I am going to Boscobel with Mr. Field. Miss Field is going there. I have seen her and Mr. Field and Mr. Field's wife. Miss Field has a lovely house and garden. My grandfather is coming to see us. He is going to stay with us for a week. We are going to have a nice time. I hope to see Mr. Field again.

The weather is very nice. It is warm and sunny. We are going to have a good time.

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September the 14th, 1859. My health at this time is very good & has been for a long time. Thank God.

The weather still continues dry, country tolerably healthy. About the middle of July last (Boy graduated). James, Release (of family) was Hakney sick. His sickness lasted not long, he grew worse, wrotes年底前 (3rd of September 1858) about half past 1 from Colton Pta. At which time he fell asleep in death & 2. Hope, trusting in Christ his Saviour.

On Sunday evening the 4th which was the nation day) his funeral sermon was preached at his late residence about 3 Ock. P.M. by James S. Henning from the 10th verse of the 4th chapter of Acts. (But Mary died, and was in a room ye, man and interred up the ghost, and there was peace).

October the 22nd 1859. Camp Meeting was held on South Creek Circuit. August the 27th it continued eight days. Many souls were converted to God. There has been several revivals on our circuit (South Creek & Holgan) Reach in charge. Since that time the health of my father's family is very good at this time except my brother who suffers yet some but nothing in comparison to whar she has had worse has got a great deal better. I was last evening kill his foot & ankle & has suffered extreme pain until this morning.

Mr. Chat. Sturte was married to Miss Annie E. Jones on last Wednesday th 19th inst. each having 67 years. What is worth 3 28-6. Many farmers are so keen selling what got near neighborhood West. The $37
October 22nd, 1859. We have had some very cold weather for the last week or two. This season of the year it commenced snowing this morning about day break. It is yet snowing one o'clock P.M.

A number of U.S. troops was called to Harper's Ferry on last Monday the 14th. This to stop a riot caused by some abolitionists and negroes near that place attempting to take it for possession of the arms for some purpose unknown.

December the 21st, 1859. Old John Brown the northerner insurgent and several of his comrades has been arrested tried & hanged by the laws of Va.

December the 25th, 1859. Penn State Teaching School at Dount Grove Academy.

A protracted meeting was held some weeks ago at the academy chapel. Two or three souls were

convinced.

Do x

A little book was given me

On Christmas day at night;

And given as a Christmas gift

That I might lead her light

The more I gave in me and put my trust

Would it fore also go a long;

Still not should last my French jezmin

Pine ran GIFL on my feet and soul

End to his fire long since I saw

And through his arms on my God I feel

Can learn friend from my Soothing.

J.P. Beech

on Molinos Christmas morning 1859.
March the 1st, 1860. My health is good at this time. Octavia Mannakee was married to Geo. M. William Feb. 11th, 1860. My father started from home February the 21st, 1860 to visit his daughter (Mary E. Case) in the state of Georgia. Arrived in Washington City Feb. the 22nd. Miss Catherine Mills was taken sick of influenza 1st of March, 1860. Following, she died. Kate is gone a fine young lady, snatched from her friends in the bloom of youth & I fear without a prospect of Heaven yet. My prayer is that she rests quietly in the arms of Jesus her savior.

Mary A. Wolfe and my dear wife visited Feb. 28th, 1860.

Catherine Mills was preached by the Rev. Cha. O. Selfridge from the latter clause of the 26th verse of the 12th chapter of the book of Genesis (all these things are against me). March the 2d, 1860. Kate is gone may she rest in peace.

My father arrives safely in Ga. Feb. 26th, 1860. April 10th, 1860. I am still in good health. The day has been exceedingly warm. Sept. the 27th, 1860. My brother returned from the state of Ga. on Friday the 15th of April 1860. He enjoyed his trip very much. He left Augusta on the 14th of Apr. But was detained in Washington D.C. on account of sickly health. During this time I have been blessed with very good health. I may here note the death of Eliza.

Passed this Sunday in a very quiet & silent manner.

1860
Sept. 25th 1860. Stopped teaching school at Point Grove on the 12th inst, with the intention of getting married. Myrna and my brother John came and stayed with us. A camp meeting was held on the grounds and a great work was done. At the close of the meeting we were about 30 or 40 strong. Aug. 10th 1860, a camp meeting was held at the Mountain View house about 30 or 40 souls were converted. Sept. 21st 1860 what is worth about $500 did not happen.

Nov. 20th 1860. In the work of the church I expect to stand by the help of God and the church. My brother has trouble and I pray that he may be comforted and that the church will support him. My humble prayer is that God will bless us.

Nov. 21st 1860. On this day I married my sister Mary A. Maxwell. The Rev. John B. Hall, preacher in charge of the church at the ceremony.

Nov. 21st 1860. Myself and lady left home about 10 o'clock A.M. for Washington arriving at 2 o'clock P.M. after a calm and pleasant voyage. The steamer Mount Vernon 7 o'clock. Thursday Nov. 22nd for the South, arrived at Richmond 10 1/2 O'clock, after passing through Fredericksburg.
We then cross the Cape Fear River & pass to Augusta, Ga., by way of Waycross.
Branchville arrives in Augusta 24th of Oct., Saturday morning Nov. 11, 24th, we then pass on to
Savannah, a small depot on the Ga. R.R.

The remainder of the night 24th was
snowy. This weather has now become very
cold for this country, we being very tired &
sleeping from fatigue sleep soundly until
sunrise at which time Cousin R. Beall's
carriage arrives to convey us to his house.
We arrive there about 10 o'clock, Mr. Davis,
Nov. 24th, 1860, & meet a hearty welcome
by him & Mrs. Eliza Davis. We now spend
quite a pleasant time with our friends,
as well as when walking & riding about
to see the curiosities of the South. At this
27th of Dec. Davis, Cousin R., in sending some
wheat near the road which we did not
acquire, as a curiosity for strangers as they are not
drilled wheat in that
country. On the evening of the same day,
Mr. Davis' sister & Mr. Casten arrives at cousin
R. Davis' house. The weather here is very changeable
sometimes very warm, then very cold,
on Saturday the 13th of Dec. Mr. A. H. Casten
arrives also. We have written several letters to our
friends & have not heard from Mr. A.
since we left there. I notice in this part of the
country the churches are very large open with
many doors. I recollect one called old Methodist
I had seven doors. Tuesday the 18th Dec. Messrs.
Carsons family & myself leave for the
Carsons' residence in Jefferson Co. Ga., an early
morning we meet with Capt. O'Harro Ball, Capt. Ball,
8th of Jan. 1861, to Cousin Robert Beal.
Of arrive at our journeys, and about sun-
set the same day, we find the country in
many places very poor, with much sand &
white timber. We repair for awhile after
Christmas visiting the neighbors & till
January 7th, 1864 at which time brother E
Eason returns from Contra & writes to me
that he brings us unfavourable news from
M.S. We conclude to return to M.S., immedi-
ately. Saturday, Jan. 12th, my lady, myself
father, & Helena a colored girl from
Jefferson Co., for M.S., we arrived safely
at Cousin R's the same day & on receiving
another letter from Louisiana that my
mother is extremely ill we leave cousin R.
1 1/2 o'clock & arrive at Augusta about
day light we are there detained until
7 o'clock at which time we take
S.C. train for the North, while in Augusta
my lady & myself attend a M.E. church & hea
ten sermons in the evening of the same
day a Negro procession passed the hotel at
which I was put up on its way to a negro
burial, the procession being composed of all
one thousand negroes from dressed & looked
tenantry. We leave Augusta at the above
time & passing through Columbus
S.C. we were solicited by several of a
fellow in honour of S.C. secession, the people in the
South at this time are much excited on the
question of our return & the
Washington S.C. 9 o'clock & arrived at
7 o'clock Jan. 18th, we return to
South & returning we spent a
very pleasant time as well as enjoying the society.
of the county, we have met with no rain. Now in the south but on our arrival home on the 17th, we find the ground covered with snow on the same day a considerable snow falls. We find my mother recovering but in a very bad state of mind, yet sensible. March 18th, 1861.

Our winter past has been moderate but we had some very cold weather. On the 6th Inst. I contracted for the farm owned by Mr. M. B. Rideout. I was much disappointed in the breaking the contract.

On the 8th Inst. brother J. F., Cason & Miss Parks arrived here from Ga. leaving our friends in that State well on the 12th, they with sister M. M. Cason & her baby left M. D. for the State of Ga. Some time in February C. M. C. C. H. Van Buren & Sarah E. Stovall returned to M. D. much pleased with their trip.

I am yet without a form having been several times deceived by insignificant & deceitful men. At this time the prospects for a crop of what in the country is very good except in some places where the dry is very bad. So does 1861 snow is falling rapidly. May God bless her & give her peace of mind & body. My mother is still improving in her mind & body. May God bless her & give her peace of mind & body. May God bless her & give her peace of mind & body. May God bless her & give her peace of mind & body. May God bless her & give her peace of mind & body.
April 20th, 1861. I may here note the death of Sister Furl. She was crossing Bennets creek to day in company with her son William & when nearly over fell with her head in the water (near the bottom of the bridge on which she crossed) & was either drowned or killed by the fall.

Wednesday April 21st. Her remains were to day buried at Poplar Chapel.

I commenced teaching School to day.

April 22nd, 1861. Fort Sumter, S.C. was surrendered by Maj. Anderson to Gen. Beauregard, commander of forces of the Confederate States, our country, is in all excitement at this time.

Saturday, Apr. 23rd. Wilkesville. Hochliss to day, died of scurvy.

April 24th, 1861. To day while some Government troops were passing through Baltimore City, Md. (on their way to Washington D.C.) a crowd of persons collected in the streets, and a riot was commenced by some Irish & Dutch workmen in which several citizens & some of the Government troops were killed or wounded.

May 10th, 1861. On the evening of the 11th, 1861, the Camp Jackson, Missouri having taken possession of by Government troops a riot ensued in which several citizens & government soldiers were killed & many more wounded.

Saturday, July 16th, 1861. The war between the Northern & Southern sections of the United States has been on an alarming height, the excitement & feelings on both sides, are insuperable. Many good men have fallen on both sides & yet...
we see no ray of hope for peace. Congress having authorized 200,000 men & 800,000 more to prosecute the war & the Confederate States making all preparations for the war, we cannot conceive what the result may be.

I closed my term of one quarter as teacher of the Locust Grove school on yesterday.

The weather is still unsettled. Still trouble & griefs through imagination about what will come to pass in regard to the family. May God who rules over all comfort her heart speedily.

Our country is tolerably healthful at present. Whether moderately warm, whether harvest is over there is a tolerable yield but hardly an average crop will be reaped.

July 22, 1861 A battle was fought yesterday between the Federal forces under General McClellan & the Confederates under General Beauregard at a place called Bull Run a few miles from Manassas Junction. The battle, resulting in a great victory for the Confederates, fifteen thousand Federalists killed & wounded & fifteen hundred of the Confederates according to Mr. Reeder's statement who was in the battle.

October the 28th 1861 Since the Battle of Bull Run there has been much fighting between the state troops of Missouri & Kentucky and the Government troops. The General Lyans (Federal) was killed in a battle some time since. Col. Muligan was forced to surrender to the Confederates under Gen. Price at Lexington, Mo. Since Lyans death the Federals have lost much & gained nothing in Mo. There has been considerable fighting on water too in the last month or so.
resulting in no material advantage to either party, the federal forces under Gen. Butler took a small post or battery on New Island on the coast of S. Carolina. There has been considerable skirmishing along the Potomac from Washington City to Harper's Ferry, particularly near the chain bridge. A sharp fight took place on Monday the 21st, between the Potomac & Leesburg, in which the federal forces were driven back & into the P. River, some seventy-five or a hundred were drowned (as stated by one of the federal commanders) & many others killed, which, to show that the Confederates' aim was principally at the officers, both the federal & Confederates made use of their muskets in playing the Yankee in order to destroy his officers, in which the Confederates greatly excelled. Balcony ascends the occupying of elevated position to making signs to their comrades one becomes common. The Federals now occupy the top of Sugarloaf Mountain, have erected an observatory some 35 feet higher to summit.

I remained at my father's & Fatherland's together; since I stopped school at Locust Grove, working at my Fatherlains farm most of my time & the same Monday and Tuesday, until Thursday & Friday the 21st & 22nd of Oct. 1861 at which time I moved with my Dear Mother to this place (Hyattstown) Montgomery Co. Md. & now occupy a house here, owned by George W. My brother was still in a bad state of mind & giving away to trouble because she has been so long delayed by the Children. God of mercy, bless & save her as he has been an affectionate tender of
and kind a mother as the world ever knew.

I am that my God would smile graciously
upon & bless her & comfort her troubled heart.
Our country is tolerable healthy at this
time though the byphord fever is prevalent
in some places—Thanks the Lord my
Mollie & I have been blessed with very
good health for some time,

I commenced teaching school at Locust
Grove school this morning. Had but five
scholars the patrons not knowing that school
was to commence to day the 28th Oct. 1861—
I still feel by the blessing of God that
I must till the ground as I consider it
the happiest & most independant life that
I can live (that is to be a farmer)
I contracted with my Father-in-law for
62 acres of land & made arrangements to
seed a fall crop & went so far as to survey the
land, & he then refused to let me have it.
I yet live in hope through the grace of God
of being able to call some spot of ground
my own where I & my loved one may live in
peace & independant of fickle minded men.
May the Lord bless & prosper me fill my
heart with his love & lead me in the path
of truth & true holiness & comfort the heart
of my Mollie who is seeking the evidence
of her acceptance with her God.

Nov 27th 1861, My spiritual sun is still bright
though this day has been dark, blustering, &
the rain has been falling incessantly. We kindle
our first fire (when we commenced housekeeping)
in last Friday with matches presented to us by my
Father-in-law and pine lighthood which I brought

from the State of Georgia, I arose on Saturday (Oct. 21st) morning, held family prayer, urged the Lord to go with Mollie & I through life & bless us & protect us & eventually save us in Heaven, with all for whom we should pray, is my prayer.

January 1st, 1862. My dear Mollie, I have just returned from a visit at my father's & sister-in-law's, at which places we have been stopping since Dec. 24th, 1861. Thank God we are safe. Our health is very good at present. My mother, dear mother, sits to get about with some little better.

The weather has been unusually warm and pleasant for this season of the year.

The war between the two sections of our country is still in progress, yet nothing much is doing by either party. The Confederates are more active on the defensive, while the Government is preparing to fight or rather spending huge sums of money.

Colonel Baker, from Gen. Stone's division (which is stationed near Fredericksburg) crossed the Potomac some time ago with a regiment or so of men, with the intention of going to Leesburg in Va., but was killed at a place called Battle's Bluff. His men were driven back into the river, with great loss. Many were killed, wounded, or drowned, yet some swam the river and escaped.

General Scott (commander-in-chief of the Union forces) resigned sometime since, and the command fell on Gen. McClellan.
England then demanded the prisoners who were very soon given up for fear of England's raising the Southern blockade. Jan. 13-1862 the weather has been very cold. There is some snow on the ground which is covered with a crust of ice. There has been some sleighing since the last week. We have had some cold weather. On the 12th the Mount Vernon church was dedicated by the Rev. Chapman. The weather was clear but the evening was exceedingly warm and fine. I was not at the dedication. Yesterday we were much surprised by the arrival of Gen'l. Philips, one who has been in the Confederate service since the beginning of the war, as he states he was taken prisoner (by the Federals) while on reconnoitering expedition (about the 16th of Dec.) and was taken to Washington where he took the oath of allegiance to the Government. The news came much to the joy and surprise of his friends. This statement is that the Confederates have plenty of provisions, salt, men, powder, guns, clothing &c. That they are waiting for the Federals to come. He says Beauregard has 75,000 men at Manassas. 1862. Jan. 27th; yesterday we had fine weather for the first time for a week or so. The news in the papers is that a battle took place on Sunday Jan. 19, 1862, at Somersett Fork, Co. It is between (about) 8000 Confederates under Gen. Zollicoffer & about the same number of Federals under Gen. Schoepf, in which Gen. Zollicoffe was mortally wounded & his forces routed. 115 killed & 116 wounded. The Federals had 39 killed & 150 wounded.
March 13, 1862, My mother was over 70

We have not long since I stayed with us some two weeks. She seems to get but little better.

We have had some very wet weather & the roads have been in a dreadful condition.

March 14, 1862, For several days I have not been very well but I am now blessed with good health.

On Saturday morning March 22, 1862. My dear Millie was much complaining, but it so turned as not to be unnatural as on the evening of the same day (March 22, 1862)

about 10 minutes before twelve o'clock she brought forth a fine son whom we call

Robert Edgar. May the Lord bless him and thank the Lord. She & her infant are now

living as well as could be expected.

April 8, 1862. The weather has been very good for some time but on yesterday evening it commenced snowing & raining. In the morning the snow was about four inches deep and continued to snow and rain during the day.

On the 9th I had the pleasure of meeting with my old friend Capt. Linn. He informed me that there was but two of his regiments then having about 800 men each & the 8th Regt. of 375 men including himself that were engaged in the fight at Mill's Bluff. The Federals lost from 5 to 10 thousand.

They took prisoners from 7 different regiments & 220 prisoners after the battle was over. They returned without firing a gun. The two sections of our country are still engaged in the bloody strife.
April 9th, 1862, 6 O'clock P.M. The weather has assumed the appearance of midwinter. It is now snowing very fast, & had been either snowing or sleet during the day. April 10th, snow stopped falling. This morning about 6 O'clock, when the clouds disappeared, the day has been clear & bright.

April 15th, 1862, Dr. Black more ease in our parson's neighborhood. A week ago he stayed some time, all are as well as could be expected. We have done most of our gardening. We plowed my lot of corn on the 15th, & finished about 10 O'clock at night. June 17th, I stopped teaching at 8, 1/2 by July 28th, 1862. We went to my parents on the 1st, commenced cutting wheat on the next day. 26th, Mrs. Maxwell was taken sick with bilious fever and in a week or two appeared to be getting well when he was taken with a relapse & on the 2nd died aged 7 yrs. 9 mos. 35 days. Although just thinking into youth & a most interesting day. It pleased God to take him from earth to be with him in Heaven. I wish to meet him there. He leaves many aching hearts.

We returned home on the 26th accompanied by Mr. & Mrs. Maxwell. Monday July 28th, Mr. & Mrs. Maxwell returned today. We had the pleasure of meeting with Rev. Wilson (yesterday) at 11 O'clock. The man whom Gen. Banks held some time as prisoner, but could do nothing with. His story was quite amusing. There was an awful battle fought a few days ago near Richmond, Va. between the federal forces under Meade & the Confederates under Gen. Lee, in which the federals were completely routed. Many thousands killed & wounded. It is known as the seven days fight before Richmond. August 28th, 1862. I commenced teaching to day.

Saturday, Sept. 6th, 1862. There was a severe battle fought.
Some days ago Mr. Calipser R. A. in which Gen. Poo: army s[ettled] severely being driven back to Washington leaving thousands of his dead on the field. The Confederate army under Gen'l. Hill, Jackson & Lee commenced crossing the Potomac into Va. the day before yesterday evening they then proceeded to Frederick taking possession of Strasburg junction N. Sept 7th a portion of the Confederate army is now between this place (Hyattstown) & Urbanna but it is called to see us this evening from whom I learn the Gen'l. M. Casar's family is well that Bro. A. H. was not in the army when heard from Monday Sept. 8th The Confederates now hold Hyattstown Bro. B. H. Mayneill came over on Saturday evening. The Rebels as the government troops call the Confederates sent a scouting party over the long hill north of this place yesterday but meeting with no opposition they return the Yankee pickets (as they are called) made their appearance on Longhill yesterday evening. Bro. L. M. returned to Longhill 8 o'clock yesterday evening. Bro. L. H. Ball came over yester day evening to go to school this morning, we went to the school house but having but three scholars we returned.

This evening two companies of the Yankee cavalry made a dash through town, they were on the hill near McLean's fire a few shots, lost a horse os 808 returned Wednesday Sept 10th 1862. The Rebels are again back in town this evening they threw a number of shells from the hills north of town on Longhill during the Yankee pickets out of sight. A scouting party of Rebels went on long hill at a short time returned again firing Maryland's flag on their flag which was quite to the frightened inhabitants caused by the screaming shells. Roving over town a few hours before but no damage was done Thursday Sept 11th Last night was very quiet, this morning the Yankee pickets again made their appearance 8 in a corps. About 10 or 15 guns were planted on Long hill by the Yankees, they then threw a number of shells over town.
suppose intending to drive the rebels from the woods north of town, about 9 a.m. about a company of yankees formed in line E & W some 600 or 700 yards long and started over town followed by a regiment of infantry which passed up the Washington road through town, then came another regiment passed onto the alley west of the main road & formed coming east & suppose supposing the rebels to drive their advance back at which time they could see them a little time but fortunately for us no rebels came, they then passed on north of town, as on the yankees army & with 15 destruction left, passed on in three columns the thousands passed on in three columns. By the thousands passed through continually. Since yesterday morning not a drop, nearly all the pumps in town have run out of clean water. I cannot yet.

Monday Sept. 15th, on last Thursday brother Dr. Thomas Ball left and went up to my father's. On Sunday morning (yesterday) Mr. A. Maxwell came over & informs us that L. H. Russell & S. Maxwell & J. Maxwell all left with the yankees on Sunday morning last. Mr. F. thanks me in dangerous place & says he can't come either. Charlie, Edgar & Martha went home with him on Saturday evening. On yesterday the yankees & rebels were fighting between Frederick & Middle town. I heard the guns very plainly. It is called the battle of South Mountain in which neither party can claim a victory, the rebels however fell back last night towards middle town. Tuesday Sept. 16th. I went over to Mr. Maxwell's yesterday morning & returned this evening. Mr. Maxwell & J. Martin went as far as Elizabethtown to Rappahannock on Sunday in Monday morning & got into the yankees lines & arrived home yesterday. Say that the weather is all right.
foot, Jimmy & John went on base work of whom they have nothing since they left. When I arrived home this evening I found that the Yankees had killed my hog stolen all our peaches some sweet potatoes, tomatoes, beets, carrots, cantaloupe & garden pepper. They scratched out & carried off about 8 lb. of my best Irish potatoes left the small ones hanging to the vines. & scattered over the ground. They certainly are the most wicked & accursed set of men in the civilized world, although they have a abundance of provisions they kill the citizen's horses, cows, sheep, cattle, steal chickens & horses & in fact nearly every thing they can lay their hands on. While the Rebels as they call them will scarcely take an apple from a man's orchard without asking or paying for it. As soon as the bill is true the difference in the mood of the people will be felt & there will be peace on this continent.

Saturday, Sept. 20. & I have been at home since Sunday. Alone, our village has been lined with stragglers all this week, who are stealing & destroying as they pass on some loot & are passing to Canada coming towards the field of slaughter.

The heaviest battle that has taken place during the war called the battle of Antietam which exceeded in extent of the forces engaged, and in destruction of human life all that have occurred on this continent. The battle commenced at seven o'clock on Wednesday morning the 17th inst. & lasted until dark or about 11 o'clock, in which the federal loss was estimated at ten thousand killed & wounded & over a thousand prisoners were made. The confederates (as stated) will not exceed it. The battle fought in Antietam creek, in around Sharpsburg Wash. on Coram. The federals at first were forced back to General Jackson in last Monday the 18th, three hundred & eighty men captured by the Rebels were eleven thousand harnessed and eighty three, forty seven pieces of artillery, quality, small arms, several hundred negroes & quantities of provision etc.
Monday, Sept. 22nd. I have had no school now for two weeks on account of troops in the neighborhood. Last Thursday I saw a man who had been a soldier, and heard some more stories. He said the Yankees were still passing the road, and the ambulances were seen. The people are very much in fear of war and trouble.

Saturday, Oct. 14th, 1862. I stopped school on last Wednesday and went down to S. Engles farm (below Harpersburg, which I have rented) & fed some 85 lbs. of hay & 4½ lbs. of meal to the 10 cattle. I returned this evening. Strangers are still about the place. I met a gentleman & two negroes last night.

I commenced school on Monday last. I laughed till yesterday when I went to Rockville and got exempt from draft. After the Battle of Malvern Hills the rebels moved south of the Potomac River, in Winchester Va., and which place they now occupy. The Yankees are in the North side of the river. I don't think they will remain there.

Saturday, Oct. 18th, 1862. On last Sunday morning we were greatly surprised to hear the cavalry passing through this place. It appears that on Thursday night, the 9th, some two or three regiments of Confederate cavalry under Gen. Stuart crossed the Potomac near Harpersburg & Chambersburg in Franklin Co., Pa., & remained in Chambersburg until Saturday morning. I went out & called. They passed through Emmitsburg, where they remained in Chambersburg.
Whites Ferry, at which place they crossed into Va. They bought from Pat, some 1500 fine horses, a great quantity of clothing & dry goods, some $10,000, provisions, prisoners, destroyed a magazine at Chambersburg, & a good deal other Government stores, returned to Virginia, & only lost some 3 or 4 men. This is considered one of the greatest achievements of ancient or modern times. They had some 6 pieces of artillery, one of which was used in shelling over this place on the 10th ult. They crossed the Potomac into Va. on last Sunday Morning about 8 o'clock, completing their March from Chambersburg a distance of 90 miles in 24 hours.

I received a letter from sister M. J. Casen in Va., on the 1st, written the first since March of 1861.

I found a shell today on long hill which the Rebels threw from the Yankeex on the 10th ult. It had buried itself about 2 feet in the ground. Mr. & Mrs. Maxwell arrived here this evening. They lay all in the house. I have not heard from S. J. Bell or P. J. Maxwell since.

Oct. 25th 1862. Mr. & Mrs. Maxwell returned this evening. The same day there were a great many ambulances & wagons going up the road, some time this morn. Some boys pretending to be a confederate caused Mr. Rodes & Coulton Wolf to be arrested & sent to Harper's Ferry. He has completed one year that I have lived here. I now acknowledge the Lord's blessings & protection since we have been here, let Lucy & King come home this evening. They left all well at Fortress. This summer & fall has been warm, dry, & on the 20th before last
On the 1st Nov., a protracted meeting was to have commenced at this place on last Sunday morning, but on account of rain during Sunday evening the meeting had not commenced until Tuesday evening last, and has continued each evening since that time.

The girls returned on Tuesday evening, looking disappointed at the meetings not going on. The weather has been quite fine since the rain.

Nov. 10th 1862. Our health is very good I trust. Praise the Lord for his many mercies. Snow commenced falling on last Friday morning (Nov. 7th) about nine o'clock and continued during the day without intermission until about 9 P.M. in the evening of the same day when the clouds passed away and the moon shown with brightness upon the country which had every appearance of midwinter, the snow was then about 3 inches deep. Sammie Maxwel having come over our last Friday morning after us to attend a quarterly meeting at Redditch Chapel we went over in the evening of the same day, staying the snow began to fall about 9 P.M. It continued and not commence until yesterday morning, an amount of the snow (2 inches) we had but a small congregation.

This place closed on to night one week ago having no converts except a few.

Our Sale was baptised on last Saturday evening (Nov. 8th 1862) by Rev. Stevenson preacher in sundial circuit. We called him Robert Edgar, May the Lord make him a man after his own heart, and to blessed us.

1863 January the 16th. I have neglected for some time consecutively cannot recollect dates as well as many others.
I think it was on the 23 Nov list that a part of confederate cavalry came to Pulaski. They surprised & captured a number of yanks, carried off & destroyed a quantity of Government stores. P. J. Maxwell & C. R. M. were living with the confederate at which time I have heard. That Tommy captured a splendid saddle, sword, & a pair of shoes. During the same day, at night, two or three men disguised as the confederate went to Urbanna & took Thomas Smith & D. young, captured prisoners. [Miswritten] Smith escaping Harris was shot & if he gets well, will recapture. I had intended going to Urbanna next Monday, as it was the only way I could return home.

In the 22 days of Dec, 46, I closed school at Locust Grove having taught there some 2 months. On the 23rd, I left home and went over to Mr. Maxwell's father's, returned on the 21st.

On the 6th of January 46 3, we left Locust Grove about 12 o'clock 10 above experiencing a very rainy cold evening as we arrived on the farm. I had written a little before sundown to Dr. B. Hughes, lying about 3 miles S. E. of Clarksville, at Montgomery Co., Va., I had hired Tobias Brown to work for me for four dollars per month. I commenced work that day, we moved it.

We find the farm in a dilapidated condition. Buildings leaky & turning black for want of lime, fences down & rotten, bears & hogs coming up over it. Yet we are all blessed with good health praise the Lord. Sometime that I can note that the war is still in progress, there was an awful battle fought at Fredericksburg on Dec. 29th, in which the confederates were dreadfully whipped, not long since Winter Caroling came to Pulaski.
second Jim. I destroyed the Government stock
here. The weather has been very pleasant and
mild during most of the fall and winter. Before
January 24, 1863, the weather has been wet & cold.
Most of the time since we left Byotttown until a
few days past, today it is quite warm & the
ground being fit to plough, I commenced today to
break corn ground & at being the first ground I ever broke for myself.
the Lord bless my effort, I now begin to feel like
I am at home, having my little stock around me,
my little family to care for & the soil to cultivate.
I feel that I am at that business which I love &
which I expect to follow (farming).
February 1st, 1863. I continued to plough on last
Monday, Tuesday, both snows commenced falling, just before
low on Wednesday morning & it danced incessantly
until Thursday morning after sun rose & probably
would have been 18 in. or two feet deep had it not
melted very fast.
February 7th, 1863, (Saturday) During most of the week the
weather has been very cold, on last Tuesday morning some
snow fell in the evening it turned extremely cold &
windy, on Thursday snow & rain fell incessantly. It today
was a fine clear day but the ground is frozen very
hard, therefore I suppose I shall not be able to plough
any more for some time. (We all enjoy the great
blessing of good health, thank for the Lord."
"There needs not to be much doing in our matters
in the moments; but nearly everyone Congress
passes some law offensive to the people.
Saturday, February 21st, 1863 Last Tuesday was like a
spring day in summer & Commenced pounding
rain, after dinner it commenced snowing very fast &
continued with all night but I continued to plough
all night, same day (being Thursday) my flock
which was increased by one lamb, me two more.
Thursday morning the snow was thick on the ground. I ploughed until the middle of the day, when the snow melted & the ground became too wet, I gave up ploughing. Most of the day, I did my work on my farm & read Davy's works. Friday evening I commenced ploughing again. The snow melted & the ground became too wet, I gave up ploughing. Most of the day, I did my work on my farm & read Davy's works. Feb. the 21st 1863. Last Monday was a very fine, warm day & of course I was ploughing all day. Tuesday morning snow commenced falling about 5 o'clock & continued until 3 in the evening lying about 2 in. deep. Some day (Tuesday) Mr. Jacob Miller died after a short illness, he was one of our near neighbors & very old. Wednesday & Thursday snow continued falling & made very fast, Friday I went to the Miller mill with 2 bbls of corn & found it ground into meal to day the ground is nearly fit to plough again. Monday Feb 25th yesterday morning at sunrise there was considerable snow on the ground & snow continued to fall until 7 or 8 o'clock in the evening, the weather became extremely cold. It was snowing & melted slenderly so it is about 6 in. deep. Last Thursday my spotted cow died. Two families one of them were near dying quietly but has reused. Feb. 28th 1863. On last Wednesday the snow melted very fast in the afternoon I took sis & Mary to fathers farm where I had been staying with us ever since we moved here. I found them all well in Bed & Co. except my poor brother who still grines himself very much. May the Lord help them. I returned yesterday. To find May with one all safe under the protection of the last night my spotted cow died having two heifers one of which was nearly dead with cold on last sunday, but by proper care, they are now both fine lambs. The snow is not all gone yet.
March 5th, 1863. On last Monday I went up to father's to help him thresh grain. The weather proving bad, I did not get back until yesterday evening, & when I arrived found four of our dear neighbors visiting us, viz. Mr. & Mrs. Printum & Mrs. & Mrs. Dent. Found all well.

On last Monday I again hired one workman (colored girl) from Mrs. Smith (our master) at 60 cts. per month to commence from the 1st of February, 1863.

Rain has been falling nearly all day today, yesterday one of Guelph's once had a fine lamb.

Mar. 12th 1863. We have had real march weather during the week; Oploughed half day yesterday, but the ground this morning was too wet.

Monday Mar. 18th. Sunday morning Mass & I walked down to the Presbyterian church on the Washington road & heard Rev. Henderson preach a very good sermon. In the morning I found that my dog Caesar was very sick, or apparently nearly dead, he was taken with a severe something on Saturday night, he has worse & worse until last night he died. As yesterday evening my other dog Major refused to eat & today about 12 o'clock died, being affected precisely like the other. My belief is that some dangerous poison. Them, they both suffered excessively, May the demon get what he deserves! yesterday evening & last night I had a severe chill & fever.

This evening one of my cows had a fine lamb.

Mar. 21st. Most of the week has been changeable & bad weather, Oploughed yesterday evening, this morning the ground was frozen quite hard & snow & rain had been falling during the day. We have two more lambs since I was there.
On (last) Monday evening Mr. Geo. White
was down to 1:30 o'clock with
him for my agent at Huddleston.
I arrived on Wednesday at the
Mayes' home on the way to Brookville on a
manifest of mercy as he terms it.
I got back from Brookville about
6 o'clock this evening.

Tuesday March 31st 1863
This morning 4 o'clock. Wind from S.D.
and has been blowing hard all day.

Wednesday 2 o'clock, April 1st, 1863.

Thursday 3 o'clock, April 2nd.

Friday April 3rd, 1863.

Saturday the 4th, 1863.

Sunday the 5th, 1863.

Mr. and Mrs. J. E. White.

Monday the 6th, 1863.

Tuesday the 7th, 1863.

Wednesday the 8th, 1863.

Thursday the 9th, 1863.

Friday the 10th, 1863.

Saturday the 11th, 1863.
waited untill last Thursday, yesterday evening I went to father's I arrived home to night about 10 o'clock, on last wednesday I lost one of my last pigs, disease not known April 17th 1863, on last monday I sowed 14 of my shotes, two were heavy with pigs one of those have since died 3 on tuesday evening the 14 th first, I planted some potatoe it about might sowed about 5 of my second Tobacco fild but have not been able to do any thing at it since the ground being too wet wednesday it rained greatly all day, to day saturday I sanded some onions, and red and green although the ground was very wet, Monday Apr 20th last evening I was over to the school house & sawed Rev Jones (Pleth) preach, this morning I commenced sowing oats although the ground was very wet, but before we got sowed a brush, the rain hindered down & stopped us, Monday Apr 27th 1863, On last wednesday I continued sowing oats again, Thursday & Friday rain was falling all day a general Complete among the people in this town the buds of the season back trees are beginning to bloom, some buds are beginning to swell, to day has been bright & warm I sowed 1 peck of flax seed to day only some oats last night I washed in winter weather — Thursday Apr 30th I finished sowing oats yesterday having sowed 10 acres the ground was very wet yet I have broken but about 8 acres for tillage commenced planting this evening but the rain stopped us, my smallest ewe has a fine lamb — last Sunday morning I have nine lambs.
another of my pigs is dead, know not what killed it, Saturday, May the 2nd, 1863.

Wednesday, May 6th, early morning, I started to Harper's Ferry but got me off all. I started to Harper's Ferry but got me off all. I started to Harper's Ferry but got me off all. I started to Harper's Ferry but got me off all. I started to Harper's Ferry but got me off all.

Wednesday, May the 6th, I finished my tobacco seed, but before I could finish it the rain started and I

Monday, May the 18th, I commenced planting corn on the field. It is today, finished the piece of about 7 acres, I have got about 11 acres to plant for corn. There was on last Saturday, & Sunday, a week a very severe battle fought between the Federal army & the confederates near Frederickstown, Md; they are still fighting each other. I see no signs of peace. Since May 2nd there has been no rain now since April 30th, & the ground has become dry and hard, I have planted but 5 acres so far & have some 4 or 5 acres yet to be planted. I am finishing planting corn generally. On last Saturday Mr. & Mrs. Maxwell came down to see us & returned on Monday, another pig is dead.
June 18 1863, I commenced planting corn on last Saturday. The 30th of May I on Monday June 1st finished about 80 acres of one. The weather being warm and the ground dry, most persons are done planting. Mr. Maxwell came down last Saturday and returned on Monday. all my pigs are dead except one, there was a slight sprinkle of rain last night.

June 17 1863, I commenced planting a piece of corn (of about 3 acres) on Saturday last & finished it today, no rain yet today. Has been very cool for the last week, on Saturdays and Wednesdays with him they returned. Mr. Howard Allen left this morning for Va, he turned out to be a confederate soldier whom the Yankees had taken prisoner but made their escape at Eilot's Mills, been the second time he has escaped from them, he is Third Ltent. in comp. Co. 7th reg. R. C. A. Volunteers.

June 20 1863, Sis Eliza & Mother & Holland came down on last Saturday, some day before went to his father's, yesterday evening one of the stills was found with 70 bush. drawn to one side, this morning it died, the weather has become exceedingly dry, some of my corn is not off yet that has been planted two or three weeks. A good deal is clear up by the corn.

June 24 1863 on last Tuesday morning (June 16 1863) Mallory was taken sick & at 9 o'clock (shortly after) brought home where we call Mr. Wesley.
her bale are now doing well, Mother & I is returned on the 13th of May, on last Friday, Mr. Maxwell came down & returned Monday. On last Friday & Saturday, we had some rain. The first the past the ground since the 13 of May. On last Friday & Saturday, I planted about 7,000 tobacco plants.

Friday, June 26th. On last Tuesday & Wednesday, I planted a large potato field. Just as we planted it, the rain started. Today, we planted it. There having been considerable rain fell last night & today. On last Sunday, my father came down & returned on Monday. Mollie & her husband are doing well. She is now out of bed. July 1st, 1863. The weather has been very nice & wet. On Tuesday, last (July 1st) I do my first plowing of corn, though 10 acres not harvested yet. 2 out of 4 shocks of my ridge my best is harmed. Generally, the worm have cut about 50% of my tobacco plants. The bore all had bad colds in the last few days except Mollie. She is her usual self, doing well. My pigs are all dead long since. One of my killing hogs is sick. The Confederate army have been in the S. Pa. for a week or more, but where they are now I do not know.

July 22, 1863, on Monday, last I planted 500 tobacco plants, have planted some 75 times, the weather has been exceedingly wet for some time. Today we had a very heavy rain. It is reported that the Confederate army in the S. Pa. have moved their picket lines.
reputed that Petersburg surrendered to the
Yankees on the 14th.

Only the 21st, 1865, yesterday evening 3
finished ploughing my corn in the
 graveyard field for the first time (some
of it is as high as my head). The orchard field
has not been thinned or ploughed yet. But
I commenced on it today. I tried to harrow
it but it was too large. The harvest
would break it up. There has been but
very little weather fit for ploughing since
the rainy weather set in near the last of
June last.

August 26, 1865. The health of my family is very
good & present. we finished thinning corn on wed-
nesday the 29th. I will finish ploughing corn for
the first time this morning, we have cut some
oats, I have hound some Tobacco the last of which is
very grassy. Gen. Lee's army has crossed the Pamun-hee.

Confederate Meade's official report says in the
Gettysburg battle the lost 7 prisoners except
stragglers who were worn out, in his retreat to
Va. he lost two cannon the horses which drew
them having excoured. The draft under the
enlistment act is soon to take place.

Yesterday & day before the weather was very warm.
Monday Aug. 17th 1865, I went out to
plough my corn in the graveyard field
in half widow day. The 12th & 13th past
at too large & thick so commenced in the
other field & finished it today, on last
Friday evening Mr. & Mrs. MacDonald came to
see us & spent the night. Today, father's friend
which 3 have been had a fine calf on
cast Thursday. The official
August 31st, 1863. The weather has been very dry and hot. Our wood-cutting at the
Elder Grove School House is now in progress.
There was one mourner last night. Mrs. Mar-
well  & Mrs. Elizabeth came down on Saturday.
Last, Mr. Maxwell returned this morning,
before he left he handed me a letter which
my Martin received on Thursday last. He 27th
from brother A. P. Eaton informing us of the
death of my beloved sister, Mary Margaret
who departed this life on the morning of the 5th of
May 1863, of inflammation of the stomach after an
illness of ten days. Dearest sister thou hast
left us, O' whether art thou gone? Then
who didst weep for joy at my first steps
when Jesus had delivered thee from the
jaws of temporal death, whose affection
for me as a brother can never be told.
whether at those gone? O' bless the name
of Jesus, that (Jesus who purchased salvation
for thee & me) that living O' may glorify his own
who has pardoned The & taken thee to himself,
and dying O' may meet The & enjoy his presence
with The, you will loved one that not for
ever, O' praise the Lord O' have a hope of
meeting The in glory. The Lord keep me
faithful that we may meet never to part again.
Sister leaves three interesting children, Arthur,
Ella & Bud (last name), Arthur & Ella are twins &
both four years old last month, Bud was about two
years old last month (July 1863) Sister was twenty-three
years, eight months & twenty two days old when the
Brother Eaton informs us that Mount cason was
wounded at the battle of Gettysburg & left.
The letter was mailed at Old Point Comfort 2, on
Wednesday, Sept. 11th, 1863. The weather is still very dry. On last Friday Mr. Maxwell came down, the next morning he took his Dagie, Mollie & my boys to Fredericksboro. So that this week I have been alone except Tobias & Martha. Tomorrow I expect to go to Fredericksboro. Tomorrow a protracted meeting commences at Clarksville. Our meeting at Cedar Grove closed on last Wednesday 2 weeks. We have heard considerable rain puddling yesterday & today. Most of my tobacco is very heavy, I have not cut much yet but it is ripening very fast. Monday Sept. 28th 1863, on the 28th I went to Fredericksboro and on Monday the 14th I returned with my boys & Mollie, and Mr. Maxwell came down with us to go to school. The committee on the 21st inst. on Tuesday night the 27th inst. Mr. Maxwell, Eleazer Thomas & some others came to Ubeda & returned on the 28th inst. on Wednesday morning the 29th inst. we had considerable frost that done no damage there. The evening before I went to Fredericksboro & helped split the thistles & go until Friday when I returned, I have not finished housing my tobacco yet but have the most of it cut. The revival at Clarksville is still in progress. According to the papers the Yankee General Rosecrans has been badly whipped in N. W. Georgia by Gen. Bragg. Monday Oct. 17th 1863, Mr. & Mrs. Maxwell left for Fredericksboro. This evening they came down on Saturday last, I have nearly finished cutting off corn the frost has killed but very little of it, notwithstanding we had considerable frost on the 23rd. of Oct. & 25th. of Oct. I commenced seeding wheat this evening but the ground was quite wet. We had a Sabbath school festival at Cedar Grove on the 10th inst.
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Oct. 20th I finished seeding wheat this evening. Oct. 23rd I seeded my rye yesterday. Oct. 24th I finished setting tobacco today. Oct. 27th the weather has been quite warm while yesterday when it became quite cold & frosty. Monday, Nov. 4th, I lost Saturday, October 30th, comes down. I intend planting beets. I have nearly finished gathering my potatoes the turn out pretty. I made a confirmation at ploughing for corn this evening.

Saturday, Nov. 7th. On Thursday last I went to Georgetown to market. Returned yesterday while the wind blew very hard. Praise God our brother Monday, Nov. 9th 1863. We had a slight snow storm this morning for the first but in the evening it bright & clear.

Sunday, Nov. 10th. We had a cold night last night. A miserable snow storm passed over last night. This morning the ground is white with snow.

Nov. 25th 1863. On Friday the 13th I went to Frederick Co. with Mr. Driscoll. On Saturday the 14th, I came home & brought my colt (Bollie) home from Mr. Maxwell.

On Monday the 28th I commenced teaching school at Cedar Grove Schoolhouse. On Tuesday the 29th, Father took his sheep & cattle home, he gave me three sheep for pasturing this summer.

On Thursday the 1st I went out to Damascus & bought a pair of small oxen & new, from Mr. W. H. Miller.

giving me five for fifty seven dollars & fifty cents for them. I have ploughed but very little yet & have no corn in.
Dec. 19th 1863

On day before yesterday Thursday, 7 butchers and four hogs after having them up one month we had a very disagreeable day of it, raining & freezing nearly all day, they were quite far average and 360 lbs.

On yesterday a week most delightful Thursday as usual, having breakfast at Mr. Caperton's house, met Mr. and Mrs. F.N. Weeks there with children. I had dinner with Mr. and Mrs. described riding after the event of which I had no idea. Mr. Tyler returned home from the Great Salt Lake mission and cut off his horse to return from the mission. I am surprised to see that it is now so chilly. Mr. and Mrs. O.P. Baker came to dinner on the 7th and Mrs. Tyler quiet with the influenza. I lost my spout some time since, the weather has set in very cold today.

Jan. 7th 1864

On the 6th Dec. last Mr. Mallie and his two sons & Miss Maxwell & myself went to Lewis Co. & found our friends though the diptheria had taken off many of the neighbors they have escaped so far. We returned on Thursday following.

On Wednesday I went to Lewiston to meet the town Thursday was a very rainy day.

Friday Jan. 10, the weather set in very cold,

Tobacco from Mr. & Mrs. Peters came in. I had an interview with him on the holidaes

The last on Tuesday the 11th.

My livestock pigs after having been gone about 2 weeks returned yesterday except 2 pigs.

Yesterday snow fell to the depth of 6 or 7 in. Sister Maxwell & Holland Beal came down & Saturday last & commenced school yesterday. Mallie has been sick today.

Mar. 17th 1864

John Trout came down on the 2nd of Feb. & commenced work on the

Mar. 20th 1864
to work one year but on Sunday the 14th Feb.,
he left & has not been back since. So that I have
been without a hand since having sent
brother home on the 5th Dec. I succeeded
in getting my son in with the barn Feb. 17th.
I experienced some sickness seven days sickness
about two weeks ago. Father & Mother came
down on last Friday. The 28th. Father is still
here. Mother came down today. To take a
sick brother. He lost his money fully about a
week ago. Mr. Maxwell had a fine young
more stolen two weeks ago. The weather
being good in Feb., there was a good deal
ploughing done by the foreman but on
last Monday night & Tuesday snow fell
10 or 12 in depth. it is not gone all yet.
April 3rd, 1864. I stopped teaching school
at Cedar Grove on the 25th. In June, Maxwell,
Mollie Beall, Mollie, Myself & the children went
to Potters on the 26th. We, the day being rainy
very wind. On Wednesday the 28th. Miss. Beall,
Mollie Beall, Mollie, Myself & the children went
Neary all day. Thursday we came home. The
weather has been exceedingly wet since the first in
Snow fell all day on Saturday last. the 3rd
2new have 8 limbs all doing well, but the first
weather is very hard on them. Rain has been fall
ting incessantly. We have all had very deep
olds & are getting better. Edgar has suffered
with a gathering in his jaw for about two
it now appears to be coming to a head.
There appears no sign of peace in the country,
yet many are being killed by thousands and none
calling for more men. Brother D. W. Beall &
John G. Maxwell were well when we heard
from them about four weeks ago.
April 22, 1864. The weather has now become fine and I have about 10 acres yet to break for corn. On the 20th inst. Buck had a fine colt (Queen). On Tuesday the 19th inst. Hannah commenced work for me by the year at $3.00 per mo. I finished seeding corn on the 19th inst. I sowed about 18 bu. On the 20th & 21st inst. I planted about three bu. Peach blow potatoes.

Tuesday May the 10th 1864. I commenced planting corn on last Thursday. the 6th inst & planted 70 or 8 acres. Today I commenced planting again in the old orchard, have some 5 acres to break yet although a great many farmers are through. The weather has been very warm for the last 10 5 days. I now have 12 lams all doing well.

Thursday, May the 19th 1864, on yesterday a week ago I finished plantation corn in the old orchard & intended to plant the remainder of the graveyard field (which I had broken) on last Friday & Saturday but the rainy weather set in so I have just commenced it this evening. I finished shearing my sheep today. They now average about 5 lbs & 2 3 old 2 3 16 lams making in all 90 lbs. Mr. Nowell came down yesterday the 18th inst & brought down 2 3 2 3 2 3 16 lams. he returned this morning.

Monday May the 23rd 1864. I finished planting a piece of corn of about 6 or 7 acres. in the graveyard field. last Saturday morning the 21st inst. we had 5 acres to break yet. My tobacco plants are only large enough to plant out. I planted some watermelons, cantelopes, 3 squash & 3 watermelons.
Thursday April 26th 1864. On Monday last, I found none of my seed which leaves me but 2 lives in all. We commenced ploughing a piece of about 8 acres for corn yet. On Tuesday morning I started to Embertown, when I took down 22 bbls. of corn 63% 82.27 for 10 busha and $2.00 for beans, I returned yesterday and brought up one thousand loaves of bread next week while corn about 12500. Today has been very rainy.

Friday June the 3rd 1865. I finished planting my piece of corn of about 5 acres yesterday morning. I now have my tobacco ground all qualified pulsed down. We are now preparing tobacco ground. My plants are ready.

June 18th. I planted about ten thousand tobacco plants on the 1st & 2nd inst. Sowed some beans on the 10th inst. & some on the 15th inst.

planted late potatoes yesterday & today. I have ploughed most of my corn about once.

Friday July the 8th 1864. I commenced handing by the 12th June 1864 & finished yesterday.

My wheat this year appears to be below last year. I have sowed 14 bbls. wheat raised 5 bbls. Sowad 8 bbls. Oye & raised 4 bbls. Plants 20 acres corn & raised about 5 bushels. Planted 8 bbls. potatoes & raised 2 bbls. Sowed white beans & raised 8 bbls. Sowed 14 bbls. flax & raised 1 bbl. seed. Sowed 11 bbls. oats & raised 10 or 15 bbls. Planted 14 thousand tobacco plants & raised about 1700 bbls. all told of the year 1864. We have had no rain of any sort since the 4th of June but the ground is plenty green. It has been very dry since then.
Tuesday July 12th 1864. The weather has become very dry no rain yet of much account, the
Confederates under Gen. Early came from Richmond
through the valley of D.s R. crossed the Potomac at Williams
town & proceeded to Hagerstown. Middle town & to Frederick City on last Thursday the 11th on
Saturday the 13th they drove the Yankees from the
junction of the railroad & passed on towards
Washington reaching Gaithersburg Sunday night
the 14th. On yesterday evening Monday we heard
hearing firing in the direction of Washington.

Thursday July the 15th 1864. Mr. S. B. Rayner
came down on the 13th. It appears that
a confederate caught the horses as they passed
through this taking from the farmer one two
sometimes six or seven times a very few escaped
from me & took Prince & Jack leaving
me but Churchill & shadow a golf Prince
was at Father's & the horse he borrowed from
me to work to his weapon. Yesterday we heard
that the rebels were crossing the Potomac again.

No rain yet to do any good or
at least to make a tobacco section.

Thursday July the 21st. yesterday four men
manifested came here. They pretended to want
water & went to the spring & swallowed food of cream insufficient to make three lbs of butter.

In last Saturday I found my old cow
with nine fine fags I suppose three days old.

On last Sunday uncle Harison &Watson
called to see me returned same day.

A slight rain having fallen last night
sufficient to wet the ground an inch I
planted 1200 Tobacco plants & 300 cabbage plants.

Only 47 of us had a very good rain on
Last Monday morning, the 24th, I visited the tobacco plants. Worked all day and finished planting my cabbage. The tobacco season coming so late I thought it best to sow in ground sufficient for 2,000 plants in each. Which I done yesterday. I 26th, Aug. Monday, I went back to the world having left R, 25th of June for harvest. Just returned now. My work is nearly done I suppose the crops will fail very much for want of rain.

On the 30th at 2:00 p.m. Grand Blew by one of the rebels for around Petersburg and thought the place but lost. Chose to leave the fort.

Our cow, we call Pink had a fine calf on the 19th of June we call it Heart.

Aug. 18th, Mr. Maxwell drove his sheep (39 in number) home Tuesday. Father drove his home today (25th in my house) and supper.

The 5th of March we met at the 5th Baptist meeting commenced at Clee-

Grove on last Sunday. It is still continued.

Saturday, 3rd, 24th, Miss Mary Maxwell & Lillian Shermaker (from George town, D.C.) was here & attended the meeting. I closed on the 1st. Edgar went up with Wath Maxwell and the 3rd at the Fort on the 3rd. We just got him home yesterday.

My tobacco having started to Balt., the 15th, I took Mollie & Johnnie to Mr. Maxwell's and last Sunday on Monday. I went to Baltimore for news and returned to Mr. Mayes on last Thursday. We all came home on yesterday evening. Ed Maxwell & Annie Boll & with us.

Monday, Oct. 3rd, 1864, Mr. Maxwell came on last Tuesday & helped me to make cider &
The shoat which Mrs. Maxwell gave us last fall and a few days ago, yesterday one of the lambs which I got from Mrs. Maxwell in trade died. Monday Oct. 27th 1864 on last Monday Mrs. Maxwell came down and brought my mother with him. Oh bless the Lord, that He has restored her to her rights. What a change for five years she has beenomented with imaginations of every kind when about two weeks ago a change took place and she is now restored to a peace of mind she is without now. I commenced seeing age on last Tuesday & expect to finish tomorrow, sound about 6. Two weeks ago from last night a very heavy frost fell which but frosts & cobwebs very badly gobing any tobacco was not better so badly as some cards. I filled one house out of it. when the post came Mollie and I went to uncle Martin Batson's.

Nov. 5th 1864. I commenced teaching school at Cedar Grove on last Monday the 5th ultimo. I went hunting last night & Colby had paj's in the woods. I thank God I shall call my pig Market.

Saturday November 12th 1864. This morning about one o'clock Mollie brought forth a fine daughter whom we call Ella. May the Lord remember & bless her. The doctor arrived a little before ten. Mollie & her baby are now doing well, we are up for her brother this evening.

Dec. 4th 1864. The health of my family is very good this time. on the 15th uncle Mrs. & Mrs. Maxwell & mother & Mollie Beall came down on.
Wednesday following Mr. Maxwell & I went to Georgetown with apples, chese &c on Feb 8
Sunday following I & Wesley Maxwell went out apple I finished getting out potatoes today
several more yesterday & today Mr.
Chat Burden a fine old gentleman is one of
our nearest neighbors died last Monday
evening.
Dec. 19th 1864 (Monday) On the 8th just I buried
my bogs & in granola weighing in all 10,000 lbs.
I traded one 100 for a quarter of beef.
On Friday night the 11th a considerable depth
of snow fell & it is not all gone yet.
I have not put away any garden yet it is
in a bad condition.
Dec. 21st 1864. We have just returned from a visit in
Frederick County where we have all been since last Sun-
day we left Edgar & Mr. Maxwell.
Snow fell today to a considerable depth. Jimmie Max & Hollie Bee
come down with us to go to school.
Friday Feb. 3rd 1865 The weather continues cold
Snow continues to fall every few days so that
there has been snow on the ground ever since
it first fell in December. Cherry had a nice
calf on Thursday morning January 26th 1865, whom
we call Roe. I Aunt Mary, Thomas & Horace
Rutson was up to see us on last Sunday,
Feb. 15th 1865. Another snow fell yesterday a
week about 6in. deep on the old snow which
already covered the ground last week & this week
has been extremely cold. Hollie Bee had two
fine lambs one day last week.
March 18th 1865. I finished getting my corn
& fodder in on last Saturday the 13th, but the
corn is not threshed yet. I made one tobacco
Today commenced another. The last of the snow disappeared last week since which time we have had some good weather. The ground has become in good order for ploughing, so we made a start at ploughing this morning for corn.

My old doco farmed 10 pigs on the 21st of February, & before I found it out of them did with cold, the afterwards overlaid on so that I have now but four.

April 5th, 1865. Last Friday the 31st ult. was my last day at school for last winter term. I commenced sewing oats today.

I have not ploughed but about 2 acres as yet for corn.

Mr. Maxwell came down on last Wednesday, he returned on Saturday in company with the boys, Jimmie & Hollie.

April 5th, 1864, I finished sewing oats on last Monday the 24th inst. have rained about 20 in., we done our first gardening on last Monday the 24th inst. have had very good back with my carbs thus far I know have left two.

Mr. Maxwell came down on Wednesday last the 26th and brought me the 4 bush which we got from Mr. Shank for which I paid him 75c.

May the 18th, 1865 I planted corn on the 4th inst. commenced a piece of acres in the bay field on the 5th inst. on the 1st at noon rainy weather set in so that I could not finish it until noon on the 16th inst. commenced breaking another piece the day before.