considerably and a few of them have not grown much. Charley helped old Uncle John about my well. I with Hiram spent the latter part of to-day in fixing up my box trough so that I can commence feeding my little mules pretty soon. Corn is only worth 50 & 60 cts per bushel and but few buyers at these prices so I want to feed my mules with this corn.

Fri. Nov. 17 Commenced resetting our fence on the East side of farm. Hiram and myself worked at it. Making quite a good fence out of as old rails as we handled to-day. Charley helped about well again to-day. Jack Sherley sent the two mules colts I bought of him a month or more ago over late this evening. They have grown considerably since I saw them. They only cost me \$75.00 gold dollars (\$37.50 cts a piece) Weather turned considerable cooler. It is getting time of year for us to have cool weather.

Sat. Nov. 18 Little sleet fell last night. Quite disagreeable weather a.m. more pleasant p.m. I rode over to McKinney tolerable early a.m. to get some powder to use in blasting in my well, but Uncle John did not come. I went back to McKinney p.m. Called at Woot & Tucks talked awhile with Tillie & Genie

carried Genie a letter from Woot. He has sold his cattle at last. this the best news Genie has heard in a long time. Charley & Hiram spent 3/4 of the day in chopping wood.

Sun. Nov. 19 I remained at home most of to-day. Weather tolerably cool a.m. more pleasant p.m. Cousin Mollie Graves came down this evening. Uncle Isaac also came by from East. He only remained an hour or so. I rode out in the prairie west of us and drove up four of my yearling mules. These young mules have paired off two & two ever since last spring they have not been disposed to stay with the rest at all. Genie also came up this evening. She went from here to see Sakin a little while. I carried little Bennie more than half of the way home late p.m.

Mon. Nov. 20 Still resetting fence on East side of farm. I did not work at it quite all of to-day. Hiram did. Charley a little while this evening. he helped old Uncle John most of to-day about my well. I had to go to McKinney after more powder this evening to use in blasting in my well. I tried to make a horse trade at McKinney whils't there, but failed. My wheat is looking beautiful indeed. That is my first sowing. ?? very *well sale* at anything like a good price.

Tues. Nov. 21, 1871 Hiram & myself still working at fence resetting it. Charley helping old Uncle John about my well. Weather quite cool. District court still in session at McKinney. Scarcely anything in the way of news for to-day. I helped Pa to make a new gate on the East side of farm as the old gate had about given out. Have one there now which I hope will last some time The first time I go down to the mill will get a good bois d'arc slab to go on the top of the gate posts.

Wed. Nov. 22 I with Hiram finished resetting the string of fence on the East. I am truly glad that I am done this fence as I am tired of this kind of work for the present and besides I have so much other work I wish to do before Christmas. Am very anxious for old Uncle John (Freedman) to finish my well. He thinks he will certainly finish it on to-morrow, but I think it very doubtful. Hiram and myself made a few pannils of strait rail fence near the Sherman road.

Thurs. Nov. 23 I put Hiram to plowing up oat stubble land where I expect to sow oats again next year. The ground is in pretty good plowing order. Charley helped old Uncle John about well again to-day he did not finish it this evening.



I hardly know what to record of to-days transactions as I have gotten behind in posting up my diary. I took two of the mules and drove down to Sherley's mill after a bois d'arc slab to go on the top of the East gate posts. Gave a quarter for it. stopped good while in McKinney.

Fri. Nov. 24 I went to McKinney this morning after I drove the mules in the East field and layed off a land for Hiram. He plowed all of to-day. Old Uncle John stopped working in well, but he not having fulfilled his part of contract. I told him he must dig it some deeper he has dug it 25 feet 3 inches deep. In case he got plenty of water he was to stop at 25 feet, but if not he was to not go more than 30 feet. Charley plowed a little p.m. This makes about 18 days old Uncle John has been working in well. It has not cost me in money more than 40 gold dollars.

Sat. Nov. 25 Drove up the mules before breakfast out of my beautiful wheat field. Fed them some corn. I then took some tools went over to the East gate. Morticed two holes through the bois d'arc slab and Pa & myself put it on the top to the gate posts. Backed up to Sherman *road*, where the road hands were throwing it up nicely. Fixed the lot gate. And alas worked little round our best well. Drove mules in East field. Have been writing in this little book for several back pages. Charley & Hiram plowed. Very bad news indeed. Ike has been captured so he was *captured* on last night.

Sun. Nov. 26, 1871 I rode down to Woot & Tuck's a.m. to see little Bennie stayed there awhile. Met Rely as I was returning home going on to McKinney to see Ike. Rely came here to dinner he led out Ike's horse. I spent most of to-day at home. Did not rest well last night on account of Ike's being in Jail at McKinney. We all regret very much that he is where he is. This was quite a warm day for the season of year. Reminded on very much like summer.

Mon. Nov. 27 Heard last night that there was some Government man near the Tucker School house buying horses for the Government. I went up early this morning to see them about selling them a horse, but could not sell him to them. I then went to McKinney. Bought a large bay horse for \$86.50 in green backs after wards let the old gentleman have him back by him giving me two dollars in specie. I then bought a very nice bay, or brown horse for 88 dollars in currency. I hope to sell this horse for a good profit on to-morrow he is the fullest of ticks I ever saw in my life.

Tues. Nov. 28 Charley and Hiram breaking up for corn that is plowing for corn. Sold my little brown horse to Government man for \$120.00 currency. Tuck only sold two horses to them out of eight. I gave a man by the name of Smith 5 dollars currency as he pointed me to this horse.

Wed. Nov. 29, 1871 I rode my bay mare to McKinney traded her to a man by the name of Allen. I gave him \$40.00 in specie to boot in an hour as so afterwards I sold the horse I got in this trade to same Govt. man for same money (120 dollars) I got for the other one I sold on yesterday. It was tolerably late when I got back home. Charley and Hiram cut wood in the bottom. Commenced sleeting to-night. I consider that I have made near fifty dollars in gold since last Monday morning. Would that I could do as well all the time.

Thurs. Nov. 30 Considerable sleet on the ground this morning and very cold for Texas. Charley and Hiram did not work to-day on account of it being so cold. I went to McKinney, but did not buy any horse. I rode one of Philand's {Muse's} to try to sell to same man, but they did not like him so I had a long ride for nothing. I was to pay over hundred gold dollars for this horse in case I sold him. Ballew trial still going on charged to have killed young Golden.

Fri. Dec. 1 Charley helped old Uncle John about well. I went along with Hiram carried a sack of salt and two hundred bundles of oats to McKinney. I got \$3.00 per hundred bundles \$7.00 in a trade for the sack of salt. Hiram then hauled a load of corn to hog.pen and then cut some wood to kill hogs with. I remained in McKinney until late this evening. Most of the sleet melted off to-day. I only collected some money past of barrel of flour I sold Col: Allison a few days ago. Let him have a barrel of flour for \$13.00 specie.

Sat. Dec. 2 Old Uncle John finished or rather stopped working in my well between 26 & 27 feet deep. I wanted him to go on still deeper but he was willing to knock off one dollar and stop now. He failed to strike a good vein of water. I intend to have it dug some deeper someday. Charley helped him Hiram set in two forks at hog.pen. helped Pa to grind the butcher knives and worked about hen house some p.m. I was at McKinney a.m. also p.m. Heard several witnesses give in their testimony in the Ballew trial charged to have killed James P. Golden in Oct. 1870.

Sun. Dec. 3 I rode down to McKinney a.m. to church, but there was no preaching only a few out. Wick and Sackie spent to-day at Pa's. Tuck Hill called by a little while this evening. Quite a pretty day over-head, a little

muddy under foot. Late this evening a severe northern came up accompanied by considerable wind blowing off some of the top bundles of some of our oat stacks. This is going to be one of the coldest nights of this winter.

Mon. Dec. 4, 1871 Went with Charley and Hiram to haul a load of wood to hog.pen. Also dragged up some logs to use about killing hogs. I then sent Charley after the kettles, but he failed to get them all the first trip. Hiram let in the hog.head. Charley hauled two loads of wood. and got Tuck's kettle from Lovejoy's the third trip. I rode round to see the hands about helping to kill hogs on to-morrow. Last night was one of the coldest nights we have had in a long time.

Tues. Dec. 5 Killed hogs. Had five hands besides Charley, Hiram Pa & myself. Pa only shot them. We got them all cut out just before night. 26 in number most of them good size hogs. Had a splendid day for killing not so cold to-day as it was on yesterday. We used kettles altogether this year in heating water. I believe I am a little too fast *theire* was an old *inan* as so used a little. It does not take as much wood as in heating the water with rock. Only had three kettles.

Wed. Dec. 6 I started to Rowlett Cheek Church about 9 a.m. to near Elder J. R. Graves formerly of Nashville now of Memphis, Tenn. He is a very distant relation of ours. He commenced speaking about 12 n. and spoke until 8 p.m. delivering a very good discourse. Charley and Hiram helped Pa about salting down his pork. I arrived at my old friend Bowman's about sun set. was met by my good friend Miss Fannie. Was introduced by her to Mrs. Jack Bowman who lives close by. Heard some excellent music indeed.

Thurs. Dec. 7 Caught my pony to start home at 11 o'clock a.m. We did not get started until 4 p.m. Spent to-day very pleasantly reading singing talking and hearing music on piano by Miss Fannie. She has a most beautiful piano. it looks as though it had just come out of a *banbox*. Arrived at home a little after dark got two papers as I came through McKinney. Charley and Hiram plowed to-day. Charley had to go to McKinney so he only plowed half of to-day. Ballew trial still going on the Lawyers commenced speaking this morning so I learned before I arrived at McKinney.

Fri. Dec. 8 I went to McKinney tolerably early a.m. to hear the lawyers speak on the Ballew case. Capt. T. J. Brown finished his lengthy speech at 10 a.m. immediately after which Gov. Throckmorton followed in the defence for

Ballew. He closed his speech late p.m. speaking 4 ½ hours in all. Mr. W. G. Ewing from Ill. made the closing speech in this case. He spoke about an hour and a half before dark. Court adjourned until after supper. my old friend Joe. Russell came out and took supper with me. We went back and heard Ewing through with his lengthy *qlbe* and interesting speech. *Judge Andrews* gave his case to the jury about 9 o'clock to-night. XXXXXXXX

Sat. Dec. 9, 1871 I went to McKinney Joe. Russell accompanied me. Upon our arrival at McKinney heard that jury brought in a verdict of guilty saying that he should pay the penalty by hanging Steven M. Ballew. His Lawyer's Brown & Throckmorton made a motion for a new trial, but it was over ruled by the Judge. They are going to appeal it to the Supreme Court but it seems to me they will say hang him. Quite a number of persons were in McKinney to-day rather more than normal. Charley & Hiram plowed all of to-day.

Sun. Dec. 10 Frank Perkins came out with me on yesterday evening. he stayed with me on last night. he walked up to where I am going to build this morning after which we rode down to McKinney. Heard Bob Horn speak, or rather preach a very good discourse. not as many out as I hoped to see as it was such a pretty day. Woot & Doc Hill got in late yesterday evening after many months absence on a cattle trip. They brought back mules wagons and flour.

Mon. Dec. 11 Charley & Hiram plowed all day now plowing for corn next spring. have been for several days. I spent most of to-day brushing down stalks ahead of the plows. John Wilmeth brought me about 40 bois d'arc posts this evening. for which I paid him 15 cts apiece. This was a beautiful day and very pleasant. D. C. Hill is hear to-night. I weighed and divided a sack of salt before breakfast C. & H. assisted. I promised half to this sack salt to Mr. Jack Mack. He failed to come after it to-day. But suppose he will come some other time for it.

Tues. Dec. 12 I went over to McKinney in wagon. carried over some plows to have sharpened. Put Charley and Hiram to hauling wood. I went on to bottom after some bois d'arc blocks +c. Hauled and had hauled 8 loads from bottom. This wood was cut awhile back. Received two letters for Pa, but they were only circulars not much *force*. Blacksmith only charged me 35 cts for sharpening three plows and cutting new threads +c on a screw. Beautiful weather indeed for plowing, hauling +c.

Wed. Dec. 13 I got up little earlier than common. Did all the feeding before Charley and Hiram came. I talked to them about getting here earlier. Had four of the mules hitched to two of the wagons. Ground all three of the axes. Hiram turned the grindstone for me. Made four loads with each of these wagons to-day. Nearly all dead wood cut and gathered it up at diferent places in the bottom. We worked pretty hard to-day. I want to get up a large woodpile for Christmas at least twenty wagon loads.

Thurs. Dec. 14, 1871 Pretty cool to-day. I went down to bottom carrying two wagons Charley and Hiram. The former cut down a large oak tree. The Latter and myself sawed off some bois d'arc blocks for my house. Hauled that up and a big load of wood on the other wagon. Sent Charley and Hiram down after two more loads of wood this morning. I now have about twenty loads of wood at the wood-pile. My young mules are doing very well now *fusing* on my wheat & I am feeding them well on corn.

Fri. Dec. 15 Put Charley and Hiram to plowing this morning. They plowed all day a little cool, but a splendid day for plowing. I went to McKinney this morning for business for Ike to see when his trial in the J. W. Thomas case will come off. I wrote to Capt. Bledson at Sherman, Texas to come down, if he possibly could and attend to this case for us. I hope he will come. Capt. T. C. Goodner married Miss Jennie Box on last night. I saw the happy couple in a buggy in McKinney to-day. I came home about 1 p.m. Finished brushing down stalks where I aim to put corn another year and I plowed some late this evening.

Sat. Dec. 16 Hitched up all three of our teams and went to plowing Charley Hiram and myself. Did not plow long until Jack Mack came into the field where I was and told me that he had most of my bois d'arc posts ready. I just unhitched and hitched to our three wagons passed through McKinney. got over 90 posts brought them home from 3 miles S. E. of McKinney. I had Charley & Hiram to cut some wood at wood-pile after unloading wagons and runing them under the shelters. Went to McKinney late this evening after my Enquirer +c.

Sun. Dec. 17 I rode down to McKinney to meeting. Heard a new Methodist preacher. Rode down to P. office as I am expecting a letter from Mr. Joe Bledson, but did not receive any. Came home. After dinner rode up to Mr. McDonal's to see about some news that might be beneficial to Ike in his trial on

to-morrow. Woot & Genie took dinner with us. I was also at Rely's this evening from his house I went to McKinney. Heard from Mrs. Bledson. He could not come down to be at Ike's trial in the Thomas case. I returned home to-night a little after dark.

Mon. Dec. 18, 1871 Started Charley and Hiram to plowing. I took the other team and went to McKinney in wagon after a thousand boards and a bag of nails Mr. Bateman brought me from Jefferson. 6 penny *fencing* nails. I went to Jenkins & Goodner about employing them in Ike's trial in Thomas case. I T. C. Goodner in the office he took the case. The trial commenced about 2 p.m. just got through with the witnesses unless some more wished to be introduced in the morning after which there will be some speaking I suppose.

Tues. Dec. 19 Had a dreadful head.ache last night. did not feel much like doing anything a.m. I went up to where I intend building and planted 50 or 60 peach seed of choice kinds. Hauled a barrel of water with an old mule (Luce) which my Father worked down in wagon from Mo. in 57. She is yet a splendid mule. Rely and Wick came between 11 & 12 a.m. Ike was acquitted on the charge of shooting at J. W. Thomas house on 7<sup>th</sup> Sept. last. No speaking by the attorney. Charley and Hiram plowed to-day. Still brushing up for corn next spring. Had to drive Tuck & Woots mules & horses off my wheat the 2<sup>nd</sup> time.

Wed. Dec. 20 Next to the coldest day this winter. Charley and Hiram cut wood at wood-pile all day. I went to see Mrs. Johnson in regard to some rails that was made on her land by a (Freedman) through mistake. She consented for Pa to have the rails by paying what's right for the timber. Went from there to McKinney had a long chat with Frank Perkins in his neat little office. He is now an attorney at law. Jenkins's little boy was *buried* p.m. Stopped at W. & T. Hill's little while.

Thurs. Dec. 21 Charley Hiram & myself plowed to-day. Very cool south wind to-day, but we kept steady going. Plowed I suppose about 4 ½ or 5 acres. Hiram had to haul barrel of water as the wash women were here. He broke the sled partly to pieces and turned over his first barrel of water, but Pa fixed it up and then he made it all right next time. D. C. Hill came p.m. he and several others going to a shivarce to-night. as an old friend of his marries to-night.

Fri. Dec. 22 Finished plowing my corn land about sunset this evening. Hope to raise a big crop of corn for the number of acres I will have next year. Charley Hiram and myself plowed between 5 and 6 acres to-day. Charley's team ran off

with plow p.m. did no damage of a serious nature only loosening the clivis & one clip off the swingle tree. This was a very windy day especially this evening. Considerable storm of wind to-night. I have some over 40 acres corn next year.

Sat. Dec. 23, 1871 I went over to McKinney this morning. Christmas near at hand. Put Charley and Hiram to hauling some rails out of bottom. Pa went down with them. after which one of them hauled a barrel of water. They hauled three loads apiece of rails. Carried in good pile of stove wood. Shucked some corn for Christmas by this time I came home from town. after finished feeding I paid them off have paid Charley over one hundred dollars this year for work since last spring. Hiram over half that amount.

Fri. Dec. 24 Did not rise so early this morning after feeding and driving my little mules +c in East field. Commenced fixing to pay one of my most worthy lady friends a visit. I sent her word more than a week ago that I would be down Christmas eve. Tuck & Dock Hill came before I got ready to start. chatted Tuck awhile started a little after 12 n. Southward arrived at Ms. Bowman's between 3 & 4 p.m. Found Miss Fannie at home and as aimable as fair and as entertaining as ever.

Mon. Dec. 25 Pretty cool day. I remained all day with Miss Fannie spent the day very pleasantly indeed by talking reading hearing singing and music on one of the nicest pianos in Texas by one of Texas fairest daughters. We amused ourselves little while to-night by playing *hul-gul* with pecans. Geo B. and a Ms. *{Blank space was left here}* who is boarding here went to a party to-night some 5 or 6 miles. As it was rather cool and being in such good company I did not go home late p.m. as I expected when I left home.

Tues. Dec. 26 Arrived at McKinney about 12 n. Stayed there a while. Came out home. Drove my little mules from East field into West field to get water. Scared up a mule eared rabbit closer to house than I've ever seen one stopped awhile at Wick's to get a letter as I heard there was one there for me. It was from Ed Harrison. whils't there a hawk came so near catching a little snow bird it flew in the house at the door. It then made for the window & while it was trying to get through it I caught the poor little innocent bird. I let it go.

Wed. Dec. 27 Pretty cool morning in fact right cool all day. I went over to Ms. Johnson's to pay her for some rail timber that a Freedman cut on her land through mistake. She only charged one dollar per hundred. Paid her 2.55 cts.

came home to dinner. started to McKinney to carry a pair of boots back. Met two wagons wanting corn. I turned back sold them 32 bushels at 65 cts per bushel took in a 20 dollar gold piece +c. I bought a buckskin from them at \$1.50 cts. Went to McKinney bought some good for the family.

Thurs. Dec. 28, 1871 I went to McKinney this morning to be at the trial of Prof. Reid Williams charged with an assault upon the person of Jesse Shain. Heard several of the witnesses give in their testimony, but from the evidence I do not think there will be anything done with Williams. I found two peddlers here when I returned late p.m. In Williams and Shain difficulty, Williams fired a derringer pistol at Shain, but think he did it in self defence as Shain struck at him with a pretty heavy quiety. [(siding whip) added by Lindy Fisher]

Fri. Dec. 29 Charley rode one of my yearling mules to-day. Hiram has rode another one of them several times. I started by Rely's on up to Bud Newman's but meeting Rely I did not go by his house. Asked him to help eat a turkey on to-morrow here at Pa's. Bud is so very busy about getting done his new house he told me he could not come. Fannie came down with me this evening. Another party on hand near us to-night, but I did not go to it. Same two peddlers came back again late this evening. Are staying all night with us.

Sat. Dec. 30 Began to add up my expenditures this year putting them down in the latter part of this little book. I went to McKinney. Spent a few hours there Mother had the finest turkey for dinner to-day I've partaken of in my years. It weighed 21 pounds with the head. Tuck & Tillie. Woot & Genie. Wick & Sarkin, Rely. Fannie & Tuck's & Woot's little children and D.C. Hill were here to-day to dinner. Bud N. and Nannie G. did not come, but they were invited. Billie is in Mo. Ike in jail at McKinney. Beautiful day indeed.

Sun. Dec. 31 I remained at home most of to-day. Went down to W. & Tuck Hill's a little while this evening. Did not hear of any meeting anywhere in the neighborhood to-day. The year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred & seventy one expires with to-day 1872 commences to-morrow. Time oh! How fast thou fliest. Bud N. came down a.m. went back p.m. He is very busy about his house. Carried some boards back with him. Two peddlers remained here all day. Some rain would help the wheat now as the ground is getting pretty dry.



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To Charley for work	\$104.50
To Hiram “ “	55.30
To <i>Jim</i> Sanford “ “	27.10
To Brother Billy wrk & crops oats & corn	100.00
To Brother Ike work & crops oats & corn	5.00
To seed oats 7.00 to and wheat 58.	65.00
To oat harvest besides C. & H.	7.90
To stacking oats “ “ “	11.00
To <i>Grun</i> for working potatoes	1.00
To gathering corn besides C. & H.	9.00
To Albert cutting corn +c	3.30
To Bill <i>wides</i> helping about well	.40
To putting in wheat besides C. & H.	5.00
To hauling out stock fodder 2.00 {can't read}	
To pine lumber	206.20
To boards 10.00 nails 8.00	18.00
To bois d'arc posts	40.75
To well	41.95
To sash & door	23.00

<i>for</i> money for farm work	\$396.40
Lumber bois d'arc post +c +c	306.90
Sash & doors	<u>23.50</u>
Aggregate amount	726.80 cts

To one wagon & harness	\$135.00
3 mules colts \$105 have only paid	70.00
For clothing +c in the year 1871	<u>126.80</u>
	331.25
Amount taken from left hand page	<u>\$726.25</u>
Received in year 1871	1058.05
	<u>1056.25</u>
diference of	2.80

Gained by trade	\$104.00
Gained by trade in 3 days	45.00
511 1/4 bushels of last years corn	288.20
30 bushels of last years corn	22.50
Some over 7000 bus. oats	207.40

From this years corn crop	
Up to this date Dec. 31, 1871	104.95
Rec'd on 300 bushels oats	100.50
Sold one mule of my own raising this year	125.00
Rec'd from A. L Sherley	<u>49.20</u>
	\$1056.25

corn crop of 1871	
up to Dec. 31, 1871 sold	\$104.95
up to Feb. 29 1872	<u>220.32</u>
about 486 bushels	325.27

### **Afterword**

This page is added by Lindy Fisher

Lucretius Harrison Graves died in 1901 at the age of 61. He never married. He is buried next to his father and mother at Pecan Grove Cemetery in McKinney. He has a nine foot tall white stone marker inscribed with:

*A Christian  
Farewell dear brother  
Till we meet again.*

I suspect that his sisters (especially Tillie and Genie) helped in planning his burial. His sister Mary Quintillia "Tillie" Graves (Mrs. Tuck Hill) ended up with these diaries. These two diaries were passed down in her family. He also has a Condederate Army marker.

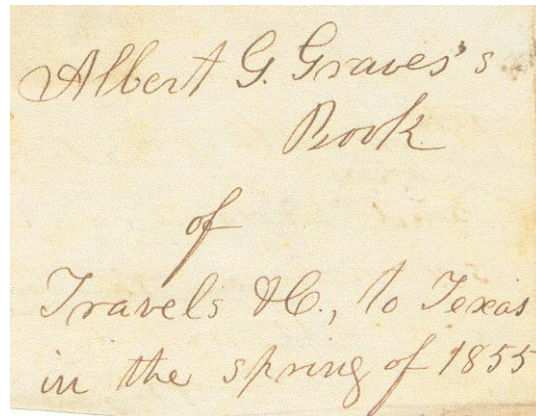
*1<sup>st</sup> Lieut. Co K 6 Texas Cav  
Confederate States Army*

He built a beautiful home that was later torn down to make room for the new Central Expressway (Hwy. 75) in 1969.

Wick Graves (1848-1940), his cousin, lived until he was 91 years old. He is buried with his wife and some family members in another section of Pecan Grove Cemetery.

His father Albert Gallatin Graves (1813-) lived until he was 78 years old. His mother Francis J. Graves (1817-1894) lived to be 77 years old. They have a tall grave marker with the inscription:

*Lord help us to obey Thy commands  
We command our souls into Thy hand.  
To prepare us for eternity  
At death take us to Thy self above  
There forever let us praise and love.*



**Foreword to  
Albert G. Graves Book of Travels H. to Texas  
in the spring of 1855.**

[There is another diary written by his son Lucretius Harrison Graves in 1859, and 1871 with a muster list in 1861-1865 of 6<sup>th</sup> Texas Cavalry Company K. It was transcribed at the same time and has about 85 pages with an index.]

This is the transcription from a separate original very small journal in the possession of Mary Lou Hill. She was married to Ralph Henry Hill Sr. who was the grandson of Tuck Hill. It was written by Albert G. Graves in longhand penmanship in 1855 about his trips to Texas to look for a place to relocate his family. He decided on McKinney as is recorded in this journal.

Albert Gallatin Graves (1813-1891) (b. Orange County, Virginia). He married Francis J. Harrison (she was first cousin to President William Henry Harrison) in April 1840 and had 12 children. He immigrated to Texas with his brother Isaac F. Graves (1815-1886) (b. Orange County Virginia) married Margaret Ann Stevens and had 12 children. Both brothers were shown on the 1850 census in Virginia. According to Minnie Champs' *Families of Collin County*, Albert and Isaac Graves with their wives, children and slaves arrived in Collin County on Nov. 5, 1857 settling on adjoining land northwest of the small town of McKinney at the present intersection of Hwy 75 and Hwy 380. The Isaac Graves home with an historical marker was demolished to build the present Kroger store on the southeast corner.

According to the *Families of Collin County*, Isaac owned 23 slaves and Albert owned 8 on August 15, 1864.

This journal was transcribed by Lindy Fisher June 2002 with the permission of Mary Lou Hill, wife of Ralph Henry Hill Sr.. I do not know exactly what capital H. means; it is possibly a shorthand for the word history. Each page of the original diaries has been scanned by Ralph White, a McKinney historian.

I have scanned several of the most interesting pages.

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## Albert G. Graves Book of Travels H. to Texas in the spring of 1855.

“Left home on 15<sup>th</sup> of March, 1855 and traveled as set down on the next and following pages. A. G. Graves”

is written in black pen inside the front cover of the small dark beige hardcover book. He seems to have been traveling with Cousin J. and his brother, Isaac Graves. If the writing is illegible, I used italic letters. The other entries are as follows.

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“ 17 Grand River	1 27
“ 18 Bradley's	30
“ 19 Phillips	40
“ 20 Spring River	40
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“ 22 Cove Grove	39
or Rock Hill	
“ 23 Alberty's Creek	30
“ 24 Arkansas River	40
“ 25 (Well) Near Fisher's	36
“ 26 Hollow Log	36
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“ 28 mls. S. Boggy Depot	33
“ 29 8 ms from Red River	30
“ 30 8 to Red River	8

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## Texas

1855 Travels H.

We started on the 15<sup>th</sup> of March, at 10 o'clock in the morning, and arrived at Col. Johnson's at 5 o'clock in the evening.

The ground was covered with snow in the morning and it began to snow again a little before night. On the 16<sup>th</sup>, we laid by- as it snowed the most of the day. Very cold weather indeed.

March 17- Saturday

Set out from the Col., at 7 o'clock A.M. and arrived at Clinton at 2 P.M.; traveled thence south west about seven miles, crossing Grande River and stayed or camped in an old cabin, on a Mr. Crews' farm. The land here only second rate, but the prairie lies well.

March 18- Sunday

Left said cabin at 7 A.M. traveled a zigzag S.W. and W. direction, over hills, knobs and snow banks, and stayed at a Mr. Bradley's, 3 miles north of Pappinsville: Fare good. Today's travel gave us a view of some good second rate land (farms in the prairie) The land about Pappinsville is not very good.

March 19- Monday

Started early from *Sid* Bradley's, traveled three miles to Pappinsville, crossed the Meridizine river. (first running water)

This day we crossed the Little Osage River, at Ball's Mill,- an excellent bridge here, -but the water in the river not fit for our horses to drink.

We traveled upwards of 40 miles today and stayed at a Mr. Phillip's. Fare bad-, exceedingly cold weather.

20<sup>th</sup> of March.- Tuesday

Today we traveled 40 miles nearly in a south direction. Some pretty lying prairies we saw this day, but only second rate land. We camped on Spring river, snow in some places still on the ground, and very cold.

March 21- Wednesday

Started at sunrise, then 10 miles to Centre Creek. (a flush running stream) thence 10 ms to the Grand Falls on Shoal Creek. Scot's Mill is here. This is a noble stream. Thence 14 miles & camped on a cold north hillside near the boundary line of Mo.- Weather very cold and we all have "colds".

#### March 22- Thursday

Set out at sun rise, thence through a portion of the Senaca Territory, about 11 miles to Grande or Neosho River. This river at this place is about 170 yds wide, and the boundary between the Senaca and Cherokee Indians. Gilstrap's Store is here, on the north bank of Grande River. Then S. W. 28 miles to a beautiful cove in the woods, on a place called the Rock Hill. Weather quite pleasant in the evening but very cold next morning. >Some land today very good.

#### March 23- Friday

Thence 30 miles, and pitched our camp 3 hours by sun in the evening, on John Alberty's Creek. Unable to get any food for our horses but had a few oats with us- The day we met with a Mr. Landrum, a Cherokee and had some conversation with him on the slavery question, in connection with Kansas Territory. He is a man of some intelligence and refinement.

#### March 24- Saturday

Started early in the morning. Met a Mr. Campbell from Lafayette Co. Mo., on his return from Texas, half after 9 o'clock A. M., had some conversation with him about Texas H. Proceeding on, arrived at Ft. Gibson half after 4 o'clock P.M., fading Grande River just above Ft. Gibson, and also just below. We forded the Arkansas also, between the mouth of Grande river and the mouth of Verdigris. The water touched our carriage bed in crossing. Paid \$2.00 per bushel for corn & 75 cents per doz, for small bundles of fodder.

#### March 25- Sunday

Left the bank of the Arkansas river, and traveled 6 miles and found some pools of very indifferent water. 14 miles further we came to Elk Creek, the water here not good. Proceeding on 17 miles further, we staid at a well of excellent water, near Fisher's, where we succeeded in procuring some corn for our horses. A northern i.e. a violent wind from the north. Compelled us to take up out tent before day. Very cold indeed. This day traveled 37 miles. Soil not rich.

#### March 26- Monday

Left camp soon after day and traveled 3 miles, crossed North Canadian river, rocky ford, thence three miles farther, forded middle Canadian, (quicksand bottom). Each of these Rivers about 200 yards wide. An Indian Village by the name of North Fork is situated between these rivers. Fed at 11 o'clock at the

foot of the Big Hill, near a pretty lake of clear water. Staid at Hollow Log about 30 miles from Middle Canadian. Today exceedingly cold.

March 27- Tuesday

Still and pleasant weather this morning, tho' cold enoug for ice to be on the water in our bucket. Thence 12 miles to Perryville (an Indian Mission.) Thence 22 miles and camped east side of Rock Mountain. Saw a wolf as we were about to pitch our camp.

On hand only 17 small ears of corn, and none to be had Fed our horses on brush and dry grass. Black Horse lame from a kick as we suppose. Saw some tolerably good land today.

March 28- Wednesday

Thence 6 miles to & Hack's, gave \$1.50 for half bushel of corn. Thence to East Boggy 8 miles, gave \$2.50 for one bushel of corn Toll Bridge here owned by a Mr. Gary. Thence 17 miles, crossing Muddy Boggy and West Boggy (toll Bridge again) to the Ind. Village, Boggy Depot, (quicksand country,) thence south 2 miles, and camped on a little branch whose water is impregnated with some kind of mineral. 33 miles travel to-day.

March 29- Thursday

Thence 15 miles to toll Bridge on Little Blue, here met a man by the name of James Swarts on his return home, (Caldwell Co. Mo.) having been to see Texas, and was much pleased with its soil and productions. Cousin J. wrote home by him. Thence 15 miles to a branch in the prairie, and camped Wind S. E. and cloudy. No bad accident up to this date.

March 30- Friday

It began to rain before day and continued to rain moderately for a while after leaving camp. Traveled this morning 8 miles and came to Red River. Crossed at Colbert's Ferry. Thence 7 miles to Sand Bluff and fed. Thence 9 miles to Sherman, the county seat of Grayson Co. Texas, camped on a little stream half mile south of Sherman. The soil about Sherman is excellent, being the black & waxy land. The price of land from 2-10 dollars.

March 31- Saturday

Very severe, white frost this morning, plenty of ice in our bucket and on the creek near us. Thence 32 miles to Honey Creek, Collin Co. Mostly prairie today, but very rich, waxy land; and the most of it lies well for cultivation, tho' not very much under fence. The timber here is not of the first quality. The frost

mentioned above (on this page) injured the wheat crop very much, for some distance south of West Trinity.

#### April 1- Sunday

Set out this morning some two or three hours by sun having been delayed by shaving and putting on clean shirts. Camped on Honey Creek, 3 miles north of Mc'Kinney, the County seat of Collin Co., last night. We traveled today from Honey Creek to White Rock, a small river. Saw some beautiful prairie and rich land. My horse had the colic this evening tolerably bad. White Rock is in Dallas Co.

#### April 2- Monday

Moderately warm this morning, wind south. Proceeded from the ford on White Rock to Mr. John Jackson's, two miles distant. Staid at Mr. Jackson's this and the following day. Cousin J.'s horse got crippled by getting his left hind foot over his halter at the trough at night. In a bad condition for traveling, one horse sick and another crippled.

#### April 3- Tuesday

At Mr. Jackson's as mentioned on previous page. The grass on the prairie still quite short, but let our horses graze round and get what they could. The land in this portion of Dallas county is very good, tho' hardly equal in fertility to some we saw in Collin Co. The streams and branches have clear and fine running water. **This country is but thinly settled, but the time will come when it will have a dense population.**

#### April 4- Wednesday

Started after breakfast, cloudy and raining, but after traveling some five or six miles it stopped raining. Got to Dallas (town) in the evening- staid there an hour or so, then crossed West Trinity on a Toll Bridge, Shortly after crossing said river, it began to rain very hard, with hard thunder and lightning. We arrived at the third house on the road before we could get permission to stay all night. Soil begins to become poorer.

#### April 5- Thursday

Last night we staid at Judge Hoard's; hospitably entertained. (4 miles S. of Dallas) This morning somewhat cloudy and roads muddy, we traveled 12 miles to Doct. Palmer's, arrived at 10 o'clock, and found him at home. This evening Isaac's mule got his right hind foot badly cut by the lasso getting round it,



whilst pegged out to graze. The Doct. conversed a good deal about Texas, its soil, its stock H. The land here not of the first quality.

April 6- Friday

Left Doct. Palmer's early this morning, traveled west 8 miles, thence north east 20 miles to the town of Dallas. West Trinity here, during high water, is one mile and a half wide. But quite a small stream at this time. The timber on this stream, at this place is very inferior. Corn, generally, is just about up, wheat half leg high and jointing- The season is said to be late this spring, having been dry & cold.

April 7- Saturday

Today retraced a part of the road from Dallas, to Mc'kinney, traveled only 16 miles. Two horses still unfit for traveling fast. The land here is gently undulating, and quite fertile, (I mean the prairies.) Being satisfied with the soil, and climate of this part of Texas, we have come to the conclusion to move hither, so soon as we can sell our land in Missouri. From 20-50 bushels of corn per acre. From 20-40 bushels of wheat per acre.

April 8- Sunday

Started early but traveled very slow on account B.s & M's feet, fed at the creek little south of Mckinney- tolerably large body of timber on this stream. Ash, elm, Black walnut, pecan, cottonwood, oaks H. Thence N. E. to 8 mile post & camped. Some excellent land on the road.

April 9- Monday

Thence N. E. 21 miles to Bois D'arc Creek, in Fannin county. Some fine timber here. Had but little corn to feed on, and no grass of any consequence. Land here not very good. Improved land or farms worth 5 dollars per acre.

April 10- Tuesday

Thence ten miles to Bonham, county seat of Fannin county. In the morning cloudy and also in the evening. The small streams here have but little water in them, and that very indifferent. From Bonham we traveled 3 miles north and camped on a small branch, water bad, but grass more plentiful. Today with some difficulty we got some corn. We bought some very good bacon at Bonham. Gave 15 cents per lb.

April 11- Wednesday

Had to lay by to-day consequence of the soreness of two of our horses' feet i.e. their ankles. Bought a peck of meal.

April 12- Thursday

Started late in the day, Traveled 10 m to Red River, crossed at Kemp's Ferry, and camped on north side. Good many ticks infested as here. Kemp (a Chicasaw Indian) has a spring of excellent water. The bottom land here produces 75 bushels of corn per acre.

**April 13- Friday**

Near Kemp's Ferry, excellent timber on Red River bottoms here. Cousin J. traded his lame horse for a pony. Isaac's mule is in a little better condition for traveling. Traveled 24 miles today, and camp on a small branch 2 miles south of Little, or perhaps Big Blue. The Blue is a stream not very large. We crossed a few miles below where we crossed, going out to Texas.

April 14- Saturday

From camp, 16 miles to within one mile S. of Tiner's, and fed or grazed, the grass still short. Thence 12 miles to West Boggy, one mile North of Boggy Depot. Thompson's Salts Works are about 4 miles S. of Boggy Depot, a Missionary Station. 160 or 170 bushels of salt made per week. Corn worth 1 ½ dols per bushel, and scarce.

April 15- Sunday

Thence 23 miles to the creek near Hack's. But little grass as yet. It rained some during last night; and cloudy in the morning. To-day's travel between Boggy depot and the divide. The waters of the Canadian on one side, and those of the Boggy on the other. Much of the prairie rocky.

April 16- Monday

Thence 28 miles to Perryville (Indian village in the timber) about 10 o'clock this morning. James H. Thompson overtook us and continued with us part of the day. To-day travel partly between ridges of the Ozark Mts.

April 17- Tuesday

Thence \_\_\_\_ miles to one mile south of Big Lake. Grass some better. To-day over a very rough and mountainous country. Water for ourselves & horses scarce. Passed several wagons moving away, or rather back, from Texas.

Some timber tho the country *lese* tolerably good. James H. Thompson with us a little while to-day.

April 18- Wednesday

Thence \_\_\_ miles to a small stream 5 miles south of Elk Creek. To-day over Big Hill and by Wat. Grayson's, bought some corn, crossed both the Canadians, and passed over some pretty lying prairie. Met several wagons moving to Texas.

April 19- Thursday

Thence 26 miles to north side of Arkansas river. To-day grazed about one mile east of Temple Knob. Forded the Arkansas in sight of Ft. Gibson, Water came against Buggy bed. The water here some deeper than when going down to Texas. The water of the Arkansas river is strongly impregnated with salt. Quicksand bottom. Reed or cane on its banks.

April 20- Friday

Thence 30 miles to Lime Rock Creek (square or oblong square lime rock in seams) Now south of Alberty's 5 miles. Saw more Carion crows here than at any other place. Some excellent land here in the woodland. We camped near a mountain. Grass improving a little tho' not plenty. Some pretty lying and some quite rough, hilly prairie to-day.

April 21- Saturday

Thence 24 miles to Rock River Creek, thence 5 miles to Cabin Creek, thence 7 miles to Cove, Rock Hill. Carried water 2 miles out of a sulphur spring this evening. Heard a wolf bark in the night. Between Rock and Cabin Creeks, Cherokee nation, we met with James H. Thompson, as made known to us by J. T. Alberty- said Thompson had been accused of murder near Ft. Smith, We gave him a certificate stating his whereabouts.

April 22- Sunday

Thence 23 miles to Gilstrap; Crossing on Grande River. The certificate mentioned on preceeding page, we gave to-day. The prairie today some uneven and some of it flinty, and some of it lies very well. Grande river is still low, rock bottom, somewhat rough.

April 23- Monday

Thence 25 miles to Scotte Mill, at Grand Falls on Shoal Creek or rather River. Some rough traveling to-day, over some of the Ozark Hills.

April 24- Tuesday

Thence 28 miles to S. Fork of Little Spring River. Today crossed Center Creek and Spring River. Some pretty lying prairie, here. Very windy.

April 25- Wednesday

Thence 43 miles to Douglass' Old Stand. On the Monatean, owned by Thornton and Cogswell. Fare only moderate. Large drove of cattle here.

April 16- Thursday

Thence \_\_\_ to Red Dirt- Thence the next day 27 and night home about 60 miles.

Columbus-	Miles
Roe's Hill	22
Papinsville	50
Phillip's Creek	43
Spring River	40
Missouri Line	34
Rock Hill	39
Alberty's Creek	30
Arkansas River	40
Fisher's Well	36
Small stream	36
Rock Mount	34
Boggy depot	32
Red River	41

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1857

Dec. 25 28 Degrees

Dec. 26 30

Dec. 27 50

Dec. 28 55

	Sunrise	noon	sunset
Jan. 1	48	64	51 degrees
Jan. 2	34	45	45
Jan. 3	29	48	44
Jan. 4 Mon	40	40	38

Jan. 5	36	58	58
Jan. 6	42	68	57
Jan. 7	32	42	39
Jan. 8 Fri.	36	54	52
Jan. 9	51	56	57
Jan. 10 S	56	60	58
Jan. 11	40	64	62

1837	mls		
Marion City	8		
Palmyra	6		
Paris	40		
Glascow	56		
Dover		52	
Lexington		12	
From Quincy to Carthage		42	
McComb		26	

Rock Spring	13		
Grand River	26		
Creek of Paperville	27		

Little Osaga	17		
Dry wood	22		
South Drywood	10		
Spring River	22	137	
Shoal Creek	20		
Neosho River	21		
Lovdrum's	32		
Lime Stone creek	25	98	
5 ms n. Ark. River	20		
6 ms. S. Do.	11		
Fisher's Well	31	62	
Lay by Oct 27			
28 Post Oak Creek	12	309	

Neosho to Jefferson	114		
Brady's ferry	50		
1857 Oct.		mls	
29 Thurs. Cane Creek		18	

30	6 ms, S. Pervill	24	
31	Gary's	30	
Nov. 1	Bogy Mill	16	
Nov. 2	Northville Ind Store	26	
Nov. 3	Cross Red River 1 m	16	
Nov. 4	Thockton Creek	19	
Nov. 5	Honey Creek	27	485

Eldridge Emerson

4 ms. N. E. from Pilot Point 44- (24)

Christopher Sercy

700 Acres 6 degrees N, twelve south in cultivation 7 ms West of McKinney

1857 Nov. 2

2	flour 22 lb X 6	132
2	½ B Meal	50
2	2 B. corn	250
2	Toll Bridge	75
3	For Red River	375
3	2 B. corn	200
3	1 doz oats	50
3	¾ X 3 ½	120
3	½ B. s. potatoes	50
4	Well. 2 B. corn	150
4	calyso	100
4	buckskin	200
4	2 cornbs (2-), pins(10)	30
5	2 B. Meal corn	260
5	Oats 40 softer	<u>65</u>
		21.07

1837

Travels in Fall of 1837

To Barboursville 20

Charlottesville 20

“Wayne’sboro” 25

(Weast Cave)

Staunton 17

Greenville 12

Fairfield 12

Lexington	1
Nat. Bridge	14
Buchanan	11
Salem	33
Christianburg	27
Newbern	17
Evinsham	28
(Smith Ch)	
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## Appendix I

This is the record of family history provided by Mary Hill Kilgore on 2-1-2005 that delineates how Jesse and Frank James are related to Tuck and Woot Hill as second cousins. Mary Kilgore is a member of the DAR and therefore has very good family records.

Robert C. Poor  
Betsy Mims 1769-1823

Drury Woodson Poor 1787-1855	brother & sister	Mary Poor 1790-1827 married John M. James
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Susan Poor 1818-1896 m R.M. Hill	1 <sup>st</sup> cousins	Robert Sallee James 1818-185?
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F.M. "Tuck" Hill	2 <sup>nd</sup> cousins	Jesse & Frank James
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Marian, Maybelle, Ralph Hill Sr.

Ralph Hill Jr. - Mary Ida Hill Kilgore

Suzanne Kay Hill b. 1980	Cindy Kilgore Fleaharty b 1978
	Kristi Ann Kilgore b 1980



## Travels of A. G. Graves in 1855

(Map supplied by Lindy Fisher, not by A.G. Graves)



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