

JOURNAL
OF
HENRY HAMILTON FLOYD
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Dear Mrs. Colquitt:

The accompanying, sheets, numbered 1 to 85, inclusive, were copied by me from my grandfather's journal. The small part I have was handed to me by a friend several years ago. It was in the possession (sic) of my uncle, James Boog Floyd, the little Jimmy who often had fits, as convulsions from the terrible fevers were called in those days. My grandfather was a civil engineer, and after the period covered in this part of his journal, he surveyed much land for the Government in Florida. The rest of the journal is lost.

My notations are in parentheses. I did not attempt to keep each page of the journal on a separate (sic) sheet. I made a mistake in the numbering of my sheets, but it will not cause any confusion. I also, several times, made a mistake in putting the entries in proper order, but these little errors show for themselves as not of the original. I have punctuated where necessary, to make the reading easier, but no meaning has been changed: but most of the punctuation is like the original.

Later, I will write for you a sort of sketch of the characters, or a sort of introduction, that will make journal more interesting. I see a quaint thread of drama running through this journal kept by a fever ridden gentleman, the somewhat bored head of a numerous, fever ridden family. I hope I can successfully unveil what I think I see, so it will be interesting to you and to those who are interested in the ethnology of this section of this period.

Sincerely yours,

Marmaduke Floyd.

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[Note from Tara Fields: Spelling is "as is" in the original journal. Where there may be some confusion I have placed (sic) after words that are misspelled in the journal. In addition, this journal was written when it was common to use the letter "f" in place of the first in a series of "s". For example, "passed" would be spelled "pafsed." Pronunciation would be the same.]

Copy of a journal kept by Henry Hamilton Floyd.

Journal commenced February 23, 1852.

Bellevue.

Wed. 18th. Sunny and warm. I left Bellevue at 4 o'clock, A. M., for Cabin Bluff, in company of Mary, Rosalie, & John Floyd, also my daughters, Margaret & Catherine, remained, there until Sunset when we boarded Steamer Gaston. Pafsed (sic) a very pleasant day eating oysters, (here is a pen sketch of an opened oyster) Arrived in St. Marys in two hours after leaving Cabin Bluff.

Thus .19th. Clear & warm. Found the ox cart had arrived yesterday. Sent it back. Transacted some business.

Friday 20th. Windy & cloudy. Mr. Richard Floyd and family came from Judge O'Neill's and went to Dr. Bacon's, overhauling Mrs. King's papers & c.

Sat. 21st. Very cloudy, cool in the afternoon. John & myself called on Mrs. Floyd and daughters. After tea, Mrs. Drysdale & Mifses (sic) Annie & Caroline Floyd called at house opposite "Hotelle de Invaleids" (sic) to see Mifs Mary & Rosalie Floyd.

Sundy 22d. Cloudy, windy, and in the afternoon a light drizzle. Margaret & Kate commenced school at Mrs. Harby (?) on the 19th.

Mon 22d. Warm, windy and appearance of rain. Mrs. Floyd and daughters left in the Welaka for St. Augustine this morning.

Tuesday, 24th. Clear and very windy. Mr. Wm. Clarke's youngest daughter, named Alia, died of pneumonia this afternoon. I pafsed a most agreeable day.

Wed, 25th. Clear and warm also a hard S. W. breese (sic). At 10 this morning John G. Floyd and myself got on the steamer Welaka and were landed at Cabin Bluff in two hours where we met Dr. Delaroché who is going to Savannah. We took Dr. D.'s conveyance and reached here in an hour after. I found all quiet. During my absence my mare Nelly died. She was the best horse I have ever owned. Vegetation has put forth rapidly since I left here & the flower garden begins to show many pretty blofsoms. The Irish potatoes are up, ----- the cabbage seed, & some of the peaches, the seed of which my sister Caroline sent me from Laurens County.

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Feby & March, 1852.

Thursday 26th. Clear and warm. It is now excessively dry. John G. Floyd and little Sammy went fishing and were gone nearly all day. Nothing caught. I planted corn in my garden and other vegetables besides sowed flower seed in my flower garden and planted peach seed, given me by Dr. Henry Bacon, under the myrtle trees near the flower garden gate. Hands planting sweet potatoes. Mordina had fever yesterday and today.

Friday 27th. Clear and warm morning. Cloudy and pleasant afternoon. Mother Augusta and old Maum Sally went to Black Point this morning and got back in the afternoon. Harry Clay had the chill and fever today. John Floyd and myself grafted 18 pear trees, 14 of them were young pear trees on which we grafted from an old tree, and the other 4 I ground grafted with pear on quince roots. Preparing vegetable garden for seed – planted a few bush squash seed – finished planting sweet potatoes – have one acre.

Satry 28th. Clear and very windy 'till after dark when it became cloudy and rained very hard. John G. Floyd and myself went to Fairfield this morning and loaded the cart with things to be sent to St. Marys. Started the cart after dinner to go as far as the Hermitage. John Floyd sat a snare in my vegetable garden last evening for rabbits and it had one this morning. I planted cucumbers, melons, squashes and snap beans today.

Sunday 29. Cloudy and a rainy day. This has been a remarkably dull day.

Mon 1st. Clear and pleasant. I begun a towel stand for Mordina and a clothes rack for Mary D. Floyd. John G. Floyd commenced making a small sail boat. Sent Alonzo to Hermitage on his way to Jeffersonton for the mail. Planted corn in my large garden and begun to plant corn in the field North of the garden. Sammy and Harry had the fever today.

Tues. 2d. Clear and warm. The wagon returned from St. Marys about 10 this morning, and Alonzo from Jeffersonton (third page) at dinner time. I got a letter from Capt. Thomas Bourke wishing to get either John, Charles or Richard Floyd to live with him, it is very kind of Bourke but I know that Mary wont (sic) consent to part with either. John went to Fairfield in the morning an came back to dinner. He went again in the afternoon and returned in the birch bark canoe. John working at his beat and I finished the clothes rack. Planted Celery, Beets, Lettuce, Radishes, Egg Plants Carrots &c. in my garden. Caroline C. B. Floyd if fifteen years old today.

Wed 3rd. Cloudy, strong N. E. wind and cool. Sam'l A. Floyd, John G. Floyd and myself hunted this morning on our way to the Park field. I saw near the three mile post two deer cross out to the left. Sent the boy and the dogs in the Park field to drive this way. Six deer started and one came out to me and I fired at it about 40 yards but the gun had such a small load that I had no hope of getting it as soon as I found the gun was so smally charged. I neglected examining the gun, which had been loaded some months, before going out. John Floyd went to Fairfield this morning and remained a short time. Today I had the stallion Taylor put in the buggy for the first time and he drew so well that I started Alonzo with him in the buggy for St. Marys this afternoon to remain tonight at Hermitage, I sent Mary D. Floyd some plants for the garden in town. I sowed pepper seed today. Hands planting corn.

Thurs. 4. Cloudy & damp day. John Floyd & myself walked to Fairfield this morning and got back to dinner. Brought over a work bench & placed it & all my tools in the cellar under my office. Hands planting corn. Mother sick last night & this morning with cold & fever.

Friday 5. Clear & warm. Mother sick with cold & light fever. Alonzo returned from St. Marys in the afternoon bringing me several letters, one from Col. I.W. Garnie, (fourth page) requesting me to meet him in St. Marys on Tuesday next. Sam A. Floyd's mare Mary died today. John G. Floyd & myself went to Fairfield this morning and returned to dinner.

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Satry 6th. Somewhat cloudy & warm. Late in the afternoon it rained a little. Planted Seewee beans, some corn & okra & many melons water & musk. Hands planting corn. I had brought from Fairfield for Mordina a large prefs. It was in one of the upper rooms & I had to make Isaac take it to pieces before it could be got down. When made it was taken upstairs by a tackle and rope through one of the windows.

Sun 7. Cloudy. Had N. E. wind and several showers. I left here long before light for Cabin Bluff where I had to remain until about 9 o'clock when the steamer Welaka came & I got on board and was landed in St. Marys in two hours after. I found the family well except Mary D. Floyd who had a very bad cough.

Monday 8th. Cloudy & showery, I went to St. Marys exprefsly to meet Mr. Isidore W. Garnie who wrote me that he would be in town on Tuesday, but I learned that Garnie pafsed through on Saturday last.

Tuesday 9. Clear and warm. I left St. Marys near 2 P. M. Was landed at Cabin Bluff, from the Welika, in time to reach here an hour before sunset.

Wed 10. Clear and warm. Early this morning Mordina, little Harry, & John G. Floyd went to Cabin Bluff to meet the steamer, but as the boat did not come by 4 P.M. they returned. Mordina and Harry wished to go to St. Marys. John killed with my rifle today a large alligator and a wild cat. Last night Edward Hopkins daughter, Mary, was to be married in Darien to Col. (fifth page) Henry T. Titus, of Jacksonville, East Florida. Sister Susan & her daughter Mary went on last Saturday to attend the wedding. Hands bedding land for ground nuts. My plants many of them are coming up.

Thurs'y 11. Cloudy and a hard shower late in the afternoon. John G. Floyd & myself went to Fairfield this morning, loaded the cart with things & sent it to St. Marys: we got back to dinner. I killed and salted for the family in town a very large steer called King. Commenced planting ground nuts. Have now 16 acres of corn planted and most of it up.

Fri. 12. Cloudy morning & rainy. Clear afternoon. Beets, Carrots & other vegetables coming up. Hilling Irish potatoes, they are nearly, on an average, a foot high.. I had a new cow pen made & in the old one I will plant melons. John Floyd & myself fire hunted as far as the Park field and back without seeing an eye.

Saty 13. Clear and warm. In the afternoon, Mordina, Harry, John G. Floyd & myself went to Black Point, and after supper John & I fire hunted but saw nothing. Hands finished ground nuts, have one acre, and preparing land for cabbages.

Sund'y 14. Cloudy & a good shower. Hard wind in the afternoon. Before light we left Black Point for Cabin Bluff and at 8 A M. the Welaka came & Mordina, Harry & Patty got on board to go to St. Marys. John & I reached here at 9 A. M. The Wagon got back from town this morning bringing me a letter from Mary D. Floyd and one from Rosalie; each contained a beautiful book marker worked with the hair of these ladies; they are, of course, highly prized by me. Mary wrote me that on the 11th inst. she was quite unwell. The steamer I. Stone on her way South Wednesday last broke a part of her machinery & went back to Savannah, consequently no Northern mail. I (sixth page) employed myself today overhauling papers. Destroyed many letters & old papers.

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Mon 15. Cloudy & pleasant day. John G. Floyd & myself rode to the Satilla steamer, Sam Miller, to meet Mr. Paxton, the receiver of tax returns, but as he did not come by noon we left and reached here by dinner. I had, near the boat house, over one task of cabbages set out. All the hands, but one, minding birds.

Tues. 16. A very rainy day and wind N. E. Doing but little. Put together the towel stand that I made for Mordina.

Wed 17 Clear & pleasant. After dinner John Floyd & myself went to Fairfield. I brought over the two secretaries that stood in the painting room and started them off in the buggy for St. Marys, by Alonzo, who goes as far as the Hermitage tonight. Sweet potatoes & melons in the potato patch coming up. Manured my garden corn and planted snap beans in the missing places. Planting early peas in my corn. Some of the grafts which John Floyd & I put from an old pear tree in the young pear trees are putting out. On Monday last I planted arrow root. This is my son Sammy's birth day. He is six years old.

Thurs. 18. Cloudy, & in the afternoon quite cool. John Floyd went to the Hermitage to hunt. He saw 4 deer but had no shot. Quash, who was with him, jumped a deer and his gun snapped. The cut worms are now numerous and doing great injury to the vegetables. I planted some snap beans & cucumbers. Finished planting all the peas I had nearly 7 tasks planted in the corn.

Friday 19. Cloudy rain & sleet this morning till about noon when it cleared off. This has been a very cold day. I covered all of the cucumbers, melons & squashes in my garden with boxes barrels, cups, soup plates, & in fact every I suitable that could find I used. Had the Irish potatoes hauled up again today (seventh page) & I don't think they will require any more work. laid off a piece of land, where the old cow pen was at the end of the avenue, & it is 4 task poles each way making 4/5th of a task; as soon as I can fence it I will plant melons. The ground is very rich.

Saty 20. Clear & cold. Much frost this morning. Alonzo got back from St. Marys about 10 A. M. & after dinner I sent to town again to carry letters that I wish to go to Florida tomorrow I started two toys with the oxen and cart to carry a book case to St. Marys for Mary D. Floyd; they go as far as Hermitage. I received a letter from the Rev. N. A. Pratt, of Roswell, Cobb County, Georgia, in answer to mine relative

to his taking John G. Floyd. He is willing to take John, provided John will be governed by his rules. Planted corn between the Irish potatoes. Also sowed radishes in the flower garden. Sowed Cleamo seed. I passed a very dull day without being able to assign any cause for it. I got from St. Marys two fine drum lines. Drum, I am told have been taken in St. Marys.

Sun. 21. Clear & pleasant. Alonzo returned from St. Marys in the afternoon, and, by a letter from Mordina, I learn that Jessinda went to Jacksonville to be hired. John Floyd walked to Fairfield this morning & got back to dinner. I had the boat, which I painted for Sister Julia some months, since, launched today, as John wishes to fish for drum tomorrow. None of my plants appear to be killed by the late frost. Quash was quite sick last night & today.

Mon. 22d. Cloudy morning & rain 'till about 10 A. M. Clear and pleasant afternoon. John went to the creek's mouth this morning to fish. He hooked two drum & _____ one. Nothing caught but a shark. John got back after dark. I planted in the orange grove some crowder peas which Mary D. Floyd sent me the (eighth page) other day. I also planted 4 qts. of snap beans & sowed tomatoes as those I sowed some weeks ago are not up. I "began making a towel stand for Mary D. Floyd. My vegetable gardens are in excellent order & I commenced working in my flower garden.

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Tues. 23. Clear & cool. Samuel A. Floyd ripped his violin, The Black Joke, and glued it all together again. This old instrument has "been "behaving "badly for some time, and Sam'l supposed there was something wrong in the inside, which proved to be true. The strip fastened to the top as a strengthener was split, which, no doubt, caused the jarring sound which was the fault. I glued a violin for Sam'l. which Dr. Francis W. Sams sent him some time ago. My son Sam'l got several splinters in his hand today from a fence he was climbing & one of the splinters was very hard to be gotten out as it ran nearly through his little finger. I worked at Mary D. Floyd's towel stand & when nearly completing two feet for it they split & I had to make others. John Floyd caught at Horse Pen Bluff 10 small fish.

Wed 24. Cool in the morning. Clear. Wind very high from S. W. & has done more injury to my crop & gardens than the late frost. This morning Sam'l A. Floyd, John Floyd & myself hunted in the Park drive. Two deer were started. No shots. Next drove the Far point & Bar drives without starting. I sent Alonzo to see what had become of my boys & cart. He returned about 2 P. M. stating the oxen were tired out a little way beyond the Hermitage. Alonzo brought the letters. I finished the towel stand today. I am very low spirited today, and have been so for several days past. (ninth page) I wrote the Rev. George White, Marietta, Cobb County, Georgia, asking him to recommend a suitable school that I might send John to.

Thus. 25. Clear and pleasant. John Floyd started for St. Marys on horse back this morning. Late in the afternoon Sister Sarah paid us a visit and left after an early supper. Sam'l A. Floyd and myself hunted this morning and near Shelby a deer was started which came within 40 yards of me and stopped. I fired one barrel and as it passed Sam'l in 40 or 50 yards he fired one barrel. Plenty of blood was seen from the place where I shot it and I think if the boy had followed the dogs it might have got it, but he mistook the run of the hounds and ran in an opposite direction. The boys that I sent to town with the wagon came last night reporting that one of the oxen, Berrie, had given out at the Hermitage. I sent them back this morning and they brought one ox, the other being unable to get up. In the afternoon I sent the buggy for the freight and it got back at dark. I commenced whitewashing my office, cleaning up, &c.

Friday 26th. Clear and pleasant. John G. Floyd returned from St. Marys a little before 4 P.M. I sent the boat to Cabin Bluff this afternoon expecting to meet it there early tomorrow morning and go to St. Marys.

Satry 27. Clear day. Before light this morning I was at Cabin Bluff and from there went to St. Marys in a boat. Reached town at 9 A.M.

Sun 28. Clear morning and cloudy afternoon. I accompanied the ladies to the Episcopal Church, both in the morning and afternoon. Mr. Purdy preached two very good sermons.

Mon 29. Cloudy 'till afternoon when it cleared. Went to walk with Mordina, Mary and Rosalie late in the afternoon. Spent a very agreeable time. My daughter, Susan was elected "Queen for the approaching May."

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Tues 30. Clear and pleasant. Mordina, Harry, Charlie Floyd and myself left St. Marys on the Steamer Welaka and in two hours were landed at Cabin Bluff where we met John Floyd with a conveyance to bring us here. John caught a drum at Cabin Bluff last Saturday and one again this morning. While I was away my old hound, Bounce, died and the ox, Berrie.

Wed 31. Cloudy and several light showers. John Floyd and myself walked to Fairfield this morning and there took a boat for the creek mouth to fish for Drum. At the 1st quarter flood they began to bite and John hooked three and caught one. I hooked 2 and got 1 and Ned hooked 3 and got 1. A boat with 3 persons from the high point of Cumberland was also fishing near us and they caught 5 drum and lost many. When the drum were biting well a shower passed over and they stopped biting; they did not beat while we were catching them. We got back at 3 P.M.

Thus 1st. Cloudy and light showers. Wind from N. and quite cool. John G. Floyd started for St. Marys in the buggy about 11 A.M. Augusta has suffered much lately with the toothache.

Fri 2. Clear and cool. The boy returned this afternoon from St. Marys with the buggy. Mr. Fred Clark, of St. Marys came here this morning and left about noon, taking with him six small steers which I sold him for \$6.50/100 each, total \$39, which amount I will pay to Mary D. Floyd, as the cattle belongs to her. Mary sent me a box of chips as an April Fool. I expected a box of cigars and instead of the cigars I got the chips. I am regularly humbugged by Mary and Rosalie every 1st April.

Saty 3d. Clear and pleasant. After breakfast, Charlie Floyd, little Sammy and myself went to the creek mouth to fish; on our way we stopped a short time at Fairfield. I got to the fishing ground on the first (sic) qr. ebb and fished until three qr. flood. About (eleventh page) half flood I had a bite and caught a very large drum. There were three other boats anchored near mine and in each boat one drum was hooked; none caught but mine. We got back near Sun set. Dr. Delaroche was here soon after I left this morning, and remained a short time.

Sun 4. A little cloudy in the morning, and warm. Clear and pleasant afternoon. I started Will on horseback to St. Marys, to go to the Hermitage tonight. I send the horse for John G. Floyd to ride out. I wrote Col. R. F. Floyd and Mrs. Caroline Blackshear today.

Mon 5. Cloudy and very high wind from S. W. A light shower. Sent to have some cattle driven up, only a few young calves found. I made two feet for a towel stand. The 1st sweet rose opened yesterday and 1st pink today.

Tues 6. Clear. John Floyd arrived near noon, and after night Will came bringing his truck. Harry had the fever again this afternoon. I got a letter from Col. Thomas Bourke saying that the executors of Mr. Wm. H. Mongin were willing to give up the boat, Thos. F. Bryan, which Mongin presented me during his lifetime. I also got a letter from Capt. John B. Gallie, mentioning that Mr. John Murchison would give for Mary D. Floyd's girl, Laura, \$650, which I will accept for Mary as it is a good price. Laura is a likely girl, sixteen years old. This is the birthday of poor Sister Julia. Had she lived 'till now she would have been 37 years old, but God willed it otherwise and we had to submit to a great loss which will be more severely felt hereafter than now.

Wed 7. Clear and windy. Cool this morning. Before light John and I walked to Fairfield, there took a boat, and at sunrise anchored at the creek mouth to fish. Only one bite had in the boat, and that by Quash, who caught a drum. Got back at 10 A.M., and in the afternoon sent the boat to Cabin Bluff, from which place I expect to start for St. Marys early tomorrow morning.

Thus 8. Clear and pleasant. I left here long before light for Cabin Bluff where I got in a boat and a little (twelfth page) after sunrise I was at Kings Bay. I examined the buildings at Kings Bay and found them past repairing, so I will build new ones as I contemplate moving there. Reached St. Marys about 10 A.M.

Fri 9 Clear. Paid Mary D. Floyd \$40, the amount I received from Mr. Fred Clark for the six steers which I sold him a week or two ago.

Sat 10. Clear. Doing little or nothing in tow. Mary D. Floyd very sick today.

Sun. 11. Cloudy and a good shower. Did not attend church on account of the bad weather.

Mon. 12. Rainy morning. Clear afternoon. Yesterday week Mrs. John Hull was landed in Brunswick and taken to her father's Mr. Stephen King's, for internment. She died a few days after giving birth to twins, and they died also. Mrs. Hull died in Savannah. Saturday last John Floyd and Quash fished near Horse Pen Bluff and Quash caught a drum.

Tues. 13. Clear and beautiful day. About 10 this morning Mary D. Floyd, Rosalie S. Floyd and myself left St. Marys and I was landed at Cabin Bluff and the ladies proceeded to Savannah. Mifs Sarah Ann Seabrook was also on board on her way to Charleston. Heard on the Steamer that Portroyal, belonging to the estate of Sister Julia, died yesterday in Jacksonville. The day before he was quite well. I met John Floyd at Cabin Bluff, where he was fishing. He caught one drum and Ned two. I sent Alonzo and Sandy to Savannah this morning as their master, Capt. John B. Gallie wrote me to send them. I also sent Mary D. Floyd's girl, Laura, as Mr. Jno. Murchison offered \$650 for her and Mary concluded to sell her. Dr. Henry Bacon paid me for Mary D. Floyd \$18 as wages for Cinda, from Jany 1st, 1852 to April 1st. He also had in his hands \$18, (thirteenth page) the hire of Myra, which I told him to retain and give the Estate of Mrs. Mary E. King credit for it as the estate is in his debt. I found on my return my crop and gardens much improved; every thing has grown astonishingly.

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Wed 14. Cloudy all day & a herd rain in the afternoon. I transplanted cabbages & tomatoes. Around the stalk of each cabbage I wrapped a piece of brown paper to prevent the cut worms from cutting them down. John G Floyd went raccoon hunting today & caught a very large fellow. Chance, a negro boy is very sick with pleurisy. Tenah is also quite sick. Hands hoeing corn.

Thurs 15. Cloudy morning. Clear afternoon. Sent Ned to St. Marys. Chance very sick & Tenah also. Setting out cabbages on the margin of the marsh near the boat house.

Fri 16. Clear & very pleasant day. About noon John Floyd & myself went to the creeks mouth to fish for drum. We walked to Fairfield & took the boat there. At low water the drum commenced biting & bit slowly & regularly until about 4 P.M.? when we left for home. John had 5 bites & caught 4. I had 4 bites & caught 4. Quash 4 & caught 2. Adam 2 & caught. Total 12 drum. Soon after our return, Mr. Robert Kennedy came from Mr. Alex. Holzendorff's (sic). Chance & Tenah still quite sick. Mr. Bunkley's boat was also at the creeks mouth & the crew, 3 in number, got 6 drum & lost 4.

Satry. 17 Clear morning. A heavy rain & some hail between three & four P. M., after which it cleared up. Mr. Kennedy left late in the afternoon. Jno. Floyd & Mr. Kennedy made an unsuccessful hunt this morning. Ned did not return from St. Marys until late today as the steamer from Florida did not reach St. Marys until late last night & he was ordered to wait until the boat came. Chance & Tenah still very sick. John Floyd's bay filly had a horse colt about 10 days ago & my mare Maggy had a horse colt three (fourteenth page) or four days since. It is black.

April, 1852.

Sun 11. Clear & cool. Wind W. & blew hard. Before light this morning I went to Cabin Bluff to take the steamer Welaka to Jacksonville, Florida, but she pafsea on without stopping & I returned here to breakfast. Chance, I think, rather better. Tenah extremely ill with what I take to be pleurisy.

Mon 19. Clear morning. Cloudy afternoon & hard W. wind. I sent the boat & hands to St. Marys this morning for corn. Tenah no better. Chance improving. Finished planting out cabbages. Two of the picans (sic) which I planted some months since are coming up, & 10 oranges, the seed I saved from the oranges I obtained on Lake Monroe, E. Florida. These oranges were the best by far that I have ever seen.

Tues 20. Cloudy morning & a shower. Afternoon clear. Very high W. wind & quite cool. Chance much better & Tenah a little so tonight.

Wed 21. Clear, cool & a very high W. wind. As the wind must have prevented the boat's returning from St. Marys I sent Quash on horse back for the mail & to carry a letter to the office. Tenah as ill as she can be, and, without a change for the better soon happens, she must sink.

Thurs 22 Clear, cool & wind W. but not so high aw it has been for some days. Tenah died at 5 o'clock this morning. She was the most valuable woman on the place & altogether an excellent woman. The boat got back about 2 P.M. & Ned was left in St. Marys to bring any letters which may come from Florida tomorrow. Quash was back at 6 this morning, bringing me two letters from Mary D. Floyd and one from Rosalie S. Floyd. Dr. Parsons charged \$25.50 for fixing their teeth. When Capt. John B. Gallic spoke to Mr. John Murchison that Laura was there for him he said that he never authorized any one to say he would buy her; that it was a trick of Laura's father, Harry, to get her to Savannah. Capt. Gallic wrote me that he was requested by Harry to say that his master, Mr. Murchison, would give \$650 for Laura. Commenced using tobacco salve on Charlie's sore leg yesterday. Augusta has fever this afternoon. I tried my Irish potatoes today and they are bearing well; some of them plenty large enough for use. A piece of land 209 feet on each side is just an acre. As tobacco salve is very good for old sores, toe nails that grow in the flesh &c., I will here write the recipe for making it. One plug of tobacco, one oz. of tallow, one oz. of bees wax, one oz. of turpentine from the tree. Boil the tobacco in a pot until all the strength is out, strain it off, put it on again & add the above ingredients, then boil it gently until all the water is boiled out.

Fri. 23. Clear & pleasant day. John Floyd & myself & Quash went to Cabin Bluff to fish for drum off the bluff. John caught one & Quash one. I had no bite. 5 sharks two or three feet long were captured. Returned near sundown, end soon after Ned returned from St. Marys.

Saty. 24 Clear & rather warm. Early this morning John Floyd end myself walked to Fairfield & from there went in a boat to the creeks mouth to fish. John had 2 bites & caught 2 drum. I hooked 2 & got 1, Ned caught 1, Will I & Charles 1, total 6. I caught a turtle & Will caught one. Neither Charles nor Will ever caught a drum before today. We got back at noon having stopped at Fairfield a little while on our return. Mrs. Lang sent a boy here to look for a stray horse. Augusta had a high fever today, and Mordina not well. Mary & Rosalie Floyd were to leave Savannah for St. Marys at 10 o'clock this morning.

Sunday, 25. Clear & pleasant. I sent the boat & hands to Cabin Bluff this afternoon, expecting to go to St. Marys tomorrow morning. Picked snap beans & turnips for the first (sixteenth page) time this season. They are producing abundantly, Augusta better today. James had a fever.

April & May, 1852.

Mon. 26. Cloudy all day & in the afternoon a hard N. W, wind & a heavy rain. Early this morning, Charles Floyd, my son Sammy & myself went to Cabin Bluff & there took the small boat for St. Marys, which place I reached at 9 A. M. Mary & Rosalie returned yesterday in the Welaka from Savannah. Mary brought me a beautiful handkerchief marked with her hair & Rosalie brought the nicest ink stand I ever saw.

Tues. 27. Clear day. Sent the boat home. Made tax returns to Mr. Paxton, the receiver.

Wed. 28. Clear. Doing little or nothing in town.

Thurs. 29. Clear. For several days I've suffered much pain with jaw ache.

Fri. 20. Clear, John G. Floyd & Mordina & Augusta went to Black Point yesterday, and early this morning left Cabin Bluff in the small boat & reached here, St. Marys, at 9 A. M. Augusta has a bad tooth ache.

Saty 1st. Clear day. The ladies very busy preparing the children for the party this afternoon. At 5 P.M. the children all met at Mrs. Harby's & marched in procession to the New Academy, which was most tastefully arranged. Susan was made Queen of the May & wore on her head a beautiful crown of Jewels made by her cousins, Mary & Rosalie. Her dress was a tarleton, white, with a wreath of cedar round the skirt, & a wreath made of white flowers went over her shoulders, Mifs Susan Dufour made the firs speech, being a maid of honor. Mifs Josephine Curtis, Archbishop, spoke next & Mifs Leonora Cohen proclaimed her Queen when Susan replied. The pieces were well selected & very well delivered. Mag wore a white drefs trimmed round the skirt with cedar blue flowers & a pretty wreath of black berries & flowers round her head. Kate wore a white drefs trimmed with cedar & on her head a wreath of flowers, principally hearts ease. (seventieth page) Augusta's drefs, white, was trimmed with cedar & pinks & on her head she wore an artificial wreath. Charlie, Dick & Sammy were very becomingly dressed. Many persons were present, and every one seemed to enjoy themselves. A table with quantities of cakes &c. was spread, which the children did ample justice to. Susan & Dick opened the ball with a polka & they really performed admirably. After that all the children danced until 11 at night. I left the ladies to enjoy the party at 9 while I went & took supper with Alonzo Dufour.

Sun. 2d. Clear & warm.

Mon. 2d. Clear & warm. Mary D. Floyd & myself covered the octagon ottoman that I made some weeks ago.

Tues. 4. Cloudy & a tremendous blow from N. E., with a little rain. Last night it blew a gale from the N. Mordina, Sammy, John G. Floyd & myself left St. Marys on the Steamer Welaka after breakfast & all of us but John were landed at Cabin Bluff & got here about noon. I sent John Floyd to the Rev. N. A. Pratt, Roswell, Cobb County, Georgia. I gave John \$50 to hand to Mr. Pratt as one qrs. tuition, & \$25 to pay his expenses. While in town I put up for Mary D. Floyd a set of window curtains in her parlor. It rained very hard here last night, accompanied with hail. John fished on Wednesday last, & two drum were captured, one by Will & one by Pompey. I sent Ned to St. Marys soon after I came, with letters for Florida. I heard on the Welaka today that Portroyal had been struck in the breast with a knot by Mr. Butler the day before he died, & that probably caused his death. Mr. Stephen D. Fernandez wrote me to visit Jacksonville as soon as possible as the hands are very much dissatisfied with Mefsr. Moody & Coulter (Butler?) to whom they are hired, & that he, F. could scarcely keep them from running away.

Wed. 5. Cloudy & a hard N. E. wind. Rain last night & this morning. I made two tortoise shell rings (eighteenth) today for Mary D. Floyd who wishes them for Mifs Jenny Grant. Ned returned from town late this afternoon. Planted peppers. My corn is looking well, but the high wind has injured the potatoes, melons and fruit trees very seriously. I picked a can full of very large strawberries yesterday & sent them to Mary & Rosalie.

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Thurs. 6. Cloudy & hard N. E. wind. I made a towel stand for Mary D. Floyd after a description of one she saw in Savannah. I made also, with Sam'l A. Floyd's assistance a drinking cup of cocoa nut shell. Fixed in glafses in my room windows where they were wanting.

Fri. 7. Cloudy & a fine shower in the morning. Wind still fresh from the N. E. I finished the towel stand today. As I made some alterations in it I think it is far the prettiest one that I have made. Sent the boat to Cabin Bluff late this afternoon as I expect to go to St. Marys tomorrow, & from there to Jacksonville, E. Florida, on businefs. Clear. I left Cabin bluff at day light in my boat and got to St. Marys between 9 & 10 A. M. Clear. Attended to some businefs. Portroyal examined by physicians & no marks of

violence were visible altho some persons believe that he was injured by harsh treatment. No proof, however, & I had to let the matter drop. Dick & myself dined at Mr. S. Fernandez & after dinner Mifs Belle Fernandez & myself played billiards against Mr. & Mrs. Fernandez, & we were defeated.

Sun. 9. Clear & very warm. I left St. Marys at 7 A. M. on the Steamer Welaka, taking Dick Floyd with me, for Jacksonville, E.F., & reached there near one P. M. Had an uncommonly rough time.

Tue. 11 Clear & pleasant. We left Jacksonville before light & reached St. Marys about 9 A. M. Last night I had the tooth ache so badly that I got no sleep 'til nearly day light. I was sorry to hear on my (nineteenth page) arrival here, Sat'y last, of Col. John H. McIntosh's death. He died in Savannah on the 6th inst. This is John G. Floyd's birthday. He is sixteen years old.

Wed 12. Clear & warm. Doing little or nothing in town.

Thurs. 13. A little cloudy. Very dry time, & rain much needed. I woke up this morning with two inflamed spots on one of my legs which are very painful.

Fri. 14. Cloudy in the morning, clear afternoon. The boat came for me & Mordina writes that Gussy has been very sick. On Wed. last she had a fit. Mary & Rosalie pasted some paper on cloth to go in the library, & I varnished it. My leg was very painful today, & I had a light fever.

Satry. 15. Clear. I started, from town just at daylight and landed at Cabin Bluff where I met my horse & reached here about 3 past 10, A. M. Found Gussy quite sick & am sick myself. Everything has grown rapidly since I left. Cucumbers & squashes fit to eat, also carrots. Corn in tassel.

Sun. 16. Clear. I was very sick all day with fever & dysentery. Mother also very sick. Dr. Delaroché & Sister Sarah same after dinner & returned late in the afternoon.

Mon. 17. A little cloudy & a light shower. I am still quite sick, and last night was one of the worst nights I ever pafsed.

Tues. 18. Clear & warm. Mother had fever again today. My leg is so painful I can scarcely walk at all, & I am in other respects not well. Sent Ned to St. Marys.

Wed. 19. Clear & warm. Mother better. I am still very lame. Ned returned from St. Marys bringing me letters, one of them from Mary D. Floyd.

Thurs. 20. Clear. Being unable to walk I am pafsing my time reading, which is not a very pleasant occupation to one accustomed to a stirring life. Sent Ned with a horse & buggy to St. Marys; (twentieth page) started him in the afternoon to go as far as the Hermitage tonight. I sent the mare Nancy in the buggy, but she had not proceeded far before she reared up behind broke out of harness. Nancy was put in harness today for the first time. I had to send Taylor in her stead. Had the office thoroughly cleaned day before yesterday.

Fri. 21. Cloudy morning and every prospect for a good rain, but it only gave us a light shower. Clear afternoon. I am a little better today.

Satry. 22. Cloudy morning. Clear afternoon. Had cattle driven. Ned returned in the afternoon with the horse, Taylor, leaving the buggy as he said that horse wouldn't draw coming out. The buggy is in town. Not much more than a mile from here there was much rain yesterday. Mary D. Floyd sent me a beautiful white vest which she and Rosalie embroidered and made by Mary. It is really beautiful.

Sun. 23. Clear and warm. At 3 o'clock this morning Mordina was taken sick and at 4 A.M. she had a son who I have called Thomas Bourke after my friend Col. Tho's Bourke of Savannah Geo. Mother not well today.

Mon. 24. Clear morning. Cloudy afternoon and a very light shower. Sam A. Floyd and myself hunted this morning and put the dogs in bar drive. They started something which I supposed to be a bear, as one of the dogs came out wounded. One deer was seen by Quash near the Park Field and, on our return, when between the two rice field bridges two deer were seen on the left, running in the Cypress Gall. Sam'l and I went back on the new ground road and sent Quash to drive them out. They came out, and as they pafsed me in 50 yds I fired at one with my rifle and it immediately dropped behind the other and I think I hit it. Had (twenty-first page) no dogs to pursue it. Mother sick with fever again today. As I expect to St. Marys tomorrow to carry Augusta I sent the boat this afternoon to Cabin Bluff to wait for me.

Tues. 25 Clear morning, cloudy in the afternoon and a shower after night. I left here early this morning with Augusta for Cabin Bluff and there got in my boat and arrived in St. Marys at 10 A.M. I received from Jacksonville 100 bushels of corn which I ordered shipped to St. Marys. I met John L. Hopkins in town. He came from Savannah on Sunday last, having gone there in the Florida, a steamer that runs direct from Florida to Savannah without touching at the intermediate places.

Wed 26. Clear morning. Cloudy and heavy shower in the afternoon. John and Rosalie rode cut in a buggy and came near being struck by lightning. I was sick today, and Gussie nearly crazy with toothache.

Thurs. 27. Clear. I was sick nearly add day. Yesterday I sent my boat home with a load of corn.

Fri. 28. Clear morning. Cloudy afternoon. I left St. Marys in the Gaston, was landed at Cabin Bluff where I met my horses and reached here at half past one, P.M. I was quite sick last night and had fever all of this day. Sam'l A. Floyd was talen (sic) sick on Wednesday, last, with a fever and I found him in bed on my arrival. He is, however, better. Very little rain here since I left.

Satry. 29. Cloudy nearly all day and two showers before noon and a good rain about sunset. I was sick with a fever all last night and had it lightly today. Sam'l A. Floyd better. On Monday last I gathered all the cucumbers from my garden that were fit to use and this morning I picked 47 large ones, besides left some on the vines which were yellow.

(twenty second page)

May & June, 1852.

Sun. 30. Cloudy and showery. I am much better today. I was sick all last night.

Mon. 31. Cloudy and a heavy rain from 9 A.M. until 5 P.M. I sent Chance, Ned and Will to drive a cow and calf to St. Marys for Mary D. Floyd. They go as far as the Hermitage tonight. Sam'l A. Floyd, Sen. and little Harry have fever this afternoon. I sent four letters to the post office, one to Col. Richard F. Floyd, the others to Col. Isadore W. Garnie, Mr. S. D. Fernandez and Mr. John G. Floyd, besides I wrote my valued correspondent Mifs Mary D. Floyd and Mifs Rosalie S. Floyd.

June.

Tues. 1st. Cloudy. Hard N. E. wind and light showers. The wind broke off a good deal of my corn. Mother sick all last night and today. Harry had a chill and fever this afternoon. Sam'l A. Floyd had fever last night.

Wed. 2. Clear and beautiful day. Wind light from N. E. The boys who I sent to St. Marys to drive the cow returned this afternoon bringing the buggy which was left some time ago by Ned. The boys say that when within 9 miles of town Will, who was riding George, stopped to water him, and soon after George threw him down. This was when they were going and on their return they saw nothing of the horse and came without him. I sent Will and Ned immediately back to bring him. Harry had a chill and fever again today.

Thurs, 3d. Cloudy morning, clear afternoon. Mother sick with fever and Harry had a chill and fever. He looks very badly. The boys I sent to look for horse George returned without him after night.

Fri. 4th. Clear 'till noon when it became very (twenty-third page) cloudy and rained a light shower. I sent my boat to town, St. Marys, for corn. Mother and Harry better.

Saty. 5. Cloudy all day. Cool and the wind high at N. E. The boat did not return from town owing to the weather. This has been an uncommonly long and dull day to me.

Sun. 6. Cloudy all day. Wind fresh from E. Boat did not come, owing, I suppose, to the wind being too high.

Mon. 7. Cloudy all day. The boat got back from St. Marys between 1 and 2 P.M. I got a letter from Col. Tho's. Bourke saying he had shipped the boat, Tho's F. Bryan by the Welaka on the 5th inst., to be landed in St. Marys.

Tues. 8. Cloudy and at 10 A.M. it began to rain and continued to rain hard for several hours. I repaired a safe for Mary D. Floyd. My leg has again become quite inflamed and painful. I sent Ned to St. Marys to carry letters for the mail and also to bring my horse George from Mr. Burwell Brown's where I am informed he is.

Wed 9. A little cloudy all day. Ned returned from St. Marys bringing George from Mr. Brown's. I sent the boat this afternoon to Cabin Bluff from which place I expect to go to St. Marys tomorrow morning. I wrote Col. Tho's. Bourke today and mentioned calling my last son after him. I also wrote Sister Mary.

Thurs. 10. I left here before light for Cabin Bluff, got in my boat which was sent to the Bluff last afternoon, and at 8 o'clock I was in St. Marys. Clear day.

Fri. 11. Cloudy. N. E. wind and cool. The boat returned home. I am not well today. I received from Col. Sam'l Buffington, of Jacksonville, E. F., a beautiful Berkshire Sow pig.

Satry. 12. Cloudy. Wind N. E. Cool day. I am sick.

Sun. 13. Cloudy and a very heavy rain. I received from Savannah on the Steamer Welaka the race boat Tho's F. Bryan. I am still sick.

Mon. 14. Half clear and light showers. I was so sick today I (twenty-fourth page) sent for Dr. Francis O. Curtis.

Tues 15. Clear day. I am a little better today than I was yesterday, but still very unwell.

Wed. 16. Clear day. Many persons, among them Charlie, Richard, Susan, Mag and Kate went up the St. Marys River on the Steamer Planter as far as King's Ferry to see a brig launched. She is about 40 tons and was called Grace Clark. The steamer returned about 3 P.M. and landed Charles and Richard who wished to come ashore, and proceeded over the Bar some distance and got back near sunset. It was quite a frolic for the children as there was on board a band of music. I was never more sick in my life than today and Mary sent for Dr. Henry Bacon, who did much to relieve me.

Thurs. 17. Clear day. I am somewhat better. Taking medicine.

Fri. 18. Clear. I am gradually improving. As I did not go out today Quash was sent out to see how I was. As on Tuesday last, I sent Louisa out to Cabin Bluff on the Welaka and wrote about my being sick.

Satry. 19. I am very weak. Ned came to town as I ordered. Clear.

Sun. 20. Very heavy rain. This Margaret's birthday (sic). She is 9 years old.

Mon. 21. Clear.

Tues. 22. Clear. I am still taking medicine. Am better but quite weak.

Wed. 23. Clear day. At 10 tonight I got on board the steamer Planter as she leaves before light.

Thurs. 24. Clear. I did not sleep much last night as some very noisy young men came on board the Planter intoxicated. I reached Cabin Bluff just after sunrise, where I found horses and got here (twenty-fifth page) to breakfast. I am not at all well today. Found all here well and Harry much improved in health. During my absence the Negroes stole my corn peas &c. Anniversary of my father's death. He died in 1839.

Fri. 25. Cloudy and heavy rains. I am better today. I picked yesterday a watermelon nearly ripe. I saw several ripe ones in St. Marys.

Satry. 26. Cloudy all day. Hard rain in the morning, and in the afternoon one of the hardest rains I ever saw. Some lightning in the afternoon. Had one task of slips planted by the packing house. During the week my hands planted three tasks of slips near Schooner Landing. I have, up to date, one acre. I picked a ripe peach today, the first that I have seen.

Sun. 27. Cloudy and hard showers. Mother had chill and fever today. Some sharp lightning in the afternoon.

Mon. 28. Cloudy. Several showers. In the afternoon a very hard rain. Sam'l A. Floyd and myself hunted early this morning, and near the Park field the hounds started something which I think was a deer. We got back near 8 A.M.

Tues. 29. Somewhat cloudy at noon. Clear morning and afternoon. Mother and little Sammy had fever today. I sent Ned to St. Marys to carry letters. I gathered 58 ripe cucumbers from my garden. Many vegetables appear as if they would die from the effects of rain. Moschetoos (sic) dreadfully bad. Sam'l A. Floyd had a light fever this morning.

Wed. 30. Clear morning. Cloudy afternoon and several showers. Sent the boat to St. Marys this morning for corn. Ned returned from town about 3 P.M. Hands preparing ground for slips.

July.

Thurs. 1st. Clear morning. Cloudy afternoon and heavy rain with much lightening. No less than six severe claps. Sam'l A. Floyd and myself hunted this morning on the neck in Spring Garden. (twenty sixth page) A very large buck was started and got off without being fired at. Little Sammy had a hot fever nearly all day and Mother got it late in the afternoon. The boat returned from St. Marys near 10 A.M. The recent hard rains have completely destroyed all my Carrots, Irish potatoes, Cucumbers, Squashes &c. they have rotted. I am giving the negroes the cabbages as they are also rotting very rapidly.

Fri. 2d. Clear morning. Cloudy afternoon with some lightning and a shower. Hands listing land for slips. Sammy had fever again today, and Mordina not very well. Sent the boat to Cabin Bluff late in the afternoon as I expect to go to St. Marys tomorrow morning early to bring the young ladies and children out.

Satry. 8. Cloudy and a hard rain. I rode to Cabin Bluff before light and went from there in my small boat to St. Marys carrying three extra hands. Reached town about 8 A.M. and found Susan sick with fever.

Sun. 4. Cloudy and a very hard rain about noon. Got the news of the death of the Hon. Henry Clay, of Kentucky. He died on the 30th of June. Mr. Clay was one of the greatest men, in every sense of the word that the United States has ever produced and his death is a Material Calamity.

Mon. 5. A little cloudy but no rain. At 1 o'clock this morning in my large race boat, Thomas F. Bryan, I left St. Marys, having with me Mary D. Floyd, Rosalie, Charlie, Dick, Mag, Susan, Kate and Augusta, and reached Fairfield at ½ past nine A.M., where I had to stay an hour waiting for the tide to rise. Sammy, during my absence, was quite sick. The young men of St. Marys commenced firing as (twentyseventh page sic) we left this morning in honor of the day. The last heavy rains have injured my melon vines and I expect to make but a few. The small boat arrived soon after we did with our baggage. She started two hours before us.

Tues. 6. Clear 'till late in the afternoon when it became quite cloudy, blew hard for a short time and rained a little. We had one very hard clap of thunder. Hands planted one and a half tasks of slips.

Wed. 7. Clear and pleasant day. Wind N. E. This is the anniversary of my second marriage; it has been just 10 years. It is also the birthday of Col. R. F. Floyd who is 42 years, and Mrs. Caroline Blackshear, who is 46 years old. Hands preparing ground for slips. Quash is not well. He has been complaining of great pain in his back for several days.

Thurs. 8. Clear and very pleasant day. Little Jimmy sick with fever. After an early supper Sam'l. A. Floyd and myself fire hunted. Went up the Shelby Road and around Coopers Swamp, returning on the Black point road. Did not see an eye. Reached home ½ past 10. Commenced stripping fodder.

Fri. 9. Cloudy and a shower. Hands planted one task of slips after bringing in the dry fodder that was pulled yesterday.

Sat. 10. Little cloudy in the morning and a shower. Stripping and bringing in fodder. Afternoon clear and cool. My son James very sick with fever and fits. Harry had a fever today.

Sun 11. Clear. The children better. Charlie R. Floyd is thirteen years old today. The negroes at the funeral feast for Tenah today.

Monday, 12th. Clear weather. Samuel A. Floyd and myself took an unsuccessful hunt. Jimmy had fits again. Harry has the fever. Stripping fodder.

Tuesday, 13th. Weather clear and warm. Hunted, and started three deer without shooting any. Harry had fever. Negroes stripping fodder. Sam'l A. Floyd's horse, Whale Bone Bill, down with him near Pumpkin Branch. (twenty eighth page)

Wed. 14th. Very warm and clear. On Monday last when Jim was so sick Dr. Delaroché was sent for and he came after dinner and left before sunset. Jimmy had a high fever today and was threatened with fits, but fortunately escaped. Harry had a fever also. Sister Sarah came here this morning and returned in the afternoon, taking with her Mary D. Floyd, Rosalie, Susan and Margaret. Hands stripping fodder.

Thurs. 15. Clear and very hot. Sam'l. A. Floyd and myself hunted this morning and started two large bucks near "Yankee Field", a doe in Coopers Swamp, which I snapped my rifle at, and a large buck near Shelby House; no shots. The ladies and children returned from Black point in the afternoon. The sick children returned from Black point in the afternoon. The sick children better, although Jimmy very fitful. Janet sick. The other hands stripping fodder.

Fri. 16. A little cloudy and a shower in the afternoon. Jimmy better. Harry had fever. Hands stripping fodder. After supper, Mary, Rosalie, Susan, Charlie, Dick, Mag, Kate, Augusta and myself went to Fairfield to remain all night. We went over in the boat. Started the small boat with the baggage this afternoon.

Sun. 18. Cloudy and a hard shower in the afternoon. We left Fairfield at day break in the boat, Thomas F. Bryan, and got to St. Marys near 11 A.M. I was sorry to learn that Dr. G. Percival Cohen died in Jefferson on Monday last. Mrs. Curtis had a son on Monday last and he died on Sat'r'y. He was called Henry Seabrook.

Mon. 19. Clear. In St. Marys. Wrote letters &c.

Tues 20. Clear. I started from town just at daylight and reached here at 10 A.M. The (twenty ninth page) small boat arrived soon after. Found the children better. Dr. Ambler came here after dark. Hands finished stripping fodder yesterday, and bedded today one task of land for slips.

Wed 21. Clear and hot. Sam'l. A. Floyd and myself took a short hunt this morning and saw nothing. Dr. Ambler doing some work, in dentistry, for Mr. Sam'l. A. Floyd. Hands planting peas through the corn.

Thurs. 22. Clear morning and a cloudy afternoon with a light shower. Early this morning Sam'l. A. Floyd and myself hunted. Drove the margin of Jones Field towards the Yankee field and the hounds started near Yankee Field and took towards Shelby. We did not see what they were running. Seven old bucks sneaked out the drive the dogs were first put in and ran back through Jones field. They came out, three in one drove and 4 in the other. Dr. Ambler left for St. Marys this morning. He charged Sam'l. A. Floyd \$15 for the work he did yesterday. Hands planting peas.

Fri. 23. Clear and warm. I commenced making two small center tables, one 4 inches in diameter on the top, and the other 3 inches. Hands planting cow peas, and finished, having planted between 5 & 6 acres.

Satry. 24. Clear and pleasant. Sam'l. A. Floyd and myself hunted early this morning. One deer was started near Yankee field and escaped. Two bucks, one a very large fellow, started in Coopers swamp and Quash had two shots, the first time about 70 yards and the 2d time 150. No meat. Got back at 9 A.M. and at 11 sent Ned to St. Marys. Working on my tables.

Sun. 25. Clear morning. Cloudy afternoon and two showers.

Mon. 26. Cloudy and a heavy rain near 2 P.M. until dark. Ned returned today, being detained in St. Marys by the non arrival of the steamer until a late hour. Mary D. Floyd wrote me that old Mrs. Robert Miller died in St. Marys on Thurs. last. Mrs. Miller was a very old citizen and for (thirtieth page) many years kept a boarding house in town, but for the past 3 or 4 years has been imbecile.

Tues. 27. Cloudy and a light shower. Early Sam'l. A. Floyd and myself started on a hunt. On the margin of Middle field a large buck was started and I fired once and Sam'l once, in complete gun shot but the bushes were so high the distances very bad. Little Sammy and myself had the fever today, and I have it hot now while writing. I began yesterday to make a miniature wash stand and nearly completed it today; dimensions height 4 inches, width 2 ½ inches, length 3 ½, which seems to be a very good proportion. Hands planted one task of slips, and hoeing slips.

Wed. 28. Cloudy and showery. I had a hard chill for two hour and a very high fever today. Early this morning Sam'l. A. Floyd and myself hunted. Saw two deer near the cypress drive and the dogs started one in that drive which sneaked off. Next drove Peru Drive and on my way to it a good sized buck ran by me in 40 yds. and my rifle snapped. The dogs soon started and my rifle snapped again at one of two deer that came out in 70 or 80 yds. of me. Hands preparing land for slips.

Tues 29. Clear and hot. I had a severe chill and high fever. Sammy had chill and fever also. Sent Ned to St. Marys with letters. Hands planted one task of slips. A runaway negro seen on the place by some of the negroes.

Fri. 30. Clear and hot. Sammy had fever today and Mother had it lightly. Ned returned from town. Charlie and Dick, also all of the servants with Mary D. Floyd sick, so she wrote me. I missed the fever today and finished the wash stand.

Satry. 31. Clear morning. Cloudy and rain in the afternoon. Mordina and myself went to Fairfield in the (thirty-first page) boat this morning and staid (sic) a little while. Hands planted one task of slips. I gathered from my garden some hard corn yesterday.

August, 1852.

Sun. 1st. Clear. I sent my boat to Cabin Bluff last night and early this morning I rode to the Bluff, got in my boat and about 9 A.M. I was in St. Marys. Found Charlie and Dick in bed with fever.

Mon. 2d. Clear. Today a child, a girl 2 years old, of S. D. Fernandez, of Jacksonville, was brought to St. Marys from James O'Neil's, having died yesterday of barioloid (b or V?) I learn that Fernandez is extremely sick in Jacksonville and his wife and children also sick at Mr. O'Neil's with the same disease.

Tues. 3d. Clear. In town attending to some businefs. Yesterday my daughter, Augusta, was quite sick with fever and threatened with spasms. I called in Dr. Bacon who gave her medicine.

Wed. 4. Clear. Augusta rather better. James O'Neil Esq. taken sick with barioloid.

Thurs. 5. Cloudy. Rain, wind and lightning. Mr. Proctor, of Harriets Bluff, had a negro boy seventeen years old killed by lightening today. He was in a boat crofsing from Mush Bluff to Harriets Bluff and the lightening struck him in the neck, making a hole about the size of a musket ball. Another boy was in the boat and escaped uninjured.

Fri. 8. I got Dr. Bacon to vaccinate Kate and Augusta, also Amaritta. I enclosed to the Rev. N. A. Pratt \$50 for the expenses of John G. Floyd for the next quarter. I also sent John \$10.

Satry. 7. Clear. I intended returning to Bellevue on (thirty-second page) Thursday last, but the sicknefs of Augusta prevented me. I wrote a letter and the captain of the steamer Planter landed it at Cabin Bluff where my boy and horse were waiting for me. My boat came for me today and I got a letter from Mordina mentioning that Harry had fever on Tuesday and on Wed. the fever again and a violent fit which lasted on him 5 hours. All in the house gave him up to die, he was so ill.

Sun. 8. Clear morning. Cloudy afternoon. At 4 A.M. I left St. Marys and reached Fairfield before 10 and walked half way here when I met my horse – found the sick children better. For several days Mary D. Floyd and myself have suffered with violent colds and Mary has a bad cough and pain in her chest.

Mon. 9. Clear. Sam'l. A. Floyd and myself hunted this morning. Drove the left from here, of the Far Point Field and three bucks were started. Two of them took to the marsh and the other, a good sized peg horn buck came out to Sam'l who killed him on the spot, 50 yards, the first shot. As our dogs got away, we returned. I sent to St. Marys on the horse George and told the boy to stop at Mr. Burwell Brown's on his return and leave George and bring the horse that Mr. Brown swapped for George. I have still a bad cold. Ned and Charles sick with fever. Hands hoeing peas.

Tues. 10. Cloudy, and a light shower in the afternoon. The boy returned from St. Marys near sunset and brought me the horse from Mr. B. A. Brown that he changed for George.

Wed. 11. Cloudy all day. Sam'l A. Floyd and myself started out early this morning to hunt. First, drove around the Park field and made no (thirty-third page) start. Continued to drive the margin homewards and when opposite the three mile post the dogs jumped a doe which came in 50 yds. of Sam'l, when he fired one barrel, and the other barrel at 70 yds. The last shot killed her on the spot. Drove on, and, at the upper end of the Bar Drive started something which escaped by taking the marsh. Stopped the dogs and put in the margin by taking the marsh. Stopped the dogs and put in the margin of

New Ground Field and near where the corn house once stood a large buck was started and came out in gun shot of me. I tried to shoot, but the first barrel of my gun snapped and before I get ready for with the other barrel he had got nearly 100 yds. I fired, however. Sam'l and I came by the Loyd road and got opposite the orchard when the boy and dogs that were sent to drive the Orchard thicket gave the news that the game was up. In fact I heard them jump, and in a very short time a good sized buck crossed the road, and directly after, another, a little smaller. They came out in good distance when the 1st barrel of my gun again snapped. My second barrel and one of Sam'l's were nearly fired at the same time at the foremost, and Sam'l's 2d at the hindmost. This last deer showed every sign of being hit, and I thought the other was also. Sent the boys in pursuit and they ran the last deer shot at into the Cottage Creek and captured him, a peg horn buck, clean rubbed. After the dogs had rested I sent them and the boys again, but the track was too old and the weather too hot for them to make it out. Both of our horses ran home, and two boys, Frank and Elbert, carried them back to us. On the way, Sam'l's horse, John, ran away with Frank and then threw him off. I put the deer on my horse before Elbert, and he had only gone a little way (thirty-fourth page) when Elbert and the doe both came to the ground together. I then took the horse and deer and reached here at 10 A.M. Hands hoeing and hilling peas. The three deer killed by Sam'l this week had in each only one shot, and two of them hit about the head and neck. After writing, late this afternoon, it rained a hard shower.

Thurs. 12. Cloudy all day and a hard rain. Wind N. E. Sam'l A. Floyd and myself were on a hunt early this morning, and between Jones Field and Yankee Field two large bucks were started and escaped by running very near the driver, Will. Started another deer near where the ox cart was burnt. Drove next Coopers Swamp, and a large buck sneaked off. On our way home started a small deer between Peru Drive and Pumpkin Branch. Reached here after 10 A.M. Had no shots today. Hands hoeing and hilling peas.

Fri. 13. Cloudy, and in the afternoon it became quite cool. Last night it rained harder than it has done this summer and today my fields are nearly covered with water. Hands doing little or nothing. Charlotte, Ned and Charles sick.

Satry. 14. Clear and pleasant day. Sent Will to St. Marys on horse back. Sent by him a gun for one of Mr. Ben Scott's sons who lives near crooked bridge. Hands ditching and letting off the water from my fields.

Sun. 15. Cloudy all day, and several showers. Will returned from St. Marys about 10 A.M. I heard from Mary D. Floyd she was very sick on Thursday last. I wrote a long letter to Sister Mary today.

Mon. 16. Clear morning. Cloudy and rainy afternoon. Sam'l A. Floyd and myself went hunting this morning. Started one deer in Bear Drive, 2 fawns (thirty-fifth page) in the upper end of Coopers Swamp, one old buck in this end of Coopers Swamp, and 2 does and a small fawn in the branch leading from the cypress. Sam'l had two shots at the last fawn started. He missed, although it was not over 30 feet off. Fawns are hard to hit, especially at so short a distance. Hands hilling peas. Preparing to visit St. Marys tomorrow.

Tues. 17. Cloudy, and a very heavy rain in the afternoon. Last night between 8 & 9 o'clock Mordina, Tom, Harry and myself went in the boat to Fairfield and before light this morning we started for St. Marys and got there at 8 A.M. This is Tho's Bourke's first trip from home. Mordina was sick last night and had a slight fever again this afternoon. After tea, Mary and Mordina played whist against Rosalie and myself. We beat them three straight games. When I took Mary for a partner and we won three games, all that were played. It so happened by changing partners that I won six games and Mordina was on the losing side all the time. I passed a very pleasant day.

Wed. 18. Cloudy and a shower. I left St. Marys in my boat, Tho's. F. Bryan, near 7 A.M. and reached here before 11 A.M. I stopped a little while at Fairfield. I am very low spirited this afternoon.

Thurs. 19. Clear. Sam'l A. Floyd and myself hunted on the Neck this morning and only started one deer, which was by the Middle Field. Little Sammy rode behind me on the hunt. It is the first time he ever

went hunting. Soon after our return the little fellow got the fever and had it all day. I sent Ned to St. Marys on horse back. Sally, Mary D. Floyd's servant, is to be married tonight to a man named Friday. (thirty-sixth page)

Fri. 20. Clear day. Ned returned from St. Marys, and brought me letters from Mordina, Mary, Rosalie, and John L. Hopkins. Mordina has been sick with fever since I left. John Hopkins sent my rifle, Crocket, to St. Marys. Sally was married last night to a man named Friday. I got a nice piece of the cake.

Satry. 21. Clear and pleasant. I commenced cleaning up my flower garden, cutting up all the flowers that are common.

Sun. 22. Cloudy and several showers. High E. wind.

Mon. 23d. Cloudy and showery, Sam'l A. Floyd and myself hunted. Started a large buck between Jones and Yankee fields. Made no other starts Jimmy has a fever today. Quash sick with fever. Hands hoeing and hauling up slips.

Tues. 24. Clear and pleasant. We hunted again today and in the far Point field the dogs and Ned killed a wild pig. No deer started. Quash, Ned, Rosine and Maum Sue sick. I sent Will to St. Marys on horse back. Hands finished working slips.

Wed. 25. Some what cloudy. Will returned from St. Marys near 10 A.M. I sent Chance to Major David Bailey's with a letter, but the Major wa'n't (sic) at home. Commenced breaking corn.

Thurs. 26. Cloudy & a shower in the afternoon. Major David Bailey came here this morning and left late after dinner. I wrote him yesterday to know if he was willing to run his boat, John J. (?) Dufour, with six oars against my boat, Thos. F. Bryan, with eight oars. He declined doing so. Major David Bailey bet me today that his boat, John J. Dufour, could beat the Sarah and Catherine, belonging to (thirty-seventh page) Col. Henry DuBignon, fifty feet, each boat to be propelled by six oarsmen, distance, one mile, bet, two hundred dollars, and the race to come off Christmas next. Hands breaking corn. Quash and Maum Rosine quite sick.

Fri. 27. Cloudy and light showers. Sister Sarah came here this morning and left in the afternoon. Hands breaking corn.

Satry. 28. Cloudy and a rain. I left here early in my boat for St. Marys and reached there about 11 A.M.

Sun. 29. Cloudy and a shower. Dr. Whipple Aldrich was taken sick at 11 o'clock Friday night, died yesterday at 11 A.M., and was burried (sic) this afternoon.

Mon. 30. Clear. I fixed my Clinch rifle in a box with some other things to go to John G. Floyd.

Tues. 31. Clear and pleasant day. Mordina, Harry, Bourke, and myself left St. Marys early this morning and got here at ½ past 10 A.M. I was quite sick last night and soon after I got here had a chill and high fever. Sam'l. A. Floyd I found sick. He has had the fever ever since Sunday.

Wed. 1st. Clear. I sent the boys to drive up cattle and they brought up 20 calves besides cattle. I was taken with fever about 4 in the afternoon. In fact I don't believe it has been off since Monday night.

Thurs. 2d. Cloudy and a shower. I was very sick last night, and today Dr. Delaroché was sent for and he and sister came in the afternoon and returned near sunset. I sent Ned to St. Marys this morning.

Fri. 3. Clear. Ned returned from St. Marys this morning. I was taken with fever in the afternoon.

Satry. 4. Clear. I pafsed a most wretched time last (thirty-eighth page) night, being very delirious and the fever never went off until tonight. Mordina sent Ned to St. Marys for some medicines.

Sun. 5. Cloudy and rainy. I am a little better today. Mary D. Floyd wrote me that my daughter, Kate, fell down on Friday last and broke her arm. Jimmy had a fever today and a fit. I got the fever about 2 o'clock.

Mon. 6. Cloudy and rainy. I was quite sick all last night and today. Dr. Delaroché and Sister Sarah came here this morning and staid (sic) a few hours.

Tues. 7. Cloudy and a shower in the afternoon. The fever left me this morning for the 1st time since 2 P.M. Sunday last.

Wed. 8. Cloudy and a shower. Mordina was in bed with a hot fever all day. I sent Ned to St. Marys this morning. This is the birthday of Mary D. Floyd and her brother Richard. Mary is 20 years and Richard 9 years old. I am clear of fever but quite weak and feeling badly.

Thurs. 9. Clear and hot. Mordina better. Will returned from town at 10 A.M. Kate is better. Mary wrote me that Mrs. Stephen King died not long since in the Western country. Mr. King and part of his family went west in search of health and only a short time ago one of his daughters, sixteen years of age, died there of measles, and I believe the same thing killed Mrs. King.

Fri. 10. Clear and hot. Mordina had fever nearly all day. Hands breaking corn. Pompey killed yesterday a very large buck near middle field.

Satry. 11. Cloudy and a shower. I left for St. Marys early in my boat, T. F. Bryan and reached town about 10 A.M. (thirty ninth page)

Sun. 12. Cloudy and rainy day. Quite cool. The boat could not return as the wind was high- N.W.

Mon. 13. Clear and lovely day. Very cool. Sent my boat home. I am in town doing little or nothing. I feel rather better than I have felt for several days.

Tues. 14. Clear and pleasant. My boat, T. F. Bryan came from home this morning and I had him put in Mr. Wentz's yard to be repaired. Duke of Wellington died.

Wed. 15. Clear and pleasant.

Thurs. 16. Cloudy and high wind, N.E.

Fri. 17. Clear and wind still high, N.E.

Satry. 18. Clear and pleasant. It rained very hard last night.

Sun. 19. Clear. Rosalie quite sick today with sick head ache. Yesterday Will came from Bellevue and Mordina wrote me that some of the children had been sick.

Mon. 20. Clear and pleasant day. Will, who came down on Saturday is too sick to return.

Tues. 21. Cloudy and a shower.

Wed. 22. Cloudy and rainy.

Thurs. 23. Clear and very hot.

Fri. 24. Cloudy morning and a shower. I got a letter from Mordina saying that Mother and Sam'l. A. Floyd were sick, and that old Maum Sally was dying. The letter was written yesterday and further stated that Col. Tho's Bourke and Mr. John DuBignon had just arrived at Bellevue.

Satry. 25. Clear and pleasant. I sent a boy with a letter for Mordina, and he went to Black point with it and returned tonight, bringing me a note from Sister Sarah, saying that Maum Sally died yesterday morning at 3 o'clock. In the afternoon I walked to "Lovers Leap" where some young men were shooting with rifles. I took a shot 15 yards and drove the centre (sic), after which a match was (fortieth page) made. Mr. Randolph McDonald, Mr. Williams Proctor and myself shot against Major David Bailey, Mr. James Smith, Jun'r and Mr. William Smith. Our side was victorious and we won a bottle of champagne. Distance only 15 yards, shot by the word. Again, David Bailey and James Smith shot against Randolph McDonald and myself, the same distance and manner, or another bottle and we were beaten. I then proposed to shoot against Mr. Smith to see who should pay for both bottles, and he lost.

Sun. 26. Clear and warm. I left St. Marys at 11 o'clock this morning and reached here near two P.M. We stopped at Fernandina, on Amelia Island to take in cotton. I came out on the steamer Planter and we reached Fernandina in 38 minutes from the time we left St. Marys. The distance is always called 9 miles. From Fernandina to Cabin Bluff we took one hour and a half against wind and tide, distance 20 miles. David Bailey and James Smith were passengers, and Bailey and myself exchanged rifles until we meet again. I found Sister Sarah and Dr. Delaroche here. The Dr. left near sunset and Sister Sarah remained. Mother was taken sick on Monday last and the fever scarcely been off since. She had been very ill. Col. Tho's Bourke and Mr. John DuBignon left here the afternoon of their arrival.

Mon. 27. Clear and pleasant. Mother better. Mordina and Jimmy had fever today. Sister Sarah left for Black point in the afternoon. The hour I got from Mr. B. Brown (forty-first page) in exchange for George I swapped the other day for Chatham, the colt I raised from my mare, Sally. Chatham is four years old today.

Tues. 28. Clear and pleasant. Mordina, mother and Jimmy had fever today. I sent Ned to St. Marys.

Wed. 29. Clear and cool. Mordina had fever and the baby also. Ned got back near 2 P.M. and brought me a letter from Mifs Mary D. Floyd. She mentions the death of Mr. George Long's only child. It was buried yesterday. On Monday last I painted my buggy, just having put on it a new pr of shalves which I paid \$6.50 for in St. Marys. The buggy now looks as well as new.

Thurs. 30. Clear and high N.E. wind. Mother and Mordina had light fever today. Sam'l A. Floyd and myself rode to Fairfield this morning and got back near noon. While there I overhauled the arms and cleaned them.

October, 1852.

Fri. 1st. Clear and windy. I started on horseback near 2 P.M. for St. Marys and carried little Sammy on another horse, mounted before Quash. Got to St. Marys a little after dark.

Satry. 2d. Clear. Sent my horse back. This is my son Harry's birthday. He is three years old.

Sun. 3d. Clear. My daughter Susan is 12 years old today.

Mon. 4. Clear. Sent \$2 as a subscription to the Savannah Courier.

Wed. 6. Clear. The steamer from Savannah late in the afternoon and brought the news of Mrs. Cunningham's death – poor Christine, her days have been few, indeed. Mrs. Cunningham died in Sav'h last Sunday morning at ½ past 6. I got a letter from Capt. John Gallie inviting me to go to Europe in one of his ships which will leave Savannah in Dec'r (December) next. (forty second page) My boat arrived from Bellevue (sic) in the morning and I started her and hands to Mr. Marsh's mill for lumber.

Thurs. 7. Clear. Doing but little in town as the white pine lumber I ordered from Savannah has not come.

Fri. 8. Clear. Mrs. John DuFour had a daughter this morning at a qr. past 6. I was passing the house at the time and Mr. Dufour told me it was just born. I got white pine from Jacksonville E.F.

Satry. 9. Cloudy and the wind nearly a gale from the S.E. Dr. Frederic Judson's daughter, Isabella, arrived yesterday on the steamer Planter. Isa is from Bridgeport, Connecticut, and has come on a visit to her relatives and friends. She is cousin to my children.

Sun. 10. Clear and pleasant. I attended the Episcopal Church and Mr. Purdy preached. I got a letter from Mordina saying herself, Mother and Jimmy were sick; that Jimmy had bowel complaint and prolapsus. I asked Dr. Curtis to accompany me and he consented to do so.

Mon. 11. Clear. Wind N.E. Dr. Francis O. Curtis and myself left St. Marys in my small boat near 9 A.M. and reached Cabin Bluff near 4 P.M., having a hard head wind and tide nearly all the way. I met my horses at the bluff and rode here. I found all better than I expected. Dr. Delaroché and Sister Sarah were here on Satry. last to see Jimmy, and the Dr. relieved him of prolapsus. Mordina got the fever in the afternoon late. The yellow fever is in Charleston and Savannah. (forty fourth page)

Tues. 12. Clear and warm during the day and a shower during the night. Dr. Curtis left on horseback after breakfast for St. Marys, and Ned went to bring the horse back. Mordina's fever went off late in the afternoon. My hands finished digging ground nuts today. I had a few slips dug today and they are of good size and bear plentifully. I began to make a small rocking chair today.

Wed. 13. Cloudy and a heavy rain in the afternoon and after night. During the first rain there were four severe claps of thunder and two of them the severest we have had this year. Jimmy had fever today, and myself also.

Thurs. 14. Clear and in the afternoon, cool. Had my brother, Gen. Charles R. Floyd, lived 'till today he would be fifty-five years old. I sent Chance with a letter to Major David Bailey requesting to go to St. Marys on the Planter tomorrow and I will meet him at Cabin Bluff to go also if I am well enough. I wish to see Major Bailey about going to Charleston to attend the Regatta of Nov'r 17th and 18th. Mr. Fred Clark and of Mr. Ben Scott's sons came here this morning, and left before dinner. I sold Mr. Clark 2 good sized beeves and 3 small ones for \$32, 50/100. The cattle belong to the estate of Mrs. Julia K. Floyd.

Fri. 15. Clear and nearly cold enough for frost. I intended going to St. Marys today in the Planter, but at 10 A.M. I had a severe ague which lasted 2 hours and afterwards a hot fever for 4 or 5 hours before it abated. Jimmy sick with fever also. I turned my horses in my field yesterday having (forty-fourth page) finished gathering peas. Mother is not well today.

Satry. 16. Clear and cool. I left early for Cabin Bluff where my small boat was sent last night and arrived here, St. Marys, before noon. I brought Venus with me to see one of her children.

Sun. 17. Clear and pleasant. I had a chill this morning which lasted on me for two hours, and afterwards a hot fever.

Mon. 18. Clear. I am better today.

Tues. 19. Clear. I had chill and fever again today. The boat came from Bellevue today and I heard the melancholy news of Everard Hamilton's death. He died of yellow fever in Savannah on the 13th inst. All better at Bellevue than when I left.

Wed. 20. Clear and pleasant. I had no fever today.

Thurs. 21. Clear and quite cool. I sent the boat back to Bellevue. I heard yesterday by the boat that Mr. Sam'l A. Floyd had that morning an attack of chill and fever. I employed Mr. John Evans to repair my boat, and he commenced putting on the outriggers today.

Fri. 22d. Clear and pleasant. Got most of the outriggers on my boat. They are 7 inches out.

Satry. 23d. Clear and pleasant. Finished the outriggers and covering them with white pine boards.

Sun. 24. Clear and pleasant. By the last Tuesday's steamer I wrote to Mr. Robertson, of Charleston, entering my boat, Tho's F. Bryan, 43 feet long, for the coming regatta. I also entered the John J. Dufour, of St. Marys, for Major David Bailey. She is 35 ½ feet long. (forty fifth page)

Mon. 25. Clear and pleasant. Heard from Bellevue that all were better except Sam'l A. Floyd Senr., who has been very sick for a week and requested by him to go out tomorrow in the Welaka.

Tuesday, 26. Cloudy in the morning. Left St. Marys about 8 o'clock for Bellevue and reached there at 11 A.M. It rained soon after I got to Cabin Bluff and I got wet. I found Sam'l A. Floyd better.

Wed. 27. Clear. Mother sick and Sam'l also.

Thurs. 28. Clear. Mother has fever today.

Fri. 29. Clear and warm. Mother very sick today. Near sunset I rode to Cabin Bluff and after dark I got on board the Steamer planter and reached here, St. Marys, near 9 P.M. Mr. Robert P. Burton, an old citizen of this County, and for a few years past of this place, died here yesterday. Something occurred here today which rendered me very unhappy.

Satry. 30. Clear and pleasant. Mary D. Floyd sick today and I not very well, having lost several nights rest. Ned came from Bellevue today.

Sun. 31st. Clear. I sent Ned to Bellevue to drive Mary's cow. I got the news of Mr. Dan'l Webster's death; he expired on the 24th. inst.

November, 1852.

Mon. 1st. Clear and pleasant.

Tues. 2d. Clear. Sister Susan arrived from Palatka. This is the day for electing the electors to vote for the Presidency, and I cast my vote for the Whig candidates, or, in other words, for Gen'l. Winfield Scott. Gen'l. Scott got 15 votes at this precinct, and his opponent, Gen'l. Franklin Pierce, 40 votes.

Wed. 3d. Clear. Busy painting my boat.

Thurs. 4th. Clear.

Fri. 5th. Clear. Sister Susan left for Cabin Bluff and John L. Hopkins arrived from Florida. He (forty-sixth page) brought me some hands to run in my boat.

Satry. 6th. Clear.

Sun. 7. Cloudy and a shower. John left for Florida, carrying back the hands, as I had no use for them. He also took a man that he purchased from Mr. Fred Clark for \$125.

Mon. 8. Clear and cool. Painting my boat.

Tues. 9. Clear and cool.

Wed. 10. Cloudy and cool. A messenger arrived from Bellevue bringing the news of Mothers illness and the sicknefs of Sam'l A. Floyd. I was sent for.

Thurs. 11. Cloudy and rainy early in the morning, but clear about 12 o'clock when I started for Bellevue with Mary, Rosalie and Susan Floyd in a boat loaned me by Capt. Thompson, of the vessel Advance. Arrived at Cabin Bluff at sunset and took Dr. Delaroche's carriage for Bellevue. Found Mother better.

Fri. 12. Very warm and clear. Mother better.

Satry. 13. Cloudy in the morning. Cool and clear in the afternoon. After dinner, Mary, Ros., Sister Susan and myself walked to Fairfield. Mother better. Dr. Delaroche and lady came and staying a short time.

Sunday, 14. Cold. Left Bellevue with the ladies for St. Marys where we arrived about ½ 3 o'clock (1/2 past 3 o'clock?).

Mon. 15. Cold, but no frost. Planted flowers all day.

Tues. 16. Frost, clear weather.

Wed. 17. Left St. Marys in the Gaston for St. Augustine. Cloudy and rainy all day. Arrived at Picolatta about 8 P.M. and left in the stage for the above mentioned place.

Thurs. 18. Arrived at St. Augustine about daylight and obtained my contract from Major Putnam. Weather clear. (forty seventh page)

Friday, 19th. Weather clear. Left St. Augustine for Jacksonville.

Sat. 20th. Won 1,000 segars (sic) from Col. Buffington. Get Mr. Fernandez and Col. Fast (Hart?) to give bonds for survey.

Sunday, 21st. Very windy and cloudy.

Monday 22d. Cloudy.

Tuesday, 23. Left Jacksonville and arrived at St. Marys about 10 o'clock. Clear weather.

Wed. 24. Clear and windy. Left for Bellevue about 4 P.M., but wind and tide so hard ahead, compelled to return to St. Marys.

Thurs. 25. Rain early this morning. Left for Bellevue at day dawn. Wind very high, and cloudy.

Friday, 26th. Northeast weather. Rain in torrents all day. I left Bellevue at sunset for Cabin Bluff and waited until 12 o'clock for the Planter when I got on board and arrived at St. Marys about 2 A.M.

Sat. 27th. Clear and cold. Heavy white frost.

Sun. 28th. Clear and windy. Left in the Welaka for Florida, where I expect to be absent six months. Reached Palatka at midnight. Preparing for a move up the river. Bought from Major B. A. Putnam two mules that are on Jno. McIntosh's plantation. Cost each, \$110.

Mon. 29. I found that Mr. M. A. Williams had here, Palatka, for me two chainmen, James Sanders and Jacob Mickler. I hired also a young man named Ben Townsend as an axeman.

Wed. 31. In the afternoon Mr. Williams' wagon and men, also the wagon of Charles Hopkins and all of our men, but Mr. Sanders crossed the river to go up the East side of the river to Lake Monroe. (forty eighth page)

December, 1852.

The 1st. (Thrs.) Having altered the arrangement of going in company of Mr. Williams and Chas. Hopkins, I started on the steamer Gaston for Jacksonville to purchase my supplies, and took Mr. Sanders and boy Chance with me to be landed at Mandarin, from there to go for the mules. The weather was so boisterous that the steamer could not land her small boat at Mandarin. I brought on Sunday last from St. Marys, my boat, T. F. Bryan and left it in Jacksonville.

Fri. 2nd. Of all the days in the year I like this anniversary the most. Sent Sanders and Chance to Col. McIntosh's plantation by the steamer Sarah Spalding. Bought provisions from Mr. McRory, and such dry goods as I needed from Bisbee and Canona (?).

Satry. 3. Busy getting my things packed.

Sun. 4. I put my things on board the Sarah Spalding early this morning, soon after which she left for Palatka. I went to Palatka on the Welaka and found on board my old friend, Wm. Corrie (?), of Charleston. I paid Capt. King \$45 for my tents.

Mon. 5. Chas. and John Hopkins, James Sanders, Chas. King Sherman, a young man from Washington D.C., who goes out with Mr. Williams, and myself, freight and mules, left Palatka on the Sarah Spalding for Lake Monroe. The River St. Johns will nearly average a half mile wide until Lake George is passed, when it narrows suddenly to less than a qr. Lake George is 18 miles across and a very high rough place in windy weather, owing to its being shallow. For some miles above the Lake the (forty ninth page) the scenery is truly beautiful, having many pretty Bluffs and an abundance of wild flowers resembling the Columbine and Banks rose. The principal part of the River between Volusia and Lake Monroe passes through swamps and prairies and is by no means pretty. Lake Monroe is 135 miles above Palatka and is 5 miles in diameter, clear water, and is altogether a beautiful lake, having on its banks handsome locations. Enterprise House is on the East side, and the house appears to stand on an artificial mound, which is not much larger than the building, and low ground surrounding it. The beach on this lake is like that of the sea in miniature.

Tue. 7. Landed at Mellonville, a place on the West side of the Lake, and named after Capt. Mellon, who was killed here by the Indians during the last war against the Seminoles. Found our men who came by land.

Wed. 8. We packed our wagon, and after leaving such stores as we could not carry, in care of Col. Arthur Ginn, left for the interior, got one mile, and pitched tents for the night. I had the blues this afternoon and would have them every day did I only give them the least encouragement. I've enough to make me sad.

Thurs. 9. Our company consists of the following persons: Chas. B. Hopkins, John L. Hopkins, Edward Humphreys, James Sanders, Syladonia Pallecere, Ben Townsend, Jake & Dan Mickler, Tom Clark and myself, the Negroes, Will, Chance, Ben, Scipio, and Andrew. Mr. Williams having a small tract of land to survey on Hutton's Island, St. Jno's River, could not accompany us. After getting (fiftieth page) 9 or 10 miles it rained so hard and long that we camped for the night. I do not feel at all fatigued, although I have not walked so far in a day in many years. Several of the party went out in the afternoon to hunt, and Sanders wounded a deer. After dark two parties fire hunted and Sanders shot once near the camp and Dan'l Mickler twice – no deer killed. Sister Susan got a letter from Sister Caroline while I was in Palatka, saying that Fannie B. was to be married tonight to Dr. Blackshear.

Fri. 10. Cloudy and heavy rain in the afternoon. We left camp at 8 this morning and travelled (sic) 'till late in the afternoon, making 17 or 18 miles. The country over which I came is poor; high pine land

and black jack ridges interspersed with large ponds or small lakes, the water perfectly clear and agreeable to the taste, slightly tintured, however, with lime stone. Crossed many branches, the water of all of them excellent, in truth, the best branch water I ever drank. One of the wagon wheels became much injured today.

Satry. 11. Cloudy and rain early in the morning. It cleared off at 8 A.M. and became cool. I am 35 years old today. Reached Fort Gatlin at 10 A.M. and commenced repairing wagon wheel and fixing a cart that we got from Capt. Jernigan. Capt. J. has just returned from a scout against the Indians with Gen'l B. Hopkins. The Gen'l went another route to Mellonville, so we missed seeing him.

Sun. 12. Clear and cool. A light frost. Left Fort (fifty first page) Gatlin at 8 A.M. and in 6 miles got to Mr. Owen Simmons', passing through a high pine and black jack country with many clear water ponds and lakes, some of which have steep bluffs entirely around them. Mr. Simmons' is the last settlement on our route. A little before sunset we reached a very boggy branch, 30 yards across and about 18 miles from where we left this morning, halted to cut away trees, cypress knees, and fill up with palmetto bushes &c. 7 deer seen and Sanders killed one, a doe. After leaving Mr. Simmons' the country seemed low, with boggy galls and cypress ponds, the timber small and sparse. We employed a young man, Jno. Patrick, at Fort Gatlin, as guide. Am to give him one dollar a day.

Mon. 13. Clear and pleasant. Got into St. Lucie County yesterday, after leaving Owen Simmon's 6 miles. Our course has been E. & S. E. since leaving Fort Gatlin, when we should have gone South, but the swamps and lakes prevented our taking a direct course. After crossing two very boggy branches, which detained us some time, one of the wagon wheels broke to pieces. Put the cart wheels to the wagon and proceeded. Got only 7 miles today. Sanders killed a large gobbler. Passed but one lake today. Little Tohopetalleggee, which is 10 miles long and 4 or 5 wide. Jake Mickler quite sick last night.

Tu. 14. Clear and pleasant. Travelled over a very poor country, with many cypress ponds that were difficult to pass. After getting 6 or 7 miles today reached Econlackhatchee Creek, which we cut a road across and proceeded 10 miles further and camped for the night. Sanders killed an alligator 11 (fifty second page) feet long. Several deer seen yesterday and today. Many air plants on the cypress trees, and each large plant contains about ½ pint of pure water. The flowers of the air plants are very pretty and delicate, being a pink and blue colour. Mordina is 29 years old today.

Wed. 15. Clear and warm. We traveled 16 miles today over a poor pine country and saw no game but whooping (cranes), one of which Jake Mickler killed on the wing with his rifle at 100 yards.

Thurs. 16. Clear and hot. Travelled 15 or 16 miles today and camped earlier than usual, as Jake Mickler was sick. About noon came again in sight of Little Tohopetalleggee Lake, the same we saw on Sunday last. Our course has been a very round about one. Sanders killed a buck. Crossed a wet prairie nearly ½ mile wide, water two or more feet deep. Killed yesterday, 1 moccasin snake, 1 ground rattler and two others such as I never saw before. They were about 3 feet long, 1 inch in diameter and grayish in colour. They appear to be a venomous kind and one of them struck at me and followed me for 8 or 10 feet, striking out most furiously. 8 deer seen today.

Fri. 17. Cloudy and very hot. The mosquitoes (sic) were very annoying last night. There was a difficulty in camp last night between Mr. Pallecere and Dan Mickler. Dan slapped him in the face and the blow was not returned. In the afternoon passed by Lake Cypress, which is 5 or 6 miles long and from a half to a mile wide. Near sunset got to Kifsimmee Prairie and a beautiful sight it was. This (fifty third page) prairie is the largest in this state, Florida, it is from 60 to 70 miles long and will nearly average 20 miles wide. Saw 9 deer today. Started late this morning and made nearly 12 miles.

Satry. 18. Clear and cool. Left the camp at 8 A.M. and after getting on the prairie one mile came to the 4th Basis Parallelline (sic). Could not follow it for a large swamp and creek. In another mile came to a creek running through the prairie and waded across it, distance 200 yards, and depth hip high. On the prairie the dogs started a flock of turkeys (sic) and the men fired about a doz. times and killed 2. Got on the parallel line again about noon and followed it to the West Boundary of Range 32 and ran 1 ½ miles

South when we camped. 30 deer seen today. Jake Mickler had a hard chill and fever today. Country poor. Saw Indian fires. Killed a large rattle snake on the prairie.

Sun. 19. Clear and warm. Writing letters. Killed a rattle snake near my tent. A tiger (panther?) came within 30 yards of the camp last night and screamed awfully. Jake Mickler sick.

Mon. 20. Clear and hot. We started out early this morning on the survey, Chas. F. Hopkins ran S. and T. line and I ran the section line, first closing on the 4th Pasis Parallel, which was run by Dept Surveyor, Washington, many years since, and reset on Chas Hopkins' line; the closures were good on both lines. Chas. did on Satry., $\frac{1}{2}$ miles and today $8\frac{1}{2}$. I did $8\frac{1}{2}$ today. We are working in the same Township and have agreed to take alternate T's, and this one, 28, range, 32, is his. I walked 13 miles today. Large swamps to pafs (fifty fourth page) through threw me back today or I would have done better. The camp is in the centre of the T. and we reached it at dark. Jake Mickler sick and Edy Humphreys chained in his place. John Patrick killed a large gobbler. Many turkeys and one deer seen today.

Tu. 21. Cloudy and very hot. I had my work badly laid out and only did $6\frac{1}{2}$ miles. Chas. ran 10 miles. Jake Mickler sick. A large moccasin came near biting Chance. Sent Andrew and Tom Clark to Mellonville for provisions. Mr. John Patrick went with them as far as Fort Gatlin. Chas. and myself each paid Patrick \$4.50. I walked 11 miles and saw 3 deer.

Wed. 22. Clear and as hot as in Summer. I surveyed today 11 miles and walked 17. Chas. Hopkins returned to camp early in the day, as one of his chain men became lame. He did $5\frac{1}{2}$ miles. Jake Mickler sick. Up to date Chas. Hopkins has run $25\frac{1}{2}$ miles and I 26. 5 deer seen today and John Hopkins fired 3 times at 2. No meat. This Township, so far, is poor, and much cut up with cyprefs swamps and ponds. The water is not so good as in Orange County, but occasionally good water is found where a bay tree has fallen.

Thu. 23. Clear and warm. I did 7 miles and walked 16. I would have surveyed another mile had Chas. Hopkins not come over on my line, thereby disregarding the work laid off on the diagram. Chas. surveyed $8\frac{1}{2}$. Jake Mickler unable to work; he killed a large gobbler. 6 deer seen today.

Fri. 24. Clear and hot. Chas did 6 miles today and I 5. Finished the Township. I walked 14 miles. Jack sick. 5 deer seen.

Satry. 25. Christmas day and a dull one to me. The boys were very gay last night, singing, dancing &c. We packed Chatham and the mare and moved $2\frac{1}{2}$ miles E. towards T.28, R.33, and camped. Near sunset Mr. Wesley O'Berry arrived, I having sent to Mellonville for him to act as packman. He came with Mr. Williams, who is now in R.31. Mr. O'Berry brought me two letters, one from Mary D. Floyd and the other from Rosalie, which were very unexpected and quite acceptable. These letters were dated on the 7th inst. Jake Mickler better, Sanders and Dan Mickler went hunting in the afternoon and shot 4 times at deer and wounded one.

Sun. 26. Clear and hot. Doing little or nothing in camp. Dan Mickler killed a doe and Ben Townsend a buck. This meat was actually needed, which is the excuse for hunting on the Sabbath.

Mon. 27. A little cloudy and a light shower. We moved camp today one mile E. from the T. line into Range 33. I ran 9 miles and Chas. 8 miles. Charles Hopkins' mule died today. 8 deer seen today, and 4 yesterday. The dogs caught an old buck near the camp. The buck was freshly wounded; must have received it from an Indian. I killed an alligator with my pistol. I walked 11 miles today. Jake better. (fifty sixth page)

Tu. 28. Clear and warm morning. Cloudy in the afternoon and a shower. I ran 10 miles and returned to camp about 3 P.M. Chas. ran nearly 8. Sanders killed a large gobbler. 2 deer seen.

Wed. 29. Cloudy and cooler than it has been for some time. I ran 9 miles and Charles the same. I walked 16 miles today, and very hard work. Nearly out of provisions.

Thurs. 30. Cloudy and hot. John Hopkins, Dan and Jake Mickler sick. I felt badly myself today, and so did all the men, for the want of something to eat. We have had no meat for two days and dry bread is poor diet for hard working men. Sanders killed a turkey this afternoon. We had to walk 5 miles to get to work and 7 from the work to camp, so that both Charles and myself only did 9 miles, Chas 4 and I 5. 2 deer seen yesterday and 9 today.

Fri. 31. Clear and hot. Finished Township 28, Range 33. Mr. O'Berry killed a whooping crane. 12 deer seen. I staid in camp most of the day and write letters. A large rattlesnake killed today. A fresh Indian track seen near camp.

January, 1853.

Satry. 1. Clear and hot. It rained very hard last night. Doing nothing, not having horses to move camp and being out of provisions. Sanders killed a turkey which we had for dinner and Dan killed a raccoon which served for supper. Sent Mr. O'Berry to Mr. Williams' camp. (fifty seventh page)

Sun. 2. Clear and hot. Mr. O'Berry returned from Mr. Williams' camp and brought a small piece of pork, which is all we have to eat. 2 deer seen.

Mon. 3d. Clear and hot until late in the afternoon when it became cloudy and rained. My mother is 81 years old today. We had nothing for breakfast but cabbage palmetto. Tom Clark and Andrew got back at 10 A.M. and brought us supplies and shortly after Mr. O'Berry came in with a large buck and Sanders and Dan Mickler brought 3 of the largest and fattest gobblers I ever saw. I got a letter from Mordina and 2 from Mary D. Floyd and was truly happy to hear of Mother's good health and the other members of the family being well. One of my mules fell in a hole last night and broke his neck. We moved our camp. Pallecere and Jake sick.

Tu. 4. Clear and cool. Gen'l B. Hopkins 53 years old today. Charles and myself ran 15 miles. Jake sick. 5 deer seen.

We. 5. Clear and pleasant. Charles and myself ran 21 miles. I saw 2 Indians today. I killed a turkey 50 yards this morning, and in the afternoon a doe at 70 yds. We began this T.29, R.32, on Tuesday. 18 deer seen today.

Th. 6. Clear and pleasant. I saw Mr. Williams on the West of this T. today and he said that his camp had been robbed yesterday by Indians. We did but 11 miles today and I walked 13.

Fri. 7. Clear day. I ran 9 miles today and Charles the same. I walked 12 miles. 26 deer seen. Mr. Williams paid us a visit. Pallecere yesterday and today. Jake went out. (fifty eighth page)

Satry. 8. Clear. Mr. Williams left us after breakfast and we moved in T.29, R.33, and each of us did 6 miles. 5 deer seen. Chas. Hopkins killed a turkey. Pallecere sick.

Sun. 9. Cloudy and rainy. Last night it poured in torrents and this morning the water was several inches deep all over our camp ground. Sanders killed a gobbler and Dan a turkey hen. Jake had chill and fever and Pallecere very ill. I wrote many letters today. Chas. and John Hopkins and Mr. O'Berry went to Mr. Williams camp this morning and got back in the afternoon. Six deer seen.

Mon. 10. Alternately clear and cloudy. We remained in camp writing letters to go by the packman. Sanders and Dan each killed a whooping crane.

Tu. 11. Cloudy and a shower. Doing nothing.

Wed. 12. Cloudy morning and rain in clear afternoon. I ran 7 miles today over very bad country. John Hopkins, Tom Clark, Mr. O'Berry, and Andrew left this morning for Fort Gatlin and perhaps Mellonville for provisions. 2 deer seen today.

Th. 13. Clear and pleasant. Had great difficulty moving camp only 2 miles and lost nearly all day. We ran 4 miles. 5 deer seen. I killed an alligator with my pistol yesterday and another nearly 12 feet long. Pallescere sick. I forgot to mention that Jake Mickler went with the others to Fort Gatlin. His health is so poor that he is going home.

Fri. 14. Clear and pleasant. I ran 9 miles and Charles 7. I came very nearly being struck by a large rattlesnake. I killed him. I saw 1 deer and about 30 turkies. Charles saw 3 deer. This T.29, R.33, is the worst I have seen.

Saty. 15. Clear and pleasant. Sent Sanders and Dan to Mr. Williams' camp to get some corn. Also sent Townsend to carry the horses to a good pasture. Chas and Edy Humphreys chained and I ran the compafs. Did 9 miles and walked 13. Chas. had 3 shots at deer and killed a very fat doe in 15 feet of him. 5 deer seen.

Sun. 16. Cloudy and some rain during the day. After night it blew and rained very hard. Our men returned from Mr. Williams camp and Chas. King Sherman came with them. Williams had no corn.

Mon. 17. Cloudy and showery. Sherman left us this morning. Chas and I walked 5 miles to run the East boundary of this T.29, R.33., and began at the N.E.L. Got through near sunset and found our camp not far off, it having been moved by men left for that purpose. 2 deer seen. The country we pafsed over today was very rough and many swamps. We were in the water all day, and sometimes it was hip high.

Tu. 18. Clear and pleasant. Chas and I ran 6 miles and finished the T. I killed a turkey while flying. It was 60 yds. Saw 2 deer, and Chas shot at one.

Wed. 19. Clear and a little cool for this country. Sanders killed a whooping crane. Writing up note books in camp.

Thurs. 20. Clear and cool. We left camp this morning and went into T.28, R.34, expecting to survey it, but about sunset Mr. O'Berry reached us having been sent by John Hopkins with our letters and among them was one from Major B. A. Putnam recalling Chas. Hopkins, Williams and myself. It seem that John Wilson, Esqr., Commissioner of the Land Office at Washington, would not confirm the contracts. We talked today 11 miles.

Fri. 21. Clear and cool. Early this morning Chas Hopkins, Eddy Humphreys, O'Berry, myself and Chance left before sunset, having travelled (sic) through the woods 35 miles. The balance of the party was sent to the stationary camp to gather up our things and follow us. I found John at the Tohopetallaggee Lake.

Saty. 22. Cloudy all day and hard wind and rain after night. John Hopkins, Chas., Edy Humphreys, and myself started acrofs the lake in a canoe early this morning and reached its Northern shore at noon. This lake is 4 or 5 miles wide and 20 long. Left the lake at 1 P.M. and got to Fort Gatlin before sunset, having walked 15 miles.

Sun. 23. Clear and cool. We left Fort Gatlin after 9 A.M. and got to Mellonville about 3 P.M. We rode down, having obtained 3 horses. John and Edy on one horse.

Mon. 24. Clear, windy and cool. Doing nothing. Anxiously waiting the arrival of the Steamer Thorn. (Thom?)

Tu. 25. Clear and cool. Got on the steamer Thorn about noon and reached Volusia a little after dark.

Wed. 26. Reached Palatka at 11 o'clock.

Thurs. 27. Left Palatka on the Steamer Florida and got to Jacksonville at 9 after night.

Fri. 28. Doing little or nothing in Jacksonville.

Satry. 29. Clear and cool. I got a man named Hull to drive me to Kings ferry on the St. Marys River, expecting to meet the steamer Planter. We got to the ferry, a distance of 40 miles, and as the steamer did not come I got a 4 oared yawl boat from Mr. Dunbar and left for St. Marys and 8 o'clock that night. The weather was extremely cold.

Sun. 30. Clear and cold. I reached St. Marys a little before day light.

Mon. 31. In St. Marys. Sent Chance to Bellevue to meet me tomorrow at Cabin Bluff with horses.

February, 1853.

Tu. 1st. Left St. Marys in the steamer for Cabin Bluff. Got to Bellevue about 1 P.M.

Wed. 2d. Doing nothing.

Thurs. 3d. Clear. Hunted; killed nothing.

Fri. 4. Clear.

Satry. 5. Clear.

Sun. 6. Clear.

Mon. 7. Clear. Sam'l A. Floyd and I went to Black Point in the afternoon and after dark fire hunted. Saw 2 deer. Had no shot.

Tues. 8. Went to St. Marys from B. P. in my boat. Clear weather.

Wed. 9. Clear. In St. Marys. Sent the boat home.

Thu. 10. Clear. In town.

Fri. 11. Clear. In town.

Satry. 12. Clear. In town.

Sun. 13. Clear. Left St. Marys in the Welaka and got to Jacksonville at 1 P.M.

Mon. 14. In Jacksonville.

Tue. 15. Hired Chance to Mr. Wm. Alsop for \$12. pr month.

Wed. 16. Clear. Went to Palatka in Steamer Florida.

Thurs. 17. Left Palatka and landed at Picolatta (sixty second page) where I took the stage and reached St. Augustine at 2 P.M.

Fri. 18. In St. Augustine.

Satry. 19. In St. Augustine. Saw several cock fights.

Sun. 20. Clear and cool. Left for Picolatta in the afternoon and reached there about dark. At 9 P.M. I got on board the large, new, and splendid steamer, Carolina, and went to Palatka.

Mon. 21. Left Picolatta in the Carolina and arrived in Jacksonville at 3 P.M.

Tues 22. Clear and pleasant. Took the Welaka before light this morning and got to St. Marys at 11 A. M. We towed 3 vessels over the St. Johns Bar this morning and crofsted it 6 times.

Wed. 23. In St. Marys.

Thurs. 24. In St. Marys.

Fri. 25. In St. Marys.

Satry. 26. My boat reached town last night and I started for Bellevue after breakfast and got to Cabin Bluff at 3 P.M. Rode from there to Bellevue.

Sun. 27. Dr. Delaroché came over to dinner and left in the afternoon.

Mon. 28. Cloudy. Sister Mary Ann and Caroline arrived in the afternoon from Mrs. Wm. T. Hopkins' place where they have been for 10 or 12 days. I hunted twice today and started 5 deer. Had no shot.

March, 1853.

Tu. 1st. Clear and warm. Sent Ned to St. Marys with letters.

Wed. 2. Clear and pleasant. Caroline C. Floyd is sixteen years old today. Ned returned (sixty third page) and I hear that Charles R. Floyd left for Savannah on Tuesday last; the object of his visit is to have his teeth fixed by Dr. Parsons.

Thurs. 3. Clear and cool. Dr. Delaroché was here this morning for a short time. I went hunting this morning and started a deer in Bear Drive and as my dogs got away, for which I made Quash whip Ned in the woods, I returned home.

Fri. 4. Clear, windy and cool. I sent my boat to St. Marys and in it a box of strawberries for Capt. N. King, of the Welaka, and a box of flowers to go by the Planter to Mifs Mary King, at Kings Ferry, in Florida. Jimmy had fever today.

Satry. 5. Clear and cool and a very high S.W. wind. Sister Mary Ann and Carrie started for St. Marys, by land, after breakfast. After night it rained hard, accompanied by sharp lightning. I commenced reading the novel, "Uncle Tom's Cabin", by Mrs. Stowe. This absolution work, altogether a pack of lies, has caused more excitement than any work that has been published for years, and has bee translated in more languages. We Southerners call it a novel, as it is nothing less than a tale of fiction, but the authorefs has written it to expose the treatment of our slaves and it is believed to be a true statement in our free states and non slave holding countries.

Sun. 6. Clear and cool. Quash returned from St. Marys about 11 A.M. He brought me a letter from Sister Mary mentioning that Charles F. Hamilton's son, Charlie, died on Sunday last. Sister Sarah got back from Savannah this morning, and in the afternoon Dr. Delaroché and herself came here and spent an hour or two. I finished "Uncle Tom's Cabin," and a poor story it is. It is entirely void (sixty fourth page) of truth or merit.

Mon. 7. Clear and cool. There has been white frost for the last three mornings. The boat returned from St. Marys today and Will and Ned both sick, the latter with the mumps. Sister Susan is 49 years old today.

Tu. 8. Clear. I sent Elbert to St. Marys with a trunk for Mifs Mary D. Floyd, and letters for the mail. Jimmy sick with the fever.

Wed. 9. A little cloudy and a light shower. Quash was sent to Jeffersonton. Jimmy had fever again today. Quash got back after night.

Thurs. 10. Cloudy and foggy. Elbert returned from St. Marys and brought me a note from Mary D. Floyd saying that Dick has been sick with fever and if he is well enough for her to leave him that she will come out tomorrow in the steamboat. I got a letter from Major B. A. Putnam, with a copy of a letter from Mr. John Wilson, the Commissioner of the Land office at Washington. Mr. Wilson has directed Major Putnam to give me 750 miles to survey, provided I take no steps hereafter against the Government to recover the amount of the last contract. Mr. Williams has gone to Savannah to consult Judge Berrien about it, and if there is a probability of our recovering from the U.S. what we would have made in our last contracts we won't accept this now offered. All depends upon the advice Mr. Williams receives in Savannah. Jimmy and Harry both sick with fever today.

Fri. 11. Cloudy all day and showery. I went to Cabin Bluff this morning to await the arrival of Mary D. Floyd, who came out on the Gaston about 4 P.M. I shot at an otter today. Mary and I reached here near sunset. (sixty fifth page)

Satry. 12. Clear. Doing nothing. Harry very sick.

Sun. 13. Clear. Doing nothing. Harry very better. Mary D. Floyd weighed yesterday, 143 pounds. And Mordina weighed yesterday 128 pounds.

Mon. 14. Cloudy and a good deal of rain. Mary and I rode on horse back this morning.

Tues. 15. Clear, windy and cool. I sent Will to St. Marys.

Wed. 16. Clear morning. Cloudy afternoon and a little rain. Will returned near noon.

Thurs. 17. Cloudy all day and a shower in the afternoon. Sammy is 7 years old today.

Fri. 18. Cloudy and windy. In the afternoon Mary went with me hunting. Started a deer in the Bar Drive which escaped by running out near Clarke's Bee Run. Next, put in the margin up to the Park field and made no start. On our way home sent Quash with the dogs to the Cypress (sic) and he started two deer, one of which I killed, a yearling buck. Got back near sun down.

Satry. 19. Clear and very pleasant day. Mary and I went hunting this morning and got back at 10 o'clock. Only saw one deer. Bourke had fever today.

Sun. 20. Clear and pleasant. In the afternoon Mary, Mordina, (missing, Sammy and I walked to the Cottage Creek in Stone's field.

Mon. 21. Cloudy and rainy day. Will returned this morning.

Tue. 22. Clear and pleasant. Mary with me this morning and on the ma(missing, space for two words) the three mile post two deer were (missing) had two fair shots at one abo(missing) the dogs took at the one (missing) not shoot at and I could (missing) to pursue the other which (missing) have been wounded as the (missing) complete and the chance fair (missing) (sixty sixth page)

(Not sure what's going on with the day numbering here – Tara)

Mon. 21. Cloudy. Mordina and Mary went to Black Point this morning and got back in the afternoon.

Tues. 22. Rainy day. Will returned from St. Marys.

Wed. 23. Clear day. I hunted this morning and Mary went with me. I first drove the Far Point Field. Made no start. Put the dogs in the Bar Drive and opposite the 3 mile post 2 deer came out and I fired twice at one in 35 and 40 yards, but all the dogs got at the other and I could not tell whether I hit the deer or not, although I judge it was wounded by the distance and my aim, which was good.

Thurs. 24. Clear and pleasant. Mary and I left here early for Cabin Bluff where we got in my small boat and reached St. Marys at noon. Found Charlie there. He returned on Wednesday last, looking badly, having been sick in Savannah. Dr. Parsons fixed Charlie's teeth very nicely and charged \$37.00 for it. On the 22d inst., Sally, the house servant, had a son, who is called William Robertson Gantt (Gault?).

Fri. 25. Clear. Doing little or nothing. Mrs. Phillips, formerly Mifs Kate Smith, died in town this morning. She was married not quite 2 years since.

Sat 26. (Missing) and rain after night. Sent the boat (missing) and Charlie Floyd went in it. (missing) Phillips was burried (sic) at noon today. (missing) Rosalie and I took tea at Mrs. Clark's. (missing) I left St. Marys near noon and in two hours (missing) ded (sic), from the Steamer Planter, at (missing) Bluff and in another hour was (missing) my dogs killed a raccoon on my (missing) (sixty seventh page)

Mon. 28. Clear and cool. I hunted this morning and started 3 deer, but had no shot. This afternoon I hunted again and started 2 does in Peru Drive. They came out to me in 40 yards and I killed one with each barrel. Got back one hour and a half from the time I left the house. One of the deer was uncommonly large and had three fauns in her.

Tues. 29. Clear and cool. I hunted this afternoon and started a deer near where the wagon was burnt on the Shelbine Road (same as Shelby Road?). Sent Will to St. Marys.

Wed. 30. Clear. I took a hunt in the afternoon and started a deer in the Orchard thicket. It escaped without being fired at.

Thurs. 31. Clear and pleasant. Will returned about noon and left the buggy, the horse, Taylor, having run away with it in the yard in town while he was taking out the things I sent. Jimmy had fever today.

April, 1853.

Fri. 1st. Clear. I hunted this morning and started several deer. Had bad luck. Jimmy had fever from 11 o'clock 'till late at night. Sister Sarah spent the day here and left for home in the afternoon.

Satry. 2. Clear and warm. In the afternoon, Sam'l A. Floyd, Mordina, Charlie Floyd, Sammy and myself took a walk to the Saplin Thicket, one mile and a half from here on the Hermitage Road, and Quash was sent with the dogs to drive the Bar Drive. A large doe was soon on foot and I have seldom heard a finer cry of dogs. In 10 or 15 minutes the deer came directly for me. I was between the drive and saplin thicket, and when it got in 30 yds I fired one barrel and the (sixty eighth page) other at 40 yds. The deer seemed to be badly wounded and I expected to catch it in 100 yds., but it ran on and the dogs could not capture it in a half mile chase. The shooting was poor, but I cannot attach any blame to myself for I had excellent aim. The deer, I think, was shot too low.

Sun. 3d. Clear day. I had some beef cattle driven today as I expect Mr. Frederic Clark tomorrow to come for them.

Mon. 4. Cloudy. Very high wind from W. S. W. A light shower in the afternoon. Mr. Fred Clark came this morning but was too unwell to carry the cattle. He only remained a short time. I sent the boat and hands to St. Marys early this morning.

Tues. 5. Clear and cool. Winds high, S. W. I started my boat and hands yesterday to St. Marys and after night one of the boys came back from Cabin Bluff saying that they could get no further on account of the high wind. I went to Cabin Bluff this morning and on my way down drove for deer. Near where the cart was burnt a large buck was started and he came out in 80 or 90 yards of me when I fired one barrel and killed him. He ran a qr of a mile after being shot. I started two deer near Cabin Bluff, but they got away without being fired at. I put fire to the woods this afternoon and a large deer was routed (a large buck). The fire was on the Neck, the left of the road from here to the old corn house. Jimmy sick this morning and Mordina went to bed sick at dark.

Wed. 6. Clear and pleasant. Mordina quite sick, in bed nearly all day. I started (sixty ninth page) the boat and hands to St. Marys before light this morning. I had everything ready to go to Cabin Bluff this morning to camp and fish and hunt, but Quash and Ned were sick and I postponed it. Had sister Julia lived until today she would have been 38 years old.

Thurs. 7. Clear and pleasant. Charlie Floyd, little Sammy and myself went to Cabin Bluff to fish and hunt. When on my way to the Bluff I started a deer in the same drive that I killed the buck out of the other day, which drive I will hereafter call Yankee Drive, and started a large deer which I fired one barrel at 50 yds and Quash fired also, 20 yds. His gun had in it only a squib. The deer escaped. Quash had another shot at a deer, 40 yds, coming out of the branch leading from Jack Wright's hammock. The drum beat prettily for biting, but we had not a single nibble. The boat returned from St. Marys to Cabin Bluff at 11 A.M. We got back home near sun down.

Fri. 8. Clear and rather cool. Mordina and Bourke sick. Commenced breaking Nancy's oldest colt, a young horse named Selim. Commenced weaning Bourke, or Tom Bourke, on the 6th inst.

Satry. 9. Clear and pleasant. I took a hunt this morning and had a very long shot at a small doe deer near Jones Field. Only one deer seen. Got back at 11 A.M. and at 12 started Will for St. Marys with letters. I wrote for John G. Floyd to come home. I made will ride the young horse, Selim, on the hunt and he performed very well. (seventieth page)

Sun. 10. Clear and warm. Little Bourke quite sick today with chill and fever. Will got back in the afternoon. Neptune, son of Isaac and Sylvia, came here today on a visit to his parents. He is owned in Savannah by Mifs De la Motta. It rained a good shower after night.

Mon. 11. Clear. High wind N.E. I hunted nearly to Black Point and only saw two deer. No shots. Got back at noon. Sent my boat to Cabin Bluff near night as I expect to go to St. Marys tomorrow morning.

Tu. 12. Clear and pleasant. Charlie Floyd and myself went to Cabin Bluff early this morning and there took my boat for St. Marys. Reached town near noon.

Wed. 13. Clear.

Th. 14. Clear. I had fever today.

Fri. 15. Clear.

Satry. 16. Clear. I had fever.

Sun. 17. Cloudy and a light shower. High wind.

Mon. 18. Clear and high wind.

Tues. 19. Clear and very windy.

Wed. 20. Clear. I left town in my boat and got to Cabin Bluff at 2 P.M. Dicky Floyd came out with me. John G. Floyd landed at Cabin Bluff this morning from the Steamer Jasper. Dick and I rode here from the Bluff. Quash, who was at the Bluff waiting for me caught one drum and one large bafs. 2 drum caught since I left. I saw Duke Hamilton in St. Marys on Sunday. He was on his way to Florida.

Thurs. 21. Clear. John Floyd and myself fished at the creeks mouth. We went (seventy first page) down at noon and got back before sunset. John caught 2 drum, Ned 1, Will lost 1 and caught 1, and I hooked none.

Fri. 22d. Clear and warm. At 11 A.M. John G. Floyd and myself started for Cabin Bluff, where we had sent the boat, and at noon, the last of the ebb, commence fishing. We remained until 4 P.M. without having a single bite. Got back before sunset.

Satry. 23. Clear, and warm in the middle of the day. Early this morning John G. Floyd and Mordina left on horseback for Cabin Bluff where they took my boat for St. Marys. I began to break my filly, "Little Toosie" and Dicky Floyd's pony, "Woodrat". Toosie was very wild and cut many capers, but in a few hours she was ridden. Rain si much needed.

Sun. 24. Clear and warm. John G. Floyd returned from St. Marys at 8 this morning. He walked from Cabin Bluff here in 1 hour and 8 minutes. The boat got here about ½ past 9 A.M. John says that he reached town yesterday about 11 A.M.

Mon. 25. Clear. Mr. Fred Clark came here this morning and bought 10 head of small cattle for \$55. Some of them were mine and some belonged to the estate of Mrs. Julia R. Floyd. John G. Floyd went fishing at the Horse Pen Bluff this morning at 2 P.M. (sic) I joined him and we went to the creeks mouth. John caught at the Bluff a bafs and I caught a large turtle at the creeks mouth. No drum bites. We got back near dark, having left the boat at (seventy second page) Horse Pen Bluff and walked up.

Tu. 26. Clear and cool. John and I started on a hunt this morning but when near New Ground Road Ned was taken so sick that we had to return and send a wagon for him. About 10 A.M. we went again and started a deer in Yankee Field. It escaped. I sent the ox wagon as far as Hermitage this afternoon on its way to St. Marys. Rose went in it as Mordina sent for her by John Floyd. Hard N. E. wind.

Wed. 27. Clear and cool. At ½ past 4 this afternoon Sam'l A. Floyd, John G. Floyd, Richard S. Floyd, little Sammy and myself walked nearly to the Horse Pen Bluff and sent Quash with the dogs to drive Spring Garden. They made no start. Next, put in the Old Field and drove the margin from the Causeway to the old Spring. They soon started a large buck and John fired at him with a rifle nearly 300 yards (30?), and he came out to me near the Horse Pen Bluff. I killed him on the spot, 1st fire, 40 yds. We got back near dark. Jimmy had fever today.

Thurs. 28. Clear. The wagon got back about 3 P.M. and brought my buggy. Heard of the death of Mr. Wm. King, of Alabama, the Vice President of the U.S. John and I went to Black Point after dinner, and after supper fire hunted until 9 o'clock and saw nothing.

Fri. 29. Clear and cool early this morning. John and I hunted this morning and drove first the Half Moon. 4 deer sneaked out to me and I fired at one nearly 80 yds and I fired with a rifle at one about 40 or 50 yds. Started another deer near Cabin Bluff. Got home at 1 P.M. Bourke had a high fever today.

Satry. 30. Clear and hot. John, Dick and myself walked to Horse Pen Bluff and fished an hour or two and went in the boat to Fairfield; from there walked here. We had no succefs. Between one and two o'clock John and Dick left in the buggy for St. Marys to attend their sister Mary's wedding which comes off on Monday night, May 2d.

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Sun. 1st. Clear and pleasant, wind fresh N.E. Poor old Maum Sylvia died this morning. The old woman was formerly a house servant and belonged to one of the aristocratic families on the place. She was nearly 60 years of age. Will returned from St. Marys in the afternoon bringing me letters from Mordina, Mary D. Floyd, Rosalie and John L. Hopkins. Col. Tom Bourke and the sons of Hon. T. B. King arrived in St. Marys this morning to attend Mary's wedding. Sister Sarah came here this afternoon and left near sunset. Bourke had the fever nearly all day. He is quite playful tonight.

Mon. 2d. Clear and pleasant. I hunted this morning and shot a deer coming out of the Park Drive, which the dogs caught in Hall Swamp. (seventy fourth page) I started 4 deer in Coopers Swamp which escaped. I had two shots at turkies (sic) near Coopers Swamp and killed one, an old gobbler, on the wing nearly 70 yds. Next drove Peru Drive and started two deer and I shot twice at a very large buck within 50 yds. I think I wounded the buck, but the dogs refused to follow him. At 11 o'clock at night John L. Hopkins and John G. Floyd rode here from St. Marys to tell me of Mary D. Floyd's being very ill. At midnight we started for town.

Tues. 3d. Clear day. We reached St. Marys at six this morning. Last night Mary D. Floyd was to have married Mr. Randolph McDonald and two hours before the time she was taken suddenly sick and became perfectly deranged. The marriage was postponed and I was sent for. I found Mary with a high fever and so much out of her head that she knew no one. I never witnessed (sic) a more distressing scene. Dr. Bacon was in constant attendance and feared the worst result. Mary, for some time past, has been in poor health, and for several reasons, which I will not here mention, had her mind so worked upon that she gave way to her feelings and became delirious.

Wed. 4. Clear day. Mary still quite ill. Tom Bourke and the young Kings are in town. They left today in the Metamora (Metanwin? Undecipherable) except Lord King and Mifs Georgia King.

Thurs. 5. Mary some better. Clear day.

Fri. 6th. Clear. Mary better. Lord King left and Mrs. Rofs, also.

Satry. 7th. Clear. Mary much better and is perfectly (seventy fifth page) rational.

Sun. 8. Cloudy. John L. Hopkins went in the steamer for Florida.

Mon. 9. Cloudy and a shower in the morning. Mary D. Floyd was married at (undecipherable) this evening to Mr. Randolph McDonald. Rev. Mr. Ley performed the ceremony. Dr. Bacon and lady, Mifs Georgia King, Mifs Isabel McDonald, Mordina, John G. Floyd, Rosalie, Dick, Charlie, Susan, and myself were present. Isa Judson also was present.

Tu. 10. Cloudy and two hard rains. I started in a 4 oared boat, with 4 oarsmen at the dawn of day for Jacksonville. Reached Capt. Mitchell lives on the St. Johns River in 12 miles of Jacksonville.

Wed. 11. Clear. John Floyd is 17 years old today. I reached Jacksonville at 9 A.M. and left in the steamer Florida after night for Palatka.

Thurs. 12. Cloudy and a heavy shower. Got to Palatka before light and left at 8 A.M. Reached Picolatta in 2 hours. In the afternoon rode to St. Augustine on horseback. John G. Floyd went to Cabin Bluff on Tuesday last and Isa Judson to Savannah and Mifs Georgia King to St. Simons Island.

Fri. 13. Clear and windy. Got a contract from Major B. A. Putnam to survey. I had a fight with a strong and active man named James Lynch. He commenced the difficulty and I whipped him. I was not touched and he was knocked down several times.

Satry. 14. Clear. Doing little or nothing.

Sun. 15. Clear and a shower in the morning. I started on horseback from St. Augustine near 1 P.M. and in three hours was at Picolatta where I took the Carolina and got to Palatka before (seventy sixth page) sunset. (seven lines in the rest of the this days entry are undecipherable)

Mon. 16. Clear. I bought two yoke of oxen and a wagon in Palatka for \$125. Started from Palatka in the Carolina and got to Jacksonville at 2 P.M.

Tu. 17. Clear. At 10 A.M. left Jacksonville in a buggy and got to Mr. Braddock's, 2 miles beyond Nafsau Court House, by sunset. Mr. Phillip Fraser, Col. Pearson and Mr. St. George Rodgers were in company.

Wed. 18. Clear and cool. Started early for the ferry, near Rose's Bluff distance 10 miles, and got there in little over an hour. Took a canoe boat and got to St. Marys by 8 A.M. Was stuck in the cut coming over and had to get in the mud and pull the boat through.

Thurs. 19. Clear. Doing very little in town.

Fri. 20. Clear and very cool. Hard Wind, N.E.

Satry. 21. Clear and pleasant at 11 A.M. Rosalie S. Floyd, Dick and myself left town in the high prefsure steamer, David L. Adams, and in 2 hours were landed at Cabin Bluff. Had to walk here. Found Susan and Augusta quite sick with fever. John G. Floyd killed during my absence 4 deer in 5 hunts. 4 deer killed by John G. Floyd in the last 10 days which makes 6 that he has killed in all his hunts. Every thing suffering from the drought.

Sun. 22d. Clear. The funeral feast for Maum Sylvia was eaten today.

Mon. 23d. Clear. Early John G. Floyd and (the rest of the journal has been lost).