

went to Lay's Springs) went to the Camp-ground
and in a novel way, that of the two horse way
spent a pleasant day with my friends, saw a
great many people, preaching only tolerable,
no excitement among the people.

15. Fair and pleasant morning. Mr. C. went to the
camp-ground to day. I came home this evening.

16. Warm weather. I left this morning for a meeting
in Coats's Bend. Mr. Mountain this evening brought
home Olivia. She came rejoicing, for she believed that
last night her sins were pardoned. Of my six chil-
dren, three are now professors of religion, and I
have faith to believe that the others will come
in too in God's good time. The Pulling children
spent the night here.

17. Very warm, Mr. C. sowed turnip seed today.
Columbus came home this evening having attended
the preaching at Shady grove.

18. Clear and warm, the girls and C. spent the
night at M. Hale's. Miss S. Hale very sick.

20. Somewhat cooler, C. started to Shady grove. I fin-
ished sewing for T. who is preparing to return
to Marion, made collars for Columbus.

3. Sat. 21. Pleasant and beautiful morning, the
girls went to the Presbyterian church, and this
afternoon to Mr. Hamptons whose family is sick.

22. Pretty day the boys came home this evening, they
went this evening to see Virginia. Mr. Sunwell.

- I went with Olivia to Mr Hudgens's from thence she went to the school-house, and got her books.
25. A very pretty morning, much cooler.
26. Pretty day, Olivia and I spent it with Mrs Phipps and Mrs N' Echols
27. Sat 28. Windy. the girls went to Cedar Hill, Dr R. preached. a small congregation.
29. Showery morning, This morning I opened a letter written by myself 6 years ago to my sons Thomas and Columbus enclosing the bills of sale to my negroes, made by my father to me in 33, and 35. I wrote another, and reenclosing the bills I directed it to them and replaced it in my private trunk. I went this evening to Mr Hudgens and got cucumbers for pickling.
30. Considerably cooler

September. 1859.

1. Cool and pleasant. This afternoon Joseph Esry, my brother-in-law, arrived. He left Thomas at Cedar-bluff, at which place a meeting is in progress. This morning then, he parted with his brother it may be forever. as C. still intends going west.
2. Pleasant day. meeting began at Yellow Creek to day Preachers, Hood and Livingston in attendance.
3. Pretty day. a good congregation, one joined by letter and eight who had been baptized into the fellowship of this church, at Round Mountain were received in full fellowship. Brethren, Hood, Davis, and

Brook came here to dinner. Mr Smith this evening.

1. Sabbath 4. Cloudy morning with flowers, yet a good congregation notwithstanding. we had basket-dinner at church, one joined by experience, a good deal of rain this evening. Mr Smith is quite a lively preacher
5. Cloudy. a good congregation to day. much interest is shown by the people though it a busy time. seven more of the Round-Mountain members came forward and the right hand of fellowship extended to them. brother J Espy left this morning. he has been unwell, and I think a little home sick. Miss M. Howard spent the night with us. m.
6. Pretty day. the meeting still going on and a lively interest exhibited by the people. Mr Williams came home with us to supper. I do not attend the night meetings, but they are very interesting.
7. This morning Mr Smith left. a good meeting to day. two baptized this evening. Mr G Beardin came with Thomas to supper. two joined to night by experience. and the meeting broke ~~up~~ ~~up~~

15. Cool morning, Mr N. left. O. still unwell.
16. Thomas went this evening to see Virginia.
16. An equinoctial gale accompanied by a great deal of rain, making night-shirts for Thomas.
17. Clear and warm I went this evening to see Mrs Lumbly about weaving for me, called on Mrs Brewer.
3. Sat. A pleasant and beautiful morning. The girl and Virgil went to Concord, a good congregation, saw Virginia there. Mrs Brewer came here this evening, ~~con~~
19. An incessantly rainy day. Mrs George spent the night here.
20. Still inclement.
21. Showery, Thomas came home this morning. This afternoon I went to Mrs Cumber's taking my web of cloth, and helping a little in bearing.
22. Cloudy, Thomas has gone over the river taking the children's sarsaparilla, for his Pa. The time of his stay with us is drawing to a close, as he will leave next week.

1. A cool rainy day. to night I was sent for to Mr Haiks. Miss Wilson has just died, after a few days of illness which was not thought to be serious this was a lady much respected for the time she has been among us, and people seem grieved for her loss. Sat.
2. Clear, and cool. I remained at Mr Haiks to day, a good many persons there. Came with the procession to the Presbyterian Church at which place we buried her. The girls and the little boys went to the Association to day.
3. A very pretty day. commenced working a collar Mr C. went to Lebanon. the ^{girls} visited Mrs Hampton.
4. Pretty day, the girls went to visit Mrs Wilder and spent the night with Mrs Truitt. I have been affected several days with diarrhea took oil and turpentine today and feel better this evening.
5. Warm pretty weather, the girls came home this morning. I am still unwell, Cousin Deyressent me wooll rolls to day. heard of Mr Hudgens ^{though broken} getting his
7. Pretty Indian Summer day. I am better, and went this evening to Mrs Echols who is unwell.
8. Cloudy, with thunder showers, turning cold.
2. Sabbath 9. Quite cool and windy which alone prevented frost. the girls went this evening to Mr Hills. whose family is unwell.
10. A light frost, I commenced knitting winter socks for Columbus, and this evening he arriv^{ed}, he is not very well, and says his cousin Margaret is in a decline.

13. Cloudy. Columbus came home with the news of Virginia having the shills, I ought to go down but I have no opportunity, received a letter from Thomas, he arrived safe at Marien and has resumed his studies.
14. Quite warm again. drew some patterns for embroideries.
15. Very warm for the season, making a coat for Columbus.
16. Sat. 16. Pretty day, something cooler. C. went to Shady Grove. I sent Dick to day to see how Virginia is coming on. he returned this evening with the pleasant news of her being better, missed chilling twice.
17. Cloudy, morning, a great deal of rain to night.
18. Clear and getting cold I finished Columbus' coat, he came here to night.
19. Clear and pretty day, busy fixing C. for his start tomorrow.
20. Clear and beautiful morning. Columbus bade us farewell and left early. he thinks he will start to Louisiana next week. if he does in all probability I shall never see him again. May the Lord preserve him from all evil. I feel more anxiety for him than all my other children. Put up a quilt for Olivia, Cousin Agnes took dinner here. Heard of the death of Mr Andrews.
21. Pretty weather, spent the day in quilting. some hog-drovers spent the night here.
22. Small frost, not enough to injure any thing, I never saw the autumn flowers more beautiful, Olivia and I went to school, this evening, she selected a dress. this has been a fine day.
23. Sat. 23. A beautiful Indian summer day, every thing seems sleeping in the calm, quiet haze peculiar to this season. It is the Sabbath of the year.

24. Pretty day commenced a dress for Olivia. Miss Phipps Miss Rudd spent the afternoon here.
25. Clear and warm. Miss S. and E. Hall, Miss Mackey spent the day here. The girls went home with them.
27. cooler. Mary Espy came, we helped her ^{on} with a dress also got our quilt out and did house-cleaning.
28. Clear and quite cool, I visited Mrs Brewer
29. Cold, day, the girls went to the Union meeting at Cedar-hill, Mr Dobb and wife, Mr Charles and Miss Eliza Dupree, came home with them.
5. Sab. 30. Ice this morning, we went to preaching a large congregation, had basket dinner, Virginia was there but looking thin. pleasant day.
31. Cold but pretty morning, the girls went to church, not a great many there. Olivia was baptis^{ed} by Dr Balls.

November 1859.

1. and 2. cold but pretty weather. preparing a web of cloth for the loom wrote to Thomas. I would like to know this evening where Columbus is
3. Beautiful but very dry weather, got in my cloth to day
4. Still pretty weather, Mrs Phipps spent the afternoon with us
5. Pretty day. went to Yellow Creek, Mr Flood preached on election, and did his subject credit I thought. re-elected him Moderator for the ensuing year elected cousin James Espy. clerk. Mary Espy, came home with us.
1. Sab. 6 Serene, and beautiful indian summer day, went to church, Mr H. preached to a large congregation, Mr L. Mackey came here.
7. Clear and warm, Cousin James, and Robert Espy came this morning and commenced to re-cover our house, this with its noise and litter makes a disagreeable affair.
8. Still pretty weather, Mrs, and Miss Echols spent the afternoon with us. loaned Miss E. a piece of

- my painting which she wishes to copy.
9. Still dry and warm. Mr Cusby came this morning to assist the workmen.
 10. Warm. Mr Esjay started to Rome this morning.
 11. Still very warm and somewhat cloudy. The workmen finished our house this evening clearing away the rubbish. we shall now be more comfortable.
 12. Very warm for the season, our workmen left this morning, cloudy, with high winds which whirled the dust in clouds. The clouds blew away to night and it is getting quite cold.
 2. Feb. 13. Extremely cold and windy, a great change from the summer weather of the last week. The girls went out visiting this evening. Mr E. came home.
 14. Very cold. making winter clothing.
 15. Still cold, we received this morning by the boat of yesterday our winter shoes, also some cloth. I went with Mrs Brewer this evening to see Mrs Hampton who is sick, found her quite feeble.
 16. 17. Somewhat warmer, still making clothing, also a coat for Cousin James, a great deal of grain to day which is welcome to the farmers, as they can now sow their wheat, turning cooler.
 18. Cloudy,
 3. Feb. 20. Pretty day. The children went to Concord to hear the funeral sermon of Miss Wilcox, preached by Dr Ralls, Cousin James, Charles Dupret, Mrs Brewer, here this afternoon.
 20. Pleasant weather, commenced making calico dresses, also pants, for Mr E.
 22. Warm for the season. Mr E. brought us a fire chest from Dublin this morning. the girls visited Mrs Echols.
 23. Still warm, went to see Mrs Brewer this morning who is sick, Miss J Patterson visited us this evening.
 24. Very warm. some travellers called this morning for wheat "fast", they had several fine horses, for sale.
 25. Thanksgiving day. Mrs B. still sick.

25. Clear and warm. had washing done for Mrs B. she is something better
26. A very rainy day, and warm. The newspapers are filled with the abolition-not at Harper's Ferry. a great excitement prevails in some of the southern States in consequence. may the Northern assassins be put down with their free negro allies.
27. Sub. 27. Warm, rainy morning, some appearance of clearing off. this afternoon, but soon commenced raining again. Heard by old Mr Brewer of Columbus's departure for Louisiana. May the Lord go with him. This was not unexpected, yet it struck me painfully, the knowledge that he is gone. I think I had rather he had remained with his brother, May it prove for the best, a great deal of rain to night.
28. Some appearance of clearing off. wrote to Margaret Esq.
29. Clear and quite warm.
30. Still warm, cloudy, Olivia went this afternoon to Dublin.
- December, 1859.

1. Cloudy, but turning cooler. warm again this evening. I never knew more variable weather.
2. A spring-like morning, to day Brown, the abolition leader and assassin expiates his crime on the scaffold, may peace attend, and follow, and may the women and children of the South be saved from their northern murder^{ers,} Mrs L Hail here this evening, a great deal of rain^{night}
3. Rainy day. did not go to yellow Creek to day
1. Sub. 4. Cloudy, the children went to church, Mr Linniston preached, I received a letter from Margaret Esq, Columbus left there on the 25th Oct. no news since.
5. A dull misty day. rain this evening
6. Still cloudy, the girls visited Mrs Firley, tremendous rains to night. turned cold towards morning, with ^{sleet.}
7. Excessively cold, with light showers of snow. This has been a busy day, we slaughtered 17 frogs. large ones. It is my birth-day, and I sit this evening by a cheerful fire, recording the fact. 4/4. have I seen, and as

I look back over the road I have travelled, I would
fain be thankful to the good Being, who has led me
safely thus far, and trust his grace for the future.
As for my children, they are in His hands, and He
looks on them this evening. — I trust in Mercy.

8. Clear, and the severest weather we have had in two years.
Mr E. has had a time of it, to day with his frozen meat,
Mr Brewer, and I Pulling, helped him, left some unsat-
'ed at last, I dried up 22 gallons of lard to day.

9. Still severely cold, we finished our lard and ground saus-
"age meat, this evening a welcome letter came from Colum-
"bus, — he was at his uncles in good health, they were also
in good health, — he was on the road ten days, and had
his trials to encounter, as all do, who are short of money.
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continue there. May the Lord be with him.

10. Clear, and more moderate. finished our sausage, made up
and put to press cheese-souse. we begin to feel like we are near-
"ly through a disagreeable job. The thought of C. has been in
my mind all day. yet I try to console myself with the
thought that he is with his uncles, and they are his friends.

2 Sat. 11. Clear and cold. I started Dick with a letter to Sis
this morning, but he met them coming to Mr Butts to
pay a farewell visit to Dennis and Theresa. The girls went
this evening to see Mrs Hampton, — she is improving some.

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- Christmas present from Thomas, in the shape of a letter of six pages, he is well, and getting on well with his studies, also Mr E. received a welcome letter from Columbus, he appears much pleased with his country, and was in good health, I am glad now that he is in Louisiana.
3. Sat. 18. Clear and cold, the girls and Virgil Horae, went to Concord, no preacher. - Mr Williams, Mrs and Miss Brewer, here to day, I am reading Latta's chain of sacred Words, and am much pleased with it.
19. Cloudy and cold, put in a quilt, also cut a vest for Mr Brewer.
20. Very cold, finished the vest, and commenced one for J Pulling.
21. Cloudy and cold.
22. Still cold finished my sewing.
23. Clear and very cold, wrote to day to Thomas and Columbus, Mr Spear spent the night here.
24. A very severe morning, we have had a longer spell of cold weather than I have known lately, the girls started this evening to Mr Dupree's. Christmas eve, yet all seems quiet, a few guns have been fired. How different from the time of my earliest recollections! Nothing hardly could be heard but the thunder of artillery.
4. Sat. 25. Christmas day, A brilliantly beautiful day though very cold, A very quiet one too, I thought I travel after my absent ones, and send the wish of a "Happy Christmas," to them, and may they spend it better than they have ever done before. The girls came home this evening, Charles Dupree with them.
26. Warmer, and somewhat cloudy, I went to Mr Hail's. I went to Mrs Patterson's this evening. the old lady is very feeble, but quite cheerful.
27. A rainy day, Mrs Brewer gives a party to day to which the girls are gone. Virgil went rather hunting with Gordon Farley.
28. Cloudy and warm, with a good deal of rain to night with thunder and lightning.

29. A closely rainy day, something cooler. A furious storm this evening of wind, rain, and hail, accompanied by heavy thunder; - some damage done to the fencing, a regular summer storm in mid-winter.
30. Cloudy all day and getting quite cold this evening Mrs F. Hail called here. Mr C. went to the sale at Mr Mitchams.
31. Cloudy and cold, with snow all the morning, getting very cold this evening, - the last day of the old year. Where shall we all be, this time next year.

New years day. - 1860.

1. Sat. 1. An extremely cold cloudy day. The ground still covered with snow. No preaching at Yellow Creek this time. Dr Cobb, and Dr Matthias called here today getting bitterly cold as night approaches: I think of the poor, to night - how much they suffer!
2. The hardest freeze yet; - thawed a little about 12 o'clock, but turning cold as ever this evening.
3. and 4. Still very cold, but thawed considerably to day. I visited Mrs Brewer this evening.
5. Very cold, we killed the remaining 147 of our hogs today Mrs Haines left the neighborhood this morning for Virginia. Mr Wolfe spent the night here, a bitter night.
6. Cloudy and cold, no thaw to day, finished the lard and part of the sausage meat; commenced raining to night.
7. Rainy, something warmer. Cousin J Espy took dinner here. - owing to high waters we have had no mail for two weeks. I am anxious to hear from my absent children.
2. Sat. 8. Cloudy morning, and warmer; - no preaching to day; clear this evening; - the girls went to Mr Brewers;
9. Pretty day, commenced skirt-making; this is Virginia's birth day, occurring this time on the same day of the week.
10. Foggy morning, and warm, received a small mail to day. I say the four other abolition-voters were hanged on the 16th Dec. according to appointment; all went off peaceably. The leader Brown, being hanged on the 2nd. Thus 5 men

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3. Rainy day. Did not go to Yellow Creek today.
4. 1st Sabbath. Cloudy. The children went to Church. Mr. Livingston preached. I received a letter from Margaret Espy, Columbus left there on the 25th Oct. No news since.
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18. 3rd Sabbath. Clear and cold, The girls and Virgil Horace went to Concord, not preacher-----Mr. Williams, Mrs. & Miss Brewer here today. I am reading "Latta's Chain of Sacred Wonders" and am much pleased with it.
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