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Fairfield County
South Carolina

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November 1848

First - was in Columbia and sold cotton at
five and an eighth cents per lb. Sorry price that
I received - Arrived home accompanied by Daddy who
went to Columbia with me - not being there before
in five years.

Fourth - very rainy - packed cotton in more
fifth - being Sunday and still raining. I wrote to
Darius R. Coleman of Chambers - Ala (115th marriage)

Sixth - commenced sowing wheat - ground in
from order for sowing.

Seventh - very rainy which made a disappointment
at the singing.

Eighth - a show at Spoutville - where was
shown animals of various classes - some from near
the Lion & Lioness, Tiger and Leopards mounted
in an abundance - Then came the Plowman
contest and a great many more that I will not
mention - The Lion was down in harness but
it was a very short drive - a man and his wife
entered his cage and cut some very distressing
circumlocutions - We came home unhurt by the event.

Ninth - Rainy & cold with snow at
night - being the first snow this winter.

Tenth - Division of Grandpa's estate.

Eleventh - Killed eight hogs weighing
eight hundred pounds net - "so they did."

Twelfth - Amos's leg was amputated by Dr. [Name]
assisted by Dr. [Name] and Dr. [Name] and Dr. [Name]

Nothing of any importance took place in the
remaining days of this month - except that we finally
packed cotton on the last day.

This has not been a marrying month - so it
isn't - but I guess there was some sparring done
in the time - and perhaps many will be
alterred in after months - at times with
Cotton generally all gathered - I will close

December AD 1878

First - some rye and other small grains
 Second is distinguished highly by the lawsuit
 between Maj John Coleman & North View - Decision
 in favour of North View by Justice R. Morgan
 Third - Being Sunday there was preaching at
 Red-Hill - house crowded - Preaching undigestible
 Fourth - Sale at Grandfather's old place
 Fifth - Marriage of Joseph Cloney and Miss
 Jennie oldest daughter of S. H. Stevenson - by the right
 Rev. D. Boyce - Witnessed on the one part and Miss
 Louisa Cloney on the one part and Miss Louisa Stevenson
 and Mr. Keenan of wine on the other hand - We had
 a nice supper - and nice fixings every way -
 Sixth - Our apostle day at Leaster's Hill - a trem-
 endous quarrel between Mr. Morgan & Maj. Coleman but
 not fighting - Hurra for those that are brave -
 Seventh - was in Columbia and sold cotton
 at "five & a half" - which is a little better than formerly
 John & Coleman and Albert arrived here on
 this date from Green County Ala. Safe & sound
 Eighth - Miss M. & Mr. Cornell came to see
 Drury and I - we had a dance and enjoyed our-
 selves finely - Old Albert seemed desperately taken
 in by Miss M. - and I am afraid he will cut some
 of the young blades out -
 Ninth - Miss Martha departed for home and left
 it & myself in a very horrid condition for the
 eyes were warty considerably - and his mouth was
 swollen with a much rough protuberance than common
 Christmas-Eve - Preaching at cool Branch by the Rev.
 Mr. Rollins & Newlin - My piece went thirty
twenty fifth - first of Christmas - Anticipation of much
 fun throughout the holidays - But had no fun until
 Tenth - at which time we had a judicious dance
 at Henry J. Lytle's - And may him & Lady be praised forever
 for giving the dance - for it was the only in Christmas
 So we none of the year -

January - 1849 - J. F. Colman

New Years Day - Killed hogs fine weather for the
business - came from uncle Sam's on this morning
left all well - Joy to the New Year

Seventh Look Sharp - Miss M. D. M^{rs} came
home with Bruce & "Lsa" - and as good luck would
have it to snow - therefore it done so - and the way
we played snow ball was anything but wicked - But
every body has its sour for she went home on the
day following - escorted by G. W. Pinkist alias R. T.

North John E. started for Virginia, cold weather
Eighth - An Election at Heaster Hill for Major
the Candidates were Mr Johnson and Cha. Lauch
the latter was elected by a majority of twenty five votes

Ninth - Dr Heaster was at our house - we
went over and mustered with the Buckhead Troopers &
Commanded by Jos. Clancy - who is their Capt

Tenth - Came home from Egg Feasted in com-
pany with Joy - and John Coakle - I worked hard all
the week until Saturday then went to a Quilting at
John F. Colman's - we danced until eleven o'clock
P.M. and then came home

Eleventh - Preaching at Saluda by Cater
Twelfth - Started to Columbia in company with
W. Myones - got there safe & sound - sold cotton
at six and twenty some hundredths cents per lb

Purchased the Piano on this date from A. C. Sevier
Thirteenth - I was attacked with a violent cold

Fourteenth - finished working on David's house which
we have been at since the last of December

Last day of this month we commenced working on
the brown place

We will not buy on this month - however some parts
of a year's ample harvest of olivine - for instance
the Seventh was very judiciously enjoyed - But
nothing at all - although I think some of it was for
st. Fine month for Droughing - was January

February 1849

Begins on Thursday - a cold and wet day - sowed cotton
- Fourth - Preaching at red hill - and the day
in which Andrew Colvin Sr was buried at the above
church - died of Phumonia -

Fifth - Miss R Robertson and Mary Spouge came over
and Isa & Dracy gave them game on the Pines

Sixth - David Hester came and invited us to a
party at Jacob F. Feaster on the tenth - I made plough
stocks on this date assisted by Ab

Seventh - Killed four hogs - and commenced ploughing
I went to the public sale in the evening and found them a
dancing like rips - and was soon in the same game
we danced until eleven o'clock AM - and then left - board
home with the Steamer (10) McCotman - and stayed all night
- And on the Eleventh left for Church at Cool Branch
where was delivered two sermons by the Divine Woman Hester
to a very large audience - Miss Bostie appeared though
as if she was mighty pretty - she is that way and
no mistake - I came from church as far as I could and
eat my dinner - do sprout - Thence home - and went to bed -
had fine dream &c - But on rising in the morning -

It was raining - so we packed cotton until noon at which
time it ceased raining - afternoon we hauled bones and - possible
to relate the mules ran away with the wagon - one down was
and "broke" loose from the wagon - no bones broke but lots
of timber - On the Thirteenth I warned the sergeants
& corporals - to warn the "defaulters" to a court martial -
John I arrived safe and sound from Va on this date
not liking the country in any shape aspect or form

Pappa Henry and Bib started for Columbia on the
fourteenth in company with uncle Jonathan

Fifteenth - very cold - went home with the dog - and
smoked cigars until evening - from there I went to S.H.S.
and brought Isa home from his school - Dave & John
swapped horses on this eve - and so did pump Paddy for Peas -
from Jacob Sharp - a good trade

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March. concluded. A.D. 1849.

Forrest sold cotton to J. B. Blain from six up to eight 1/2 to seven and a half cents per lb. Got back home on the fifteenth after sundown and found all up and a doing - and in possession of plenty of rain. So on the sixteenth as the ground was too wet for ploughing - we spent the day in fencing after the purchase in the same employment with dinner - at which all hands were working until Monday morning. After eating dinner I rode over to the Edge and went fishing and stayed all night. The next morning being Sunday I left for Egg-hatch & John D. Smith on a visiting spree &c. Came home in the evening accompanied as far as stretched by A. C. Gage. Ninth - I was to be found busting up cotton stalks for the purpose of planting corn - some hands dropping cotton seed for manuring the corn - Mrs. Apperson and Widow Tucker was over and took dinner.

Mrs. Gage us a brief narrative of being bit by a mad dog when very young - she certainly had a miraculous escape from being killed by the poison - but as she says - it was because they doctored her so physically that she didn't die &c. I left the old lady talking.

Tenth Ploughed until the middle of the afternoon - stopped by the rain - which commenced at the above time and rained very hard until sundown - with considerable prospect for more - Uncle Tom came over and began stacking ploughs for us - Mamma went to David & Billy D. and had to stay all night on account of the rain.

Eleventh - As it was too wet to plough - we planted Irish potatoes - and a big patch at that - and we also bedded the Irish potatoes - patched up the garden - ginned a little - hauled some manure &c. &c. The Edge came over with the report that he was ploughing - he aint smart - I gave him some potatoes & horse on sides and told him to go home - and Pappa was with him for pos-guard - A tremendous storm just at sundown - fierce & violent &c.

March concluded A.D. 1849

Twenty second - very cool in the morning with some frost
 warm at noon - ground too wet to plough - went over
 to the Edge in the afternoon - killed squirrels and other
 reptiles and family stayed all night - and played cards
 until bed time - we arose in due time on the
 Twenty third to go turkey hunting - heard lots of Gobling
 but could not get a shot at them - I came home
 in the morning and found them working fervently
 McLean on the fence - bushes & briars &c - commenced
 ploughing after dinner over on the Brown plantation
 of ground almost too wet - but had to do - so it did
 Twenty fourth A pleasant day - fine for ploughing - at
 dinner at which time all hands ceased from
 working - being Saturday - Andrew E. Coleman came
 up in the middle of the afternoon with the report
 that he was alone planting corn - he is punting
 we anticipate a fine time at Salem on tomorrow
 as the Miss G's are expected to be there - Pappa went
 down to the lower plantations came back at sun
 down - A & C & myself were greatly disappointed in the morning
 of the Twentieth for it commenced raining very soon in the
 morning and rained all day incessantly - consequently we could not
 go to church - but remained home and read some very good books
 and so on - some men grow mad by studying much to know - But who
 grows mad by studying Good to God - again, "An egg today is
 better than a hen to-morrow - keep thy shop - and thy shop
 will keep thee -" At Dadch's - 5 o'clock P.M. Sunday eve &c.
 Twentieth - Clear and cold being windy - so we killed three
 more hogs weighing one hundred and fifty pounds each
 - sent one over to the Edge who is wanting lots of meat -
 - A.E. left for home soon in morning - commenced ploughing again
 after dinner - but the ground was not in good order - I do
 hope that it may not rain soon for we are considerably
 behind with our crop - Uncle Tom came again and began
 stocking more ploughs - Billy Dentist & Silas Boling came up
 to visit land - Saw Mr. Wilson the Tobaccoist -

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March concluded 1849-1850

Let ploughman on his legs is higher than a gentleman on his knees.

Twentieth. A very cold & windy day - plough over at the Brown plantation - went putting up at night with A.C. Feaster, J.D. Feaster, D.R. H.L. Colward & Co.

Twenty-first. Still cold but milder than yesterday - Papp started to Winstonsburgh (via) B.G. Cummings - also Sucka & S.C. - Coleman were over - All is not gold that glitters &c.

Twenty-second. Very pleasant day - finished ploughing at the Brown place - killed a large hawk - which was eating a squirrel - I commenced planting corn on yesterday (ie) in the Twenty-third saw a screw who was a sheep hunting in our field -

The discontented man finds no easy chair - Great talker - Little Doer.

Twenty-third. A pretty day being clear & warm - finished planting corn in one field of fifty or sixty acres - ground getting hard - hauled cotton seed for manure to the Brown fields - received a letter from W. who had landed safe at home without marrying - but I fear he will be compelled to marry soon - judging from his writings - As good fish in the sea as this time as have ever been caught out of it - So says the old adage - London vale.

Keep the cents and the dollars will keep themselves - Golden.

Twenty-fourth. This is the last day of March - Planted corn in the Brown place until the middle of the afternoon - at which time all hands stopped working - The ground is in very fine order for planting - went turkey hunting in the woods - but killed nothing as usual.

(Never make a Doctor - thine heir.)

So ends March having been a very illustrious month in the way sports &c - but not in marriage for there has been nothing of the sort - and not even any sporting done of any consequence - but look sharp & take no notice in April.

Offing are as barrels. the empty ones making the most noise - I am going to meeting at Red Hill - tomorrow -

not over 50- 100- 150- 200- 250- 300- 350- 400- 450- 500- 550- 600- 650- 700- 750- 800- 850- 900- 950- 1000-

April A.D. 1849. Mr. Coleman

"The master's eyes will do more good than his hands," Franklin

All good day being Sunday I went to preaching at Red Hill - E. Fabrik delivered a sermon that was not fit for clop to hear - it is surprising that he is permitted to pretend to preach - I consider his preaching ridiculous - come home and meet partridge with A.C. & J.D. Feaster Dr. Coleman and Mr. Feaster Esq we craned it on to a good many - considering - I got home after night - went to bed - and in the morning crowing - (ie) on Second - commenced planting corn again - and will soon finish if it does not stand - went to Stinson's shop in the eve - saw Jacob Sharp - who is a full team and a horse to spare &c =

Third - finished planting corn for this year - having plowed over a hundred & fifty acres - commenced ploughing for cotton in the eve - The Steamer came up and embarked partridge hunting by the way to Stinson's shop - but killed none - except some doves &c =

Fourth - was favored with a beautiful wind which will bring the corn up very soon - the trees are putting forth rapidly - I went over to the Esq in the evening and went squirrel hunting with him he killed one and I killed six - however he still thinks that he can beat me shooting - but that would do -

we got out of the bed in the morning of the Fifth and went a turkey hunting - I saw nor heard none - the Esq - saw several but did not get a shot - I brought six over home with me - R. Morgan Esq - came over &c

Sixth - cool in the moring - but pleasant in the afternoon - I made a ditch on upland being the first we ever made - also received a letter from R. W. Wadler stating that he and kin were safe & sound &c - Mr. Adams came up to see us - and went hence to St. Stephens and Seventh - ploughed until noon at which time all stopped from work being Saturday Eve

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Fourth - I made two more ditches being very good ones
On Easter came up - we killed several doves and
Larks &c. went to Jacob Fry's and stayed all night
and on the morning of the Eighth we left for Mr
Mc's where we found Fry - I stayed until three o'clock
then left for home - leaving the Mrs. Leustick still
at Mr. Mc's - The day on which Esg. Morgan moved
to Santee in Union Dist.

Monday - a Doctor - fine hair - so said Franklin.

Friday - a very warm & pleasant day - commenced chopping
cotton seed - also hauling seed from Grand Ma's to plant
the ground in first order for planting - I killed
three squirrels in the afternoon - sending all their heads
adding some to shot - also killing birds soon after a
time - not is there anything more detestable than for Rep-
ublicans to aspire to the haughty chain of Aristocracy
which although is getting very common - for we have numerous
instances in our immediate neighborhoods of men who
have accumulated more of this worldly goods than other
of their neighbors - and then he is changed from what he formerly
was - will scarcely speak to his old friends whom he once
esteemed - outwardly - and never associates with them but is
trying to push himself into a higher circle than the one
he was reared in - and the consequence is that he by extraneous
sons falls lower than where he first commenced - if not himself

if falls upon his posterity - which is still worse - and as
soon as an Aristocrat becomes bankrupt - just so soon is he
deserted by his once flattering friends &c.

Saturday - a nice day for planting cotton seed - drove the
cattle down to Grand Ma's - and we have a fine pasture
there of Egyptian grass &c. - The Esg. came over and
took dinner also Aunt Betty Sol - & Sister and Grand Ma & baby
came in the afternoon - I layed off some tasks today
Eleventh - the day on which Pappa started to Columbia land
arrived - there on the tub and sold cotton at 60¢
and got home on the Fourteenth day & stayed

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April " Anno Domini " 1849 - 1848

Fourth a very warm and pleasant day. the corn is coming fourth very nice - all hands ceased from working at noon, being Saturday. I went to A. E. Coleman's in the afternoon and stayed all night with him. It commenced getting very cool after dark as if it would frost and continued so on the morning of the Fifth - only a little more - and lo! behold near eight o'clock it began to snow like chips and continued on until three in the afternoon having snowed more than at any other time in several years - and in April at that - it being so cold as to kill the cotton and corn considerably also some trees and all garden plants were injured. (It is not always warm in the summer)

Sixth still cold but fair - the wind coming from the north west - We finished planting cotton seed on this date and commenced ploughing corn which looks extremely sorry in account of the snow and judging from appearance it is a bad chance for bread meat or any other vegetables, nothing dies sooner than a corn.

Seventh still cool but milder than yesterday but still cold - ploughed and to day which looks any way better. Set some traps for birds that are picking up the corn after the grammatical construction of the above page.

Eighth very cold in the morn - wind blowing from the west pretty hard, and a heavy frost at night on all low places - and the Nineteenth was cold too but more moderate than yesterday - Sis & Aunt Polly Louisa & I was at our house to day and we had calves for dinner.

Tienth a pretty severe frost in the morn - but pleasant in the middle of the day - some prospect of more frost to night - Commenced ploughing corn at the Roman place after planting lots of watermelon seed. Feing near an acre of land in one patch - besides several smaller patches - I went to the P. O. in the eve - got no letters and went N. B. Look in the other page for the remainder of April.

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April, Anno Domini 1849 - Concluded - Easter

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Seventyfirst - still cold and very dry. being Saturday
let all hands stop work so as to be in good order
by Sunday. believing that a hand will do more work by
going there half of every Saturday than to work all the
week - throughout the whole year

Seventysecond - was visited by A. E. Coleman we rode over
the farm to see the post for cold &c. I went home with Betty
and Sis. and stayed all night - went turkey hunting in the
morning of Seventythird but killed nothing which has become
very common with me. thence to the Edge - sick over his disease
but saw nothing very attractive thence home to my own
affairs. Received a wild-cat's skin as present from Jesse

W. Coleman of Winston sibi. brought by George Cooper
who had just arrived from that county. Messrs sends me
word that him & his father killed seven wild-cats, twenty wolves
and a number of deer. The law of that county allow
any man three dollars for killing a wolf.

Seventyfourth - quite warm and very dry - the ground being
extremely hard. I rode my cart to the mill. the day being the
second time she was ever backed - she cut some tall water
had a glorious rain the evening at the Home place but
scarcely any at Round place. commenced reading Fortson a
very foolish book but quite tempting &c

Seventyfifth - nearly finished ploughing over our corn for the
first time - Fanny was lost with a female colt on this date
I received my Magazines from Columbia having had
them found there by Mr. Douston. price one dollar & a quarter
each - they were conveyed to me by the politeness of Coleman

Seventysixth - finished ploughing over corn for the first time
went to Pt. in eve. accompanied partly by the Steamer via ORE
There came a moderate rain at night which we needed much

Seventy seventh - cloudy in the morn. but clear in the eve
finished springing the Round place by morn - and then to
rest until Monday too much - is as great an evil as too little

April concluded. Anno Domini 1849-1850

Twentieth - Sunday - went to uncle Esq Feaster's
J. L. Lyles and John D. Arnett accompanied by the
Steamer, who spent the last night with me. We got
back home and found the Esq & lady at our house
but after eating supper they individually returned to
their respective habitations. I began a letter to Riverson
of Chambers Ala. being one of my first cousins and
who was in this country several years ago. He is my
senior by a few months. Had my hair cut off today
and had great pleasure in hearing Esq Feaster's conversation
and looking at his beautiful corin. Blessed be that got
good rains and make their corin.

Thirtieth - began ploughing cotton which looks like a bad chance
for it is not half come up - and what has come up
has commenced dying - consequently it is an inferior prospect
- I made two very nice ditches near the house - almost
a quarter of a mile long. Rode Rosa over to the
place to look after the traps and found them state good
but Miss May became possessed of the idea of running away
which she did in a very precipitous manner. However
not with me upon her - and I became convinced that
Betty's pigs were rooting up our corn in an unbecoming way
for which conduct I shall inform against them surely -
- Saw Mr. Lewis Roberts going from mile - he got hot meal
This week's April - having been unseasonable cold - April
having had snow and frost in an abundance - with plenty
of cold winds mixed in with it - This has been a
dry month in the marrying line - for I have not had
the pleasure of recording any hymenial news - but
I fancy May will have its share of double blessedness
as reports would make us believe such if we were inclined
to be superstitious. Never eat as much as your appetite
craves - but stop in time to prevent yourself from being
guttur &c. - nor drink alcohol - nor steal nor lie nor
speak ill of another. - but always mind your own business
and you will ever be loved and respected. - St. Charles

May - AD 1849 - Feaster-Ville, S.C.

First - wound in the mud and until evening when
 we were blessed with a beautiful wind which
 was much needed - cotton begins to show the effect of
 it - also the grass and other vegetation - would to Solomon
 after my gun - saw aunt Rebecca who was there &c.
 Second - heard the joyful news of the marriage between
 James Esq. Morgan and Miss Letitia Coleman who were married
 on last night by Jas. Feaster Esq. - John C. Feaster and Miss
 Louisa Coleman officiating as attendants. This union
 had been long anticipated as they were courted several
 years - after making a match they should have given a grand
 invitation to the fandango - but no - they had but very few
 to invite their "junctio" - the Miss Hendersons being the only
 ladies in attendance - I was not there myself - Ezzelth
 Syles and Polly came up to day &c. I saw in the eve
 at the Egs he will get done ploughing cotton the first time
 tomorrow - "he is smart" - and he -
 Third - made a very long ditch suitable to mind.
 Fourth - went with Ericy and Polly to lunch Lano after Lisa
 had fun lots and an ample share of music and the Director
 Major plays admirable for a beginner - we all went to Mrs
 Lyngues in the after-noon - there back to uncle Lano - from
 there home with Polly behind me on old Kate - a mule
 Fifth - Saturday - finished ploughing cotton the first time - having
 went over it in five days with mine plough hands - went
 ploughing in Broad River at Syles mile with H. S. & J.
 Dr. De. ER & OR & H. S. & J. P. H. A. Coleman and J. P.
 & Dr. Feasters and minor other individuals. We caught - more
 three hundred cats with considerable number of scale fish
 - catching thirty four at one drag -
 Sixth - was visited by Henry Syles, The Cotton & Co. Feaster R. J.
 Cameron & son - Runkins came home with me last night
 went over the Brown looking at the corn which looks sorry
 - then to Eg. Sals - he & wife had just left - so went to Betty
 and they were in the act of leaving - finally we left for
 home via Major John Coleman - (turn over)

May - A.D. 1849 - Continued. Amo - annas
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Seventh. An election for a Representative to the Legislature
to fill the vacancy of David Crossy decd W. J. Syles being
the only candidate - consequently he is elected - Commenced
ploughing corn the second time - the earth in judicious order
- Edith and Polly departed from our house for - Mrs. Matthews
Pappa & Mamma went to Grand Mt. - Election - I myself
attended to my business - besides having my water melons
- which look extremely promising - The day on which we
began chopping out cotton - only two pieces of hands at it
- rode Miss May out in the fields - she seems quite bedate
Eighth - is Tuesday - I went over to the Ezy in the evening &c
- Daddy informed me of the particulars of the death
of Andrew Feaster Esq. who was brother to Grandpa Feaster
- He was shot by a man by the name of Jacobs
after night & who was at that time laying out from
the Sheriff then in pursuit after him aided by
a Capt. H. McKim and E. Wolly - it was the intention
of Jacobs to kill Wolly but was deceived by the
horse - for he rode a white horse - but small speck on
- very one of the same color on that fatal night and
- Jacobs shot him through a mistake for Wolly
- Jacobs was arrested and imprisoned but broke out
just before his trial came on and was again arrested
after fleeing justice for a long lapse of twenty years
- having fled to Florida which at that time did
not form a part of the United States - He was brought
back tried - condemned and hung being a very old
man - He killed Feaster in eighteen hundred and
and was executed the year eighteen hundred

ninth - Finished ploughing over the corn at home and
began at it over at the Brown diggins - The corn does not
look like maize - but grass - it is infected by worms which
are literally destroying it - however I killed a nice young
squirrel this eve which is some satisfaction - commenced
raining at sunset - Saw Armstrong also H. F. W. Colman Esq.

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May Anno Domini 1819. Continued per W. A. Coleman

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15th - Rained all day incessantly - brought a load
of fodder from Grand Ma^r also did the Egg^s = transplant
first potatoes - being a fine time^s and worked on the
Egyptian grass which was progressing rapidly and the
Barn pelae^s I found some roots fully two feet deep in
the earth and one over three feet in length - It got on
that place by sowing oats that grew and beaver creek
it was then owned by uncle Feaster^s Was informed of the
sad news of G. W. Rankins being taken with chill & fever
(Eleventh) - Little cool being clouds and every appearance of
frost to night - went to the P.O. in the eveⁿ there I received
a letter from W. A. Coleman living in Walter County Ga and
who lived in this country last year - also was my schoolmate
The ground was too wet for ploughing on this date

16th - Saturday - had all hands hoeing cotton and they finished
their tasks by twelve o'clock. I sa^w & I went to uncle W. A. Coleman^s
in the evening and remained all night on the morning
of the Thirteenth the Steamer & I departed for cool branch
where we found a crowd of homines - an some few of
the fairer sex - Miss M^cConnell in particular - she was
escorted homeward by the Right Hon^{ble} J. A. Feaster Esq^r who by the
by - is a noted Gallant of the softer sex - I come back
to H. J. C. and eat my dinner and thence home and to fire
where should we find them but Miss M^cYounger, consequently
I remained statu qua until after the golden rays of sol
had shone a considerable time on the morning of the
17th - at which time she left for home - I went
to ploughing corn - and planted an acre for corn pot^s
Aunt Polly Feaster & her daughter Mary Coricilla Rawls and her son
Ben were at our house on this eventful day - 6th P. M.

18th - finished ploughing over corn the second time - had
some rain in the eveⁿ - the Egg^s was over - I fell very bad
having a severe headache and other disorders which rendered
me quite weak and unhappy - but the Sun does not
always shine nor is it forever cloudy - but every soon
has it past - visa versa - name 8 o'clock P.M. - at Daddy's

My Anno Domini 1849 - Continued in Washington

The Mulberry in Dadly's yard was transplanted by Uncle Saml H
Coleman when he was quite young - &c =

Sixteenth = Pappa departed for Columbia with Uncle Jonathan
I commenced hoeing cotton with all hands = killed and col
went to Billy & Esq's - they came home with one had chicken
friends & flour - elvings for dinner

Seventeenth = commenced raining last night - and continues
or incessantly and not slow - planted potato slips &c =
commenced a letter to Henry S. Coleman of Social Circle Ga.

Eighteenth = Continued to rain having been at constant
for twelve hours = with no prospect of ceasing at this time

My ditches have performed excellently and to good purpose
A goose quill is more dangerous than a lions claw

Nineteenth = no wind - new fair weather = hearing rained near
forty eight hours in succession = The ground as wet as carpet
- fixed cotton to clay = Pappa came home from Columbia

He sold cotton from 6 1/4 to 7 cents per lb. sold to R. Gathard

There was a frost last night which killed Jimm's hills peas = but
was not a general frost - not killing any other potato - and yet heard from
Dad & Sarah is with Daddy to night

Twentieth = Sabbath - preaching at Red Hill by E. Gault large
audience with some very pretty girls of whom were Miss
E. Bostie - Lucia Parratt and Miss E. Satterwhite - by the by
J. D. Feasht escorted Miss Satterwhite homeward - U. E. Calhoun

& I went up to Dr. Speck's from church - there
home - The newly married couples were there i.e. Colm & Wright

Twenty first = still hoeing cotton being near half done - I ploughed
myself to day in the cotton = Pappa carried his purpled stroke
to the pasture being there in number &c = prospect of more rain

Twenty second = quite warm corn growing fine - went to the
pasture with Pappa & Esq. and eat dinner with cousin Emma

Twenty third = very warm - I ploughed to day the balance week being
on this date we heard the sad news of the death of Mr

Daniel Kitchens who was overseeing for son A. Coleman - He
came to his end in a very extraordinary manner

- Having ploughed all day in perfect health -

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May Annos Domini 1849 = continued " Benevolence "

- and in ploughing he began eating a root called commonly
jelico which he found in the field. But near night
he & his brother found a weed which they imagined
to be the above named plant - and each of them eat of it
and never discovered their fatal mistake until after getting
home - then they began feeling sick - after eating their supper
- They soon collected the cause = being poisoned - and immedi-
-ately sent after Dr. McLinkin but before he could get to
them - the elder Daniel - was dead and his brother near
the last stage - but has not expired as yet - from latest news
although there is no hope for his recovery - It was ascertained
by examination that they had eaten the root of hemlock
which resembles the jelico very much. This occurrence should
be a warning to every person in eating things that he is
a stranger to &c &c

Eleventh = went to the eggs and Bell's - killed four partridges
in the way - saw two young & widows millers
Twelfth = began ploughing cotton the second time with five hands
- cotton very good - went to the Post Office in the eve
but got no letter - consequently my only copy was the
Frankle Blade - which paper he takes - published by Matthews & Co
Boston - price two dollars per annum. G. W. Perkins came over
after his broad cloth to wear to the picnic on tomorrow
at Eastville = five friends in anticipation. Daddy was eighty
four years old on the nineteenth of this month. he was
born in Halifax county Va. and emigrated to this
country when about two years old.

Thirteenth = Picnic at Sedolville = danced & played sports
all day - the wife & mine were sick most of the day - I did not
attend - but went down to the plantation - escorted by the Steamer

Fourteenth = Sunday - went home with rice - remained there until
evening - then home - Miss Jane Ferguson & Sarah of Charleston
came home with Pappas, who had been over in Ireland

Fifteenth = finished hoeing cotton over the first time
- about Keenah Feast and her daughter - Lizzy & Druce and Sally came
up to see us from Columbia - also Sarah Columbia - visited us

May the 28th Anno Domini, 1849 - Conclusion

Received a very severe lecture from Daddy on the impropriety of so much visiting - the conclusion of his lecture was that it would be the ruin of the whole of us - &c. &c.

29th, very wind in the middle of the day - went to uncle Sam's in the evening in company with Jane Ferguson Liza Feate and Peggy - after getting there had some fine music by Dancer, Liza & Julia - after being there a short time - Miss Mary Young & John Rice riding up - though as if they were speaking -

30th, Aunt K. & Sarah left our habitation for Bealea Colman - The Esq. commenced planting peas - he being an early bird - certainly - Miss Jane & Sarah departed for home on tomorrow - if not prevented I had my water melon vines which look very promising considering the extreme wet seasons and flourishing grass &c.

31st, Miss Jane Ferguson & Sarah Sterling departed for home accompanied by Pappa - we commenced harvesting wheat - very warm day - Billy, sis and Mrs. Young were over today - Mr. W. B. Pearson with Daddy and I to night - candidate for clerk of the court - opposed by Mr. Lohd & Thompson - I am going for the former strongly - I end my story -

June Anno Domini 1849 - 11 -

First - an election for Colonel of the 24 Regiment S.C. M. - Ed. Taylor and Wm. Bell candidates - the former secured forty nine votes and the latter fourteen at Feastville

Second - went over to the Esq. with G. W. Pinkney - came back and found lots of gold at our house - Liza Feate and her sister Mary - B. Colman Mary Young and Miss Jane Simon - we dined a few after dark - finished ploughing cotton the second time - (grass lots)

Third - went to preaching at Red Hill - Sermon by E. Hunt text 22ch - 30 of Matthew - however it was not to the point - rode with Miss L. without being kicked to death &c. &c. 4th - Began ploughing corn running four furrows to the row - The corn is growing very fast - having a beautiful color - Saw Armstrong, Lewis and Son (S.) passing by the field

The Anno Domini 1849 - Independence Day

warmest day in this season - grain in the
 carried the wheat to several thrashers, they
 by from J. D. Coleman - I killed three squirrels
 warm with a hard shower of rain in the evening
 Lizzy and Cruey to Mrs. Young and brought
 home with us - eat a fine mess of chicken
 other vegetables - saw L. L. Cameron ploughing cotton
 one knee high - hold thy head up & look brave as thou
 watermelons, looks flourishing - so they do loss of 1/2
 = Grounds too wet to plough - until noon at which
 we began - and finished the field by night - the
 Cameron came up and found me cutting sprouts - but I
 did not get ashamed - Lizzy, Cruey & Dixey went to S. town
 named all day - and brought some beautiful flowers
 with them - and gave me a nice nosegay
 of Labour in a farm is considered by some of
 would-be-upper-tens as a perfect disgrace, also
 an honorable occupation in any shape or form whatever
 And they are useful to our country in proportion as the
 matric use to the citizen - or as chronic use to bread
 more rain at this time being 8 o'clock P.M. - 11/11/49
 The Election for Colonel on the first - proved after counting
 votes - an equal number to each candidate - each
 "will" over to the Esq's - hence it uncle Sam - with Lizzy and the
 Crueys - brought Eda home - "The Esq's Scientific American"
 came on this mail - fine paper - by Munroe & Co. N.Y.
 of the Army both they being twenty one years old - alias
 an orphan - or a citizen of the United States
 with Lizzy, Cruey and myself - went to preaching
 at Capt. Bragoch - Nelson & Buchanan preached
 George - Mr. East & G. W. Perkins came home with us
 and even night since twelve in success - 9/11
 the ploughed corn and top of it - but the ground was too wet
 farmer ploughing must be done immediately else the grass
 will take the crop and depart (i.e.) run away -
 saw Wm. McLane ploughing the new ground - turn over

PINE, Anno Domini 1817

Pretty is as pretty does - Sons of Temperance are
12th June - Finished ploughing over - corn the third time
gave four furrows in each row - leaving a small
the middle which we will plough out - and the
it layed by with the plough - a little rain
13th - Commenced ploughing cotton the third time -
mean to do it as possible - some hands cutting eye -
a letter for uncle Sol Coleman to his son Wm in Randolph
county Ga - a tremendous rain in the evening, which had
made the ground too wet again - But consider all things as for the
14th - Finished cutting eye by noon - others all hands ploughing
cotton - The Sonceps and Lizz returned from a visit to Grand Ma
John Es and uncle Jonathan - accompanied by the Steamer
who bring intelligence of having very good looking corn
There is no two minds alike in this world either in loves or
no mindy (10) not an exact simblance -

Birds of a feather flock together - old adage
15th - Uncle Jonathan & Lady came up - I looked over our farm
him - went to the Bo in the evening - got a letter for Lizz
from her brother John Peacock - saw the steamer and
- on ship's Anna Borad - While birds their lovely gazes spread
And fops around them flutter - He be content with Anna Borad
And most bacany but her

The most powerful galvanic battery we know of - is a
16th - pretty girls - Yankee Blade - Sweethearts are
16th - Miss No. 6 - S. and Widow Milling visited us
in the afternoon - William Yongue and Lady came paid
all night at Ex. S. Bytte and H. Coleman Es. we
played Rokers - until Bed time

17th - bro: all went to preaching at - Red Hill - The
preacher said that an infant was as great a sinner
in its youth as in the years of discretion and
never could enter the Kingdom of Heaven unless
made anew - no matter if it should die when only
a month old - hell would be its portion - His name
was Nicolson - our neighbor would preach such doctrine
if he was present

Diary Anno Domini 1849 - continued

18th. " Nearly finished ploughing cotton the third time - I went to Mrs Robertsons in the evening to get my coat renovated, also I went via Billy's and the Esq's on my return home "

19th. " commenced ploughing over the cotton again being the first time " went with Bruce & Liza to J. J. Arnolds - all night " examined A. E.'s farm which is very according to my judgement &c. " we got there by 10 o'clock AM " on the 20th " I went to the Esq's in the evening - saw Miss Mary C. and Mother &c - Frank Simon Syrup - at Arnolds with some "

Never drink any intoxicating liquors by no means " Has become quite warm after several days of cool weather the wind coming from the east commenced laying over is giving up the final ploughing " also I was determining the grass from my melon patch " began reading Ephraim Skinners letters to the Revs Aiken & Lansing on the principles of their faith - Presbyterianism - he gives in to these most judiciously - especially on Total Abstinence "

" Mrs Dr. the Colonist - the Esq & Sarah were " written by Esq & myself went to the P.D. in the evening I received letter from E. S. Crockett stating his safe arrival home &c " Daddy also received from Aunt Betty Nolan all well - good crops &c. " Sad news of the death of my granddaughter - infant of Isabella her oldest daughter "

of John G. Coleman Sr of Green Ala " who was in this state in the year 46 - purchasing negroes and on his return home married the said Isabella who "

23rd finished laying by one field of corn " J. Coleman & Henry came by from Mrs Robertsons " R. H. Coleman remained all night - on the morning of the 24th J. P. Feash and W. Coleman came up also J. C. Feash " We set about the house all day except going to the orchard &c. "

25th off Monday - still ploughing corn " J. P. & A. E. left this morning for uncle Saks - and Amitts " I accompanied Lizzie and the Ormies to the " Morgan place " found some hubbubbers - shot the gun - collected "

June Anno Domini 1846 - continued - A. Columbus

Laugh and grow fat and become happy - "oh, hush!"
26th Beautiful rain in the evening - went with John C. & the
Steamer to the river and had a fine evening prole - eat
dinner with Jacob F. Colman - saw Dr. A. Dupree & C
took a fine begun - i.e. we extracted the honey from the
of the bees - L. & E. shot several cows in the yard
finished laying by my corn crop by noon - nothing now to
but work the cotton - John O'Keefe departed for Columbia

on the evening intending to remain with aunt Rebecca Colman
to night - Lizzie & Emory accompanied him as far as their
- I killed four woodpeckers one squirrel and a dove to day
John shot several times but killed nothing - I heard how
to take the figures 12345 and make a square of them
and how them to make figures in any way - that's most

28th - I went down and brought Lizzie and Emory from
aunt Rebecca's home

29th went over to the Esqs from there down to
Isa - with Lizzie and the Orucut.

30th, Saturday, last day of June - let the hands
stop working at noon - I went over to Mr. Mc
bought a curry comb - price twenty five cents
wrote a letter to Messrs W. Colman Louisville
Missouri - friends of this District - and
sons of George R. Colman and grand
son of Messrs C. C. Krell, D. C. P. C.

Thus ends June having been a very wet month in the north
but dry in the end - and if July proves dry in the
middle - there will be very crops of corn made
The man who lies with dogs, may expect flies
for companions - and vice versa
The first word by the "plough" (thru me)
effect either hold himself or - done
Contentment is a great blessing - "mild" getting up

July A.D. 1846 = Declaration of Independence

George Washington, Thomas Jefferson, John Hancock

1st Preaching at Red Hills by Farist " large audience - &c -

2th - Ploughing cotton & corn = I wrote a letter - for Lizie to Miss
 Jo B MacCalluck, of Columbia, she wrote one to Miss L. P. O. Steele
 Grace wrote to Mr John P. Deane = Ormeus & Lige went to Beaufort

3th - Last ploughing corn for Groch or had = I was over with
 Esq's - very early in the morning being very dry &
 of - Ever memorable day to the Americans, celebration at my
 public place of any importance - in the vicinity
 I went to the parkwood at Lockards old field - where
 the troops and infantry were drilled to their
 full satisfaction, " there was no singing in the place
 and consequently no drumming. I quit chewing
 tobacco on the Secuity of this nation & the
 believe it to be a very nasty practice in any way

4th - Six six hands being called - the remainder finishing the ploughing
 Lizie and the Soucis with Henry departed this morning
 for B. H. Weather's to see Miss E. Meador, they intend
 staying with her tonight - and tomorrow they will
 go to Jacob F. Columbia - Cousin Sarah B. came up
 just after they had left - she went over and stand
 with Dis = Ex-President Polk - chief at his residence
 in Bernesee - on the - ~~servitude~~ of some last

5th - when we feel tis "hard" to toil" Sulphur is good
 And sweat the long day through" for the Cholera
 Remember it is harder still" for a Cholesterol
 So have no more to do" Gen. Worth died Sept 14 1839
 The above poetry should be strongly impressed on the mind
 of every young man - (ie - the voracity of it) and
 on the aristocratic portion of the community particularly
 as they are usually taught that labour is a dishonour
 rather than an honour = The ladies should know it also
 " John Gladden died of disintery in the last week of June

6th - Went to the P.O. = letter for Daddy from his niece Fable
 Gray - who has a cancer or wen on her breast - &c

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July - continued from the 6th, 1849

7th - Sarah C. Sijj and Miss Mary A. Gladcup - left
 for Uncle Jonathan's. They remained all night
 with us - Miss Mary came up with Pa as she
 came from Winstonsburgh - I went squirts to
 hunt with R. W. Coleman, killed six of seven
 others I went down to J. D. Arnolds - Uncle Jakes
 and Henry Lykes - they have fine crops as it
 has rained abundantly in that settlement
 - Miss Mary A. G. came back to our house and
 remained all night again. Dr J. Bybee at
 Uncle H. Coleman's from certain information
 - It is quite probable of them making a
 match of double blessedness i.e. Bybee and Sarah
 and not as the influence reads - Bybee and Jonathan
 G. th. Went down after Dixie from Grandpas
 Miss Mary departed homewards via St. Thomsons
 in line with Pa - had a fine rain in the
 eve, which was needed very much, not having
 had any of importance in several weeks
 - some should be height of a shower - I.e. A.E. and
 10th H. E. Coleman departed for home early in the morning -
 the egg came over before noon - we eat several of them
 Martha Mellons out of my patch. He left for Uncle
 Jonathan's - got his old hat renovated - Lizzie and
 Sally and myself went to Aunt Rebecca's in the afternoon
 remained until after supper - Uncle B had the toothache
 and Lizzie had the headache. More rain in the eve
 my own appears fine to day - soon will do to let on etc.
 - we have given out all ideas of buying any more
 11th Raining soon in the morning - continued until nine o'clock
 set out or transplanted potato slips. The boy & wife and Corilla
 was over came in the buggy returned home in the evening
 I gave the amount of three dollars and a half to Charles
 Smith and Mary each in order to John J. Arnolds etc.
 12th I went to Dr J. B. McClintock in company with Lizzie
 and Orucis - saw Wm & Jas. Colvins - had a fine dinner

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Diary continued from the 12th A.D. 1879 California

13th Friday = I went with Pappa to the pasture - accompanied by Uncle Jonathan and Stanner - we found all the stock in a prosperous condition - left the pasture and went through James McLogans farm - which looks middling well - thence we went on to find at J. Amells Stear dinner - also found fine water melons from A & Co's patch - we remained until the mail arrived - i.e. at 3 o'clock - there was two letters to Lizzie one from John and the other from Mrs of P. K. Mcale - all his projects also 90 & 90 I received one from David R. Colman or dated June 24th and post marked the 30th - he stated crops to be very inferior in Chambers - corn in particular also wheat was nearly a total failure in that country - all these calamities were caused by the frost following the 15th of April last

14th I mustered with the ^{head} Broke Troopers - and became a member of that company - David Yeasho also joined - I eat dinner at Mrs Youngs and so did the girls who were at the dance also - John Bice & St. Crosby came over in evening Lizzie gave them some very fine & sweet music & a Chubby and cool - left from home with L & C who stayed all night with me - for his residence - after getting there we eat some delicious water melons with candy - pie and apple sugar in an abundance - wrote a letter to Lizzie - came home in the evening - found all well - wrote L & C an order to A. J. Thompson to the amount of four dollars - on yesterday - saw Billy & Nancy Major - fine connections are apt to plunge you in a sea of extravagance, and then not to know you a rope - to save you from drowning - wrote by the special request of Saddy

15th Monday - mind stormy - consequently - my coat - which makes the other look like - eat water melons assisted by the girls - no green ones present -

16th Finished being eaten the second time - and began being eaten on the branches - carried Lizzie and Dannie to Uncle Jonathan - Lizzie divulged a very important secret to me concerning a letter to her from Maryland -

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July - Anno Domini 1849 - Continued

my
Sunday = Monday. Received a letter on yesterday from Albert
Hatch. He writes all well &c = eat melons through the day
carried Cousin Betty. Her Jane and went in the evening
after Lucy & Bruce. ad. B. = gave George Christman a
pile of melons = which is a very performance. Some
was on Saturday.

I have been thinking for several weeks
of the manner in which the farmers (of supposed wealth)
at the present time are educated, or their own manner
of receiving an education. - It appears as if their
sole desire was to be admitted for their external
appearance, skin never warmed by the rays of that
sun which is the life of all things. They think it
a disgrace for one of their own sort to be colored
in the slightest manner whatever by the sun, but if
she can keep her hands and face perfect strangers
from the source of light, - by the aid of gloves, veils
&c = their nerves then are more shocked by the sight
of a sunburnt lady. And it is a custom of late among
the would be respect to sleep until half the day
has passed = and then dress and take a walk of
a few rods - or perhaps a ride in some vehicle
- which fatigues them terribly = cannot leave the idea
of labouring in any form, but will not keep company with
a person that does = They are not fit to live, they
will not to thousands - not to their fellow men. They are
puffed only to be envied on, being too lazy to do
themselves or to make even their shops, however they
are some at speaking = more tiring = and apparently
even in a most judicious humor, displaying the best
specimens of good natural persons = all smiles of the
sharpest intellect. My opinion is that all such gobs (and
they include half of the whole) are a disgrace to our country
our institutions and our name. They should not be
noticed, but any one should be valued by their dull &c
so no more of my fears for the present.

July of Anno Domini. Continued - grill pen

24th Eat a very large watermelon, the largest I ever
 had. Very much to eat. Sent to the Esq. - Size of little
 house, remained at home to keep me from the house
 - Happy is he who does not stare for the rest of his life.
 - Never place any reliance upon dreams, white sleep or quack
 - Size wrote that Father also to Miss McCallister, I had
 her to the Esq. - also affectionate visit - recently - she was
 the mother of the late General McCallister.
 "25th. Rain at twelve o'clock" we have had glorious showers
 for some a week - the first thing on the nineteenth
 rainy morning since, more or less - which will make
 corn abundant for the following year - all vegetation
 is in a fine growing state - cotton I think is going
 too much to waste - Mr. Armstrong came over in the
 evening - eat some melons - him & pappa pumped cows
 &c. - some ducks, hog or sinner or sow out of our
 corn field - which is half time to shooting it -
 - A poor man had as much heart, as a rich man
 "26th ninth day of rain - had a nice rain in
 the evening - nothing could suit farmers better
 The Misses Sarah & Martha came visiting to
 night - Mrs Dr McClinton & Miss Tucker came
 down - eat dinner and then after sitting for some
 time - departed home ward &c. - nearly finished
 laying by my axe - eat some tomorrow
 "Peggy" - came home from the Esq. - Nathan &
 "Cash" and Peter & Coleman - eat dinner with us
 to day - what a nice lot of folks - I & C - for home
 "27th Rode with Miss M. on her return to school - picked
 all night" - report says By the way is in these diggers
 - I returned and accompanied Size and John to Grand
 mas - there we all eat dinner - I left there there
 and come by the P.O. but no mail - the by
 was water boat, and delayed for one day - mail
 comes tomorrow, saw N.H. &
 contentment is a great blessing - &c

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August. A.D. 1849 - England - Wales - Scotland &c

1st Wednesday - went from the pasture (i.e. the house place)
 to John & Arbutts - brought twenty five pounds of maily
 - remained all night - with Andrew - eat some most
 excellent watermelons also some melons - grown on
 Arbutts patch. Returned to the pasture - walked all
 day - and came home - on the night of the
 2^d - and found John & Teaster - at our house - from
 Columbia - - cotton on the assumption - falling at
 eleven cents per lb. He came up the river and some
 - 3^d - one more piece the marriage of David R and
 Nancy E. Stokman - and the date that I received a
 letter from them - with the sad intelligence of the
 death of three infants daughters - only five days
 old - went to uncle Donaldson in company with
 John P. - and the girls - staid all night - went to
 Grand Ma^s on the fourth - and also to the pasture
 - accompanied - by the above individuals - all returned
 home - with cousin Sarah added to our company
 - John P. and my self at Daddy's to night -
 - 5th I accompanied the Societies to Red Hill Church
 sermon by the Revd Buchanan - but to no purpose
 - Sister Sarah and John P. spent the day with
 aunt Beckers - all returned to our house in evening
 - A horrible deed was done on the first of
 this month - by George L. Dye - who shot his wife
 more - or - less - with a double barrel shot gun
 - The load entering her right breast and killing
 her instantly - she was a mother of four or five
 children - Dye after killing his wife shot himself
 with another gun - by putting the muzzle of the
 gun under his chin - and pulling the trigger with
 his toe - the contents of the gun came out - in
 the center of his forehead - blowing his brains
 entirely out - throwing some pieces to the roof of the
 house - It need not be said that Donaldson was
 the cause - He had shot several times at her - before this

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6th - Liza Bruce - and Sally - accompanied by John P. left our house early this morning for Columbia - The two first having staid with us since the 28th of May last - They will never remain down to us - because of their vagabondness - and other good deeds of the 7th. Finished two chimneys at the house at the pasture. Tho' Coroda came to see me, he killed a squirrel with a stone - a second David - I sung all day - my principle tune that I sung was - "The more I meditate Her - Quite a sympathetic piece 8th. carried my gun to the pasture and killed eight squirrels - had a fine barbecue, went over to Samuel Morgan and gave him a miss - his old lady was drying peaches - and him smoking - will be hauling logs for a house - with one little mule, which he said, was a mule before the Revolution war, mamma fed and uncle Nathaniel came down to the pasture in the morning, but left go with the 9th - Set the hands to splitting rails - killed four squirrels upon one tree - I went from the pasture to uncle Jethro's - I returned by John Holman and near finishing - (or am to be as he will finish hauling the logs on tomorrow) - I saw J. Morgan raising him a cotton house - aided by Wm. Judge & David. Feasted here gone to Samuel Best, "Sparking" with built a lot fence. went to the Post office in the evening - received for Lince from Wm. Liza and Hannah E. Kirk - all in fine spirits. I saw she is only to be with satisfied in Winstor.

10th. Saturday. the hands finished their task. splitting rails before noon - I went from the pasture to uncle Jethro's - eat dinner - remained there until some p.m. - came home accompanied by John & Fester. we saw J. P. just from Columbia, also Mr. Giffin of Lexington. 12 - went to Col. Branch, passing by the herd Martin - came home wrote to Liza and Lince - also began on to Dr. Thomas Dr. of Alle in Tennessee

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August A.D. 1819-

13. Began puling fodder, very hot and dry - &c &c -
 14. to 15. do - do - do - do - do - do - do - do -
 "Went to singing school at New Hope
 also did Bruce & Henry - subscribed two
 scholars to the school - Catechu - teacher
 - 19. Sunday - went home with the Miss
 Stones - who spent last night & yesterday
 with us - also went to Church - Red Hill
 sermon by Revd Buchanan. poor preach
 - 20. the finishing a letter from R Holman
 from whom I secured one on Friday last
 - also one from E H. Cockrell of Murree
 - Puling fodder to kill - fine time for
 pulling - having had no rain in over three
 weeks - I've got done this work -
 From the twelfth to thirteenth - we spent in
 puling fodder - at which date we finished - being
 nine days since we commenced - It is remarkable
 that we finished puling without having any injury
 by the ants - as it has not rained in a long
 while - the best fodder that we ever saw
 24. Sent the Esq. some hands & finish his fodder
 - I went to Mrs Stone - bought a hat - at 22.23 -
 - hence I went to uncle Matthews - from there
 to the P.O. - got no letters - But saw Dr Rawls
 and Lacey - also Dr R. Holman - the whole
 a good looking set &c - &c - Eat some of
 the Stained melons - was at William Betty's in
 morning - her son R. H. Holman accompanied
 me in my excursion. Fri. to day 25
 25. Went with Simeon to uncle Jacob's - returned
 home in the evening - went then with Mamma to the
 Esq. I left her there and went to Billy's and
 stayed all night - R. Holman (my uncle) was born 6. August 1789 -
 26. This morning a memorandum - because
 of the birth of the Esq's son, a nice boy - not till
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The Family of John C. Calhoun consists of Mrs Calhoun and seven children. Of these, one son is a planter in Ala. the next a Captain in the Army at New Orleans - the eldest daughter is in Europe, wife of charge at Belgium. Of the three sons at home, one is a physician, the others are young men of 20 and 18; Mr Calhoun has upon his table every thing of Southern production, but is himself a spare eater - The view from his house commands distant mountain ranges, 40 & 60 miles away. His study is twenty feet south of his mansion, has but one window and one door. His library is not large but choice, and most of the books relate to the Union and her interests - The key of this building he keeps always under his immediate control - when at home - No one enters it but himself, unless he is there. His house stands on the Seneca River, 1000 feet above the level of the sea and 200 feet above the river. There are perhaps 70,000 negroes on and about the place. The largest part of his negroes are in Ala, where he owns a large cotton plantation, under the management of his eldest son. Mr Calhoun has a peculiar manner of ditching, drainage and planting, of such utility that his neighbors regard him as a model farm - His crops are ripened as far before those by any other cultivator in that region of country. His farm is known as Fort Hill, from a fort that once stood there in the revolutionary war. Mr Calhoun's habits are very regular. He rides at 4. or 5 o'clock - exercises on horse back, or in a long walk over his farm for an hour - writes until breakfast at 8 o'clock, and, after breakfast is busy in his library until one or two. On Friday - which is mail day - he rides to the stage

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The newspapers of which a large number are sent to him - are spread in the hall for the use of his visitors - He is very hospitable, is a great lion even in the neighborhood of his own house, and in the relations of private life is a most estimable upright and worthy man.

Yankee Blade

1st Day - very hot and dry - wanting rain very much I went out to see my nephews nice boy - considering

2d. Sunday - preaching at Red Hill

3d = Went to the Funging at New Hope - the company was honored by the presence of Mrs Peck & H. Wade of Columbus - fashionable stock, went with A. E. B. to Mr Land's and remained all night - wrote some poetry & prose in Mrs Lynd's Album - Attended Funging again of the 4th Mrs Peck - gone home - joy full - Miss Lucia Moly was there - very pretty - but not so much so as Martha Brice. A. E. B. rode with Mrs Junction. Saw L. Union & M. C. Young &c

Returned home in the evening and found Mrs Honora & her brother Benj. Ellard at our house = remained all night until 3 o'clock

P.M. on 5th - at which time she departed for home Mr North of Ala. gave us a call this evening = He is a critic of Dickens - and neighbor of E. H. Cochrane

also in favor of Banking Principles - some had Banks in Ala = Picking cotton - no cane as yet - hung time out of mind, since raining, not sowed turneps yet - ball time

6th - Went over to widow Betts - read the Deserted Wife continued in Robt's Saturday evening Post = returned home and found the Post there = I went home with him = and remained all night = Mrs. Mary Ann

Mrs George departed this life on the date - at 10 o'clock - Mrs - shot - stump of but a day & half - buried at New Hope church - daughter of Geo Lawrence

Sept. Continued. Arno Donnelly

Sept. 7th = I must grow the egg to a shooting match at Darling A. Lind, - who with the egg beat phidney and of course won the beef - the latter greatly two choices - being the first time that I ever made a failure - Mr. M. Young & I & James Cameron came out minus beef - returned via P.D. - Finished prepping over the cotton once - being very thin - saw Mr. Conner to day - who is one of the heroes of the battles of Scot - now living with Mrs. Claudia Means - 8th Muster at Mc³ Store - I made my resignation of clerk of company - Negro trial at Solomons Sol. Parks & Joe boy of well Solomons were convicted of several mean charges - such as stealing bejums cutting off calves tail - using ill language to W. H. Colman - they were consequently chastised - 9th Preaching at Cool Branch by Mr. Newton some very pretty girls attend Miss Mc³ MCB especially also a large number of houses to a very appropriate persons - &c. Monday the 10th - we began gathering corn - very dry - as there is no rain as yet - 11th I started in a buggy for Columbia after Fallie arrived there at sun down - found all well & hearty - 12th Walked over town in company with Dr. John P. Foster - visited all the principal places of importance - such as the tressel work on the railroads - some of which are magnificent - being near fifty or sixty feet high - horse by Asylum where I saw a large number of important lunatics - also saw some of Lige & Dancie's pretty maid - 13th went down and examined the College precincts - where I saw some beautiful buildings - including the Episcopal Church, which is a very imposing building - also I visited A Crawford house - built by Ex Gov. Hammond - a beautiful house - I saw Ruscogaran Hampton and many other interesting places - 14th Sailed & I departed for home - Southome - soon in

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morning - and arrived there safe by sun down - but turned
15 - Saturday - Susan Mc Chertow came down - Isa came
from Windsor on the 10th ult
16 - Isa & myself went to Salem Church - sermon by Mr Hoyt
attended via uncle J. C. &c -
17 - I went over to the Esq's and Billy's - Mr. Coleman also
was there - we had a game of drafts - he proved victor
I returned home and found the Misses Stevens
and Abland also uncle H. C. & lady - at 11 o'clock PM -
They all retired home as the sun began descending in
the beautiful scarlet horizon of the west - The day
came also in tempo to get couple of muskies - to haul
the corn in, yesterday & today I did some close
shooting near sun above being two shots in half inch of
center & keep taking - very dry dry dry - weather - warm and
18th Carried Donnie & Isa to Windsor - saw some very
pretty girls at Mrs Ladd's - Miss Lane & Mrs especially
- stayed all night at the Plater Hotel, came home
on 19th after having a very dusty ride &c - I paid the
servant installment on rail road money for uncle
H. J. Coleman also paid Mr Jordan the residue for
buggy &c. still my wife came to day - made some very
close shots
20 - Quite windy, blowing the dust in every direction
some clouds in the morning - but clear as a whistle
in evening with no appearance of rain white
though there has been no rain sufficient to allay the
dust since the last of July - being rather a longer
draught than for common - and which has almost
ruined the cotton crop in this Dist. also in some
of the adjoining Districts - We will not hope a crop
which is a general estimate. The cotton is nearly
all open, the half grown bolls are all open, before
maturity &c - The cotton crop from general reports
are falling throughout the U.S. However the corn
is most excellent in this section - H. J. Coleman

September A.D. 1849 Continued

Go to strangers for charity, acquaintances advice, and
 to relatives for nothing - and you will always have
 a supply - Scientific American - Mum & Co N.Y. 2008 -
 There is a nigger on the estate of John C. Calhoun
 aged one hundred and twelve years. She was brought
 from Africa, and has been in his family for a
 century. She has sixty three descendants, all living
 on the same plantation, &c - Be prudent, be patient
 and be pious - and you yourself will be some of it
 - Religion is the best armor that any man can
 have, but the very worst of cloaks.

The Plough - Its one share in the bank of earth
 is worth ten in the Bank of paper - is the Plow

21st - Friday - went to the post office in the evening
 got no letters - as ever - John C. Feaster stayed
 with me to night, he left for home on the morn
 of 23d - I went to shooting match at Darling
 Alond, got no beeps - as usual with me
 Went with the Esq on the 23d to Mrs Yarnes - remained
 all day - after finding all in very good spirits
 - as the Lord sent a good rain on yesterday

24th - went to Singing at New Hope - not a very good
 turn out - though the prettiest girls were there - A.C.C. & Parker
 came from R.G. Lammie's to Singing. I went home
 with Andy - while he had not been for two weeks - found
 every thing straight &c - returned on the morning of
 25th to Singing - had a fine time of it - the girls showed
 their prettiest appearance - N. Boney - in particular

- Andy rode with him from church - thence he came
 home with me &c - remained until noon - when we
 left for Red Hill to another singing by Boyd
 - and our three scores - Andy went home in even
 - shooting match for Mrs Moby's hog - I got none

27th - Esq & I took two were accompanied by the nephew
 - Frosty the cow - died - by falling in a gully
 and, had not being able to get out

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28th dry weather and warm. picked twelve hundred lbs of cotton, having arranged over a thousand per day for two weeks
29. Went to the post office - received a letter from Grace & Co. - each in fine spirits. also one from Albat Columbian from Ala. speaks in that country. The Esq. received one from John G. Colman who was in this country in 1846. very pretty in his position. finished reading Dechloral a continued tale in the Yankee Blade
30th. Shooting Match at our house I got third choice by hard shooting &c. went home with the Esq. stayed all night - had a fine rain near daylight on the morning of 31st. Went down to "Wetquies" there we all came over to our house, where I wrote a letter to Bro & Sister - a little more rain in the evening, hope we will have enough in time. All things are for the better - tomorrow I will see an excellent piece in the South Carolinian by Ned - called "The Foreigners from a fisher" - of 27th Sept - Some idea of going westward this fall. &c.
1st of September 5.

OCTOBER 1849. Easternville, T.C.

First day warm - some rain at noon & evening - went to Widow Betts read the continued Tale of the Descendants &c -
St. Robinson was ~~over~~ ^{over} ~~the~~ ^{the} Antoin and John the Esq. came after a while. I eat some very good water melons &c -
2nd - Had a very fine rain which made the cotton too wet - commenced preparation for ginning - hung some gales - went to Dolmans mill, got wagons to work on my triggs. Etc. &c.
From third until the fifth, nothing transpired of any note - I shot some at the distance of one hundred yards - finally shooting at sixty yards only - Had a shooting again on the 6th. I got the fifth choice - all fall shooting - Aunt Rigannah Feaster and daughter arrived - who came from Columbia - not intending to return any more, but live in the Barn - &c - The Esq. was taken to the

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the second ult., with the fever which laid him quite low. I stayed with him on the night of the 21st -
 - came home on the morning of the 27th - very cool - &c
 Andrew E. came up early in the morning - we sat awhile
 and then we went in the buggy - to Red Hills
 - a very large audience in attendance to a sermon
 by Rev. F. F. F. A. C. Feaster went home with Miss M. B. B.
 The Steamer will P. M. B. came by and J. J.
 dinner - Lige Feaster went home with the steamer to see
 Sarah.

7th - very cool - almost frosted. Pappa came from
 the Edge - says he is getting better. Lige came about from
 uncle Polakhaus &c - brought plank from Brice's saw mill
 to complete the Barn - for the reception of our Run &c
 9th - Cool in morning - Susan McC. Clifton came down on her
 way to D. L. Burnett and I went with her by request - I purchased
 a coat and pair of pants for eleven dollars only - the good did
 not do so well on today - as Isaac reports. I wrote a letter for uncle
 Solomon Coleman to thy son - in Charleston - I wrote the last
 week to Coleman - and went before to E. S. Cochrane - Pappa was D. L. Burnett
 in the yard &c - Lige & Drucie grubbing plants in the yard &c - &c -

10th - James Morgan commenced working again on the Barn - or
 as Lige & Drucie call it - the cottage - fixing it out for this occa-
 sion - Loaded the wagon with downy bales cotton for Columbia
 - Killed a beef - backed cotton &c - L & S went to Beckup

11th Discovery of America, 1492 -
 12 - Pappa left for Columbia - sent a load of wheat
 to Meador's mill - the remainder of us picking cotton

13th - Began raining early in the morning and
 continued until near night - went to the P. B. :
 got a letter from Lige & Drucie from Winnsboro

14th - the family - went to preaching at Cool branch
 via the - sermon by the Rev. Brookes a missionary

Pappa returned from Columbia with a load of
 M. & Co's furniture & moving to the cottage, Jacob
 came up with him &c - &c

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October A.D. 1849. Continued from 1st & 2nd &c.

17th. Started from home for Columbia in company with Jacob Feaster & uncle Jonathan. commenced raining near twelve o'clock and continued all night - though we were quite comfortable under cover of a tent - 18th still raining in the morning and continued perpetually on us until arriving in Columbia at three o'clock. Sold cotton to W.P. Chaudry at 19.50/100 - slept at uncle John's - rained all night - loaded on the 19th with his furniture - left for home after four o'clock - still raining on us - left the camp on the next morning in the rain - traveled twenty six miles on the 20th and camped at Mr Gladys, rained all night - we got up on morning of the 21st with a gloomy time as it was raining harder than ever - and continued so to do until arriving at home - being rained every day on us - being five in number &c - This trip will be memorable - uncle John & John P. came up at night - on the 22nd Monday - too wet for picking cotton - began sowing sugar - moved directly to the Brown place - killed a beef - &c &c - Battle of Red Bank 1777.

Franklin died seventeenth of April 1790 hrs.
Use yourself to thinking, and you will find you have more in your head than you thought of; Columbus born 10th July
fourteen hundred and forty seven.
see more than four eyes off. One eye of a master
Chis Perrault

He who eats of our
dish never wants a physician.

Oil and Truth will get

uppermost in last. Read the above maxims with care. (all of it)

23^d Tuesday. Got up this morning just before the break of day which is a very uncommon thing with me; the reason we were so soon was the want of a very many articles of bed furniture. Went home stand about there until ten o'clock. went to Grandma's for food

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whilst coming home the fodder began to fall off. after some trouble we got horses saddled the horses for Sizzie and Devin to go to Aunt Betty's the two fell wide the them back; we then had a partridge hunt with a new drone one about considerable but could not catch him. then we will fix him some more come from hunting saw Samuel Coleman that he will take his part. Contentment is the blessing most needed in our country. wrote by John P. Foote M.D.

J. P. Foote went in company with uncle John & today to the Eng. and Gardia. The former and myself came home by Amner and then the partridge hunt as given by 24 to 29. James Morgan finished the cottage - excepting the door in partioned - which he will make tomorrow. except the moving of uncle John's family into the cottage which was performed on the twenty fifth inst. and on the twentieth A.C. & J.P. and self went to New Hope church. Sermon by Rev. Boyce.

30th Isa the Services John & Amy and I went to the Sunday at New Hope. had fine time &c - came back by John Boyce. John P. and myself went after Isaac & Isa on twenty first ult. Court week at Westminster.

31st Last day of October 1849. John & I rather got into the arrangement of the partridges today as we before dinner, netted sixteen at one drive though he took two. went again in the evening and caught nine. total per day twenty five.

Benjamin Reeves came up from Columbia to uncle John's cottage rising rapidly selling from ten to eleven. Cupid is a tricky little fellow. and makes men feel curious and ad more so.

Gold pens are excellent for writing. though every Gentleman does not own one.

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November Dominic 1899

First - a beautiful day - clear and temperate. Preserved John and myself went out in forenoon and caught only two after riding over near every hill on beam creek. We got home by dinner, after partaking of a prodigious morsel of aliment, we sallied forth again in eager pursuit of partridges, and soon after leaving the house we spied a cove, after some preliminaries were performed, the net was set, and then after a few more preliminaries executed in most clever into the net, so after the neck breaking, stung to paddle and other preliminaries, we sallied forth again - and very soon had four more netted, it is needless to say, that they were doomed fatally as the former ones. We still continued the hunt and finally entrapped five which were dead with like unto their brethren, so upon a correct calculation, we found the total massacre to be twenty one, being out the one that slipped through the mesh adding yesterday's proceedings with today, make by addition, forty.

The Esq and wife were to see us today, &c. &c.

Second - Mr Russ & Esq and myself (i.e.) Mr. Colman went out again in the said Esq's enclosure, and very soon after entering therein, we commenced hostilities against a cove measuring near twenty - after considerable manuevering, we rather forced five into the deceptive threads, their heads were dislocated from the neck, and then attached by a twine to Mr. R's saddle, pursuing again, - found a very large flock and drove them into the net, but horrible to relate and too bad to tell, I found (after getting my perception of a certain operation) a hole in the net and the partridges coming out like mice - though I cribed three before they got out - so ended our hunt for today. Total eight.

Grandma - came up yesterday and would have today &c.
John & Luke assisted in hauling corn from Grandmas.
Went to P.O. saw Stamma returning from Columbia, sold cotton at 10-3/5 - the best at 10-3/4 -
Dug potatoes today - quality only moderate -
Rosed's Grand Ma to the P.O.
Look over on page 48 for more news

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Nov. 1849

Efficient until the day is the evil thereof.

Early to bed and early to rise
will make a man healthy wealthy and wise. So says Franklin
The happiest are the steady methodists than they
Who look for death and fear it every day.

Nov 3rd The weather is beautifully serene and one would readily
suppose it to be the ethereal mildness of spring rather than the
melancholy season of autumn - (well done Miss Isa. poetical)
2th Mr Reeves departed for home with a countenance
expressive of much happiness - and looks forward to the
future as one continually waits, without a steerable why -
because it looked so extremely smooth and soft = Happy is
the man who loses his heart - but finds a lady's instead &c.
5th Monday - Started for Columbia at noon in Co
with John & Jake - who are on their way to Florida
6th Uncle John started this morning from the cottage
for La - he caught us while eating dinner - he took
a snack and rode on ahead of the wagons
in the meantime uncle Sam came up he done
as the former - all camped at Frost 5 miles from Co
7th - Went in town early - sold the cotton to
R. Gathcart & Co. at 12 1/2 - came out in the evening
left uncle John and sons in town who intend leaving
on the ninth inst
8th left the camp early - which was the same
place as last night - uncle Sam and I left the
wagons and came on home - I arrived at seven
9th the wagons came home by noon safe & sound
A. E. came up in the morning - we left in the eve
for the muster at John S. Young's - only got as
far as uncle Sam Moley's where we remained all
night - 10th - Departed again for the muster
with Joe Woodruff in Co. had a fine time on
parade &c. became acquainted with Mr. B. Ferguson
- eat dinner at Mr. Sterlins' where I was much
surprised to see Miss Jane P. G. also - Missa
- went to uncle R. G. Cameron's whitt. A. E. C. & Puck's

Nov 1849. Continued

11th. Left R.P.C and commenced our return home - stopped at Jim Coates - found Betty well - got home in the evening - found a letter from F.D. Colman - the girls went to preaching at Cost Branch - and were Deans Ma.

12th. Monday - fine weather for picking cotton, as it is warm and pleasant - rather more weather for Nov. - all went to singing except me - John & Easter came home with them - Isa had the toothache bad - sent for Dr Mc, who came and extracted it - at twelve o'clock at night - John made fine music on the fiddle

13th. Still warm and cloudy - went to Esq's and Billy's in evening - went out only six - Isa has the toothache again and had gone to Mc's at 5 o'clock and pulled out the

14th. finished picking our the cotton third time - Pappa & Isa came home from the Dr's late in eve without getting the tooth drawn - wrote a letter to Dr Colman, sent a newspaper to Mr. Motte

Liza made a present of an orange to me - and I gave part to Baddy - I have felt different for the last week or two than ever I felt - not in today but in mind or something else - I feel quite well but from club and blood in spirit - I fear love is the cause - and unreciprocated love at that - it is bad to love an object when you love is not returned &c - John Colman & Emily Crook were married on the 13th ult. infant in today &c

15th. - Begun hauling corn again - at the Brown place - hauled two loads - the Esq was over - Daddy came to the fields when I was &c - Miss Sarah McLusker am to be married to night to Mr Thompson. Cloudy and cool, prospect of rain &c.

16th. - Harvested eleven loads of corn today saw R. H. Colman with his gun &c. about making preparations for killing his hog - two hogs

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16th. Pappa went to postoffice, but returned after I had given to Daddy so I do not know as to the extent of mine communications. "Though I presume they are rather extensive - I feel better today - worked pretty hard which is my good medicine to any low sick low spirited woman out no account good for nothing trifling scamp - so it is now." "Do not I pray" you take the same perscription and medicines as used or possessed by myself.

- Evil communications corrupt good manners.
17th Received a letter from E. G. Cochrane also one from M. W. Colman. The steamer came up and eat dinner with me. And then we left for New Home accompanied by Liza and Doreen - went patrolling at night &c.

18th Sunday - Returned from uncle Jonathan's - took supper with Aunt Kijana. Went huckling with the girls &c.

19th Monday - Hauling corn again. have sixty wheel loads - get done tomorrow &c.

20th Beautiful weather, being warm - resembling spring more than autumn. did not finish hauling corn. A. C. Colman came up asking hands to his cotton picking - we will send three soaking wheat to night in blisters. Stacked fodder &c. I wrote a hasty letter to Albert Colman, of Green Hill.

21. Began sowing wheat. ground in fine condition. by warm no prospect of rain. wrote some pieces in E. M. Head's Album.

22d. Warm weather, too warm for Nov. partially we have leaped one month. Dancing school at "Feather Hill" - only two ladies. nine of us attend. Mr. Wilson camped near the cottage.

23th Friday - A very warm day - too much so for sowing corn. made some fine ditches. still sowing wheat. My son to P. O. no letter. Pappa & Esq. went down to the pasture got back by supper &c. saw Uncle Jonathan & steamer hauling boards to some Jacob & Colman house. split by Lake Barnard &c. the steamer stalled with her loads of boards.

Wednesday, Feb 29, 1849

24th. Finished sowing wheat by twelve o'clock. at which time I let all hands stop working. Billy & Sarah came in the evening also A & E and John C. & Carter. We all collected together after supper and had a fine dance at our house. I & A gallanted the girls over to the cottage and remained all night &c.

25th Sabbath. Billy, John Andrew & self left in haste for Solon Church via Mrs. Youngs when we came in contact with several more persons on the same road. I escorted Mrs. Underly home by Boyd. I came as far as Esq. Parks and eat dinner there home.

26th. Raining early in the morning, ceased after raining until ten o'clock, then blowing off clear and cool. Drove Sarah home in the buggy. Rappa went after brick at Wm. Lyles &c. & E. C. in the

27th Began picking cotton again. Went to singing school at New Hope &c. Mrs. E. Coleman of Union Dist. at our house to night &c. Lyle and most

and of the rest remained at home today. Mrs. L. took punkins &c. so did Mrs. Pelroy & H. Isa & Grace did not come home today but stayed at Uncle Lams and Mrs. Youngs &c.

28th. Went again to the singing. Emily rode in the buggy with me. had fine fun at the singing. last day of the school but will have another sowing on Friday three weeks hence &c. Mrs. Baies is putty & Kill got home by sun down. Mrs. E. Coleman from Union is sick to night with chills &c.

We have the alarming news of killing boys in the morning. This is not a plea of one of the inspired penman, but a turkey quill. This above is only writing, which will be readily perceived at a single glance. But I am under the necessity of writing with a turkey quill made into a pen by dally with a Quill knife &c. Look on the other page.

December, Anno Domini 1819

First day - is Saturday - Cloudy in the morning and began raining mid-morn - and rained until night - I went with Emie Jr and Sarah to McGinn's was detained from coming home until evening by the rain - eat dinner at Dr Coleman's where was Miss Martha Mc - who report says will marry the 12 of this month " &c" stayed all night at Aunt Kyanah's - played seven up and whist - Second - Raining in the morning - and continued to rain incessantly throughout the entire day. Began a letter to Henry D. Coleman, Saw Ryan with a specialy from Green Ala. A letterman came up in evening " &c" at Daddy's & chose without candles " &c"

Third - ceased raining early in the morning and became quite cool - so much so that we concluded to kill hogs - in at it hot-headed and killed twenty seven - though some of them might properly be termed pigs - as the total amount was only thirty five hundred pounds net

The Ely & Billy came over today - looking for ground to sow wheat in - they found it at the Brown place -

also a hog done came to see if he could sell us any meat - the answer was - no - his price was three and a half

hundred some process are selling at three and a fourth - while is very cheap according to the price of cotton

Nick's Thos Lyons mason, began the chimney of the cottage - Looking for Ben & Carrie Bell up on Thursday next -

finished my letter to Henry D. Coleman of eight pages of foolscap - by much like long letters - ~~Allegant~~ - Miss McBlack & Mrs

Fourth - very foggy in the morning - and cloudy all day - but quite cool - fatid meat, hauled and piled shucks - ginned cotton, spit brown

work on the gimmy - &c - I wrote two for Solomon one to John Lankford and the other to Wm Coleman

the former of New Orleans and the latter of Duncker

From Ga - took me to Uncle John - sent four into the postoffice by boy. At willer & Co. & C.

December Anno Domini 1849 - Benjamin Roid

Eleventh - continued from page 56. David R. & A. E. Coleman returned from James Cook's by paper time, in a very cold condition. D. went on to Betty's - and A. E. remained at daddy's with me. I was at Aunt Beckys this evening, where I saw Drucella, K. Feaster - Mamma & Pappa went to see the Esq and Davilla - returned by paper. Drucella Feaster gave me a letter for the Post office in Columbia, to Uncle John

Paper-opathy 331.

Take the Yankee Blade,
(Of papers this is no letter.)
Read it fairly though,
To the very letter.

Read the poetry
If you like the muse,
Read the foreign items
If you want the news

Read the money matters
If you take to money
Read the paragraphs -
Some of them are funny

Read it as you will
Summer time or winter
And you'll happy be
If you've paid the printer!

12 inst - Left home for Columbia in company with Roid - we got to his home at supper time - passed the evening at dinner

13 - We went from Roid's to Columbia, where we got by the vehicle, sold cotton to N. A. Feaster at 9 7/8 - 9 5/8 - & 9 15/16 - stayed all night - at Mr. Poper's Entertainment

14 - Left soon in morn. got home by dark.

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- 15th. "Felt very tired after getting up" must partridge
 hunting with DR & R H Coleman caught eight
 A. E. C. John Foster and Jack Kelly was with us
 to say "the two best-named gentlemen left
 after taking dinner &c."
- 16th. Raining plover, incessantly throughout the
 entire day. David & Bob H. left for home in evening
 danced last night, some stay at aunt H's
 was at aunt Beck's - who received a letter from
 Mary Slaughter of Va. "all well - make Jonathan
 give us a call in the afternoon &c." Ben Rind
 is some - so is Bob. Seabrook Gov of S. C.
- 17th. Picking cotton, warm in fair, must partridge
 hunting in the evening with DR & the two Peggys
 caught nine. Aunt H got a letter from uncle
 John. all well and at home"
- 18th. Sabilla Sarah Bely and Esf & at dinner
 with us also M. C. of Ala. must to the shop with
 Bely - caught four partridges - which makes one hundred
 and three in all my slaughtering last day
 of the dancing school at Seabrookville"
- 19th. Raining in the evening. Stays all night
 at aunt H's. &c. had a small retaliation
 with Charles - &c
- 20th. Cloudy - killed hogs for dally. and must
 to the singing at New Hope. "flew around considerable
 &c. around the fair ones of the human race &c &c
 rode back in the carriage - got wet - &c. &c
22. A tremendous storm before day break, which
 blew down every fence nearly on the plain
 bottom" consequently we were fencing all the
 day - stays all night at widow Betty's in
 Co. with DR & R H Coleman"
- 23 Sunday. very cold. Benjamin Rind came
 up in the evening. &c. &c &c &c &c
 DR & myself with daddy to night
 table on Deception Freemasonry & Oddfellows

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24- Monday morning, "Christmas eve," warm and cloudy
went to Jacob Eckste Esq., with Dr. Coleman Esq.,
where David receives six hundred dollars in part
of the legacy coming from Hiram Coleman Est- to
Nancy his wife &c. Edith Lyds very sick, also
J. J. Knott adding - J. C. F. played excellently on
the violin, gave me a few lessons on dancing
&c. Very cold being clear and windy - put letters
in the P.O. for Mrs. E. Nolan one for Miss M. B. Holmes
and Ed. Cockrell Esq. At 7 o'clock P.M. I hear
numerous Christmas guns exploding in a
westerly direction, suppose the schools have plenty
of "ardent spirits" around and in them &c.
Gave Peter an order to Brier Store for two dollars
25th First Day of Christmas, pretty cool, went out to
hunting, caught several &c. R. A. Co. D. A. Co. Mr. R. A.
B. R. of Ala. were at our house at night danced
some little. Mr. R. A. went over after the dance
to Aunt H's. &c &c &c.

26. Extremely cold, Uncle Jonathan came up soon
in morning, going to a hiring at "Mrs. Brier's" &c.
though he stopped long enough to invite us
to a party at his house on tomorrow. The
Gracies and myself went to uncle Jonathan's.
Grand Ma's and John, &c. returned home in the eve
and found Miss Lane Moore at home, we after
supper danced considerably, Miss Lane is a very
good dancer and the most excellent performer
on the piano that I ever heard.

27th Left soon in the morning for the dancing
at uncle J's - having Miss Lane and Grace at home
we had a fine dance, Miss Lane M^r appeared
though as if she was the belle of the ball
"all danced a plenty by sundown, having commenced
at 7 o'clock A.M." Returned home and danced
more. Miss L. gave us some more music, too good

December 28th. Began hasty preparations quite soon in morning for the Colleton party at Monticello, - Miss Lane Moore accompanied us as far as well Lane where we stopped and she went on to Maj Lyles, after eating dinner at Lane, we left in haste, with the addition of Sarah in our company, got to Monticello by 3 o'clock, began dancing by night, and continued until 3 o'clock A.M., when we went to F. McGrorey's and slept until morning (1851) sun up, &c.

29th. Went back to the dancing room and danced until noon, left for home in fine glee, R.H.C. and D.R.C. riding in a buggy together, &c. got home by night. 30th. Sunday - went in the buggy with D.R.C. and wife also R.H.C. to James Cortes, remained all night - sunny at night, &c.

31st. The last day of 1849. Went partridge hunting with Corky, caught only five, came home in evening found Mr Harris and Jas Coleman from Laurens Dist, likewise R.H.C. & Co. danced some little.

- 1 D.A.C. married J.A. Young, 1848.
- 2 S.E.C. " W.M. Young
- 3 Edith C. " Died when young
- 4 J.A.C. " J.A. Peterson
- 5 M.D.C. " Florida, 1855-56. Geo
- 6 J.P.C. " James Manning
- 7 S.A.C. single yet 1856.
- 8 M.K.C. " Died
- 9 S.A.C. single 1856,
- 10 R.C.C. single 1856,

All that is written in the heart