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Jan. 16: Mrs. Darden came up. I am still sick. Cate came up in the evening. I got worse, sent for Dr. Fox. My babe was born before he got here. It was born about 4 o'clock. Mrs. Darden and Cate stayed all night. Martha and Laura went to Frank's Tuesday morning, to Bell Clark's and Robert Sillers' wedding. The wedding is to be tonight.

Jan. 22: Joseph and Matilda Sillers, Anne Stuart came, stayed all night, went away Monday morning. Joseph and Matilda came to tell me goodbye. They are moving to Bolivar County Tuesday.

Jan. 27: Martha and her Pa went to church in Fayette. Martha went home with Kate Whitney, stayed all night. Ma, Jack and Kate went to church and came back to dinner Monday.

Feb. 4 Anne Stuart came down, stayed till Sun. She went to Rodney with Joseph and Matilda; they got on the boat at 11:00 oc. Fri. Morn. 27th. Anne went out to Oakland stayed all night with Mrs. Collier. Mr. Darden, Martha, Cate and Jack went to church.

Feb. 5 Dined at Mr. P. K. Montgomery's.

Feb. 7: Cate spent the day. Cousin Margaret was to come but did not.

Feb. 9: Mr. Darden went to Hamburg to pay Dr. Campbell. Buckner and Samuel called a while Friday.

Feb. 10: Mr. Darden went to Natchez with Mr. P. K. Montgomery in the buggy. Buckner, Samuel and Jack went also. Buckner bought a boy, gave \$1300.50 for him.

Feb. 11: Sister Maria, Ma, Cate, Zenobia Burch and Mabella Stampley spent the day.

Feb. 13: Setting out 10 peach and 2 Bartlett pear, came from Afflick Nursery, Washington. Cate and Martha went to the concert; the brass band performed. Martha received 3 valentines today, 14th Feb.

Feb. 20: Coz. and Margaret Darden and Cunningham Whitney, spent the day.

Feb. 21: Wes Whitney was here hunting his horse.

Feb. 23: The remains of Rodney King and his sister Mrs. Ogle were raised from their graves in Tensas Parish, La., and brought to old Salem and buried in the family grave yard with the father, mother and brother, and there they all rest together.

Feb. 24: Mr. Williams from Pine Ridge spent the night with us on his way to Ebenezer to assist Mr. McDonald at a Communion meeting Sat. morning.

Feb. 25: It is raining hard. Mr. Williams can not go on to church. Mr. Williams went to Mr. Montgomery's to stay all night.

Feb. 26: Mr. Williams preached at Ebenezer.

Mar. 2: Brother Buckner stayed all night on his way from Natchez.

Mar. 5: Mr. Darden gone to Ebenezer to church.

Mar. 6: Mr. Darden went to Fayette, got a letter from Buckner dated 27th Feb. We are digging a cistern at the gin; have three hands at it.

Mar. 12: Martha and her Pa have gone to Ebenezer to church; dined at Mr. Montgomery's. Ma went up to George's Saturday. Sarah Darden started to Natchez Thursday to take a boat to visit James Torrey in Holmes County. She left her children at home.

Mar. 13: Martha and her Pa went to Fayette, saw Blount in town, he got back from New Orleans Thursday. Mr. Darden got a letter from Buckner. Mary was not well. Complaining with something like liver complaint. Coz. Jack Burch is hauling corn today.

Mar. 18: Martha and Cate spent the day with Coz. Margaret Darden.

Mar. 20. Major went to Rodney after pork today; we have brought home 22 barrels; left 3 barrels in Fayette for Mr. Montgomery.

Mar. 21: Ma got back from George Darden's. Anne sent Tully down to know when we would send for Olivia. Blount had gone to Warren County.

Mar. 25: Martha, Laura, Irene and their Pa spent the day at Jackson's.

Mar. 30: Mr. Darden went to Fayette to the Examination. There were 3 young ladies graduated: Miss Naomi Stampley, Mary Ross and Maria Curtis. Buckner came home.

April 3: Martha and Cate went to Natchez. Virginia and Dr. Green called today; just got down from Tennessee.

April 4: Martha came back from Natchez: Anne Stuart and Julia came back with her. Robert Sillers and Belle came down Thursday; left Friday morning. George Darden came Friday April 7, left his family at Mr. Montgomery. Mr. Darden and George went to Jackson's after dinner.

April 8: The girls and Buckner went to Mr. Montgomery's to stay all night to go to church at Ebenezer.

April 10: Mr. Darden gone to Fayette to make his report as overseer of the road.

April 13: Ma, Cate, Jackson, Dr. Green, Virginia and her 3 children, Ambrose, Mary and William spent the day. Alex Compton and Cicero Stampley were here same day.

April 15: Buckner, Martha and Olivia went to Natchez, Olivia sent back to school, and Buckner and Martha went to take a boat to go to Mary Jane Scott's.

April 16: Buckner and Martha left this morning on the Frank Lyon.

April 17: Dr. Green and Virginia started to Natchez to take a boat to go home.

April 19: Ma went by on her way to Anne Briscoe. Jack and Cate came to dinner; we went to Fayette in the evening to the Dan Rice circus, but the wagons got in the creek. They did not get to Fayette till 5 oc. in the evening. I came home, left the children at Mr. Stewart's to see the circus. Kate brought them home with her.

April 23: Mary Bondurant came to her Ma yesterday, brought Clara home with her.

April 30: Mr. Darden and Laura gone to church; dined at Mr. Montgomery's.

May 1: Mary Bondurant partly promised to come here, but did not.

May 2: Mr. Darden gone to Natchez, waited for Buckner till half after 8 oc., had been gone about ten minutes when he came.

May 3: Sarah Darden, Mary Jane Darden and Mrs. Warford (Octavia Torrey that was) spent the day here. There was a severe hail storm 27th April in the Chambliss neighborhood, beat everything to shatters. Mr. Darden and Jackson went to Fayette this eve, it is reported there was a case of yellow fever in Port Gibson. There has been a death in Rodney.

May 4: Received a letter from Martha, they arrived at Mary Scott's Monday 17th April. Mary is not very well; taking medicine for liver complaint. Mary's children have the whooping cough.

May 5 Mr. Darden got letter from Buckner, he says they have cotton and corn crop. The fish fry was not well attended at Samuel's on account of rain.

May 7: Mr. Darden gone to church at Ebenezer; small congregation.

May 13: Mr. Darden gone to church at Ebenezer, took Irene with him. Laura had the mumps so that I could not go. Cousin John Darden came over late this evening to see if Mr. Darden would go with him to Georgia. Mr. Darden can not go.

May 14: Mr. Darden gone to Ebenezer, there is Communion meeting there. Jefferson Chamberlain joined the Episcopal church yesterday. He is very low with consumption; he's at Dr. Duncan's his father in law in Fayette.

May 15: Mr. Darden, myself and children spent the day at Coz. John Darden's. He expects to start to Georgia Wed.

May 17: Blount Stuart came down this morning to see me about some land in Carroll County sold to T. A. Compton.

May 18: Mr. Darden and myself went to Fayette to sign the Deed to the land in Carroll County. I called to see Mary Miles.

May 19: Mr. Darden, myself and children spent the day with Jack and Cate.

May 21: Mr. Darden and Laura went to church in Fayette; there was several joined; Dr. Dorsey and Martha West joined.

May 22: The meeting still continues in Fayette. Mr. Hammett joined. Mr. Miles came down on the Shotwell in company with Martha and Buckner as far as Mr. Bondurant's.

May 23: Mr. Montgomery and Samuel his son called on their way to Natchez.

May 24: Mr. Montgomery called as he came from Natchez, he says there was very heavy down pour nine mile bridge to Natchez.

May 26: We sent to Robert Sillers to get watermelon seed Saturday.

May 28: Mr. Darden went to church in Fayette. Edwin McCay funeral was preached by Mr. Booth.

June 3: I received a letter from Martha; she is staying with Mary Bondurant; did not know when I could send for her, wanted to stay a few days with Anne Briscoe.

June 4: We went to church at Ebenezer; had our baby baptized Jesse Blount. Sister Maria had received a letter saying Anne Briscoe had a son; they call him Jeff after his Pa. Mary Jane Scott was at Anne's. She did not bring any of her children but little Tommy. Newton Young was very sick at Mr. Montgomery's. Sam Montgomery's babe was buried 29th May. They received a letter same day stating death of J. H. Montgomery's daughter Martha living in Madison; died child-bed. Did not leave any children.

June 7: I started to Anne's by six oc., did not find her at home; went on to see Robert and Belle. Belle was sick. Ann and Mrs. Yoe was there. We sent back to Blount's in the eve. Mr. Darden got a letter from Olivia, she has had chill and fever.

June 11: Mr. Darden, Laura and Irene gone to church at Ebenezer; dined at Mr. Montgomery's. The meeting has closed in Fayette. Mrs. Harper and Belle Sillers joined.

June 14: It was thought that Jeff Chamberlain was dying.

June 15: Phil Dixon told them that Jeff Chamberlain died this morning at 2 oc., at Mr. Duncan's. Been confined more than a month with consumption. He has left a wife and three children. Mrs. Shackelford received news of the death of her son Edmund this week from Texas. Her trouble is great losing a child and brother so near.

June 17: Mr. Darden went to hear Dr. Caper's preach in Fayette. The Methodist have had 45 additions since the meeting commenced.

June 18: We went to church in Fayette today. Dr. Capers preached; large congregation. Robert Sillers joined the church today. They formed a Bible Society, made Rev. Mr. Forsythe, Dr. Capers, Mrs. Ann T. Harper, Miss Martha West and Minor Dixon life members.

June 20: Mr. Darden went to his brother Samuel's; he is having his house covered. Cousin John Darden got back from Georgia today. He was gone five weeks.

June 21: Mr. Darden went to Fayette, got a letter from Martha. She wrote for her Pa to meet her in Rodney on Friday 23rd. Newton Young and Franklin Montgomery started north Tuesday. Frank is going to school.

June 24: They celebrated today in Fayette by the Masons and Odd Fellows.

June 25: There is no preaching near today. Anne Stuart came home with Martha this eve.

June 26: Ma came from Jeff Briscoe's today.

June 30: Cate and Jack spent the day Saturday. Ma went home this morn. Anna went to Natchez to go to the Bay Biloxi.

July 2: Martha and Laura went to church at Ebenezer.

July 3: Mr. Montgomery and Buckner got heavy rain.

July 4: Martha, Laura, Cate and Jack went to the celebration to Mt. Carmel. They had a speech from Rev. Mr. Clinton. Put Darden went with Martha.

July 7: Buckner is 21 today. Martha and Laura went to spend the night with Coz. Margaret Darden.

July 8: Ma started to see sister Betsy this morning.

July 9: Mr. Darden, Martha, Laura and Irene went to church in Fayette. Mr. McDonald preached in the Campbellite Church.

July 11: Cate came to go to Ned Millers; Martha was not ready. They went after dinner and spent the evening.

July 12: The baby is broken out with sores; I am rubbing citrine ointment on the. Martha went to Fayette this eve. for Miss Euphemia Fox. The remains of Edmund Shackelford was brought to Fayette today and buried in the graveyard at the church.

July 14: Had hard rain from Coz. John Darden's to Fayette. Martha came back this eve. She heard Mrs. Ned Miller was very sick.

July 16: Mr. Darden and Martha went to church at Ebenezer today; dined at Mr. Montgomery's.

July 17: Jackson went to Rodney after his carriage.

July 18: Brother Buckner called on his way to Natchez; he has too much rain. Mr. Fletcher, Superintendent of the road was here today to set apart out part of the road. Mr. Darden gave in 14 hands and works from Harden gate to Jim Miller's gate at the Baldrige road. Jack came with his carriage. It is pretty.

July 19: Buckner came home half after 10 oc., he has something like the flux. He was taken Tuesday morning after he left his Aunt Mary's; he landed at Rodney, hired a buggy, and paid boy \$1.50 to drive him home.

July 20: Martha went with Cate and Fanny in the carriage to the examination in Fayette at the academy. Miss Cate Scott, Ella McGinty and Myra Terry graduated. Cate Scott spoke the valedictory. They answered very well. Cate and Fanny came back to supper with Martha.

There was an awful murder committed at Killingsworth's last night. He was murdered by his negroes and the house burned down; he had 4 children but the house was discovered and the children were taken out.

July 21: Mr. Wiggington and Will Collier came out and stayed an hour.

July 22: Mr. Darden, Martha and Laura gone to church at Ebenezer; Martha stayed with Sister Maria all night.

July 23: I went to Ebenezer Communion meeting; dined at Mr. Montgomery's.

July 25: Anne and Blount, Mrs. Harper, Miss Armstrong, Mr. Pintard; Mr. Collier, Mary Bondurant and Sister spent the day here. Mary stayed until Thursday evening. Samuel Montgomery was here also. They have taken the negroes that killed Mr. Killingsworth; there was four concerned. They are in jail.

July 26: Mr. Darden went to Fayette this eve; they were trying those negroes; they were all committed to jail.

July 27: Got a letter from Matilda Sillers; they were all well and corn doing well. Blount came down this eve. to go to Natchez after Julia.

July 28: Mr. Darden, Martha and Blount started this morning half after 3 oc. to Natchez for Olivia and Julia.

July 29: Mr. Darden, Blount and the girls got back from Natchez at 11 oc., this morn; eat breakfast at Selsertown.

July 30: Mr. Darden and Buckner went to church at Ebenezer. Buckner with by with Samuel Montgomery.

July 31: Tully came down this morning after Julia's shoes.

Aug. 2: Buckner, Martha and Fanny Mayberry went to Rodney this morn; started 15 minutes of 5 oc., got to Rodney at 10 oc. They will take a boat to Vicksburg tomorrow, go out to Coopers Wells in the eve on the cars.

Aug. 3: I went to see Anne Stuart toda-y with all my family. Mary Bondurant, Belle and Robert Sillers, Mr. Dixon and William Collier spent the day there.

Aug. 4: I came home this eve, Blount paid me \$80 on my part of Carroll County land.

Aug. 6: Mr. Darden went to Springhill to church. Jackson came by to dinner.

Aug. 7: Olivia went to Cate's to get her to learn to make fig preserves. Mr. Darden went to Fayette; he heard Phil Briscoe died very suddenly Sunday eve.

Aug. 8: Victoria Stampley ran off with Jenkins a carpenter; they were married at St. Joseph, La. Her friends were very much opposed to it. She will not be 15 years old til Oct.

Aug. 10: Got a letter from Buckner saying they would be in Rodney at day light on 16th Aug. Washington went to Sister Betsy's after Ma today.

- Aug. 11: Jackson and Mr. Darden went to the Camp ground this morn. They are finishing off the tents.
- Aug. 13: Mr. Darden, Olivia and Laura gone to church at Ebenezer today.
- Aug. 15: Naomi and Vol. Stampley spent the day here. Send the carriage to Rodney after Martha and Buckner.
- Aug. 16: Buckner and Martha got home half after 10 oc., this morn. Mr. Darden went to Campground to make a shed to eat under.
- Aug. 17: Cate and Jack moved to the Campground.
- Aug. 18: Buckner and the girls went to Campmeeting today, dined in Cate's tent.
- Aug. 19: We all went to Campmeeting. We had dinner a large company to dine with us on the ground. We had Anne Stuart, two children; Sarah Darden, three children; Coz. Peggy McGaharn, George Darden and Martha with four children, Miss Emily Briscoe and little daughter, Samuel Montgomery and Mr.
- Aug. 21: Went to Campmeeting. We had good many to dine with us; George and Martha Darden, Robert and Belle Sillers and Ma came home with us tonight.
- Aug. 22: Went to Campmeeting. Good many to eat with us. Angela Adams and brother, Miss Donohue and brother spent the night. Mr. Wiggington and Mr. Shields took supper.
- Aug. 23: Went to Campmeeting; had dinner on the ground. Sister Maria carries dinner every day but Monday and we put it on the same table under a shed made by Mr. Montgomery and Mr. Darden. Anne Stuart carried dinner 3 days. Angela Adams, Miss O. Donohue and brother, Robert and Belle Sillers, Jim Wilcox, Milton Kinnison and Ma stayed all night.
- Aug. 24: The company all left this morning for home. The Campmeeting broke up this morning.
- Aug. 26: Ma and Martha Darden called this morning going to Mr. Montgomery's. Put Darden came to invite the girls to a party at Mr. Bradford next Wed. eve. Buckner went to Wildwood Springs, there was a large company there.
- Aug. 27: Mr. Darden and Buckner went to church at Ebenezer today; dined at Mr. Montgomery's. George and Martha Darden went to Mr. Stewart this eve to go home in the morning.
- Aug. 28: Martha got a letter from Newton Young.
- Aug. 29: Put Darden was here this evening.
- Aug. 30: Martha and Buckner went to the party at Mr. Bradford's. Danced all night.

Aug. 31: Buckner, Martha and Olivia went as far as Blount's on their way to visit George Darden.

Sept. 1: Julia and Tully Stuart came this morning. Julia will stay till her Ma comes back from Mary Harrison.

Sept. 2: There is to be a lecture delivered at the old school house near Dr. White's tonight. The subject is electricity.

Sept. 3: Mr. Darden went to church. Ma called at the gate going home from Mr. Montgomery's.

Sept. 4: Mr. Darden went as far as brother Buckner's this eve on his way to Brown Wells. Harrison Montgomery called a while this morning. Cicero Stampley came to bring the girls tickets to a Ball to be given at Wild Woods Springs.

Sept. 6: Andy went to Natchez with the first load of cotton. Anne Briscoe, Jeff Briscoe and Virginia Torrey came today after 2 oc., rested until 6 oc., then went to Jackson's. Anne has a sweet little baby; he has long black hair.

Sept. 7: Buckner, Martha and Olivia got home this morning at 11 oc. They have been gone a week today; they visited George Darden, Mr. Calhoun, Dr. Richardson, Uncle Chambliss, Coz. John Chambliss, and stayed all night at Robert Sillers. Cate Darden went by on her way to Campmeeting near her Aunts in Claiborne County; it is near Rocky Springs.

Sept. 8: We all went down to Jack's to spend the day with Anne and Jeff Briscoe. Anne Stuart sent Tully and Jimmie after Julia. Anne Briscoe came home with me from Brown Wells, 45 miles, a pretty good days ride.

Sept. 9: Ma came up this morning and stayed till Monday and went with Anne to Mr. Montgomery's. Bernice Stampley came late this evening to get Olivia to act as brides maid; the wedding will be Oct. 3rd.

Sept. 10: Martha, Olivia, Jimmy Buckner, Jeff and Mr. Darden went to Ebenezer to church. They dined at Mr. Montgomery.

Sept. 12: Mr. Darden and Olivia spent the day at Mr. Montgomery's with Anna and Samuel, Mary Jane Darden and Ella White. Anne Stuart left this evening.

Sept. 13: We heard Coz. John McNeal was dead; died 1st Sept. with consumption.

Sept. 14: Ma came this morn. from Mr. Montgomery's. Anne Briscoe left there this morning for old Mr. Briscoe's. She will stay there a week, then go back to the swamp. Prosper Montgomery came this evening and stayed all night. We heard that old Mr. Phil Harrison was dead; been sick a long time.

Sept. 15: The wagon went to Natchez this morning with 12 bales; it took down 12 Monday.

Sept. 16: Mr. Darden and the girls and Buckner went to church at Ebenezer. Rev. Mr. Smylie came late this evening; stayed all night.

Sept. 17: We all went to church today Mr. Smylie preached in the morning, Mr. McCallum in the eve. I went home with Sarah Darden.

Sept. 18: Saw Judge Whitney and Miss Catty returning from Brown Wells.

Sept. 23: Fed Chambliss is to speak in Fayette this evening on Education.

Sept. 26: Sister Maria, Samuel and the children, Jackson and little Henry spent the day.

Sept. 30: Ma and Buckner started to Rodney to take Frank Lyon to go to Mary Scott's. They were disappointed about the boat, it did not pass Rodney until 4 oc., yesterday. Mrs. McGee, Mrs. Jones and Mrs. Wat Burch were baptized today by Dr. White, as he calls it in the faith of Abraham. They have all been Campbellites and been baptized before.

Oct. 1: Mr. Darden, Martha and Olivia went to church at Ebenezer. Mr. Darden went by with Jeff and Sam Montgomery to dinner. Martha and Olivia went home with Aunt Anne Stuart, stayed all night, come to Fayette in the morning.

Oct. 2: Ma and Buckner left Rodney this morning on the Southern Belle. It is reported the yellow fever is in Vicksburg. Cunningham Whitney has a daughter.

Oct. 5: Martha, Olivia and myself with Anne Stuart, Belle Sillers, Anne Baldwin, Mrs. Harper, Mrs. Briscoe, Mrs. Mabelle Chamberlain, Mrs. Lee and Miss Armstrong spent the day with Mary Miles. She will move to Bolivar County as soon as frost.

Oct. 6: Martha and Olivia went to call on the Bride Bernice Rowland.

Oct. 7: Martha and Olivia went to visit Naomi Stampley. Buckner called on his way to Washington to enter land. Martha Jane Wade was buried today; She died with consumption.

Oct. 9: Alex Compton and Cicero Stampley spent the eve.

Oct. 10: Dr. Grafton died today with Typhoid fever; was buried at Harmony church graveyard.

Oct. 11: Martha and Olivia went to see their Uncle Robert today.

Oct. 14: Mr. Darden went to Fayette got some cough syrup for the babe from Dr. Fox.

Oct. 15: Cate and Jack called at the gate; had been to visit Buckner.

Oct. 18: Mr. Darden got a letter from Buckner, they got up safe. Good deal sickness among negroes on Mary Scott's place. Had turned off the overseer. Buckner was tending to the business. Anne Stuart came this eve, with Julia, on her way to leave Julia at school. Rob. McGinty came here after dark to summons Mr. Darden on the jury.

Oct. 19: Anne, Julia, Martha and Olivia went to Natchez this morn at daylight.

Oct. 20: Alex Compton was here today. Mrs. Valentine wishes Martha and Olivia to go with Naomi Stampley to visit her daughters before they return to school to Miss Shedden.

Oct. 21: Mr. Darden went to Fayette to serve on the jury to try the Killingsworth negroes.

Oct. 23: Old Jesse and Albert were sentenced to be hung in Nov. for killing their master Mr. Killingsworth. They were trying old Bill and Charles for burning the house down.

Oct. 25: Henry Mayberry and Cate Matthews was married today at 2 oc. Cate stayed with them all night. Coz. Allen Darden stayed all night with us; he went to Washington to enter land.

Oct. 29: Mr. Darden, Martha and Olivia went to church at Ebenezer today; took dinner at Mr. Montgomery's.

Nov. 2: Cate and Jack went to Natchez this morn, I sent 8 lbs. butter and 13 lbs. last week. Got 40 cents a pound.

Nov . 3: Robert and Belle Sillers came down this morning.

Nov. 5: Mr. Miles and family, and Mr. Lee and family went to Rodney today moving to Bolivar County.

Nov. 6: Martha and Olivia spent the day with Mrs. Torrey; they went with their Aunt Anne. Mrs. Harper, Mrs. Briscoe, Mr. Dixon and Mr. Duncan spent the day with them at Mrs. Torrey's.

Nov. 7: The girls spent the day at their Aunt Anne's with Sarah Darden's, Mary Jane Darden, Mr. and Mrs. McDonald, Willie, Anna, Robert and Belle Sillers.

Nov. 8: Mr. Stowers and Coz. Sarah. Coz. John and Coz. Margaret Darden spent the day here.

Nov. 9: The cornerstone of the Masonic Hall and Presbyterian Church is to be laid today. The brass band will give a concert at 3 oc. Mr. Darden, Martha, Olivia, Laura and Irene went to the concert.

Nov. 13: We got a letter from Buckner; he had out 112 bales; about 65 ginned.

Nov. 15: Mr. Ned Miller and Eliza Branch came after 11 oc. Mr. Darden has got returns for 89 bales.

Nov. 19: Mr. Darden, Martha and Olivia went to Ebenezer to Church.

Nov. 22: Jim is very sick. Mr. Darden went to Fayette and brought Dr. Fox out; he blistered him on his breast and gave a tea of Epicac and salts.

Nov. 24: Our negro men went to Fayette to see Jesse and Albert hung for murdering their master, W. Killingsworth. Jesse confessed that he done it all, that no one helped to do it; exhorted his fellow servants to be faithful and do their duty. Sent the wagons to Mr. Baldwin's old house to get brick to fix cistern. Mr. Montgomery asks \$7 a thousand.

Nov. 26: No preaching at Ebenezer.

Nov. 29: Mr. Darden, Martha and Olivia start to see Sister Betsy; but could not find the mules. Stuffed sausages this eve. made up 29 pounds of meat.

Nov. 30: Mr. Darden and the girls started to Wilkinson this morn.

Dec. 1: Anne Stuart, Matilda Sillers and her children, and Belle Sillers came today. Matilda came to Frank Montgomery's Tuesday night. Joseph and Robert came in the eve.

Dec. 2: Matilda, Joseph, Robert and Belle left after breakfast to go to Frank Montgomery's.

Dec. 4: Robert and Peter came after a cow and a calf and heifer for Joseph to take to Bolivar.

Dec. 7: I cut up 61 lbs. sausage meat; stuffed sausage this eve. Mr. Darden got back from Wilkinson this eve. after 4 oc., left Martha and Olivia at Martha Skinner's. Mr. Skinner and Martha will come home with them Monday. They got lost going there, did not get to Mr. Skinner's till after dark. The girls stayed with Martha, and their Pa went on to Sister Betsy's Saturday, stayed Monday night and went on to Mr. Skinner's Tuesday. Martha gave a dining party on Wednesday, had a large company. Mr. Darden says they are the most sociable people he ever saw in that neighborhood.

Dec. 8: Joseph Sillers and Walter Devane were to leave Rodney for Bolivar County. Walter is going to attend to William Sillers business next year; gets \$700.00.

Dec. 10: Mr. Darden and Laura went to Ebenezer to church; called at Mr. Montgomery's to dinner.

Dec. 12: Martha, Olivia, Mr. Skinner and Martha, James Ashford and Frank Swayze got home after 4 oc.

Dec. 13: We all spent the day with Sister Maria. Martha and Mr. Skinner and the young men came back with us. Cate and Jack came and stayed all night.

- Dec. 15: Martha and Olivia went to Anne Stuart's this morn. Mr. Darden went to Reads saw mill to get lumber for the room he is going to build to the house. Spafford Miles came home with him; they went on to Fayette; they are trading horses.
- Dec. 16: Mr. Darden went to Fayette, made a trade with Mr. Miles. Went on to Wild Wood Spring, got back before 9 oc. rode from there in an hour and half.
- Dec. 17: Mr. Darden and myself went to Ebenezer to church. Mr. Bondurant and Mary came over yesterday. Brother Buckner had a girl, Violet, burnt so badly that she died in two days. He has lost 3 little negroes with whooping cough. Coz. John Darden's old Clarissa was burned so that she died on Friday night. All the tents at Spring Hill were burnt but three. Martha and Olivia went to church in Fayette with their Aunt Anne Stuart; came home to dinner. Blount got back from Bolivar today.
- Dec. 18: Mr. Darden went to see James Miller about the Marble land; he asks \$5.00 an acre for it; that is too much.
- Dec. 19: Mr. Darden went to Jim Miller's sale. Mr. Darden agreed to take the Marble land for \$1500.00 Robert Campbell bought land in the swamp for \$30 an acre, sold his place here for \$3300.00 cash to Mr. William Stewart. Jeff Montgomery went over in Louisiana to enter land. Mrs. Peircefield passed moving back to her father's this eve.
- Dec. 21: Buckner came at 2 oc., he came for the negroes that his Pa has hired on he grandma.
- Dec. 22: Mr. Darden and Buckner went to see Jack; he was not at home. Mr. Darden brought home apples, oranges, almonds, pecans, strawberries, raisins, cheese, pickles, flour, cement, lime, bale of lowell and the hat rack.
- Dec. 23: Buckner started to Natchez in the buggy to take a boat to go home to his Aunt Mary Scott's. Mr. Skinner sent his daguertype with his wife to Martha. Sent Olivia a breast pin. Mr. Darden gave Martha Skinner a watch.
- Dec. 24: Mr. Darden rode over to Spring Hill this morn. The tents are all burned but Mr. Johnson's and Booth's. It is thought the tinnners left fire so that it caught.
- Dec. 25: Cicero Stampley gave his negroes a party; ours were invited, they stayed till 9 oc.
- Dec. 26: We all went to Blount's to dinner. Matilda, Belle and Robert were there. Mr. Ashford, Mr. Fowler and Prosper Montgomery came to our house this evening; went back to Mr. Montgomery's. stayed all night.
- Dec. 29: Cate, Jack, Martha and Olivia went to spend the day with Mary Bondurant at their Aunt Maria's. Mr. Ashford, Lizzy and Catty Whitney were there.

Dec. 31: Mr. Darden, Martha, Olivia, Laura and Irene went to church in Fayette. Mr. Forsythe is to preach on dancing.

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Jan. 2: Mr. Darden took Laura to school; she will board at Mr. Montgomery's and go to Miss Jane Mosely at the Baldwin house. Mrs. Robert Davenport buried in Fayette today -- dropsy. Got a letter from Buckner; he got home safe, directs his Pa to sent Noah and Washington up to Mary's. Brother Buckner hires Emaline and Dorcas; Mr. Robertson, Sarah and Mr. Darden, Major, George, Harry, Joe and Ad.

Jan. 3: Jackson and Willy Stampley came this morn; Jackson paid Mr. Darden as Treasurer of the school money \$366.54. Mr. Darden paid Coz. John Darden, Stephen Stampley, H. Hill and Coz. Jack Burch their part of the school money. Olivia and Irene went to Anne Stuart's to go to the part at Mrs. Torrey's. The party is given to Mag Torrey as birthday party. Tom started with carriage to Robert Sillers to carry Matilda Sillers to Rodney tomorrow to take a boat to go home to Bolivar. Frank Montgomery moves to Bolivar tomorrow.

Jan. 4: Matilda Sillers started to Bolivar today from Robt. Sillers. The creek was so high that she could not cross it till 2 oc., in the evening; went as far as George Hunts, stayed all night.

Jan. 5: Olivia went home with the Miss Gibson's to Mrs. Briscoe's. Coz. John Darden and Jack Burch called this eve to let Mr. Darden know he was a Commissioner to divide the property that belonged to Mrs. Dougherty, which was to go to the heirs of John I. Stampley at her death. Robt. Sillers had a fight in Fayette; was whipped. He was drinking. I hope it will help him to keep out of such scrapes.

Jan. 11: Andy went to Natchez; I sent 20 lbs. butter, got 25¢ a pound. Anne and Martha came back at sundown, they stayed last night with Mrs. Doniphan, met with Mrs. Bondurant, Mrs. Glover, Mrs. Albert Bondurant and Mrs. Williams.

Jan. 12: Martha and Olivia went to a party at Samuel Montgomery's this eve. Mr. Darden went for Laura; Clara and Virginia Montgomery came home with her.