

J.O. CUNNINGHAM 1891-1915 DIARY TRANSCRIPTION

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Page 3 top right: August 1, 1891

A regular August day - hot in the sun and not very cool in the shade— about 87 [degree symbol] (degrees) Wind SE (south east) and every indication of rain.

Sunday Aug. 2 Strong NE cool wind and heavy clouds all day with every appearance of rain. About 6 pm a little rain fell - enough to lay the dust and then stopped much to the disgust of all.

Aug. 3 Cloudy and but little sunshine. Warmer toward evening. Workmen began on Ambrose house.

Aug 4 Tem about 86 [degree symbol] (degrees) and very dry [subsequently the degree symbol is transcribed with the word "degrees"]

Aug. 5 Took evidence in case of Bill vs Warner et. al. at Champaign. Tem. 88 degrees.

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Aug. 6 Hot and dry. Tem. 90 degrees in shade

Aug. 7 Tem. 95 degrees in my east window at 1 p.m. and the sky like beaten grass.

Aug 8 Tem. about as yesterday with less breese [breeze] and very uncomfortable. Sold my horse Tom for \$125. Good By Tom.

Aug 9 A very hot day and high winds from South. Tem 97. About 6 P.M. a heavy cloud came up and promised rain but split in two and went north and south of me. Did not go to church

Aug 10 Another hot day but a little cooler than yesterday it was 90 degrees at 2 pm. Again about 5 pm we were threatened with rain. A great black pall of a cloud came up with much thunder but no rains.

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Aug. 11 A hot morning with signs of rain. About noon a heavy cloud from the N.W. overspread me with heavy thunder. It was supposed for a while that like so many "signs" of late it was a false alarm. About 12:30 the clouds unloosed themselves and the rain poured down in torrents for 15 minutes and a lighter rain fell subsequently. This ground has not had such a watering for months. Considerable wind followed.

Aug. 12 Roads muddy but dried before night. Warm

Aug. 13 Went to Homer Fair at 8 ½ and returned at 2 p.m.

Aug 14 Rained a little in the night enough to lay dust.

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Aug 15 Rained a little towards morning. [unsure of the next sentence: Grass after being burned up ?] have now begun to [unsure: start a little?]. Tem 95 degrees.

Sunday Aug 16 Rained hard last night and water stands in puddles.

Aug 17 Warm and muggy. Tem. 90 degrees at noon

Aug 18 Rained a little last night. Warm about 95

Aug 19 Rained again last night. Grass growing like Jesus Arisen[?]

Aug 20 A little more rain last night. Tem 86 degrees. Heard of Col. Finkleman's death.

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Aug 21 Cooler today and very agreeable. Tem about 80 degrees. Rained last night a little. Roads good corn growing.

Aug 22 Attended Col. Finkleman's funeral at Homer burial by K. of C. (Knights of Columbus)  
Clear cool day of wonderful beauty.

Sunday Aug 23 Cloudy and cool enough to make overcoat comfortable.

Aug 24 Cloudy and cool with a little rain most of [unsure: day?].

Aug 25 Clear and cool—delightful. First day of fair. Old settlers day.

Aug 26 Warmer with clouds and appearance of rain. Tem 88 degrees. Roads very dirty.

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August 27 Rained a little last night enough to lay dust nicely. Cooler. Tem. 74 degrees.

Aug 28 Almost cool enough for a frost last night and overcoats in demand this A.M. A clear beautiful day.

Aug 29 Another beautiful clear day.

Aug 30 A beautiful clear day. Did not go to church. In the evening drove over to see Bro. Parm.

Aug 31 Went to Springfield today to attend suit of Insley vs. Connolly in U.S. Court.

Sept 1 Commenced trial before Allen Judge, court heard all evidence.

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Sept 2 Argued the case and spoke hours.

Sept 3 Returned home and found that a fine rain fell yesterday.

Sept 4 Fine cool day and very enjoyable.

Sept 5 Same weather

Sept 6 A very enjoyable day

Sept 7 Warmer

Sept 8 - Attended Farmers Jubilee at the fairgrounds.

Sept 9 Busy preparing brief on Insley case.

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Sept 10 Very busy. Weather warmer.

Sept 11 Finished work on brief and put it in the hands of type writers.

Sept 12 Warmer and appearance of rain. A little dark about dark with dark clouds encouraged hope for rain but it was all gone before 9 p.m. and only a few dots in the dust.

Sept 13 Very dusty and warm.

Sept 14 A little cooler and clear. Sent Insley papers to Springfield.

Sept 15 - Strong appearance of rain in

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the morning but all cleared away before night. Tem 81 degrees.

Sept 16 Warm and very dusty with no sign of rain. Tem 90 degrees.

Sept 17 Went to Bloomington to Conference. Warmer and above 90 degrees.

Sept 18 Returned home. Dreadfully hot and still above 90 degrees.

Sept 19 Warm, Dust makes thick in the road.

Sunday Sept 20 Still warm. Fields parched and roads dirty.

Sept 21 Warmer with a few heavy clouds, but all cleared away before 9 p.m.

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Sept. 22 Still hot and dirty. Tem 90 degrees at noon - wind SW.

Sept 23

Dust everywhere and so hot. Tem 94 degrees all day and at dark 85 degrees.

Sept 24 About as yesterday hot and dusty Tem 94 degrees. A few clouds appeared about sun down. But soon passed off.

Sep 25 Tem 94 degrees and thin clouds all day. Much suffering among stock and people.

Sep. 26 Tem 94 degrees windy and dusty. Oh for rain and cooler weather.

Sunday Sep. 27 Tem. same windy and dusty

Sep. 28 Tem above 90 - signs of rain and a little rain in p.m. and evening.

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Sep. 29 Tem. fell about 40 degrees last night and the dust being somewhat social[?] it is quite comfortable. Cloudy all day but no rain thought it has rained a few miles away in every direction.

Sep 30 Warmer but very agreeable to-day. This has been the hottest September ever Known. A little rain on the 2nd and that is all.

Oct. 1 Warmer 85 degrees and as dusty as ever.

Oct 2 Warmer 90 degrees

Oct 3 A little cooler 85 degrees in mid day. Cloudy this morning and looked like rain.

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Sunday Oct. 4 A fine rain last night and a radical change in temperature. To day the thermometer starts at about 45 degrees and we have a breathing spell. The dust is no more and a heavier coat and drawer are wanted.

Oct 5 A heavy frost almost a freeze this morning. Cloudy.

Oct 6 Cool and fair with few clouds. What a change from last week.

Oct 7 Cool and cloudy with no presence of rain. Went to Stanton (Stanton Center) and St Joe. (St. Joseph)

Oct 8 Cloudy and looks like rain. A little fell after dark.

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Oct 9 A beautiful fair day. Took dinner with Frank Jagner and wife in company with Capt. Joe Ingersoll and wife and Bro. Parm and wife. 20 years today since the dry[?] fever.

Oct 10 Another beautiful day fair cool and pleasant.

Sunday Oct. 11 A continuation of the fall weather.

Oct. 12 The weather still continues very fine and enjoyable.

Oct. 13 Weather most beautiful and enjoyable. It is 38 years to-day that we were married.

Oct. 14 A slight rain last night and decidedly cooler to day.

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Oct 15 Cool enough or an over coat this morning and cloudy

Oct 16 Cool this a.m. and heavy frost the first to injure vines. Put up our house burner. A day of rare beauty.

Oct 17 Rainy this a.m. and came near defeating our anticipated ride to Prof. Eric Kerr farm at St. Joe. We went however and had a most beautiful ride. Rained only enough to lay the dust.

Sunday Oct 18 Cooler. Somewhat cloudy but a delightful day.

Oct 19 Took evidence most of the day in Clawson case at Ray's office Champaign.

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Oct. 20 Continued taking evidence in the p.m. cool. Fair and charming.

Oct 21 Took evidence all am and ½ p.m. Cool

Oct 22 Warmer and beautiful

Oct. 23 Becoming dusty and warmer

Oct 24 Warm enough to dispense with our coat

Sunday Oct 25 A glorious October day with the woods all aglow with beauty. A visit from Bro. Sor. [?]

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Oct. 27 Towards night yesterday wind shifted from south to north and became quite cold and we had a frost this morning. Tem falling fast. A beautiful day.

Oct 28 Another beautiful day but with a high wind the dust flew in great clouds.

Oct 29 Warmer and very dusty

Oct 30 Same as yesterday

Oct 31 This day makes the warmest driest and dustiest October I ever saw.

Sunday Nov. 1 Cooler to day and a strong north wind

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Nov. 2 The coolest morning of the autumn. Ice was frozen over the creek where the water was still.

Nov. 3 A little warmer with a few clouds but all cleared up before nine p. m.

Nov. 4 Cooler this a.m.

Nov. 5 A bright beautiful day.

Nov. 6 A breezy day with clouds

Nov. 7 Signs of rain all day with southerly winds.

Sunday Nov 8 It began raining last eve shortly after dark and rained enough to make it muddy.

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Nov. 9 Rained nearly all night and lightly all day. The need of which I have never to be greater.

Nov. 10 The drouth is well broken and creek somewhat filled up. Great rejoicing everywhere. Received a letter today.

Nov. 11 The leaves are well off the trees. Last night the clouds cleared away and we have a beautiful day to day.

Nov. 12 Pleasant day attended Col. Busey's reception.

Nov 13 A visit from Fannie Hurst the oldest daughter of my old friend Archer Campbell.

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Nov 14 Cloudy with signs of rain [?]

Sunday Nov 15 Rained most of the night, and roads heavy. High south wind.

Nov 16 Wind changed to NW last night and rained gravely [?]. Some snow fell this P. M.

Nov. 17 This morning it is cold— about 8 degrees above zero, with a sprinkle of snow. Thawed a little but a cold air all day and cloudy.

Nov. 18 About like yesterday with more sunshine

Nov. 19 Warmer and a beautiful day. Skating good.



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Nov. 20 Warmer and genial in a.m. and a fine misty rain in p.m. enough to make roads muddy.

Nov 21 More rain and roads heavy

Sunday Nov 22 Rained considerably last night and this morning but we went to church.

Nov 23 Cloudy and warm all day with wind W. but cooler toward eve

Nov 24 Ground frozen hard this a.m. Thawed a little in the middle of the day but froze before night.

Nov. 25 Ground frozen and a slight skin of ice on the crack. Cloudy rain S.W.

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Nov. 26 This is Thanksgiving Day. Looked a little like rain early but was a fine clear day. Heard Rev. Tate[?] at the Pres. Ch.

Nov. 27 Rained most of the day with wind changing to N.W.

Nov. 28 Turned cold last night and froze the ground. Became colder towards night.

Sunday Nov. 29 Tem. at sunrise 8 degrees above zero. A beautiful clear day. Roads very rough.

Nov 30 Cold and clear with wind in the south.

Dec 1 Warmer with south wind and cloudy towards night.

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Dec 2 Warmer and cloudy. Roads heavy but frost not out of the ground.

Dec.3 Rained considerably from noon on and very heavy wind at night.

Dec. 4 Cooler wind changed to S. W. and still high. Beautiful day.

Dec. 5 Same as yesterday with appearance of rain.

Sunday Dec. 6 Rained considerably last night and this a.m. Wind changed to NE and then north.

Dec. 7 Ground frozen and cooler with fair skies.

Dec 8 Beautiful Day

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Dec. 9 Another fine day with drying roads. South wind.

Dec. 10 A beautiful day and warm

Dec 11 Another warm spring like day. Frost out and muddy.

Dec 12 A day of rare beauty. This my 61st birth day. An old man with a young heart.

Sunday Dec. 13 Pleasant to day

Dec 14 Warm with appearance of rain.

Dec 15 Rained a little last night.

Dec 16 Pleasant delightful

Dec 17 Same weather as yesterday

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Dec 18 A day of great beauty and sunshine

Dec 19 Another fine day. Ground frozen Ice on the creek.

Sunday Dec 20 A beautiful day. Roads have become quite good again.

Dec 21 Warmer and frost mostly out of the surface of the ground. Appearance of rain in the p.m. and considerable rain fell between 6 and 10 p.m.

Dec 22 Roads heavy. Cloudy in the a.m. but sun shone out p.m.

Dec 23 Rained a little last night. Wind shifted to NW and cooler.

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Dec 24 Cloudy and fog with south wind and signs of rain. Went to Peoria.

Dec 25 Spent this Xmas [Christmas] with Bro. Nor. [brother Norwood?] very pleasantly. Walked over the city a good deal and saw much improvement. Cooler at night with NW wind. Cloudy most of the day.

Dec 26 Ground frozen and tem. down to 20 degrees above. Came home. Cloudy.

Sunday Dec. 27 Ground rough. Went to the funeral of Miss Sade Kerr. Tem pleasanter.

Dec 28 Wind has shifted to south and very high. Ground thawed some.

Dec. 29 Wind shifted to the NW and some cooler. Fair and pleasant.

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Dec 30 Fair with fleeting clouds. Went to Sidell with Bro. Sheldon and our wives. Had a pleasant evening visit with our Sister Olive and family. Went via Danville.

Dec 31. Cloudy with high south wind and a little rain. At 12 M [noon] witnessed the marriage of our nephew Frank S. Fisher to Artie Cross. Returned home at 9 pm via Lincoln.

Friday Jan 1, 1892 Cloudy threatening rain with very high south wind. Came to the office early and staid mostly alone all day. Wind changed from S to SW cooler.

Jan 2 Snowed a little last night and colder about 20 degrees above.

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Sunday Jan 2 Tem at 10 degrees above this morning. Clear and cold.

Jan. 4 Wind SW in a.m. but shifted to NW in p.m. Warmer

Jan 5 Wind has shifted to E and held there all day with appearance of snow. Cloudy

Jan 6 A slight film of snow fell last night and a little fell during the day. Became colder towards night.

Jan. 7 Tem this a.m. at 0 [zero]— the coldest this winter. Wind changed to S. and warmer.

Jan 8 Wind changed to N.W. during the night and colder this a.m. and continued to grow colder.

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Jan 9 Tem near 0 at sunrise wind cold all day but clear and a most delightful day. Fisher and bride came to day.

Sunday Jan 10 Began snowing early and snowed all day making 3 or 4 inches of snow. Went to Champaign in p.m. Cold Wind[?] N.E.

Jan 11 Colder today.

Jan 12 Tem a little belo [below] zero this a.m.

Jan 13 About the same as yesterday with wind N. Some snow fell

Jan 14 A clear beautiful day. Wind N and cold.

Jan 15 Tem 10 degrees below 0 a cold day

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Jan 16 About 10 degrees above 0 this a.m. and warmer. Sun shone out wind. Thawed a little

Sunday Jan 17 Wind S am snow became quite soft under foot. Wind S. and cloudy towards night. Wife and I sat up with neighbor Thompson last night. He is nearing his end.

Jan 18 Last night wind changed to N. and about 4 inches of snow fell. Snowing quite hard this a.m. My neighbor Thompson died at 9 p.m.

Jan 19 It snowed continuously all day yester. And most of the night and grew colder. Tem. 4 degrees above 0 this am and cold all day but clear. We have 9 to 12 inches of snow.

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Jan 20 Tem. this a.m. 8 degrees above 0 with NW wind. Sleighing excellent. We laid my neighbor James G. Thompon [Thompson] in his last resting place at Mt. Hope today.

Jan 21 Warmer to day. Tem at some \_\_\_\_? 18 degrees above zero. Snow melted some.

Jan 22 Warmer and snow in the roads nearly all melted off under a clear sky and bright sunshine. Wind S but shifted to west.

Jan 23 Hazy sky with west wind.

Sunday Jan 24 Beautiful day and snow melting.

Jan 25 Clear sky and roads frozen in a.m. became quite muddy.

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Jan 26 Cooler with north wind and but little thawing. Roads worn down smooth. Knight Tem [Temperance] banquet got home at midnight.

Jan 27 Cold and clear. Thawed a little in the sun.

Jan 28 Warmer and more thawing. Roads good cool towards night.

Jan 29 Roads thawed again so as to splash. Attended funeral of Grand ma Tanner and took some cold.

Jan 30 Warmer and roads in places becoming quite dry. Charley Furst[?] came over and staid all night with us.

Sunday Jan 31 Ground froze this a.m. but thawed out before night.

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Feb 1. Fair in forenoon but cloudier towards night.

Feb. 2 Rained some last night and very muddy to day. Thawed down 4 inches. Heavy clouds all day. Mr. H. W. Farley died last night.

Feb. 3 Cloudy this a.m. but some very beautiful sunshine about mid day. In the p.m. after raining a little snow began falling and fell most of the night.

Feb. 4 We have 6 inches of snow on the level much having melted as it fell. All mud below.

Feb. 5 Froze a little last night. Snow melted some. Attended Mr. Farley's funeral.

Feb 6 Roads a puddle of slush about

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4 inches deep. Warmer.

Sunday Feb 7 A beautiful bright sunshine until noon and then cloudy. Snow all left before noon making quite a flood. Wind. S.

Feb. 8 Cloudy with wind westerly and snow threatened. Roads very bad. Cooler towards night.

Feb. 9 Turned quite cool last night and wind frozen solid. Wind NW clear and cloudless. Thawed a little.

Feb 10 Snowed briskly this a.m. for an hour or more but the sun coming out it soon melted away.

Feb 11 Cooler today with NW. winds.

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Feb 12 Tem. down to 15 degrees above 0 at noon. Ground frozen hard and roads very rough. Snowed from 4 p.m. til dark covering the ground an inch deep.

Feb. 13 Tem. at about 20 degrees above at noon and wind south. Sun came out clear and snow all gone before noon. Grand display of northern lights.

Sunday Feb. 14 It was raining when we got up this a.m. and continued until about 11 a.m. when it turned to snow and snowed furiously for 2 hours. Wind changed to NW.

Feb 15 Snow 2 inches deep and ground frozen hard. Sun came out and thawed a little.

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Feb. 16 Warmer wind southerly and mud 2 inches deep in the pm. Cooler towards night.

Feb 17 Ground frozen this a.m. but thawed to the depth of 4 inches with appearance of rain.

Feb 18 Rained a little last night. Heavy fog and clouds all day and mud 2 in (inches) deep. Snow all gone except in patches.

Feb. 19 Fog so heavy one can see but a few rods in front. Frost still in the ground and mud 4 in. deep. Received snow last night.

Feb 20 Still fog and clouds

Sunday Feb 21 Same weather as yesterday.

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Feb. 22 Still foggy and cloudy with the worst \_\_\_\_\_[?] for years. In the evening it looked like breaking away.

Feb. 23 Heavy clouds and fog this a.m. In the p.m. the sun came out the first it ["it" is repeated] had been seen in more than a week. Looks hazy as if it would not last. Wind SE for several days.

Feb 24 Cleared completely last night but this a.m. fog and clouds again which held again an all day session.

Feb. 25 Cloudy again all day with a gleam [perhaps meant "gleam"] of sunshine after 4 p.m.

Feb 26 Sun arose in a clear sky and shone beautifully all day with a genial atmosphere. Blue birds and robins appeared.

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Feb 27 Cloudy and foggy all day with wind NE. Appearance of snow.

Sunday Feb 28 A cloudy foggy day without a gleam of sun

Feb. 29 Another gloomy day.

Mch 1 The robins and blue birds are with me [?] but the sun is behind dense clouds.

Mch 2 Sun arose clear and soon drove away a bank of clouds and gave us a beautiful day. Wind changed from N to SW.

Mch 3 Ground froze a little and so dense fog and clouds enveloped everything. Sun am out about 11 a.m. pleasant.

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Mch 4 Cloudy foggy again this a.m. Wind S.W.

March 5 Same weather as yesterday.

Sunday Mch 6 Cloudy damp weather with appearance of rain.

March 7 Same weather with dense fog at night. First day of Circuit Court.

March 8 Sun arose in a clear sky and a most beautiful day.

March 9 Sun arose clear and fiery red but inside of 2 hours was observed by clouds and before 10 a.m. snowed violently for some time. Wind raised blowed a torrent[?] from the west all day and into the night. Cold. This day I am

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again reminded of my dear departed mother who died 20 years ago today. Her \_\_\_\_[?] face has been before me many times today. This is very gloomy day.

Mch 10 Tem. went down to 10 degrees above zero last night and ground white with snow. High wind all day and cold.

March 11 Tem. about 18 degrees above zero this a.m. Warmer to day.

March 12 A clear warm genial day much enjoyed by every one. Roads drying rapidly.

Sunday March 13 Colder. Wind north and atmosphere hazy.

March 14 Ground frozen cold and hazy atmosphere.

March 15 Clouds and sunshine cold. NE wind but a little warmer than yesterday.

Mch 16 Cold and clear with N.E. wind

Mch 17 Cooler today. Wind same. Cloudy most of day. I have a bad cold on my lungs. Don't know how it came.

March 18 Cloudy, dry and cold with strong NE wind. Snowed a little last evening.

Mch 19 Wind has changed to south Dry and cold. Cleared last night but cloudy this a.m. Cleared before noon.

Sunday Mch 20 Warmer today and the air quite enjoyable. Some sunshine and generally fair

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March 21 Quite pleasant today but a cool keen air. Rained a little in the morning. Traded my pony for "Dick" and gave \$65 good money. Roads quite good.

March 22 Rained most of last night and thawed the surface of the ground which was frozen to quite a depth. Making very bad roads.

March 23 Warmer and roads awful bad.

March 24 Warm and pleasant air roads drying a little but bad with frost and froze a little.

March 25 A very pleasant day with appearance of rain— wind SE— froze a little last night.

Mch 26 Rained a little in the P.M.

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Sunday March 27 Cloudy and appearance of rain but cleared off before noon and sunshine balance of day with warm air.

March 28 Clear beautiful day with drying weather.

March 29 Clear with high drying wind became cloudy win the P.M. and rained a little in the evening. Bro Sheldon came home today from the south after an absence of 3 months.

Mch. 30 Cloudy with rain about midday enough to make it muddy.

Mch 31 Cleared off with very fine day with enough sunshine. An awful March we have had.

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April 1 This month opens fine and warm.

April 2 Still warm with signs of rain. Bought “Jack” for \$75.

Sunday April 3 Began raining last night and rained most of the day. Staid at home.

April 4 Rained all night and most of today. Water highest on creek. This is the heaviest rain in more than two years. Ground well soaked.

April 5 Air warm and genial.

April 6 Weather fine— ground wet

April 7 Same weather— enjoyed by everybody

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April 8 It became cooler towards night with wind in the north.

April 9 Ground frozen an inch and a skin of ice on ponds. Air cool all day. Court adjourns today.

Sunday April 10 Ground frozen and frost. Wind north all day making it uncomfortable to ride to the north.

April 11 Ground again frozen and heavy frost. Looks like another storm.

April 12 Frost this a.m. and cold. NE wind Air clear in the evening

April 13 Cloudy and cold this a.m. with E wind. Plowed our garden. It began raining a little before noon and rained all of the P.M. Chilly.

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April 14 Rained most of the night and cooler this morning. Wind has changed to west. Clouds all day and by 5 p.m. tem had fallen to 39 degrees above zero. We hear of snows and blizzards in Iowa and northern Illinois.

April 15 Ground frozen an inch deep this a.m. and ice covers the fences. Peach blooms show color and probably badly damaged. Cleared off last night clear and cold today but warmer towards night. Wind N.

April 16 Warm and genial with appearance of rain.

Sunday April 17 This Easter Sunday and very warm and beautiful until P.M. when it clouded up and rained a little at 4 p.m. and some in the night.

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April 18 Rained last night and a little this a.m. Cloudy and cold all day with NE wind.

April 19 Fair all day with cold NE wind and signs of rain. Planted onion beets radishes and peas today and yesterday planted potatoes.

April 20 Rained most of the night and cold NE wind to day with some rain.

April 21 Rained considerably last night and roads quite heavy. Cloudy all day except about 15 minutes of sunshine about 4 p.m. Wind NE.

April 22 Cleared up beautifully before 9 last night and wind changed to west but this a.m. the same heavy dark clouds were upon us and wind all day. Moved the stove out this a.m.

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April 23 Clear and warm this a.m.— a genuine spring morning. Mud which was deep dried rapidly. Peach bloom beginning to open.

Sunday April 24 A beautiful warm day with a murky atmosphere. Rained a little about 2 p.m. Wind NE.

April 25 Cooler and NE wind.

April 26 Warmer with south wind. Went to town without an overcoat. My neighbor Ted was badly hurt today by a wagon running over him.

April 27 Warmer today with signs of rain. Show in town and paraded the streets.

April 28 A very heavy rain with thunder last night creek very high and roads bad.

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April 29 Clear and beautiful with drying winds. Roads much improved. Peaches in full bloom.

April 30 The last day of a cold month. Very fine day with high south wind sign of rain toward night. Rev. Hornbock took dinner with us.

Sunday May 1 A beautiful May day warm and genial, tem about 80 degrees. High south wind. Rained some about 9 p.m.

May 2 Rained more this morning Cleared up p.m., but rained very hard about 5 or 6 p.m. and in the night. Heavy rains north of us.

May 3 Creek high and over the road. Looks like more rain. Went to Champaign in evening and before [?] the city council.

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May 4 A beautiful warm day of sunshine and shadow. Rained a little at night. Tomatoes in bloom. Planted corn in garden

May 5 Cloudy this a.m. and rained before 11 a.m.

May 6 A beautiful day of clouds and sunshine. Ground very wet and no farm work being done. Roads bad.

May 7 Cooler and beautiful day. Apple trees in full bloom and have rapidly appearing. Winds NE.

Sunday May 8 Warm and pleasant with strong east wind and murky atmosphere. Rained about midnight.

May 9 Rain began falling about 7 a.m. and rained hard most of the forenoon. Cloudy all day.

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May 10 Cloudy all day and ground very wet. Forests begin to look quite green. No corn planted yet. Winds west. Mr. Milton W. Mathews died today at 3.40 .

May 11 Another cloudy day without rain.

May 12 This morning was clear without a cloud, but before noon the atmosphere became murky and somewhat cloudy before night. Wind NE

May 13 Began raining early and rained considerably through the day.

May 14 Rained most of the day. Roads and fields are all marsh. M. W. Mathews buried today.

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Sunday May 15 Fair in the a.m. but rained for an hour or more about mid day

May 16 Cleared up last night and sun shone beautifully all day with signs of rain and clouds at sun down. Mud dried rapidly all day with wind in the S.E.

May 17 Rained heavily for an hour towards morning and everything is afloat today. Rained ["last" crossed out] again about noon. Gleams of sunshine throughout the day.

May 18 Rained much last night many showers during the day. Business is at a stand still on account of wet weather. Wind shifted from S.E. to S.W. and \_\_\_[?]. Cooler.

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May 19 Rained much last night and continuously to day until about 2 p.m. Wind blew quite a gale from the west in this p.m. breaking off many street trees and others. I attended the funeral of my old friend J. S. Jones at his residence in Champaign today. Death then terminates another acquaintance of many years. Cool enough for overcoats.

May 20 Cleared up last night and the sun shone out beautifully this morning. Clouded up again before noon and rained a little about 2 p.m. and again at night.

May 21 Cloudy most of day with a little sunshine.

Sunday May 22 Clouds and sunshine. Sprinkled a little about 1 p.m.

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May 23 Sun arose in a clear sky and we have had a beautiful drying day. Wind S.W. and cool. Forrest in full leaf.

May 24 Another fine drying day which continued all day but quite a shower about dark.

May 25 Rained for an hour beginning about 5 ½ p.m. and much during the night.

May 26 For an hour or more beginning at 6 a.m. rain fell and again about 3.20 p.m. a heavy shower. Cleared up before 9 p.m. Roads very bad.

May 27 Sun arose clear and day beautiful. Day closed with prospects of rain.

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May 28 Rained again today and last night

Sunday May 29 A beautiful day all day and no rain but signs of rain at night.

May 30 Sprinkled a little during the forenoon and rained at night. Went to Springfield.

May 31 Attended State Probate [?] convention all day and at night. Rained some.

June 1 Argued case of Sulie [?] vs. Urbana in U.S. Court and won. Rained in the a.m.

June 2 Left Sat 9.40 and came home Fair all day.

June 3 Bright sunshine and fair skies.

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June 4 Same weather. Roads drying. Summer has come. Blackberry in bloom.

Sunday June 5 This is a real summer day with few clouds.

June 6 I took off woolen under clothes and sat in the office with my coat off. Tem 87 degrees. Beautiful day until about 6 p.m. when a heavy rain fell stopping plowing for a while.

June 7 A day of sunshine and clouds. Rain fell during the night.

June 8 Commencement day. Cloudy until near noon— beautiful p.m.

Jun 9 A beautiful drying day and we again began plowing.

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June 10 A beautiful warm day with wind in the east.

June 11 A very warm clear day 0- degrees in the shade.

June 12 A very warm day. Roads dirty.

June 13 Warmer— 95 degrees in the shade with signs of rain in the evening. The sky was noticeably purple at eve.

June 14 Rained some last night and high wind.

June 15 Warmer and fair. Planted our field corn today.

June 16 Warmer about 90 degrees. A heavy shower fell between 3 ½ and 5 p.m. much needed to reduce the clods in the corn field. Forwarded copy to Flood and Co. for revision of my work on Probate practice.

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June 17 Warm about as yesterday. Another rain shower fell between 3 and 4 p.m. Roads heavy.

June 18 Rained last night and again about 11 a.m. today. I have been in Urbana 39 years today.

Sunday June 19 Warm beautiful drying day. Roads heavy.

June 20 Beautiful warm day and roads drying rapidly. Tem 90 degrees.

June 21 Warm today about 95 degrees until 3 ½ p.m. when a heavy shower again fell making roads bad and fields wet. Tem. fell 20 degrees in a half hour.

June 22 Very warm today. Rained a little about noon. Ground very wet.

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June 23 Tem. today about 90 degrees about 6 p.m. very heavy black clouds came up from the north and covered the sky with some wind. But no rain came from it.

June 24 Cooler this a.m. with NW wind

Sunday June 26 Warmer with signs of rain

June 27 Much cooler and heavy clothing is needed. Rains most have fallen not far away. Wind NW. Went to Danville.



June 28 Still cool. Clouds & sunshine. A very enjoyable day. Rained a little about 4 1/2 p.m.

June 29 Some warmer but cool yet. Rained a little about 4 ½ p.m.

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A day of great beauty with prospect of better weather.

July 1 Signs of rain. Roads good.

July 2 Rained in the morning very hard. And much during the night.

Sunday July 3 Roads very heavy— pleasant.

July 4 A beautiful day. We had our usual pic-nic on the creek to day with a party of 24.

July 5 Warmer today and very beautiful. Commenced cutting wheat.

July 6 Another beautiful day and a little warmer. Looks like settled weather. Commenced Haying.

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July 7 Cool, and beautiful but with some appearance of rain.

July 8 Cloudy all day with a little rain in the p.m.

July 9 Cloudy in the morning but cleared about noon and our cut hay was safely shocked.

Sunday July 10 Fair all day but rained a little about noon. Warm towards night.

July 11 Tem went up to near 90 degrees to day. A fine day for Haying. 26 years this a.m. my father died.

July 12 Warmer today. A slight shower fell last night accompanied by wind. Had hay in front of house all \_\_[?] up.

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July 13 Warmer above 90 degrees. Had hay hauled in today.

July 14 Very warm and oppressive.

July 15 Warm in the a.m. but wind shifted to N and very comfortable in the p.m. Went to Bloomington to look over churches.

July 16 One year to the day that Clarence S. died. Sad remembrance. Cooler and very pleasant.

Sunday July 17 Quite cool and enjoyable weather. Very dusty.

July 18 Went to Rantoul to day at 1 p.m. returned at 6 p.m. A fine shower fell about 4 p.m. and again between 7 and 8.

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July 19 Roads heavy but dried up before night. Therm. Went up to 90 degrees.

July 20 Warmer today and more rain

July 21 Tem near 100 degrees

July 22 Very warm again

July 23 Tem at 97 degrees all day and all having a melting time.

Sunday July 24 Warmer today.

July 25 Tem. at 100 degrees and suffering hot.

July 26 About the same as yesterday.

July 27 A little cooler and \_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_ [?] thrashed our wheat.

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July 28 A fine breeze with signs of rain. Tem at 90 degrees in the p.m.

July 29 Quite a shower and a fall of 20 degrees in tem.

July 30 Heavy clouds all day but no rain. A very enjoyable cool day. Drove down to Sidell by way of Conkey town. With Bro. Parm and our niece to see our sister Olive.

Sunday July 31 Spent the day with Sister and her family. Weather beautiful.

Aug 1 Drove home in six hours 36 miles. Weather cool partly cloudy.

Aug 2 Warmer but pleasant drove up to John W. Boll's in eve.

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Aug. 3 Weather warmer- 90 degrees in the shade. Sun hot but good breeze.

Aug 6 We have had about the same weather for the last two days as on the 3rd. Today is a beautiful bright day and about 5 p.m. we, wife and I, start with other member of Urbana Commanding K. T. [Knights of Templar?] upon our pilgrimage to Denver Col. via the Big 4 and Rock Island \_\_[?]. We reached Peoria a little after sun set and soon pulled out for Rock Island. We early went to be in our sleeper and only awoke on the morning of Sunday Aug 7 ½ the way across Iowa. The day was beautiful and we rode on quietly until we reached Council Bluffs where a late dinner was taken. Soon we pulled on to Omaha and for the first time we set our eye upon Nebraska. By night fall we had crossed the northern

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line of Kansas and were coursing westward. When we awoke in the morning we were still in Kansas but beyond much settlement and soon began to see some houses and barns and dug outs in abundance. We saw real American Desert where little but sage brush grows. About 3 o'clock a low black line extending along the western horizon revealed our approach to the Rocky Mountains and Denver which place we reached about 4 p.m. in a severe rain storm. We soon found our quarters and a good bath made us comfortable which was supplemented by a sound sleep. On Tuesday I took part in the great K. T. parade and broke ranks very tired. In the P.M. we took long rides about the city in electric cars

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Wednesday Aug. 10 we employed in still further looking about the city. Thursday Aug 11 we went with Mr. and Mrs. S. S. Small to Golden to see the sights and climbed Table Rock said to be 800 feet high. On Friday Aug 12 we went to Georgetown. Silver Plume over the celebrated "Soup" one of the finest specimens of R.R. engineering in this country. Saturday Aug. 13 we spent in the city in visiting friends. Sunday Aug 14 we went to Trinity church and rested a good deal. Monday Aug 15 we went to Colorado Springs and then by electric cars to Manitou where we drank

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the famous soda water as it came from the earth. We found comfortable quarters and slept well. Tuesday Aug 16 we started up Pikes Peak and stayed all night at Glen Canyon Cottage near the timber line. Wednesday Aug 17 we went on our journey and by 10 a.m. stood on the top of the Peak 1514 ft. above the sea level. The sensation was strange to me. I could scarcely speak above my breath and could hardly control my movements. Our stay there was short. We arrived at Cascade about 3 p.m. all by the wagon road. But for the grand scenery on the way the journey is not worth taking. We were glad to get down again and find ourselves unhurt—

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On Thursday Aug 18 we arose at Manitou much refreshed and spent the day in sight seeing visiting that wondrous formation the "Garden of the Gods" and in the afternoon visited Cheyenne mountain and Canyon. We spent the night at Colorado Springs and made the trip to Pueblo Col. and back. At 7.30 p.m. we started homeward and reached Topeka at 3.10 p.m. of Sat. Aug. 20 where we lay until after midnight when we took the Santa Fe train for Emporia and reached Bro. Edwins about 4 a.m. Sunday Aug. 21. We slept until near 8 o'clk and spent the day in pleasant chat attending church in the evening. In this manner we spent our time visiting friends until Friday Aug 26 when

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we again started homeward reaching Topeka at 2.10 and again embarking on the Rock Island road at 4.10. We reached Rock Island Ill about day break Sat Aug 27 and at about 11 a.m. reached Peoria where we staid all night at Bro. Nors[?] and at 11.30 a.m. Sunday Aug 28 again boarded the cars for home reaching that desirable spot at 4 p.m. of that day glad to get home but pleased with our trip.

Aug 29 The ground is very dry and dusty and rain much needed.

Aug 30 Dry and dusty

Aug 31 Cool enough for wraps with north wind. Mary R. became violently insane this evening

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Sept 1. Still cool. These are busy days with me.

Sept 2. Warmer but still dry

Sept 3 Same weather as yesterday. We spent the night with the Rickers.

Sunday Sept 4 We spent most of the day and all night with the Rickers. Mary very violent.

Sept 5 A jury today pronounced Mary R. insane and she was removed to the hospital at Kankakee for the second time. A rain last night laid the dust very nicely. Cooler today.

Sept 6 Cool and pleasant.

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Sept 7 Warmer but very pleasant and enjoyable.

Sept 8 The weather is quite warm today and roads have become dusty again.

Sept 9 Tem. at 86 degree today with strong south wind which carries clouds of dust.

Sunday Sept 11 Rained some today and more at night.

Sept 12 Roads muddy from last nights rain.

Sept 13 Rained considerably last night and road heavy.

Sept 14 Went to Danville today weather very beautiful.

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Sept 15 Warmer but a little fire needed at night.

Sept 16 Weather very fine and enjoyable.

Sept 17 Warmer, clear and beautiful

Oct 1 The last two weeks have been hot and dusty without rain. Occasionally the wind has shifted to the north and it has become quite cool. But most of the time warm often not to 80 degrees and above.

Sept 21 I went to Ridge Farm.

Sunday Oct 2 Still dry and dusty.

Oct 5 Wind NW and quite cool but very dusty

Oct 7 Warm dusty and windy.

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Oct 15 Since the last entry the weather has continued warm dry and dusty until last night we had a fine rain fall putting an end to a long hot drought. Often in this month the thermometer has been[?] above 80 degrees. Today the roads are very muddy and heavy. Went to Danville at 10:30 and returned at 4 p.m. Weather cool and delightful.

Sunday Oct 16 Weather cool and roads quite good

Monday Oct 31 Cool since the last writing but weather very enjoyable. This a.m. we put up our house burner much later than usual. The state of the weather has not demanded a fire except a little in the furnace. It rained a little.

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during the afternoon.

Nov 1. Rained last night and most of today. A much needed rain and then the thirsty ground drank it up.

Nov 5 Quite cool this a.m. and a skim of ice on the creek.

Sunday Nov 6 Rained considerably in the p.m.

Nov. 7 Dark and cloudy this a.m.

Nov 8 Cold but clear

Nov 9 Yesterday was a "cold day" for republicans, but pretty fair for other folks.

Nov 10 Cold snow 5 in [inches] deep 100 miles south of us

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Nov 11 This day very beautiful but cold. The leaves are well off the trees.

Nov 16 We have had very fine weather until this p.m. when a light rain set in.

Nov 17 Rained heavily all night with thunder. By far the heaviest in many months. Rain continued most of the day. Roads in bad condition. Heavy clouds.

Sunday Nov 27 Rained hard last night and spoiled our good roads. Did not go to church.

Nov 29 Attended the funeral of Sir Lt. Jos. C. Nelson in Somers Tp. [township] Roads heavy.

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Dec 1 Was today appointed Adm [administrator] of J.C. Nelsons estate and went to Somers and took possession of the effects.

Dec. 2 Roads very bad and rain in the p.m.

Sunday Dec 4 Staid at home all day. Parks chapel dedicated.

Dec 8 Snowed a little today. Mud pretty deep.

Dec 9 Ground a little frozen

Dec 10 Colder and roads rough

Sunday Dec 11 Roads very rough riding to church. Day beautiful and thawed a little. Wind NW.

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Dec 12 I am 62 years old today. Old in years but young and buoyant in feeling. Weight a little rising 200 lbs. Wind shifted to S with appearance off rain.

Sunday Dec 25 The ground and streams are frozen hard. Roads fairly smooth and good. Wind north and temperature at noon about 20 degrees above.

Dec 26 Temperature at 2 degrees above zero but bright Sunshine all day.

Dec 31 We have had a cold week and dry.

Sunday Jan 1, 1893 Another year has gone and a new one came to greet us. May it be as happy as the past.

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Jan 2 Went to Danville today and returned at 10 p.m. Weather cold.

Jan 3 Went to Springfield and returned as far as Bloomington. Snowed a little this p.m.

Jan 4 Came home today. Snowed a little this a.m.

Jan 6 Temperature 2 degrees below 0 this morning.

Jan 7 Snow perhaps 2 inches this a.m. and sleigh out.

Jan 8 Very cold and windy.

Jan 9 Colder and north wind



Jan 10 Today I held a sale of the

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Effects of J. C. Nelson Deed[?]. Had a cold ride.

Sunday Jan 15 Thermometer at sunrise 10 degrees below zero. Clear and cold. We have had a cold week with about 4 in. of snow.

Jan 17 Temperature at sunrise at 11 degrees below with signs of warmer weather.

Jan 21 It is warmer today and the snow became a little softened. But have had a cold week.

Sunday Jan 22 The air is cold but the sun shines out beautifully. Wind S. W.

Jan 23 This morning every thing covers with frost. Warmer weather looked for.

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Feb 17 Since last entry we have had the worst sleet and ice storm ever experienced. The whole face of the country was a sheet of ice and it became dangerous and difficult to move. Many accidents have befallen people and stock. Yesterday the ground from being frozen became quite muddy before night but this morning it was frozen and snowing and has snowed all day.

Feb 18 Bright sunshine all day and snow thawed a little in sun but cold and freezing in the shade.

Sunday Feb 19 Warm sunshine and snow went mostly off.

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Feb 20 Cooler this am. And ground frozen. Thawed during the day so that roads were muddy. Wind east.

Feb. 21 Ground frozen. Wind SE snowed briskly from 8 a.m. \_\_[?] near noon. \_\_\_\_[?] at the church.

Feb 22 Snow mostly melted before noon except in the shade. Roads sloppy.

Feb 23 Ground frozen this a.m. Fair all day with north wind north towards eve when it changed to NW. and froze up the wind much earlier in the day.

Feb 24 Snowed a little last night but quickly melted. Sunshine most of day but cold air and freezing in shade.

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Sunday Feb 26 Warm and pleasant. Roads drying but signs of rain.

Feb 27 Rained last night and frost abated some

Feb. 28 Heard the first robin. But much ice is left.

Mch 1 More rain today.

Mch 2 Took evidence at Champaign.

Mch 3 A cold wave is upon us wind NW

Mch 4 Pleasant but cold

Sunday Mch 5 This is our last day in the old church and is pleasant. Roads quite good.

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March 6 Court opened to day.

March 7 A most beautiful day of sunshine and warmth.

March 8 Cooler and a little cloudy with S.E. wind

March 9 This is the 24th anniversary of my mothers death

March 10 We had our garden plowed today and I planted potatoes onions and peas.

April 1 A warm genial day.

April 2 This is Easter Sunday, cool but bright and beautiful.

April 24 We put our stove out today.

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April 29 Rained some today as it has most of the days for 3 weeks past. The roads are heavy and things look dubious. It has been a cold dismal month. Peach trees and pear begin to look a little green. Creek very high

Sunday Ap. 30 Rained heavy last night and this a.m. Roads as bad as they can be. Wind SE

May 1 Went to Chicago and spent the day in attendance upon the opening of the Great Columbian Exposition. It is immense in every particular.

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May 2 Spent the day in the city looking at the sights and in attendance upon the U. S. Court of Appeals.

May 3 Went to the Exposition by the steamer and returned by the Elevated road. Spent the day in looking at the sights.

May 4 I to day attended the U.S. Court of Appeals and argued Leslie[?] v. Urbana and in the evening came to Champaign and staid all night. Rained a little.

May 5 Came home

May 6 We have had a drying cold week.

Sunday May 7 Clear and cold. Roads dry.

May 8 Cloudy. East wind. Rained a little p.m.

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May 9 Warm and spring like

May 10 Still warm. Temperature 76 degrees. Went without overcoat for the first.

May 11 Rain began falling about 2 p.m. and rained most of the p.m. at sometimes very hard. Much rain fell.

May 12 Fair most of the day and cooler.

May 13 A beautiful day of sunshine and shadow cool and agreeable.

Sunday May 14 Pleasant in the a.m. but rained hard in the p.m. Roads much heavy.

May 15 Clouds and sunshine and roads dried considerably. Wind N and colder in the P.M.

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May 16 Cloudy and cold. Temperature 52 degrees

May 17 \_\_\_\_ [?] today with sunshine and warmer.

May 18 Warmer.

May 19 High SE wind and very dusty and looks like rain.

May 20 Wind south dusty and temperature 86 degrees.

Sunday May 21 Warm and dusty. A little rain fell this a.m. Last night was the first evening we sat without a fire.

May 22 Warmer Tem. 86 degrees. Wind high and much dust flying. Attended the funeral of Charles Frances Adams. Strong appearance of rain dark clouds with wind in p.m.

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May 23 Rained heavily last night which laid dust and made roads muddy. Tem fell to 48 degrees this a.m. Cleared up in the p.m. and beautiful. Fire needed in the office and at home in the evening.

May 24 Cold and pleasant today about as yesterday.

May 25 I was surprised this a.m. by the appearance before me of William C. Catherwood an acquaintance of 44 years ago at Basia[?] U. a fellow student. I had not seen him in 20 years, yet I knew him and called him by name. He is now[?] near 70 years old and quite stooped and feeble [feeble]. Sprinkled a little about 2 p.m. Wind NE.

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May 26 Last night we had the heaviest rain of the season about 2 ½ inches and everything is afloat. Roads [roads] very heavy. Trees in the woods in full leaf.

May 27 Cool enough for an overcoat. And Cloudy all day.

Sunday May 28 Cloudy most of the day with signs of rain and gleams of sunshine. Rained a little in the morning.

May 29 A most lovely day with sunshine and clouds.

May 30 This is Decoration day and one of the most beautiful in all the year. Went to the Cemetery in the PM and to Champaign with wife.

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May 31 Fine weather in the a.m. but rained about noon and most of the p.m.

June 1 Rained considerably last night and continued to alternate with sunshine all day.

June 2 Cloudy all day with threatened rain.

June 3 Much like yesterday.

Sunday June 4 Clouds and sunshine 67[?] \_\_\_\_ [?] until about 1 p.m. when quite a shower fell. Baccalaureate.

June 5 We have had a fine day with no rain. Quite warm. Blackberries in full bloom. Attended class day exercises.

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June 6 A beautiful genial day— cool morning and evening. Mud all dried up.

June 7 Attended Commencement exercises at the University. Day of great beauty. Warmer.

June 8 Windy and dusty - warmer.

June 9 Tem 88 degrees with much dust.

June 10 Warm and dusty until about 3 p.m. when a very heavy shower fell making the roads heavy. High wind.

Sunday June 11 Did not go to church but drove into town in the p.m.

June 12 Warmer and very sultry.

June 13 Tem 85 degrees.

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June 15 Weather still warm.

Sunday June 18 Weather warm and sultry. Rev. Hornbeck preached his last discourse[?] to us today and will leave us in a few days. It is 40 years today since I came to Urbana a youth of 22 ½ years to make my home with high hopes for the future. Now I can look back and see many mistakes, but in the dealing of fortune with me I cannot complain. I have received all I deserved and more than I expected.

June 19 Rained a nice shower about sundown. Warm and sultry.

June 20 Rained a heavy shower about 8 ½ p.m.

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June 21 Still very warm. This evening we attended the wedding of my nephew Howard Waring[?] Cunningham son of my deceased brother Oslow to Miss Gertie Hunt. Blessings on their dear day.

June 22 I this day separated from Rev. M. D. Hornbeck who goes to Colorado to live. I have rarely felt such implicit confidence in my any man as in him. He has impressed me as a man of singular purity of life and purpose. Cooler today with wind NW.

Sunday June 25 Hot through the day and dusty but cool at night.

June 26 Same as yesterday.

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June 30 We have had a dry June and farmers have their corn well in hand. A large crop is promised.

July 4 Weather still warm and dry. I left home this day at 11.30 a.m. for a business trip to Iowa and Minnesota. At 3.p.m was in Peoria and at 5 p.m. at Galesburg. About 9 p.m. crossed the Mississippi [Mississippi] at Clinton Iowa and at 12.15 a.m. of July 5 arrived at Cedar Rapids Iowa my destination in that direction.

July 5 Completed my business at [repeated "at"] 3 p.m. and returned to Clinton about 6 p.m. At 9 p.m. again started north up the east side of the river.

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It rained nearly all night. About 4 o'clock am July 6 I arrived at Winona Minn. At 11.30 am. Having completed my business I started on my return, reaching Milwaukee Wis. at 7 p.m. having traversed the state of Wisconsin. Spent the night with friends.

July 7 Left Milwaukee at 9 a.m. and reached Chicago at 12 noon in time to see the two odd looking Spanish vocals [locals?] known as the Columbian Caravels pass in the normal procession from the city to the Worlds Fair Grounds. They are odd looking craft. I arrived at home at 7 p.m. making a quicker trip than I had expected. I had a very pleasant time.

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July 8 Very warm and dusty Spent the day answering letters.

Sunday July 9 Sunshine very hot but a nice cool breeze

July 10 Still very warm

July 11 The 27th anniversary of the death of my father. The remembrance brings with it a sigh.

July 12 Tem 96 degrees in the shade at 3 p.m.

July 13 We had a nice little shower of rain about 1 p.m. today enough to lay the dust but continues warm.

Sunday July 16 Continues warm

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July 17 Still very warm. We had another nice shower this forenoon and it is cooler.

July 18 Weather delightful.

July 20 Bro. Ed. three daughters and son Ralph came today for a short visit. What a few years have done for his family.

July 21 Did considerable riding around with Bro. Ed and family today. Warm and dusty.

July 22 Warmer. Tem. at noon 94

Sunday July 23 Very warm. Tem 100 degrees.

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1893 Tuesday July 25 Today at my home I met my brothers J.C.S., AP.C., E.W.C and my sister Olive M. Fisher with some of their children, for the first time all together since July 13, 1866. This day after our fathers funeral. The meeting and greetings[?] were very happy and old family affairs were talked over. A fine picnic dinner was enjoyed by all. In the evening about dark we had a nice shower.



July 26 Met brothers and sister at Champaign again today and we sat in a groupe [group] for a photo and then separated probably for the last time in this life. Bro. Ed and two of his children returned to their home in Kansas

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Thursday July 27 Thirty Eight years ago today I assisted in laying the corner stone of the M.E. Church at this place and today I assisted in laying the cornerstone of the new church on the same ground. In the former case an address was delivered by Rev. Hooper Crews and while today the address was delivered by Rev. U. Z. Gilmer. Weather delightful.

July 28 Warmer today. Tem 92 degrees the grass is as green as in May.

July 31 With my wife Prof Becker and Ethel we left at 5 a.m. for Chicago and the Worlds Fair. when we arrived at 9 a.m. found rooms and were soon seeing the sights. We remained until Saturday each day tiring ourselves out seeing the great Exhibition

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Saturday Aug 5 We took the train for Milwaukee at 1:15 p.m. and arrived at Sister Cornelias at about 4 p.m. We at once returned to the depot of the C.M & St. Paul road bought tickets for Hartland Wis. near which at Beaver Lake we found Charley Cox family domiciled in their summer home by the Lake. Spent a very pleasant Sunday with them and on Monday returned to Milwaukee where we remained until Thursday.

Thursday Aug 10 Left at 7:15 am by N.W. RR for Chicago when we arrived at 10:30 We soon reached the Exposition grounds and spent the time until 5 o'clock again seeing the wonders. When

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we left for home, arriving safely about 11 p.m. finding everything all right. No rain has fallen and everything is very dry and dusty.

Saturday Aug 19 We have no rain yet. The pasture and meadows are as dry as they can be and stock have to be fed as in winter.

Sept 1, 1893 Since the last entry herein we have endured a very dry spell of weather without a

drop of rain. The dust is present everywhere and very deep on the road. The temperature has for the most been intensely hot with now and then a cool day. Whined has blown from all quarters. The discom-

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forts have been severe and the effect of the drouth have been most severe and disastrous to farmers. Today wind NE and tem. 90 degrees with a hazy, thick atmosphere. Signs of rain numerous.

Sunday Sept 10 Desiring to make a business trip to Minnesota I went to the Doan House and staid all night. Monday Sept 11 left Champaign at 5 a.m. by C. RR and arrived at Worlds Fair Grounds at 10 a.m. Saw the sights there for 3 hours and then left Chicago for the west. Reached Dubuque Iowa at 9 p.m. and at 11:20 left by N. Western RR for Minn.

Sept 12 Arrived at Le Roy Minn. at 7 a.m. and staid until 1:20 pm went on to Austin with Mr. Katland. Returned at 9:30 p.m.

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to Le Roy and staid all night. Wednesday 13 took train at 8 a.m. for Winona Minn. which I reached at 11:30 am. Soon had my business all satisfactorily done and after lollying around motel 6:15 left by Burlington route for Chicago, which I reached at 8 a.m. on Thursday Sept 14 and spent the time until 2 p.m. at Worlds fair Ground when I left for home. Arrived at 8 p.m. safe and sound. I find that on the 12th a fine rain fell on our parched earth the first since June 19 which did more than lay the dust.

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Sept 21 Since last entry we have had clear hot weather and tonight after sundown the Tem was 84 degrees with signs of rain.

Sept. 21 We had a very fine rain tonight more than has fallen since June 1. Roads are heavy.

Sept. 22 The weather is cooler and quite enjoyable.

Sept. 23 Men finished my deep well on the hill today at 68 ft.

Sunday Sep 24 Staid at house all day and rested. Cooler.

Sep. 25 The fall term of our circuit Court opened today. Cool.

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Sept. 26 We had frost last night bad enough for overcoat.

Sept. 30 A little rain last night makes rather a gloomy day today but quite a number of old settlers came out to my meeting.

Sunday Oct 1 Warmer and cloudy today.

Oct. 2 Very warm until about 3 p.m. when a heavy rain came up and continued.

Oct. 3 Warm all day an [and?] 85 degrees at sundown.

Sunday Oct 8 I heard by messenger about 10 o clock p.m. that my brother Palmer was ill and at once went to his home. I found him as reported very sick and

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vomiting but conscious. I staid with him all night and left him no better in the morning.

Oct 10 Was with Bro. P much yesterday and wrote his will for him. Left him at 5 p.m. quite hopeful but at 2 this a.m. a messenger summoned me to him. Found him much worse and suffering intensely. Staid balance of the night and most of today with him— he only partly conscious.

Oct 11 Staid all day with Bro. Parm. He is very sick and all. Hope abandoned.

Oct 12 My poor sick brother died this a.m. at 2.45. Only 10 minutes

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before he raised himself in bed to vomit but failed and then clawed at his throat with his fingers as if suffocating. breathed shorter and shorter and died. Oh how ones thoughtfully[?] go out at

such a time. Always together in childhood much more separated but a few weeks from him, except when he was in the army, he was very near to me. It is now all over and another tie on the other shore binds me.

Oct 13 Today the worn out body of my poor brother was laid to rest in Mt. Hope near the graves of my Bro. Orton who preceded him 21 years since. This is the 40th

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anniversary of our marriage and a day of meditation. God has indeed been very good to me.

Tuesday Oct. 24 This morning [morning] my wife and I left at 5 a.m. on the I.C. R. R. for Chicago having spent the night at the Doans Home. We arrived in C about 10 am and spent the day in the city shopping but visited Lincoln Park late in the afternoon. We staid at the [blank spot] hotel.

Wednesday Oct 25 Went to the Worlds Fair and spent most of the day there seeing for the last time that great Exposition

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Oct 26 It being raining this morning we determined to return home where we arrived at 2 p.m. It has rained but little here and roads fine.

Monday Nov. 27 I left at 5 p.m. over the Wabash R.R. for Topeka Kansas taking the main line and a sleeper at Sidney Ill.

Nov. 28 I awakened at daylight in Missouri and at 7:20 we arrived safely at Kansas City. Immediately took A. T. and S Fe road for Topeka where we arrived at 11:20. At 1:10 left at Rock Island for Wabaunsee county. Arrived at Paxico an hour later where

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I met my correspondent John Tiffey, and went with him 7 miles in the country to the Sutton and McCormey farm.

Nov. 2 Went with Tiffey my first[?] 14 miles across a very rough country to Alma the county seat where by dark that evening I had closed up the sale of the lands and had \$600 cash on

loan[?] Got exchange for my cash and at about 12 midnight left Alma for White City where I arrived at 1am and to bed.

Nov 30 Arose at 6 a.m. and left for Emporia where I arrived at 8 a.m. and found Bro Edwin and family well. Ate my

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Thanksgiving dinner with them and spent a very enjoyable evening.

Dec. 1 Arose at 6 a.m. and took 10 oclck [o'clock] train for Kansas City where I arrived at 11:30. Spent the p.m. in looking about this city and with old time Clarksfield friends. At 6:00 took the duster train for room and went early to bed.

Dec. 2 Awoke about 6 a.m. and found myself at Springfield Illinois and arrived home at 10 a.m. safe and sound without loss or breakage, finding all well.

Dec. 3 A fall of 6 inches of snow last night gives us a wintery

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aspect. Until now my cows have lived on the full grown pasture. [Crossed out "Drove my slei"]

Dec. 3 Drove my sleight for the first time and had good sleighing. Tems were fine.

De. 4 Snow melted in the road a little.

Sunday Dec 10 Snow all gone except in partslier. [pasture?]

Dec. 12 Roads quite muddy yesterday but froze solid this morning. But little thawing today. This is my 63rd birthday and much given up to thoughts of family in the old home and friends of the past.

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Dec 25 We have had for most of the time this winter very mild and open weather and today tho [though?] the ground is frozen the weather is very enjoyable. We took our Xmas [Christmas] dinner with Beuford and made a call upon Bro. Palmer family.

Sunday Dec 31 We held our church services for the first time in our new church. In the lecture room, after having worshipped elsewhere since March 3 1893.

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Jan 1, 1894

New Years day and I am well contented and happy.

Jan 23 It began snowing today at about noon and snowed fiercely until after night. So far we have had little snow or rain

Jan 24 We have about 6 inches of snow but the roads are so rough that it avails nothing for sleighing. Weather colder.

Jan 25 Tem. near 15 degrees below

Jun 26 A little warmer but still quite cool.

Feb 1 This day Jairus Dunlap a friend of near 40 years acquaintance took his own

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life by shooting himself in the head. Though a brilliant man and of extensive reading has failed to realize his expectations in life in a financial point. Sickened of existence and wanted to die. Weather very pleasant.

Feb 2 Today all was wanted[?] of Jairus Dunlap was committed to the earth. A sad ending of a sad life. Weather cool and cloudy. Snow mostly gone.

Sunday Feb 4 Beautiful day with ground frozen. Went to church and then to Champaign to call upon sister Ophelia.

Feb. 8 Rained most of the day and much water fell.

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Feb 9 High wind and a cloudy out warm atmosphere. Today workman finished laying the carpet in the audience room of our new church and ten seats were put back in place. This practically finishes the structure and renders as it ready for occupancy.

Sunday Feb. 11 Ground frozen cold and from NE.

Feb 12 Snowed most all night and all day, wind blowing at a fearful rate and snow lying in great drifts. Talked on Lincoln before the students.

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Feb 13 Attended the funeral of the Sir Knight and Bro Joseph Peck this P.M. Weather cold.

Feb 15 The audience room of our new church was first opened tonight for an organ concert with great satisfaction to all. Weather cold and sleighing good.

Feb 17 Strong south wind and snow going off fast.

Sunday Feb 25 This week has been cold but each day the sun has thawed the snow some. Roads a little muddy today.

Feb 28 Beautiful sunshine and warmer. Fog at night.

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March 1 Spring has come and the snow shines out most beautifully, tho [though] the air was heavy and foggy in the morning.

March 2 A beautiful spring day wind in the south.

March 3 Another fine spring day and snow which lay in maps and drifts mostly gone.

Sunday March 4 A spring day with balmy air and good roads to our home the dust flying tho [though] prairie roads very bad. Small winds[?] of rain fell occasionally.

March 5 First day of spring term of court. Warm and balmy again wind strong from south.

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March 6 Rained all last night and much water fell. Roads very muddy.

March 7 Dark and cloudy and a little rain.

March 9 Sun came out clear and warm and roads drying up fast. It is 25 years today since my mother died and for many ["days" crossed out] years very gloomy day.

March 10 Rained this a.m. and we did not go to church. Roads \_\_\_\_[?] somewhat heavy.

March 20 We have had a remarkably warm and pleasant March some days the heat has been as high as 75 degrees in the shade.

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March 21 Sun very warm w [with?] high of 80 degrees Grain has been green all the winter and is now growing rapidly. Our potatoes and early vegetables all planted.

March 24 Wind shifted to the north west and became colder

Sunday Mch 25 This is Easter Sunday and also the dedication of our new church, which we have worked so long to complete. A throng came and filled every seat and all standing room. Weather cold and windy.

March 27 Still cold,. The temperature as low as 8 degrees above zero

Mch 28 Snow began falling at an early hour and continued

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most of the day and until the ground was covered 4 or 5 inches deep. It drifted in places— What a contrast to the weather of a week since. Oats in the country are generally sown and gardens are made.

March 29 The wind blew a gale last night but this a.m. all is quiet and we have a clear sunshine all day. Sun has melted some.

Sunday April 1 Clear sunshine but wind is cool.



April 3 This morning at 5 o'clock my brother in law Oberlin C. McConmy[?] breathed his last at his home in Sadorus, aged 58 years. Thus we go on after another.

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April 8 Drove to Sadorus this a.m. and back in the P.M. and saw Bro. Oberlin laid away

April 14 We have had a week of fine weather and spring same to have cows again.

May 12 We have been having beautiful weather. Woods in full leaf.

May 15 We are having very warm weather and things are growing rapidly. Tem 92 degrees.

May 18 After three very warm days the weather became quite and direly[?] colder and tem from 92 degrees yesterday fell to 42 degrees with violent wind from the north.

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This morning ice was seen upon water trough and \_\_\_\_ [?] vegetables are injured.

June 16 After a drowth [drought?] of over three weeks we had a fine rain this P.M. which corn and other vegetables much needed. For 10 days the tem. of each day has been 95 degrees to 100 degrees and the dust had become very deep.

Sunday Jun 17 A little more rain today. Cool and comfortable.

June 18 This is the 41st anniversary of my coming to Urbana and a day of much thought.

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Sunday June 24 We had a find rain this P.M. which was greatly needed.

January 25 Another fine rain this morning.

July 4 Our friends from town to the number of about 20 came out to our house today and we ate a picnic dinner with them and spent the day pleasantly in the shade. Very warm.

July 17 Went to Danville to today and return. Attended meeting of Id. Pr. Co. Warm and dry.

July 24 Went to Ricker farm in St. Joe today. Pleasant ride but warm and windy.

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July 26 Tem 90 degrees in shade and heat oppressive. We have had no rain for near five weeks.

July 28 About on p.m. today we were blessed with an abundant shower which lasted near an hour and will be of great benefit to our corn crop the first rain since June 25. Fields were much parched and needed rain.

Sunday July 29. Weather still very warm.

Aug. 3 After strong symptoms of rain the clouds have all cleared. And this a.m. a strong north wind blows

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and everybody feels refreshed.

Memoranda: On Aug. 7. 1894, Bro. Sheldon my wife and myself bought excursion tickets for Niagara Falls and the Thousand Islands and at 4 p.m. left over C. C. and St F. We were delayed by the burning of a bridge Gilman Crawfordsville and Indianapolis used so had to go by Greencastle. We went to our births[?] while standing on the side track at G. I went to sleep soon and waked at a point in Ohio east of Union City. We lost time continually we arrived at Niagara Falls about 9 p.m. Aug 8. And at once went to our hotel and to bed. Next morning, Aug. 9., we took train for \_\_\_\_\_[?]

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\_\_\_\_\_ [?] and were run back to Buffalo through by Batavia, Rochester, Syracuse, and Watertown to the St. Lawrence river at Clayton at 5 p.m. We at once went on board a steamer and carried down the river to Alexandria Bay, passing many beautiful Islands with their cottages and mansion. On our return it was mostly by night, when the homes and lawns were all brightly lighted. And by the aid of a torch light the scene was made most enchanting. We reached Clayton at about 9:30 p.m., got some supper and went to bed at a little hotel. Next morning

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we repaired to the river shore and enjoyed the beautiful scenery until 9:20 when took the train for Niagara again. After changing twice we arrived at Oswego about noon, got a lunch and staid until 3 p.m. waiting for our train west. We then went onward transiting[?] most of the time within sight of the blue waters of Lake Ontario. We arrived at Niagara at 9:20 p.m. and at once went to bed and slept well. Next morning Aug 11th we spent the forenoon seeing the sights about the Falls including a ride in the observation car down the river to Lewiston, where we had a view of Brock's Monument on the Canadian

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side of the river. In the afternoon we returned to Buffalo and took a train for Pavemast[?] station where we found Bro. Sheldon at cousin Itzardi's. We staid over Sunday and until Tuesday visiting the scenes of my babyhood and of the struggles of my family in Western New York. While there my niece Wanda C. came in and her presence with us in added much to the interest of the visit. Tuesday Aug 14th we returned to Buffalo in the evening and spent the succeeding two nights with the family of my cousin the \_\_\_[?] H. G. Cunningham very pleasantly. On Thursday a.m. at 0:20 Aug 16 we left for the west on the fast rail and in a little over 3 hours were at Cleveland.

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where we spent a very pleasant night with cousin Sarah Stowe and her family. On Friday Aug. 17 we, wife Bro. Sheldon and I went out to Bainbridge the house of my wife in her youth, where we staid all night with Mrs. Perry Hoskins and on the 18th we attended the Smith reunion at Mr. Wilbur's in Auburn. That night we spent with our tenant Mr. McCollum in the McConnouhey[?] homestead. Sunday Aug. 19th we spent in wandering around the old farm and calling at some of the relatives. Staid all night with Mr. Haskins and next day went to Changrin Falls where we

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spent the night with Mr. and Mrs. L. L. Cadwell. Tuesday the 21st we returned to Cleveland and [and repeated] in the evening after calling on our old neighbor, Mrs. Ingersoll, we went to Elyria to my cousin Myron Cunningham where we again overtook Bro. Sheldon. Staid all night and on

Wednesday 22 went around town and saw the sights. Thursday the 23rd we all drove to the mouth of Black River and saw the coming city. Wonderful preparations are made for a great manufacturing town. In the p.m. we took the train wife and I for Oberlin, where we staid all night with Mr. and Mrs. Powers. In the morning

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Friday the 24th. I again took the train with Bro. S. for Clarcksfield via Norwald. We reached C. about 11 a.m. where we were met our friend Mr. Day, who took us to his house for dinner. He then kindly found us a horse and buggy to be used at our pleasure. We drove to the center of the town and to the site of the farm upon which our family settled in the woods in 1833. Only a depression in the ground where our cellar was marks the site of the house not a building remains. Fences have been changed and the orchard planted by Father is largely dead and gone, as well as the

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dear ones who with us lived there and called it "home" for so many years. We passed our \_\_\_\_\_[?] only a short time but O how our eyes drank in a view of every road of the land. That night I staid with the family of our old neighbor Ezra Rowland, where I was so much and often a guest in other days. Sat. thru 25th we spent this time driving around the neighborhood and calling upon the few we knew. In the evening I went to the house of Mrs. Mary A. Portah, an old and very dear friend where I staid all night. Only she and her daughter Mrs. Mary E. Bunce, for

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many years the widow of my friend and playmate Marshall Bunce where I remained all night, much enjoying the revival of old friendships but also much pitying the lonely conditions of my friends and the crippled and helpless condition of their mother. In the morning, Sunday Aug 26, we again set out with our horse and buggy to see our childhoods home. Near we hitched our horse and walked over the fields we both helped to clear and plow, recalling courts[?] here and there, for hours. In the p.m. we went to meeting in the old church that we saw built and dedicated in 1838. We saw but two persons there besides ourselves who lived there then. We also spent some time in the

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grave yard where our parents lie buried, and had a long visit with the old neighbors who lie there. In the evening I went to the house of my old school mate Estes Scott where I staid all night, much enjoying the revival of old friendships of himself and wife. In the morning my friend took his buggy and took me to Wellington where I met my wife and we took the train for home. Spent that night with Bro. S\_\_? and family at Indianapolis and on Thursday Aug. 28th reached home after we absence of three weeks finding everything in good order, and the country re-

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sted [rested?] by copious and recent rains. In New York and Ohio, especially the latter states we found the fields much parched with drouth [drought] and the corn crop short.

September 18, 1894 We have now a very growing time. Grass grows like June and the weather is cool and very enjoyable.

Dec 6, 1894 This day my wife and myself submitted to the Deaconess Board of the Methodist Episcopal III. Annual Conference a proposition to give our very dear and beautiful home to the Church as a Deaconess and Childrens home to be managed by the Women's Home Missionary Society.

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This home we have occupied improved and beautified for near 25 years, but it is more than we need for our comfort and the great needs of homeless and friendless children appeal strongly to sympathetic ones for such an institution. We also feel that these home wants are being overlooked by the church in its zeal[?] for extending the faith.

Jan 25, 1895 This morning came the news from Cincinnati[?] that our offer of our home had been accepted by the Women's Home Missionary Society with the resolution to occupy and carry out in good faith our wishes.

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Jan. 31 This day we executed our deed for our house, including 15 acres which we have owned and occupied for 25 years today. May God's blessing go with the gift and may it be the means of doing much good.

Sunday Feb 3 After attending church wife and I drove to Champaign to visit Sister Ophelia who has been much afflicted for a year with a cancer. Found her wasting away and suffering very much.

Feb. 4 The coldest day of the winter. Tem. this morning 10 degrees below zero.

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Feb. 5 Tem. about as yesterday

Feb. 6 Tem. this morning 10 degrees above zero. Began snowing east and continued most of the day. Sleighing good.

March 12 Went to Decatur this A.M. and returned in the evening.

April 12 On this day we abandoned our home where we have lived over 25 years., and moved our bed and board to our new house on Green St. Urbana. Where we spent the night tired and weary.

Sunday April 14 Being very much fatigued we staid at home in the A.M but in the P.M. attended the

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Knight Templars services in Champaign.

May 12 Having had a week of the warmest weather ever known here a fine rain fell last night very much cooling the air. Today we need our overcoats. The temperature having fallen from

May 14 A freeze and frost last night did make damage to gardens corn and fruit.

May 15 A cold drizzly rain. This do much good to our to the parched and dry earth.

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Memoranda: On August 4th 1905, by executed agreement between Frank. H. Boggs my partner in the practice of the law since July 1893, we dissolved our partnership and having sold to him all my library and office furniture with mastered good will, I walked out of the office and thus closed my professional life as a lawyer, which I began on May 1, 1859, a period of over 46 years, during which times I have not missed my necessary attendance upon a single term of the Circuit Court. No one can estimate the degree of freedom from care felt by me at this change from office life and its burden of care and anxiety.

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August 16, 1905 While in attendance upon a reunion of the many members of the Cunningham family, my cousins far and near at attendance, which I today received a dispatch with the sad intelligence of the death of my brother, Edwin Wilbur Cunningham at Boulder, Colorado, where he had gone some weeks before hoping to recover his health after some months of illness. The news, \_\_[?] not \_\_[?] for, was most painful and depressing for he was our youngest brother and always a great favorite in the family owing to his sweetness of temper in childhood and his imminent usefulness in his manhood. He since 1900 has been a Judge of the Supreme Court of Kansas

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October 1905. On August 30th my wife and I in fulfillment of a long desire in company with our niece Esther Ricker and our friend Mrs. Caldwell of Cleveland, Ohio, set out east on a journey to California and the Western Coast via the Canadian Pacific Railroad, having my brother Jairus C. Sheldon in feeble health and with serious doubt if ever we should see him in life again. Our journey was successfully accomplished with rests at Vancouver, Seattle, Portland San Francisco Los Angeles and San Diego of several days each and for a night or two at other places. When[?] we arrived at Los Angeles we found awaiting us a dispatch from home containing the sad intelligence of the death of my

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brother Sheldon, which took place on September 17, 1905. This the event had been looked for as near by for some months, the news that death had come to him was a very great shock to me. Tho [though] in fact only a brother of the half blood to me, being my mother's only child by her first marriage our relations had from infancy been such that he had always been of the closest and most brotherly nature. No breach between us had ever found a place. But three years helped between our births and but for being told that we were not full brothers, we

never would have known otherwise. Raised in the same family, worked together in the same fields, at school together, we came from our parents home westward together, made our homes in Urbana together,

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where we have lived \_\_\_\_ [?] aiding each other for more than half a century, it may well be said that our lives have become one. We had our office together from March 1876 to the time of his death, over 28 years. Our occasional separations during our lives never at any time exceeded a period of six months. Altho [although] never mutually interested in the same business, on the contrary for a considerable number of years in our law practice, competitors, no word or thought of unkindness, needing explanation or withdrawal [?] ever came between us. Only the closest fraternal and helpful feelings ever existed between us. Fortunately at no time after we were established in business neither ever needed financial aid from any one, so our acct. books show little in a business way.

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It is now in my extreme age a comfort to me to others write, and further to say that the same condition of close and helpful relations existed between all of our family to the last bow having but for the continued life of my beloved sister, become "The Last Leaf upon the Tree" of our family. It gives me inexpressible satisfaction to know that the latest prayer of our deceased father that his children might live as during his life, in love and peace have been fulfilled.

December 12, 1912. This day I complete the 82th year of my life according to family tradition and information. The clipping following this I attach as a curiosity or rather as a singular coincidence.

[Clipping from the Record-Herald, December 12, 1912, inserted between pages 147 and 148]

12:12-12-12-12 AT 12:12 TODAY

This is the Way the Full Date Must Be Written.

Take your pen firm in hand at 12 minutes past 12 o'clock today.

Then write the date down to the hour and minute. In Arabic numerals.



It will read 12:12-12-12-12.

There you are. You can figure it down to a still finer point by waiting 12 seconds if you wish.

G. S. Faber, an engineer on the staff of the Chicago Railway Company figured out the freak date for the Record-Herald yesterday. He has a penchant for chronological oddities.

The next time it will be possible to get a like combination, according to Mr. Faber, will be in ninety-eight years, nine months, sixty-two days, twenty-three hours and fifty-eight minutes. Then it will be possible to write the exact date 10:10-10-10-10.

[Handwritten on bottom of clipping]

At 12 sec. after 12 o'clock on the 12th day of the 12th month 1912 - my 82nd birthday. J.O.C.

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December 12, 1914 Again after the lapse of two years, I am here to note the fact of another natal day, my 84th year of life, being fully sounded out. With good health, the comforts of life to the fullest extent including the presence of my dear and faithful wife, I still have the most abundant reason[?] for gratitude to God for continued favors.

December 12, 1915. Another year has lapsed, which makes me 85 years of age and with a deep gratitude to the giver of all good I enter upon another year in good health. With the exception of a little less strength and greater tremor of the hand, I am quite as well as a year since. For all this thanks be to God.

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The writer of this diary died at his home in Urbana, Ill. on April 30, 1917 at the age of eighty-six years and four months. This leaving his sister Olive, the "Last leaf on the tree." She died in Oakland, Calif. at the home of her daughter, on Sept 24, 1925 aged ninety years and ten months.

His wife Mary died in 1921.

[in parentheses] (This entry is made by the daughter of his sister.) 1946