

Journal by Logan Holt Roots I
May 1855

(Age 14; born 26 March 1841)

[Editor's Notes]

[O.G. = Oliver Guernsey Roots, brother; born 11 April 1836
P.K. = Philander Keep Roots, brother; born 4 June 1838
M.E. = Martha Elizabeth Roots, sister; born 2 September 1844]

Tuesday 15th

P.K. & I finished estimate on Sec. 7 and the areas on Sec. 8.

Wednesday 16th

We received a letter from home.

P.K. & I finished Sec, 14. I wrote home about oxen

Thursday 17th

I went back to Livery Stable & got Mr. Northrop a horse he went to Sec, 5 P.K. & I compared four, & Ledger

Friday 18th

I made stakes P.K. showed me some about calculating a culvert We went after the hand car to Mrs. Pihpps We went to first culver beyond curve

Saturday 19th

I solved problem No, 16 page 47 and copied letter about the oxen. Added up some numbers

Saturday 20th

I read from Job, 7th Chap to Pslams 1st Chap Attended service and wrote home

Monday 21st

I staid at the St, Francis waiting to see P.K. and Jim start to Columbus but he did not go. Dinner. We worked in the office

Tuesday 22nd

I made stakes and worked in the office until 4 oclock then Mr. Northrop P.K. & I went to the end of track and set some rail pegs. In the evening I went to party at Irvin House

Wednesday 23rd

Mr. Northrop P.K. Jimmy & I set rail pegs around the curve on Sec, 5 We received a letter from home

Thursday 24th

P.K. Jimmy and I set rail pegs beyond on culvert on Station

Friday 25th

We worked in the office till 4 oclock

Two iron trucks ran into the river we all went down and with a block and tackle and mule pulled one out

Saturday 26th

In the forenoon Mr. Northrop P.K. & I set rail pegs over and this side of culvert, Dinner we measured 2 places across Island creek for a bridge

Sunday 27th

I read the 40 first Chapters of Pslams attended Church Mr. Boyd baptized an infant

Monday 28th

We received a letter from Father

P.K. Jimmy and I set rail pegs came in about 2 o'clock P.K. & I got some cakes and ice cream for our dinner we worked out the feet of the 2 bridges across Island Creek In Jersey. We rec'd a letter from Fagan

Tuesday 29th

I copied my journal from a sheet of paper into this book P.K. & I worked out Sec. 17

Wednesday 30th

P.K. & I worked Sec. 18 and added up Sec 17 & 18.

Thursday 31st

We added up some numbers and all helped to raise the stand for Tank Miss Cary Watts came out with Mrs. Northrop I waited for Post Office to open

June 1855

Friday 1st

We received a letter from home

We came and got the instruments and run out and leveled the corners for a bank in town. Dinner. P.K. Jim & I went out in buggy and set rail pegs

Saturday 2nd Very Cold

We P.K., Jim and I set rail pegs at end of track. P.K. & I finished Sec. 18. We received a letter from O.G.

Sunday 3rd

I read from the 41st to the 110th Chap. Of Psalms wrote home

Monday 4th Election for director N.O. & O.R.R.

We packed up the things and moved out to office

I went to Mr. Bronstons to let them know we were coming. We all helped raise stringers for tank. We made up our bed and fixed up P.K. worked out areas.

Tuesday 5th Hot

Mr. Northrop took the Transit apart to clean I went to the St. Francis to get a brush to clean it with I watched him take it to pieces & put it together. I cleaned some of the screws. Mr. Trimble came here and demanded possession of the office Mr. Northrop refused he gave one key but kept the other. I shingled some over the office and took my shoe to be mended *. It is a disputed election the one for president of the N.O. & O.R.R.

* The shoe shop was shut up

Wednesday 6th Cooler

I took my shoe to be mended

We adjusted the transit

We received a letter from M.E.

I cut out prices from old news papers

Thursday 7th Hot

I studied. We tried the Level to see if it would work right but it did not we cleaned it. Jim slept with us

Friday 8th Hot

We tried the transit to see if it was adjusted rightly Jimmy went with him to bring the buggy back I studied

I dropped a rope in the well I went over to Budys and got a hook

Saturday 9th Hot

We fished out the rope and found a long one in the well also we cut out pieces. Cleaned out a dirt tub and hauled up some water and put in it to bath in

Sunday 10th Hot

We bathed and attended Church I read from the 110th Chap of Pslams to the 1st of Proverbs reviewed our hymns and wrote some home

Monday 11th Cold

I finished our letter home & took it to P.O. I went up town to get some patches I wrote to O.G. & helped some about cleaning up around office

Tuesday 12th Hot

They began to take up the heavy iron and lay light iron in Depot & town. We set the pegs from the corner of the office to the machine shop

Wednesday 13th

We set pegs around the curve

Thursday 14th Hot

We Leveled the pegs around curve I went to P.O. We set 100 feet of pegs to family grocery. Dinner P.K. went out on line Jimmy & I made stakes and stuck 400 feet rail pegs.

Friday 15th Very Warm

I went to P.O. received a letter from home. We Leveled 400 feet rail pegs and stuck 600 feet rail pegs I cleaned out the office Mr. Bronston's family P.K. & I took a ride on the hand car in the evening

Saturday 16th Hot

We made a swing of the long rope that came out of the well. We tried the curve for east side track

Sunday 17th Warm

I read first 19 Chapters of Proverbs attended church & began my bible book

Monday June 18th Hot

We finished setting rail pegs to end of heavy iron tried the Transit and run in the east side track

Tuesday 19th Warm

We laid out first Tresle on Sec 5

Wednesday 20th Warm

P.K. & I made a path to Mr. Bronstons Mr. Northrop returned from Mobile

Thursday 21st

I made a swing board P.K. & I cut out some profile paper I read off from old profile & P.K. began a new one We had a good rain

Friday 22nd Hot

We wrote home I wrote to Uncle Holt¹ We Made some profile went to examination of Paducah Seminary. I bought a coat In the evening P.K. & I took Mr. Bronsons family riding on hand car and they swung some

Saturday 23rd Rain

¹ Uncle Holt – According to my information, Martha Sibley Holt married P.K.'s father, Benajah Guernsey Roots, on October 20, 1834. I currently do not have any info on Martha's siblings. Uncle Holt lived in Tamaroa (Jan. 26, 1862 entry) and had a family there (refer to P.K. Roots' journal -- Sept. 12, 1862 entry). His first name possibly was Horace who had a daughter, Elisa (refer to P.K. Roots' journal -- Oct. 20, 1862 entry).

I took a paper to P.O. P.K. & I made profile Mr. Northrop started to Locust Hill in the evening P.K. & went up town and got some Candles

Sunday 24th Warm

We cleaned up office I read from the 15th Chap of Proverbs to the 1st Eaclesaistics attended church

Monday 25th Warm

We received a letter from Father. We made a general cleaning up around office We attended the speaking of the Paducah college scholars.

Tuesday 26th Hot

In the forenoon they were straitening track I studied In the afternoon we watched a wasp bury a Grass Hopper I studied the Miss Bronson's came over and swung

Wednesday 27th Hot

A fever came on P.K. last night but he said he would go to work we went to Mr. Phips field to go to straiten track but the men did not go we came back I went up town twice after medicine for P.K. packed my box and cut out some pieces

Thursday 28th Hot

P.K. is better. We made profile

Friday 29th Hot

In the forenoon we made profile in the afternoon straitened track

Saturday 30th Hot

We straitened track till 4 P.M. I started back & picked some may apples as I came long. Mr. Northrop returned from Locust Hill. Rain in the evening

The Month of June 1855

It has not been very warm & there has needed rain a little while.

Father & Mother have had usual health

M.E. has been at home.

O.G. has just begun a school at Pinckneyville

P.K. has been Leveler & I have been his rodman with Mr. Northrop on the New Orleans & Ohio R.R.

Mr. J. Flowers is carrying on the work at Locust Hill.

Mr. Northrop has been to Mobile

He has visited Locust Hill

P.K. & I have been boarding at Mr. Bronsons since the 4th

July 1855

Sunday 1st

We bathed & went up to see Mr. Northrop he said our family were all well We attended service. I read Ecclesiastes.

Monday 2nd

We straitened all the track that was laid except curve

Tuesday 3rd

P.K. & I adjusted Transit went up town to run out lot for rolling mill waited till noon for Mr. Thornberry he could not come I studied We received a letter from Father

Wednesday 4th Hot

P.K. & I went up town to see cannon did not see it. We came back & wrote home. Took the letter up town (Dinner). We went up town & got two horses. P.K. Miss Mira Bronson took a ride I went up town & kept Mr. Northrop company. Came back P.K. & I took the horses home

Thursday 5th Warm

We laid out lot for rolling mill

Friday 6th Warm

It rained last night We set some stakes at Tresle work & laid out Culvert at Sta 205

Saturday 7th

I went up when I returned I studied Dinner. We tended the speech of Mr. Moorhead American candidate for Govenor We pulled up the swing

Sunday 8th

Bathed. Breakfast, and attended church. I read Solomon's song. And we reviewed our hymns

Monday 9th

We started towards Mayfield measuring work not done we measured Sec's 9 & 101. Ate Dinner and staid at Mr. Plumblers over night

Tuesday 10th

We reached Sta. 545 got Dinner and staid all night at Mr. Pres Davis

Wednesday 11th

It rained hard last night & till nearly noon today. Mr. Northrop passed on his road to Tene We measured work on Sec 13 Staid at Harpers over night

Thursday 12th

At Harpers it rained 2 hours Measured on Secs 14 & 15. In P.M. walked on down as far as J. W. Kemblers.

Friday 13th

We measured work on Sec's 21, 22 & 23 No Dinner except good black berries We staid Mayfield over night Went down to the creek to wash

Saturday 14th

We got Dinner in Mayfield & finished to Mayfield and Paducah road 2 P.M. We started for Paducah P.K. & I got supper at Mr. Plumlee's He said he had a horse to send in Monday morning so I staid there P.K. Jimmy came on

Sunday 15th At Plumlees

I read in Parley's Paramo of curiosities in Nature & Art.

Monday 16th Warm

I rode in on Mr. Plumlees horse Mr. Northrop returned with a horse he had bought.

They began to make a stable here at Depot. I Went up town. We wrote home. Carpenters quit work in P.M. for fear that they would not get their pay – I helped them some

Tuesday 17th

Carpenters worked on Stable. P.K. & I worked out amounts on Sec 13 & 14. The female part of Mr. Bronson's family took a ride on the hand car

Wednesday 18th

They put Mr. Northrop's horse in the Buggy for the P.K. & Jimmy bought 115 bundles of oats. We began to Keep Mr. Northrop's horse here in the new stable. I hung the stable door's P.K. bought me a neck hakf'ss and 1 pocket hdkf

Thursday 19th

P.K. & I finished Sec's 13, 14 & 15

Mr. Lebreton was shading new profile We went into town on the hand car.

Friday 20th

I cleaned out a tub to water the Horse in. I worked out some areas. P.K. bought some apples.

Saturday 21st

We were working out estimates I clened out office

Sunday 22nd

We bathed. Breakfast. Attended Church I read the first ten Chap of Esiah then began at the book of Daid I read ten Chapters there. & read the ten commandments reexplained

Monday 23rd

P.K. & I commenced to make a hay rack. We mad out estimates

Tuesday 24th

P.K. & I worked out E's and worked some at the rack

Wednesday 25th

In the forenoon up town on business for Mr. Northrop. He started down the line. We hung the rack & put some plank under the Office eves

Thursday 26th

In the forenoon Jimmy & I went to curve for wheelbarrow & shovel. P.K. & I worked at the Books

Friday 27th

P.K. & I went up town I got my new shoes We made out Est's

Saturday 28th

P.K. went after Selim Mr. Plumlees colt We received a letter from home. I cleaned out the office & stable. We worked out areas. P.K. rode Selim some

Sunday 28th

We bathed. breakfast. attended church I read from the 4th to the last Chapter of Daniel Jimmy brought out a watermelon. We said our hymns

Monday 30th

We worked in the books

Mr. Trimble called on us

Tuesday 31st

We worked out Est's We put Selim in the cart for the first time that he was ever in gears We rode out as far a Mr. Eden's lane.

For the Month of July

Father & Mother have had usual health

Father has been a Local Land Agent for the I.C.R.R. at one time he came across a country inhabited by fleas

O.G. has been teaching school at Pinckneyville

M.E. has been at home

P.K. & I have been on N.O. & O.R.R. with Mr. Northrop Jimmy as axeman boarding at Mr. Bronson's sleeping at R.R. office

August 1855

Wednesday 1st

We finished Est's to Mayfield & compared grades. We went down town Mr. Robertson bought a watermelon We ate it at the office. We went out as far as Mr. Gibbons in the cart

Thursday 2nd

I bound & lined my hat compared grades Mr. Plumlee took a map here. We drove Selim about 10 miles.

Friday 3rd

I studied some fixed my suspender's Feel a sleep & took a nap in the other room

Saturday 4th

P.K. & I got up early & went to market (Breakfast) P.I. & I rode Selim & Jimmy his mule to Know nothings barbecue. The candidates made speeches, and there was a dance out there. P.K. went to the other barbecue. I came home in a carriage and on foot Mr. Northrop returned. The Know Nothings had a Torch Light Procession in Paducah

Sunday 5th Pleasant weather

Attended church and read The books of Hosea and Joel We went to Mr. Phips and ate some Mellons

Monday 6th Election Day Cool

I went to Town We put our bed clothes into the sun. wrote a letter home went down on the hand car after horse. fed The hand car was thrown off the track by a stick of wood and P.K. considerable hurt. I took Mr. Northrops Peace maker to the St. Francis then down in the bottoms & shot out the load. There were some fights in Town

Tuesday 7th Warm

I cleaned out the office. We took the buggy to the shop to be mended. We bought 185 bundles of oats & stacked them away. We worked some at the books.

Wednesday 8th Pleasant

P.K. made a list of the requisitions, I read for him. We received a time table from Father

Thursday 9th Cool

We made out estimates on Sec 11, & some other book work

Friday 10th Rainy

I cleaned out office & stable

We fixed some of the path to Mr. Bronsons & compered some R.R. documents Received a paper from Father

Saturday 11th Warm & some rain

Mr. Northrop sold his one horse buggy harness & ordered a pair of double ones I went up town to take the old harness to Mr. Long. Cleaned the things inside of the small stationary. I went down to see if the buggy was mended I found that a package had come from home for us. P.K. & I went down on hand car after it.

Sunday 12th Warm

We got up late Attended church I read Amos & Obediah I attended sun day school. We said our hymns.

Monday 13th Hot

I took a letter P.O. I help some about hunting for Mr. Walters requisition we did up our clothes I took them to a dutchwoman Jimmy & I began to set reference pegs fifty feet on each side of road

Tuesday 14th

I ruled some of these red lines on side of book & studied went down town twice.

Wednesday 15th

In A.M., Jimy & I set boundary pegs In P.M. P.K. & I in company with Mr. Bronson's family went to the museum on board Floating Palace & Concert on board St. James Raymond

Thursday 16th

P.K. Jimy & I hitched Selim to car and rode to end of Track and laid out a bell mouthed culvert. got back just before a hard rain

Friday 17th

I went up town helped Jimy split a large log down by stable. we hitched Selim to a plank and took it to the branch between here and Mr. Bronson's and made a small bridge

Saturday 18th In A.M. cold in P.M. comfortable

I went to see if the buggy was done When I came back We ate some mellon I immediately had a head ache then a chill. and next a fever

Sunday 19th comfortable

I read Jonah but it made my head ache worse so I did not read any more I was better

Monday 20th

My Chill came on but it was slight My fever lasted all day I was high part of the time. Mr. Northrop took me to His room to stay over night

Tuesday 21st Warm

I ws better. Mr. Northrop said I better not do any thing. I came out to Depot. P.K. & Jimy went and engaged some oats

Wednesday 22nd Cool

My chill and fever were slight Mr. Ray brought some oats I help keep count of them.

We received a letter from home When P.K. & I took the horses to the river Selim jumped and the watche jumped out of P.K.'s pocket.

Then he went into the river feeling for the watch. We hitched the horses They got loose but P.K. headed them

Thursday 23rd Cool

P.K. fixed Selim's stall in the stable We worked at the books.

Friday 24th Hot

A marketman going home with his peaches concluded to throw them he threw them out close by the office P.K. & I picked them up I wrote up my journal from Friday I started to write a letter home

Saturday 25th Cool

I wrote some in my letter home. We fixed up some forks to hang Saddle's &c on. worked at the books and took the horses to the river

Sunday 26th Warm

I cleaned out the office bathed tended church and read Micah and Nahum attended Sunday school. P.K. & I took a ride

Monday 27th Cool

We wrote home. I washed my shoes. Went around to borrow a horse collar I got of Alferd Boyd We hitched Selim to an iron car and went up town after a cutting box and a barrel of apples from Locust Hill.

Tuesday 28th I took the collar home.

We took the horses to the river We put in some dirt and a floor to the stable

Wednesday 29th pleasant

I cleaned out the office

We received 3 letters from home P.K. Mr. Northrop and I made out our account. I studied some

Thursday 30th Warm

I took Put to the river. Mr. Northrop rode him to end of track.

P.K. & I fixed my account up from Apr. 1st I mended my pants. P.K. & Mira took a ride

Friday 31st

Clened out the office P.K. & I squared up his account. We took the horses to the river Left saddle at shop

For the Month of August

O.G. has been teaching school at Pinckneyville Ill. And book agent for Southern Ill Mr. Northrops horse (Put) and (Selim) the colt P.K. is breaking have been kept in Stable near office P.K. & I took care of them.

P.K. & I are still on N.O. & O.R.R. with Mr. Northrop. Jimy axeman The Party only out on line one day. Mother's health has not been very good Father's health has been toleable good M.E. has not enjoyed very good health We have had plenty of rain this Summer a great many oats and wheat were destroyed by late rains. No dust this summer All crops and yielding aubundantly this year. We have bougt plenty of melons and Fruit this Summer.

We received one barrel of Apples from home. The Miss & O.R.R. was stop awhile because of mobs but it is now runing again

Sep, 1855 Paducah

Saturday 1st Fannie Bronson's 14th Birthday

Cleaned up office. Studied P.K. Jimy & I made a high swing close to office All of Mr. Bronson's came over and swang.

Sunday 2nd M.E.'s 11th birthday

I learnt my Sunday school lesson attended church. I took a ride on Put with James Twman [sp?], and Fred, Shields I read Habakkuk Loephianiah and Haggai

Monday 3rd

P.K. & I fixed stable floor Dinner. I went down town bought some tack's & awl². I hunted for Mr. Northrop I found him tending to Col. Barber. Capt. Child ariv when I was down there. went to P.O. got a letter from home

Tuesday 4th

We received a letter from Father. I studied Capt. Child came out to office I hunted for a profile and some papers

Wednesday 5th P.K. bought water melon weighing 47 lbs. I wrote a letter home. studied

Thursday 6th

I copied my letter home.

Took my coat to be washed & mended. I had a slight chill.

We put Selim in the buggy and took it to shop Mr. Schocraft & Loyd Tilgman got in we went up into Jersey and back. I led Selim out here and rubbed the seat off

Friday 7th

Judge Campbell has been elected President and Trimbball Treasurer of this R.R. All of us were taking an inventory of Materials furnished by Mobile O.R.R. Iron, bolts, fishbars Spikes

Saturday 8th

I cleaned out office I had a chill & fever did not eat any Dinner or Supper I had a very bad head ache.

² Awl: a pointed tool for marking surfaces or piercing small holes (as in leather or wood)

Sunday 9th

P.K. brought me over some toast and Tomatoes. We went to church but I was so weak I had to go out I went to Mr. Northrop room and lay down. I came out with P.K.

Monday 10th

I had a slight chill considerable fever. In P.M., I wrote up my journal. P.K. & I made a path to go to No. 12 I covered my Bible

Tuesday 11th

I had a fever. 2 P.M. James Taylor left here on his road home. 2 ½ P.M. Father arived (on Southerner) (all are well at Locust Hill)

He brought some very fine Peaches & apples. He & P.K. went after them with hand car. He took supper with us at Mr. bronsons after supper Mira & Fannie gave us a little music

Wednesday 12th

We all went down to see Mr. N. Father rode Selim going and I coming back. Father eat breakfast with us, I laid bed awhile. Capt. Childe started I went down to St. Francis with Father and P.K. when they took his things down.

Father took Dinner & Supper there. (Dinner) P.K. went down to see Father but He had come out here He rode in Selim they both came back and gave Father a swing.

I laid down. Father started on High Flyer.

Thursday 13th Rainy

I was very sick. They plowed the path to stable.

Friday 14th

I was much better. Mr. No, and Jordan Flournoy finished peaches

Saturday 15th P.M. rain

I staid in bed all day Mr. N. and Judge Campbell rode out to end of track. I missed my chill

Sunday 16th Warm & Cloudy

I bathed much better attended church and read Zechariah & Malachi

Monday 17th Warm

worked at est's

Tuesday 18th Warm

worked at Sec. 11 untill 4 P.M. then I took ride with Loyd Tilghman out as far as Mr. Edens. I helped P.K. a little about grubbing away stumps from swing Mira & Fanny & Quen came over and swung

Wednesday 19th Hot

We worked at books untill 10 ½ A.M. Put a car on the track oiled it cleaned it out and put some plank on it I got the instruments ready (Dinner) We hitched Selim to the car went up town. Mr. Watts judge Campbell Mr. N. Mr. Jones & some other gentlemen got on we went to end of track I rode Selim back

Thursday 20th Hot

I worked at books untill 4 P.M. P.K. & I made a small switch for hand car. We received a letter from M.E. Mr. N. started for Jackson Tenn. on Put.

Friday 21st

I helped Mr. Grace get some cars over the crossing. I helped P.K. twist a string. I helped unload 200 bundles of oats P.K. & I brought up some shingles from Engine house with Selim in the dray commenced shingling stable I studied some

Saturday 22nd

We hauled up some more shingles with Selim. Cleaned up in office and around stable. P.K. & Jimmy finished covering stable

Sunday 23rd

No church. We rode out to Pools farm came back by Jersey. (Fred, Sheld's Jno. Buckley were along) I read the first ½ of Matthew

Monday 24th

We hitched Selim to car we went out and made G.S. on Sec. 6 As we came back got a few apples of Mr. Starr. We received a letter from M.E. We had a few ripe persimmons

Tuesday 25^t

We ran center line on Sec. 6 We went out with Selim

Wednesday 26th

We set G. S. on Sec. 6 P.K. went out to Sec. 9 it rained. Brought in some wood on the car and took it over to Mr. Bronsons with Selim on the dray³.

Thursday 27th. Cool.

P.K. & I went out on the car and picked some grapes. We went to the Sag Nitch's Barbacue near Hospital. after supper we took our grapes to Judge Campbell's

Friday 28th Cool

We finished setting G. S. on Sec. 6

Saturday 29th Rainy

We received a letter from home P.K. was not well I cleaned out the office & mended my pants Dinner I wrote up my journal P.K. & I sawed a plank to make a 2nd seat for hand car & fixed a slat under our bed

Sunday 30th

I read the last ½ of Matthew No church I read some in my History

October 1855

Monday 1st Warm

We brought the Hand car from The Foundry and wrote our letters home. Townsend passed here on a boat on his way to N.O.

Tuesday 2nd Cool

We worked on the hand car friction rollers finished 5 P.M. Mira, Fannie, Queen & Charlie went with us on hand car as far as Mr. Starrs we got a few ripe persimmons.

Wednesday 3rd Cool

We brought 13 bushel of Bran from Fishers with Selim on the dray Dinner I took a bucket down town to be mended. we went over to see Griefs bear. I washed my hat and greased my shoes. I began to drawing lessons

Thursday 4th Cool

We put in some dirt and fixed the floor in Pats stall and I sowed in my hat binding.

Friday 5th Cold & Drizzly

I wrote a letter home. We went up town I bought a new cap.

Saturday 6th Cool

P.K. & I made out a statement of some graduation from here to Mayfield

³ Dray: a vehicle used to haul goods; *especially* : a strong cart or wagon without sides

Sunday 7th

I bathed M^r. Bronson read service in the Church we attended I read Mark

Monday 8th

I did the hardest sums back of me in my Algebra M^r. Br's solved problem No. 12 Page 213

Tuesday 9th

I went out and explored for nuts near end of track. P.K. & Jimmy come out on car in P.M. I rode in with them

Wednesday 10th

M^r. Br's, Mira, Fannie, Queen & Florence Campbell Three little Wolfolks rode out to end of track with us on car with Selim We got some Hazzelnuts. Grapes. & Persimmons

Thursday 11th

We set stakes for temporary tressle.

Friday 12th

We 3 rode out in Coles buggy and laid out 2 culverts

Saturday 13th Warm

About the same company that went out Wednesday went out and got a great many grapes returned at 2 P.M. M^r. Gould the new Eng. Arived. P.K., Jimmy & I took him Judge Campbell & M^r. Harris to end of track. P.K., I fell before the car but were not seriously injured. I had some fever

Sunday 14th Hot

I had a chill & fever M^r. Gould P.K. & Jimmy started to Mayfield. Charlie came over and tended to me untill evening When I went over to M^r. Bronsons and staid there untill I got well

Monday 15th

I had another chill & high fever P.K. & Jimmy returned

Wednesday 16th Tuesday Cold

I was somewhat better staid at M^r. Bronson's. P.K. was attending to the raising of Temporary tressle at end of track

Wednesday 17th

P.K. & I were out setting Track pegs &c all day one of M^r. Graces black boys helped us

Thursday 18th

In the forenoon we went to the fair. In P.M., I greced my shoes & got ready to start home after supper P.K. went down town with me. No boat was there. I bought a cap. went to bed and Comercial house.

Friday 19th

The Mansfield came along 4 ½ A.M. on which I went to Cairo. waited there for cars untill 5,30 P.M. went to Tamaroa where I met O.G. who went home with me got 12 in P.M. all a bed. Mother was not well I did not wake sister

Saturday 20th at Home

We went around and looked at the colts calves &c. Father M.E. & I went on Polly Ann, Pocahontas & Kit, went to John Griffith's, Robert Heaps, M^r. Simpson, & Uncle Holts, I swept out No. 3 and staid by Mother. In the evening we popped some corn & pulled some candy

Sunday 21st

Attended service. Father read to us from the Bible. Jehu & Samy staid at our house last night & to day I staid by Mother some of the time she sat up some. I wiped the dishes & we said our Hymns

Monday 22nd at Home

We picked over a barrel of apples to bring with me & O.G. baked a cake to bring Father & I rode Kit & Polly to To phet [?]. Called at M^f. Leavensworth's I went down in the coal bank O.G. came down on the cars and took the horses home. Father & M.E. came with me to weateag [?]. I staid at Cario all night

Tuesday 23rd

I arrived here on Northerner 12 ½ P.M. We went out to set pegs for tressle work But they were not ready

Wednesday 24th

We brought up some bolts from river took apples to M^f. Bronsons we wnt out and Set Pegs for tressle work

Thursday 25th

I bought a pair of boots made a fire and greced them. We went to Poole farm came back by Jersey City.

Friday 26th

We worked on Sec 19 in the books

Saturday 27th

We took M^f. Grace's to end of track with Selim and car we set some Track Pegs

Sunday 28th

I went to the Presbyterian Sunday school. attended church. then went & heard M^f. Mathews sermon I read Luke

Monday 29th

We worked at grade books untill Dinner Then went with Selim & car & set track pegs. We went to musuem on board floating Palace

Tuesday 30th

We worked at the books

Wednesday 31st

We were making out a Table for 14 ft. bank. I went out to end of track in P.M. & P.K. made a table for 16 ft.

For the Month of October

It has been a very pleasant wea [weather?] this Month.

I went home on the 20th Mother was unwell, P.K. could not go. M^f. Gould the new Eng, came here on the 13th of the month On the 9th 13th Miss Florence Campbell M^f. Bronson's family went with P.K. Jimy on car with Selim to the end of track for nuts and grapes pleasant time. Very sickly lately all over the country mostly chills and fever from the wet season

November 1855

Thursday 1st

We went out on iron car and set some track pegs

Friday 2nd Rainy

I bought a pair of shoes I wrote a little home I had a chill & fever

Saturday 3rd Rainy all day

I was some better I staid at M^f. Bronson's all day

Sunday 4th

I attended Sunday school and service I read John I went with M^f. Bronson to hear a stranger in the methodist Church

Monday 5th

I straitened (ie) picked up things a little. We sawed the joist⁴ that was needed for lathing They are lathing the office and we have to have all the things in the Parlor and it is very inconvenient

Tuesday 6th Cool

No person lathing we sawed the extra joists to go over the parlor. I turned grind stone for M^E. Gordan to grind an adze⁵. I went up to the tan yard and got some oil

Wednesday 7th

I wrote up my journal we took some of P.K.'s boots up town to be mended stoped at the auction awhile. I bought a cap M^E. Gould returned and commenced boarding at M^E. Br's. got some things for M^E. Gould and rubbed down his horse

Thursday 8th

P.K. & I went to tressle work for block & fall coming back Selim got Iwent after caught at Ben. Harris's house Grace began a chimney here at office

Friday 9th

We helped (ie) P.K. & I about building chimney in P.M. I went down and got a peice of tin for chimney P.K. & K shingled up around chimney.

Saturday 10th

I pushed hand car down to get the stove but could not get it by myself We all went down to get some money (Dinner) Jimy and I went and got the stove we got some money, we put up the stove I went down and got some pipe. P.K. & I brought up some coal from black smith shop in the wheelbarrow M^E. Gould concluded that he would not need me any more

Sunday 11th Pleasant

I attended sunday school (No church) I read the youths penny Gazette. And the paper come from home packed up my things ready to start home

Monday 12

We settled up with M^E. Bronson and I was just starting with trunk down town Jimy said he was going to quit the R.R. & M^E. Gould wished me to stay in his place. M^E. Gould, Philander and I started estimating on Frank & Selim we staid at M^E. Hollowells all night.

Tuesday 13th

We finished estimating to Sec 13 P.K. & I came back to Paducah we left Selim and got Colty

Wednesday 14th

P.K. & I set some pegs at Trestle work and track pegs to tressle work M^E. Gould returned.

Thursday 15th

We leveled the floor in the stable made som profile and helped make out the estimates

Friday 16th

After school I chopped some wood and did the chores

Saturday 17th pleasant

I was not very well we dug all the potatoes I got wood &c ready for Sunday

⁴ Joist: any of the small timbers or metal beams ranged parallel from wall to wall in a structure to support a floor or ceiling

⁵ Adze: a cutting tool that has a thin arched blade set at right angles to the handle and is used chiefly for shaping wood

Sunday 18th pleasant

I did the chores breakfast bathed attended Sunday school and church Read in the Bible

Monday 19th

After school I put up some ashes for lie went down town after some of P.K.'s clothes

Monday 19th P.K. went Guil Hill

I took medicine and laid in bed most of the time went over to M^f. Bronson's and staid awhile

Tuesday 20th

I made some profile and and we laid out the place for frog

Wednesday 21st M^f. Gould went down the line I was making out a list of grades

Thursday 22nd

I wrote a letter home and worked at lists of grade

Friday 23rd

I set some grade for side track and wrote in my letter home

Saturday 24th

I wrote home cleaned out the office fixed stable door fastenings

Sunday 25th

I attended Sunday school & church M^f. Gould and P.K. returned I made out a copy of some work they had done P.K. got ready to start home

Monday 26th Cool

We were laying out the curve on side track and some grade We bought some hay and I went down to see about getting it brought out. P.K. started home in the evening

Tuesday 27th

We got up the hay into the loft. I went to M^f. Phips after some oil I did a little grade list.

Wednesday 28th

M^f. Lebreton went with M^f. Gould to Tressle work on Sec. 6. I worked some at grades. went down town after some factory

Thursday 29th

I went to M^f. Phip's after some oil worked some at grades

Friday 30th worked some at grades

I went down town and bought an oil can and some oil. Went again for a key of white lead

December 1855

Saturday 1st

M^f. Gould and I went out to Sec 9 To lay out Trestle work the level did not work well and we did not have any grade book we did not do much came back 7 oclock P.M.

Sunday 2nd

We were working at getting up the Locomotive up from the river. P.K. returned from home all well except mother.

Monday 3rd I was getting my money and fixing up my accounts. And picking up our clothes at the office

Tuesday 4th Warm

I began going to school to M^r. Bronson's for what work I would do. after school I got up some corn and chopped some wood

Wednesday 5th Warm

After school I did the chores and chopped wood

Thursday 6th Warm

We set out some cabbages

Friday 7th Warm

We set out some cabbage to save for spring in a bed

Saturday 8th We covered the cabbage and got in corn and wood

Rainy and cold

Sunday 9th Cold

I did the chores learned my Sunday school lesson and attended Sunday school and church

Monday 10th Cool

After School I went down to see a scriptural panaramo but it did not come off till dark I came back did the chores went down again after supper to panaramo it was good

Tuesday 11th Pleasant

After school went down bought some hay and bran got a dray to take out to M^r. Bronson's

Wednesday 12th Cloudy

After school I got in all the corn there was left out

Thursday 13th Rainy

I had a hard head ache in the afternoon I did chores nothing more

Friday 14th Very pleasant

After school I chopped some wood and did the chores

Saturday 15th pleasant

I was not very well we dug the rest of the potatoes

Sunday 16th

I did the chores bathed attended Sunday school and church

Monday 17th Pleasant

After school I put some ashes in a barrel for lie went down town after some of P.K. clothes

Tuesday 18th

After school did the chores We went down to the church to make motto's to adorn the church for Christmas

Wednesday 19th

We were putting the mottos up in the church for Christmas there was not any school

Thursday 20th

After school I cut some wood and got in some corn

Friday 21st

After school M^r. Bronson and I went to look for Raglan we found him up by Jersey

Saturday 22nd

I went down town after some hay could not get any dray untill about 1 o,c. I got a new coat and vest

Sunday 23rd

Monday 24th Pretty heavy sleet
I got wood and things ready for Christmas

Tuesday 25th Or Christmas Cold
We did the chores attended church I gave Mira, Fanny, and Quenn a can of Oysters for a christmas gift. We read and talked and spent a happy Christmas at M^e. Bronsons

Wednesday 26th Very Cold
I went down town after some molasses. Kept up the fires and did little jobs for M^e. Bronson.

Thursday 27th
Cut wood went down town and got some potatoes. Cut wood. Helped make a picture frame. P.K. and I went down town and got some honney to make candy

Friday, 28th
I did jobs about the house cut wood &c. In the evening P.K. made some candy. M^e. Campbell's folk's were out there with Tip and Emma Watts had a pleasant time

Saturday 29th
I had a chill was sick all day

Sunday 30th
I was some better attended Sunday school and Church read in the Bible

Monday 31st
I had another chill not quite so hard went to girls party at night enjoyed myself well enough.

January 1856

Tuesday 1st
I helped pick 2 duck's cut wood kept up the fires. Went to the bakers

Wednesday 2nd
I had a slight chill considerable fever. Took Ginger Tea

Thursday 3rd
After school I did the chores

Friday 4th
After school cut wood &c

Saturday 5th
We were fixing the school room.

Sunday 6th
I did the chores attended church and read in the Bible

Monday 7th
After school I got some coal taken to M^e. Bronsons

Tuesday 8th
Before breakfast came to market for butter. After school I went down town for M^e. Bronson

Wednesday 9th

I went to market.

After school I cut wood and we moved a stove from the kitchen into the dining room

Thursday 10th Cold

After school went out home cut some wood and come back to get some pipe made

Friday 11th

After school I went down town after some hay but could not get any

Saturday 12th Cold

I had a chill and fever they moved the things and made M^{rs}. Bronson the dining room

Sunday 13th

I staid at home and read the Bible. It was pretty cold

Monday 14th

I did not get to school.

We got the money for our summer work on the Rail Road

Tuesday 15th Cold and Snowy

After school I went down town and bought some lining for my coat went and chopped some wood

Wednesday 16th Cool but Sun shiny

I took My coat to M^r. Faust's came to school about 11 o'clock I began to be sick went by and got my coat a chill came on me before I got home

Thursday 17th

After school I did the chores and chopped wood.

Friday 18th

I had another chill and very hard fever. P.K. began to doctor me he gave some blue mast [?]

Saturday 19th

I took quinine staid in the house read in my history

Sunday 20th

I attended church and read I finished reading the Bible.

Monday 21st

Not any school I made a thing to hang my clothes on at M^r. Bronson went to M^r. Wolfork's to get a music book came down town and got Miss E. Biars to go to M^r. Bronson spent a pleasant evening at M^r. Bronson

Tuesday 22nd

M^r. Bronson sold his cows. After school I went to get Dolly M^r. B. road her to M^r. Allens and bought a cow I did the chores spent the evening at M^r. Tilghman

Wednesday 23rd After school did my chores and began to ride M^r. Tilghmans pony to break it

Thursday 24th

After school Loyd helped me do my chores so that I could go and slide came back and went after the cows

Friday 25th

After school I cut wood

Saturday 26th

A deep snow. Fanny Betty and I made a snow woman got in the wood for Sunday. Went down town after some sugar

Sunday 27th

I read in the History of United States Attended church took some gears home for M^r. Gould

Monday 28th

After school I did the chores and took a slay ride

Tuesday 29th

After school I did the chores and chopped some wood

Wednesday 30th

After school went over to the office and tried on some shirts

Thursday 31st

Loyd fell on the ice. I cut wood

February 1855

Friday 1st Mira's birth day

After school I helped get thing's ready for Mira's birth day party P.K. and I took two slay loads there

Saturday 2nd

I took the tumblers and frezer home Choped a little wood

Sunday 3rd

Attended church and read Frosts United States History P.K. was unwell

Monday 4th

P.K. and I took a slay ride after school down town

Tuesday 5th

After school I cut wood

Ash Wednesday 6th

Went to school and attended church

Thursday 7th Raining

I took Fred and Sidy home under my umbrella

Friday 8th

After School I cut wood

Saturday 9th

I cut some wood got some coffee helped fixed the slay made a slide went slay riding

Sunday 10th

Attended church and read in history of U.S.

Monday 11th

After school cut some wood

Tuesday 12th

I a barrel home from Straubs

Wednesday 13th

Before school I was learning how to skat after I fed
After school P.K. and I went and tried to buy me a pair of boots did not get any

Thursday 14th Valentine's Day
We went down and got a pair of Boots
I lost 3 dollars. After school I took M^{rs}. Carnie and her girls slay riding

Friday 15th
I got my hair cut
Attended school Chopped some wood

Saturday 16th P.K. was taken sick I tended to him and cut wood

Sunday 17th
I tended to P.K. and read in History of U.S. he was a little better

Monday 18th
P.K. was not as well I tended to him and chopped some wood not much

Tuesday 19th
After school I came down and got some thread chopped wood

Wednesday 20th
Choped wood after school

Thursday 21st
I rode henrys colt for him and chopped some wood wrote some in my letter home

Friday 22nd I finished my letter home Chopped some wood

Saturday 24th
M^r. Bronson and I took Manure out of the stable

Sunday 25th very pleasant and muddy
I attended church and Sunday school read in Frosts U.S.

The rest of the week in School nothing happened in particular

March 1856

Saturday 1st snow nearly all day
I went down town and got a good many things for M^r. Bronson and chopped wood

Sunday 2nd
I attended church and Sunday school finished Frosts U.S.

Monday 3rd
I bought a pair of pants and wrote a letter home. They went out on the line

Tuesday 4th
We set out trees before and after school

Wednesday 5th
I cut some wood Attended school

Thursday 6th & Friday 7th Attended school

Saturday 8th We cut wood I went down town after Rice went down again after Coffee. After supper we all M^r. G, P.K. & Mira, Fanie, Betty, Queen & myself went to a concert

Sunday 9th

We attended church I attended S. School read in the Bible
M^r. Gould started to Nashville

Monday 10th

I started to help on the line some
P.K. and I set Track pegs

Tuesday 11th

We set track pegs slept at Plumbeys

Wednesday 12th

We set stakes and measured work on 9&10 I walked back and staid at Bills over night

Thursday 13th

I walked into town bathed brought home Major received 3 letters from home. P.K. came in on Sally

Friday 14th at school

Nothing out of the course of things happened

Saturday 15th

M^r. Bronson and I set out Rausberies &c

Sunday 16th

I attended church and Sunday school I read and went to give M^{rs}. Tilghman's folks good bye

Monday 17th

I got my things together to come home gave M^r. Bronson's folk's good bye P.K. and I took my things to wharfboat. No boat came I spent the evening at M^{rs}. K's and took lodging at the Commercial.

Tuesday 18th

I went to the Office went back to the River (No Boat) I went to Judge Campbells she gave me some Rose bushe's & other shrubery I took them to Wharf Boat (No Boat) I took Pret [or Put?] from Blacksmith shop to Office went back to the River a boat was there. I got on and arrived at Cairo just after train had gone. I staid at Taylor house

Wednesday 19th

I came home on the Cass got off at home sister was out to meet & greet me which she did

July 1856

Monday 21st

Father and I started with Pocahontos, Polly. Ishman to take Maria to M^r. Kenedy's to go to his bull ate dinner in the edge of Grane prairie arrived there about 5 o'clock.

Tuesday 22nd

We got Maria and Tom together. Came home by M^r. where we eat dinner we bought me a pair of shoes came home and found that John had been chillen

Wednesday 23rd

I went to Duquoin to get the Buggy (2.25) then went up to Tamaroa to meet M^r. Eneger but he did not come

Thursday 24th

M^f. Leavenworth came up on the train I went up to meet him after Dinner we went up to see if M^f. Eneger came he did not come M^f. Leavenworth & I started with Kit in Buggy to M^f. Leansboro (Balaam would not follow) We staid at Benton over night

Friday 25th

We arrived at M^f. L. about 4 P.M. The County Judge wished us to go to Judge Heard's and staid all night

Saturday 25th

We (ie) M^f. L., The Judges & I rode over some of the Swamp Land which they wished us to Level to see if it was susceptible of being ditched. M^f. L went into town and staid over night

Sunday 26th

We (ie) M^f. L & I went to Methodist Church I read some in the Testament M^f. S made a rod we rode out to M^f. Heard's

Monday 27th Hot

In the forenoon ran a line through Swan Pond in the afternoon Leveled it

Tuesday 28th Hot

We ran the level without a line from the head of North Fork towards the mouth of The ten mile creek eat Dinner in the woods M^f. L. was not well

Wednesday 29th

In the forenoon it rained in the afternoon we finished Leveling up to the Ten Mile. M^f. L was not very well

Thursday 30th

M^f. L. was unwell I ran the level from the head of swan pond to the creek & from the mouth of swan pond to the creek when we came back to the house M^{rs}. Heard said M^f. L. had been very sick

Friday 31st

I read in the home book. Took Miss Sarah Heard in the buggy to church

August 1856

Saturday 2nd

I staid with M^f. L all day he was deranged most of the time

Sunday 3rd

We went to town M^f. L. went to bed and I staid read some in the testament

Monday 4th

It was his sick day but he was pretty easy all day I staid with him most of the day

Tuesday 5th

He sat up some I tended to him & Kit

Wednesday 6th

M^f. & I made out our acct. I made a little profile of our work, but it did not show much. We rec'd our pay went out as far as M^f. Heard's

Thursday 7th

We came on as far toward home as Benton

Friday 8th

Started on towards home we went about five miles when a dog ran out and shared Kit she sheared off so that they Buggy wheel hit a stump the tug's Broke so as to let Kit loose we were both thrown out of the Buggy and were so

badly hurt we could not set up untill about 1 o'clock then we started for home with both of our hips lame. We arrived safe and sound otherwise.
We found Aunt Eliza⁶ and Ema⁷ here I took them home

Saturday 9th

My hip was much better. I looked over the account Books. After Dinner the fence got on fire by Father & O.G.'s trying to Burn that east of the field we all did the best we could at saving fence, but some got burned down

Sunday 10th

I watched the field untill 3 o'clock & then I called Ferdinand last night I slept late got up rode Kitt down to the fence went after Ferdinand helped put up fence untill Dinner time Dinner I went after George & Lyseus Heape John & Ferdinand got it up 8 rails high could not get them they were not at home

Monday 11th Rainy

I went up to M^f. Simpson's with a letter for him to take to St. Louis.
It rained hard so I waited untill noon when it partly cleared off came home Dinner. John fixed some poles at Kits stall I wrote some to P.K.

Tuesday 12th

I wrote in my letter to P.K. O.G. was very sick I tended to him some Buried some dead chicken's dug some horse raddish &c

Wednesday 13th

I took the Buggy to Pinckneyville with Kit got home did the chores because John was sick

Thursday 14th

I was not very well I picked up apples

Friday 15th

I picked up apples in the forenoon
In the afternoon I took apples to the Station went on to M^f. Simpson's after our plows was unwell & had to stay there awhile.

Saturday 16th

I helped O.G. carry his trunk to Tamaroa We had to run all the way to be in time he got on the Freight train it stoped here and took sister on. He & She went to Paducah M^f. Parish came up with the oxen and wagon I got some twine we came home I had some fever & John was sick

Sunday 17th

I was quite unwell I read in the Bible In the child's paper and Harper. M^f. Frank Winthrop called here

Monday 18th

I wrote considerable helped to gather applies and to do the chores

Tuesday 19th

I gathered some apples took 3 ½ bushels to Tamaroa to send to M^f. Hawley

Wednesday 20th

Montage came. Jac Coleman John and I gathered applies all day Father and Professor Wright came on 1,45 train

⁶ Aunt Eliza could have been Elizabeth Roots (born Jan. 2, 1799 in Hamilton, NY) or this could have been one of Martha Sibley Holt's siblings.

⁷ Martha Sibley (Holt) Roots must have had at least one brother, but I do not have any sibling names, so do not have any information about Emma (referred to as "Cousin Emma Holt" in P.K. Roots' journal – Jan. 1, 1862). She might be the daughter of Horace Holt.

Thursday 21st

I went down to get M^f. Little team to go to Benton with. We could not get But one horse John & I got that and Kitt Hitched to the wagon to see how they would go they did well we put them back in the Barn. (Dinner) I got ready to go to Benton M^f. Powell came on 1,45 train He came down here in the back we were all hitched up and started immediately arrived at Benton about half past six

Friday 22nd It was Rainy

So there was nothing done M^f. Powell made a spech at night. there were not any arrangements made

Saturday 23rd

The teachers and friends of education came together to form a teachers ascociation they formed one and got 24 member's Then M^f. Wright took them as a school and asked them questions in Arithmetic Grammar and reading. M^f. Powell gave another speech at night on education

Sunday

Father M^f. Powell and I came home in our wagon M^f. Lackey brought M^f. Wright in his buggy. got dinner at M^f. Galloway's. arrived at home about 5 oclock. I helped to do the chores

Monday 25th

Cousin Walker⁸ came on the train in night He went on up train Father & I went to look for Polly but did not find her. (Dinner) We got up three horse Father walked to Tamaroa M^f. Powell, M^f. Wright & I went on horseback. I came home did not feel well. John was quite sick. M.E. came on Freight train.

(Saturday 16th) O.G. had gone to St. Louis by boat.

Tuesday 26th

M^f. Shafer and Long were plowing for wheat I was with them all the forenoon to get Nelly to work went out with them in the afternoon untill they got started. I sent Father some Vouchers. took up the accouts of while I was gone to Benton

Wednesday 27th

I wrote up my journal. M.E. & John both had a fever. I tended to the things & wrote a letter to Father

Thursday 28th

I & John picked up apples M^f. L. called here John and I took Polly and Kitt with Apples for M^f. Merrit to Tamaroa saw M^f. Shaffer about seed wheat

Friday 29th

I went into Paradise Prairie to buy seed wheat engaged it of M^f. Young. got home at ½ past 12 (Dinner) I went to Tamaroa got on train and went to St. Johns. Came back on Freight. Went to see M^f. Coleman about ____ [?] received a letter from Father.

Saturday 30th

I & John gathered apples (Dinner) I went to Tamaroa with them watched Ferdinand bud Peach trees

Sunday 31st

Father came home 1,45 A.M. I read the Bible. Child's Paper, Prarie Farmer's, & some in Harper. Had service at 11

September 1856

Monday 1st

⁸ Cousin Walker – Amanda Roots (born 3 Dec. 1802 in Hamilton, NY), daughter of Peter Philanthropos Roots I (born 27 Mar. 1766 in Simsbury, CT) and Elizabeth Keep (born 12 Dec. 1766), married Ephraim Stiles Walker (no birth information) on 19 July 1826. I have no information on their children, but they likely had at least one boy unless there are other Walkers that married into the family.

We tried plowing Kitt & Nelly Nelly did not behave herself and becometh a lady I had to stay with her till 11 oc then came home and tended to wheat brought by M^r. Young for our seed. (Dinner) was with Ferdinand buding. He brought 62 ½ bushels of wheat at \$1.00 per bu.

Tuesday 2nd

I got some apples to send M^r. Wright. Took John in the wagon to Tamaroa to go to Richmond to be doctored. our new plow came from Blomington

Wednesday 3rd

I was writing doing the chores &c

Thursday 4th rainy

I did the things got up Pocahontas for M.E. to go to M^r. Shann's

Friday 5th

I went after Aunt Eliza and M^{rs}. Barber.

Saturday 6th

I went to Pinckneyville after Buggy

Sunday 7th

I read some in the Bible, Prarie Farmer & childs paper

Monday 8th

I wrote to P.K. did the chores &c

Tuesday 9th

I took apples to the Station

Wednesday 10th

I made out M^r. Hawley's account

Thursday 11th Cool

I took O.G.'s trunk to Tamaroa came back and took some apples for M^r. M. M^r. Burrist came here

Friday 12th Warm

I harrowed Ferdinand. Went down to M^r. Young's to see about getting seed wheat

Saturday 13th Hot

Father went down to Desoto to see about getting seed wheat he got 35 bushel's of good wheat M^r. Leavenworth's family came I went to Tamaroa after them

Sunday 14th Hot

I read in the Bible Prarie Farmer & Child's paper we had regular sunday service. (Father at Home)

Monday 15th

I took Father to Tamaroa and brouht Elisebeth Kelly ham down I did up my writing and got some green corn M^r. Burrough's and I picked up apples with Polly on slide

Tuesday 16th

I took M^{rs}. Leavenworth and children to Tamaroa. I was not very well.

Wednesday 17th John arrived at home (2nd) I went and told Townsend that we were going to take the mares in the _____ [?]

Thursday 18th

I started with Kitt Polly & Townsend's mare I got dinner at M^E. Dee's arrived at M^{ES}. Casey's about sundown

Friday 19th

I walked to the Richview Station Went to M^E. Field's came home on the night 1,45 train (Father came with me)

Saturday 20th

I helped about sowing some wheat

Sunday 21st

We Father M.E., & I went to Cumolite I got up the horses Father and Mother went to see M^{ES}. Wright I read the destruction of the Benjaimites.

Monday 22nd

I went to Tamaroa to help Father take up his thing's wrote some &c

Tuesday 23rd

I took a letter from Father to send on train took some clothes to M^{ES}. Coleman's helped get up the pig's. Greced my new boot's and blacked my old one's

Wednesday 24th

I started on Molly to M^E. Crenshaw's got dinner in the wood's staid at Fancy Farm Over night

Thursday 25th

I arrived there about 4 oclock, did my business visited the rest of the day

Friday 26th

I helped them gather Millet seed

Saturday 27th

I came back as far as Fancy Farm and staid over night

Sunday 28th

I arrived at home Father John M.E. & myself went to Tamaroa to take some things for Father to take with him

Monday 29th

Father went north on train. I went to M^E. Spann's gathered apples blacked boots & Shoes. Got ____ to start to Alton
_____ went to Rena [page torn]

Tuesday 30th

We arrived in Alton about 2 P.M. Father & I went to the fair ground I looked some at the

I was at M^E. Crenshaws one day and went to the State fair