

January 1st 1900

A very cold disagreeable day.

School commenced this morning after a week vacation, Mary Golden teacher, India here a while in morning, roads smooth and nice for the time of year, Had chicken pies for dinner, good.

Jan 3d

Ira and I went down to Perrys a while in the morning, Ira went to Brookville after noon, little Sam came up here from school quite sick, Perry came up and took him home. I felt so sorry for him, Clint is still improving.

Sat, Jan 6th

We attended Bert Jaques wedding reception at Uncle Harveys, had very pleasant times Excellent dinner, several persons there. Berts wife a very pleasant lady, a perfect Stranger to us all.

Sunday Jan 7th

Rachel and I went to church at Big Cedar, rather a stormy day, Mr. Holmes came home with us for dinner, Clint is still better, his mother still here.

Monday 8th

The men folks butchered at Perrys, Rachel went and helped India cook, I done Work at home, Tuesday, Ira cut up meat and we all worked at lard and sausage.

Wednes Jan 10th

Bert Jaques & wife, & Lee Jaques here and spent the day, I enjoyed their coming very much. Also Perry, India & the little boys were here, all had A good time together.

Thursday, 11th

Very stormy bad day, we cooked our lard our down at the little barn, got it rendered very nicely.

Friday & Saturday 12th & 13th

Very busy with work, Mrs. Andrews helped us, Clint still better, weather unpleasant.

Sunday Jan 14th

I spent the day at home, Rachel went over to see Becky Wasson & Lilly Brady.

Thursday night Jan 18th

Rachel went to lodge with Mrs. Miner and Mary, and then went home with them to spend a week, Mrs. Andrews helped me with work, she is very kind and good to me, she also helps cut and sew carpet rags, Clint better, the roads are very muddy now, and the barn yard to, Ira hauled load of saw dust to day and went to Whitcomb after mail at night.

Sat 20th

Very rainy bad day.

Sunday 21st

Very pleasant sunshiny day, Perrys all here, we had very nice time together, Perry brought the Kodac along and took a picture of the house, yard, and so on.

Jan 23d

Ira & Sam Dearmond began new cellar ditch, we are having deli weather now almost like spring.

India here a while in afternoon brought the picture of house, we all thought it good. Mrs. Andrews and myself are getting along nicely with the work.

Clint improving, able to work.

Thursday Jan 25

Turning cold, men worked three days in ditch, Rachel came back at night, she went to lodge at Whitcomb.

Friday pretty cold

Saturday moderating

Sunday 28th

Cold disagreeable and stormy, staid at home all day.

Monday

Rachel washed, quite cold, India a while in morning.

Tuesday Jan 30th

Mrs. Andrews went away, she was here five weeks, the weather is extremely cold now.

February 2nd

This is ground hog day. It has moderated some, beautiful w day,
Rachel went to see Lilly, a while.

Ira & I went to Whitcomb in afternoon called to see Aunt Anna Waldorf.

Sat Feb 3d

Ira went to Brook afternoon.

Rev. Holmes, he staid here all night, we took him to church Sunday.

It was a very bad stormy day, there were but eleven persons there, Mr. Holmes
accepted a call from another church and will not preach for us any longer.
I feel troubled about it, I think he is a very good Christian man, and preaches
good sermons, and I hate to see him leave, but some of the members
think it best to have a change, and he felt that it was not pleasing the
people, but it is not his fault that the church does not prosper. I
still feel like there will be some way for us to get along.

Feb 3d I called to see Mrs. Hyde, P. M.

Friday Feb 9th

I went down home with India and spent the day, good time.
I made and presented her a nice quilt skirt out of my old
brown dress, she was well pleased with it.

Sat Feb 10th

Aunt Matt Jaques and daughter Lide here and spent the day. I enjoyed
their visit very much, I think so much of having Johns people come
to see us.

Sunday Feb 11th

Rachel and I went to church at Cedar, lovely day over head, very
m good congregation but no preacher and Mr. Tenly Jones talked
a while and made a prayer, and they sang several pieces and were
dismissed, we went in the grave yard a while.

Tuesday night Feb 13th

John & Sam Here, nice time, Wednes night Ira went to post
office, men have worked some in Cellar ditch this week.

Sat Feb 17th

Ira finished cellar ditch very bad day turning colder. I am so glad

it is done, has been a big job, the old ditch did not work right, and they were compelled to put another, hope it will be all right.

Sunday Feb 18th

Perrys folks here and spent the day we all had nice time together.

Monday 19th P. M.

Rachel & I called to see Mrs L they live on the Uncle George McNutt farm, I had never met her, I liked her very much she seemed very pleasant, and glad to have come, it seemed nice to go to the old home where Johns grandfather had lived and where he had spent so many ? hours of which I have so often heard him speak. I have also had many pleasant visits there, since I came into the family but now those dear ones are all dead and gone and the farm has gone into strangers hands, how sad it ?

Friday 23d P.M.

I went down to India's and helped her quilt some, little John sick with cold, missed two days of school.

Sunday Feb 25th

We were at home all day very cold and disagreeable, Perry Elwell, Charly Lee & his brother here a while in morning not much travel on the road.

Monday 26th

Rachel went to see Mrs Jacob Elwell who is very sick, Ira took pictures for some of the school girls, I made Clint a pair of mittens.

March 1st

Very disagreeable day

March 3 Sat

Rachel went to the Miners. On 4th Ira & I went to church at Cedar, but no meeting, Rev Carr was to be there but got disappointed in coming, so we went down to Lizzies and spent remainder of day March 4th Sunday night

Mrs Wade of Whitcomb died March 6th I was at Indias all day she was quite sick.

March 7th

Ira and I attended the funeral of Mrs Wade at Big Cedar, good congregation, sermon by Rev Gilbert Jones of the Christian Church of Brookville. Lee Jaques played the organ, Mrs Wade was a very good kind woman she was a great sufferer, but always seemed so patient and enduring, I pitied the family, it is hard to give up on loved ones.

In afternoon Ira and I went to Whitcomb, called to see India on our way, she is better, roads very muddy, I done some trading, and called to see Matt Jaques and Aunt Anna, found all pretty well.

Friday March 9th

Ira took Rachel & I to visit Ellen Smolley we had a very nice time, she seemed so glad to have us come, her sister Josephine Updike is staying with her now.

Sunday March 11th

We all went to church at Cedar a young preacher, Mr Owens from near Indianapolis was there, he is a good speaker for one so young, we also went to church at night; I enjoyed the sermon very much, good congregation. I wrote several letters last week, very pretty moon light nights now.

Sunday March 18th

Lyzzie & Nelson Brady here an spent the day, I enjoyed their comeing, Rachel is sick, she looks very bad. India & Sam here in afternoon, India got very bad cold.

Monday March 19th

Ira went to Colters Corner for Dr Torrey to see Rachel, she is poorly, Tuesday Ira and I washed, I have plenty to do now.

Friday March 23d

The carpenters Dare & Howell put a nice corner wardrobe in our big bed room, it will be very convenient.

Sunday March 25th

Ira and I attended burial of Frank Snider at Big Cedar, Rachel very poorly, Mrs Miner here and spent the day, Monday I washed, Tuesday ironed, Wednes I set a hen on eggs I got from Mrs Miner, white brahmas. Rachel not able to work.

Sunday Apr 1st

Ira & I attended church at Big Cedar, Elder Hackelman preached, I like to hear him, he is a gifted speaker.

Indias family here and spent the day, Mrs Laura Hammer & Mrs Clarence Morin called to see Rachel in afternoon, Mrs Hornig came and took Rachel home with her, we all thought a change might do her good.

Ira & I went to church at night, I enjoyed the meeting very well.

Monday morning Apr 2d

Ira went and got old Mrs Pease to come and help me, she is living with her son in Father Stouts house.

Thursday evening 5th

Ira and I went to see Aunt Anna she has been quite sick, looks bad, also called at Matts awhile, pleasant time, heard from Rachel to night, some better I wrote her this evening, this has been a nice week for work, Mrs Pease and I have worked so much in the yard, I made a new flower bed, and we burned trash and so on.

Sunday Apr 8th

Ira & I went to church at Cedar, Rev Carr from Franklin College preached, he came home with us and staid until church time, we went again at night, good meetings.

Monday Apr 9th

Ira & Perry set out fruit trees here, hope they will grow and bear us fruit.

Friday Apr 13th

I went to Indias and spent the day, helped her quilt, good times.

Sat 14th

I repaired and put down carpet in Iras room, Mrs Pease done the other work.

Sunday 15th

Easter Sunday

I have seen so many people go bye to day, I remained at home, Perrys went to Mr Prifogles, Lyzzie & Nelson to see Ellen Smolley, called here a while on their way home, Tuesday morning

17th Mrs Pease had to go home, I will have lots to do, not much time to write, callers this week.

Sunday Apr 22d

At home all day, I looked for India in after noon but she did not come.

Tuesday 24th

Ira plowed the garden in forenoon, and him and Clint made some in afternoon, also planted some potatoes.

Wednes'd Apr 25th

I went to the woods and gathered wild flowers, sent Aunt Anna and Matt each a nice bouquet with John Serring.

Sunday Apr 29th

I was at India's, Harvey & Matt Jaques there, all had good time beautiful day, very warm, Rachel is at Mr Miners now, her health is slowly improving, I hear from her quite often.

Sat May 5th

I have been very busy all week and not very well part of the time, boys planted corn this week.

Rachel came down a while in morning, I was glad to see her, she said she was home sick, has been gone five weeks, I hope she well.

Sunday May 6th

Ira & I went to church heard good sermon form Rev Carr, good congregation, George Brady & family came home with us. Rhoda Moss, a young lady who lives with them was also here,

I enjoyed their comeing, nice time, we went to church at night, good meeting, Mr Levi Updike & wife and Charley Morgan united with the church, they are good people, it was a lovely day and evening.

Wednes P.M. May 9th

Ira & Clint attended school graduating exercises at Colters Corner reported a very nice time, I am kept very busy with my work.

Sunday 13th

Big May meeting at Cedar, Ira went I staid at home all day, big crowd there, lovely day, so many people passed here going to church.

Tuesday 15th P.M.

Mrs Luce called to see me, she is very pleasant, think I will like her very much, same evening after supper Ira & I went to Whitcomb, I done some trading, and called to see Aunt Anna she fell and hurt herself, we came around by Indias on our way home to see little John who is not well.

Wednes 16th

Ira & Perry went to Cincinnati, India, the little boys and myself, went down to see Lizzie Brady, called at the grave yard, I always love to go there to the quiet city of the dead.

Friday evening May 18th

Lizzie Brady and niece Ethel left for Huntington Co.

Sunday May 20th

Rachel came back, she got home sick, I feel very sorry for her, she is not able to do much, Perrys came up and spent the evening, nice time.

Tuesday 22d

little boys here and staid all night, India & Perry went to Oxford in afternoon and stopped at the Rebekah lodge at Mixerville. I have been very busy this week.

Sat 26th

Ira took me to Brookville, I got new bonnet and glasses, Clint went to Laurel to visit his brother, called to see Aunt Anna on our way home.

Sunday May 27th

We all went down to Perrys and spent the day, had nice time, India used her new set of china dishes for the first time, also her knives forks and spoons they are very nice. I gave her the money to get them with, had big rain & hard storm in evening, it has been raining every day and night this week.

Sat June 2nd

This is Ira's birth day he is 28 years old, how time flies, it goes so fast for sure. Ira went to the train to meet Mr Carr, he staid here Sat & Sunday night.

Sunday June 3d

Decoration day at Big Cedar, all day meeting, big crowd in after noon, every thing passed off nicely, but I did not enjoy it as well as I had heretofore, it was a lovely day, addresses by Rev Carr & Jones, good music – there were many lovely flowers, the graves looked beautiful

4th

There was a short service at Mr Hetricks pond Monday morning, Mr & Mrs Updike ad Ida Baughmann were baptized the latter joined at the water, Immediately after the service Ira took Rev Carr to Oxford to the train, I think he is a very good man. I love to hear him preach and talk, Clint left us Sunday night, we do not know where he is.

June 5th

Rachel & I went over to see Lilly, she has been quite sick but is better, she has so many sick spells.

Friday evening 8th

Lizzie & Nelson here a while, they enjoyed their visit to friends in Huntington Co. so well, they also visited friends at Anderson had good time.

Sunday June 10th

Rachel & I went to church at Cedar heard a young preacher Mr Crouse, right good talker. Rachel is getting better, Monday I done a big washing.

Tuesday 12th

I went to Perrys, Aunt Anna, Mrs Gilberts, & Mary J Samuels there, all had nice time together, Perry took pictures of us, little John brought me home, and Rachel went back with him and staid all night, Perry went to Brookville to lodge, Ira is plowing his corn, it looks nice.

Wednes eve 13th

India took Aunt Anna to Ellen Smolleys for a visit, she will stay a few days, she enjoys being with her, she is a dear good Aunt.

Sunday June 17th

Ira & I went to church at Whitcomb, heard good sermon from Rev Edwards the presiding elder, I enjoyed it very much, called a little while at Aunt Matts to see Rose she had just come home the day before.

Nice day but very warm, Tine Jaques completed her course in the Findly high school, and just came home.

Monday 18th

Rachel and I washed.

Tuesday morning ironed, and in after noon called to see Lizzie Brady, nice time.

Wednes morning 20th

I washed five blankets, got very tired, have also been working in flowers, and

Friday 22nd P.M.

India took me down to Mrs Lucy Carpet weaver, but she was not at home so we first brought the rags back, I have had bad luck trying to get my carpet woven. I first took them to Brookville to Mrs Foley, she got sick. I left them there some time, thinking she would get better, but finally had to bring them away, I will keep trying.

Sat 23d

India and the little boys went to Oxford, Perry helped Ira put up clover hay.

Sunday June 24th

At home, Emma Elwell Clippenger called a while on her way to Perrys.

Tuesday 26th

Joseph & Rebecca Wynn came to see us, staid all night, I was so glad to have them come, I did enjoy their visit so much, The men have not had very good luck putting up hay it rain so much.

Sat evening 30th

Rachel went to Mr Miners, her health is improving slowly.

Sunday July 1st

Ira & I attended church at Cedar, elder Hackelman preached, nice day good congregation, good talker, the little boys were here Sat & Sunday night, Ira went to church Sunday night, Rachel came back Monday morning. Mrs Miner brought her, and she took my carpet rags back with her to weave.

Tuesday July 3d

Indias picture delivered, I was pleased with it.

July 4th

Rose Jacobs and the youngest children here and spent the day I enjoyed their visit, Rose is a dear good woman, Ira and Rachel went to picnic a while in Hetricks grove.

Thursday I went down and helped India all day, she had hands hauling in hay, we had a good time.

Sat night July 7th

We had a big rain.

Sunday 8th

We went to church, Rev Baily here from Franklin preached, we got there late, I always hate to go in church after preaching has began, he is a tolerably old man, and a right good talker. Cousin Verlinda Muddell is out on a visit, she came with Lizzie Brady to church, cousin Bertha Miller & children came home with us from church, nice time, we did not go to church at night.

Tuesday P.M. July 10th

Nelson brought cousin Verlinda up to visit me, she staid until Wednesday evening Ira took her back to Lizzies, I enjoyed her visit so well, he and I slept in the front room, we laid and talked a while after retiring and then both went to sleep, and slept so well all night, I told cousin I guessed the Angel of peace hovered over us and said "peaceful be thy slumbers, rest, rest."

Friday July 13th

They commenced digging well, Holland & Hardy with Ira helping.

Sunday 15th

We were at home until after noon then went to Perrys, he is not well.

Wednes eve 18th

I called to see old Mrs Hyde, she is visiting her son, our neighbor, I do pity her, she is so afflicted, she seems like a good old woman.

Friday July 20th

Aunt Matt and Tine Jaques here and spent the day, I enjoyed their visit very much, the men are still busy at the well, it is hard digging are in black clay found some rotten wood at a depth of twenty feet.

Sat, P.M. 21st

India & I went to Mt Carmel to Lot Hockenberry to a donation party gotten up by some of the members of Big Cedar Church, we took them several things which will be quite a help to them, he is very poorly, they are good kind friends, I pity them in their affliction, I enjoyed the ride, there very pleasant day, I also called to see Dr Seal who is very sick.

Sunday 22d

At home all day, Perrys here a while in evening, had black berries for supper, the first for us.

Monday 23d P.M.

Rachel and I went to Whitcomb drove Barney to Iras new buggy, got along all right.

Tues,d July 24th

We washed, men still at work in well, big rain at night.

July 25th

Rained all forenoon, Ira went Ira went to Brook in afternoon

July 26th P.M.

The men began walling the well.

July 27th

Mr. Holland was sick did not come to work until after noon,

Perry came in morning, worked all day in well, in evening I called to see old Mrs Hyde, took her flowers.

Sat 28th

We all went to celebration at Springfield. Lovely day, Perrys took me, Rachel went with Miners, and then went home with them and staid until Sunday evening, I staid at home all day Sunday, Ira went to church at Cedar, Mr Stears from Kentucky preached.

Tuesday July 31st

Men finished walling well Perry helped them with the wall.

Aug 3d

My birth day, I am sixty years old to day. Spent the day at home, I am beginning to feel like an old woman, I do hope I will not live to be old and helpless, I do not want to be a burden to any one, but I will try and be as useful as I can, and do the best I can, hoping and trusting in God for a better and brighter home, when done with this life, India sent me a half gallon can of maple molasses for a present which was very nice, I spent the day at home, worked some, and read some.

Sat Aug. 4th

Brother John & Lynn here, staid all night, enjoyed their comeing, Nelson & Lizzie brought them up here.

Sunday 5th

We all went to church at Cedar Grove, Rev Baily preached a good sermon. Aunt Anna was there, she was so glad to see brother John, she had not met him some time, after church we went to Lizzies and spent remainder of day, had very nice time, it seems like I scarcely got used to not seeing mother there.

Monday 6th

Nelson & John called on their way to George Bradys, We went to Perrys to help thresh, Mrs Ves Seal & Mrs Hardy were there to help India. Mary Samuels and two little grand children came over a while in after noon, lovely day,

Brother John called at Perrys a while, he started home Tuesday.

Thursday Aug 9th

Ira cleaned up ground for farmers meeting in McNutts grove. Mr Hyde mowed the school yard, the weather has been very hot this week.

Friday 10th

I with others helped to arrange the stand.

Sat 11th

We all attended farmers festival, lovely day, good speaking, good music, big crowd. Perrys family here, we got dinner at home, C. W. Lewis from Moores Hill College, and Mr. Cook president of the society, and one of the Clark boys from Whitcomb took dinner with us.

Sunday 12th

At home all day, John Nutt came in after noon, staid all night, Aunt Elizabeth Conn buried Monday Aug 13th I should like to have went to the funeral, but could not well go, she was a dear kind woman, I liked her so well. India & I went to Brook in after noon done some trading, so much stormy weather during this week especially

Aug 18th

Ira went to fishing camp in after noon on White Water, took John & Sam with him, took them a ride in the boat, had nice time. They came home with him and staid all night, Ira took some pictures.

Sunday 19th P.M.

Ira & I went to Ira Updikes and to Perrys, little boys here Sunday night to stay with me. Rachel came home

Monday Morning 20th

Old Settlers meeting, Ira & I went in after noon, got caught in storm, broke up the meeting, so many people got wet, we called at a house near by and waited until the hardest of the storm was over, did not get home until dark, Rachel went home with Mr Miners, I did not have much enjoyment out of the meeting.

Sunday Sept 2d

Lizzie & Nelson here and spent the day, I enjoyed their

coming very much.

Monday Sept 3d

Ira & I & Perry & India went to Brook to make a deed to Harvey & Matt for the home farm, called at Matts a little while as I came home, rode out to Whitcomb with India, we had a good talk as we rode along.

Wednes 5th

Billy Iseminger and wife from Elwood were here, I was glad to have them come, enjoyed their visit.

Friday Sept 7th

Rachel & I went to Reily, to visit Uncle Samuel Brady, he is in failing health they were glad to have us come and we had a very nice time, I felt so bad to see my dear old Uncle so poorly, Aunt and Susie seemed so kind and good to him and waited on him so patiently, I do not think he is long for this world, he is the last one of the family.

Sunday Sept 9th

At home all day, India called in after noon, on her way to Oxford after Mrs Elwell, Mrs McClure, Perrys grandmother, is very sick at this time, Mrs Elwell wants to visit her.

Tuesday Sept 11th

Ira & I went down to Indias and filled a straw tick, Mrs. Samuels there, nice time.

Wednes 12th

Ira took me down to see Mrs. Hetrick, she is suffering with her eyes and is going to the city to have them operated on. I pity her, I fear she will go entirely blind.

Sat evening 15th

Rachel went to her Mothers, Mrs. Miners, Sunday 16th Ira & I went to see Mrs. Gilbreth, and to Charlie Barbours to see Mrs. Elwell who is there sick, she took sick at John McClures, got better, and came out to her Mothers and was very sick there, she was better at the time we called.

I wrote three letters this week.

Sunday Sept 23d

Rachel and I arranged to go to Church at Cedar but it rained so that we just gave it up, staid at home until after dinner and then took a drive down the grave yard, I took a nice bouquet of flowers and put on Johns grave.

Tuesday 25th

John & Sam here to stay all night. They like their new teacher, Mr. Reifle, very well.

Friday P.M. 28th

Ira & I went to Whitcomb, done some trading, and I called to see Mrs. Thurston who is very sick, also called to see Aunt Anna, she is feeling pretty well now, very nice weather now, street fair at Oxford this week.

Sunday Sept 30th

Perrys folks came here from Sunday School and spent remainder of day, nice time, Rachel spent the day at Sam Dearmonds. Ira took her there and she walked home.

Wednesday Oct 3d

Mr. Mittendorf threshed clover here, India came and helped us. Rev. Howard called in after noon.

Friday 5th

they threshed at Perrys, Rachel and I went and helped India. Mr. Giling seeded in our corn this week.

Sat 6th

Rachel and I attended church in after noon at Cedar, Rev Howard there, also Mr. & Mrs. Farnham from Richmond.

Sunday Oct 7th

We all went to church very rainy bad day, but few there, Mr. Farnham is a great sunday school worker, Rev came home with us from church, all went to church at night, heard great sermon from Mr Howard, he staid all night here, started home early Monday morning.

Thursday Oct 11th

We had company, Aunt Helen Stout, cousin Rate Stout, Mattie Jaques, India & Perry were here, had a very good time.

The boys are moving the wind power over the new well, Rachel went to lodge at night.

Friday Oct 12th

I went to Aunt Annas, drove old Rose, several there for dinner, had very nice time, and excellent dinner.

Oct 19th

We have had very delightful weather the past week, heavy frost the 17th.
Ray Goudie is helping Ira husk corn, our corn is very good for which I am thankful,

(a little mistake here in dates)

Wednes Oct 17th

We cleaned our sitting room and put down new carpet.

Oct 18th

India and I called to see old Mrs. Pease, she lives with her son on the Logan place, had nice call.

Friday Oct 19th

We put up our new coal stove, it looks very nice, think we will like it.

Sat 20th

Rachel went to Mrs. Miners

Sunday 21st

Attended church at Big Cedar, heard good sermon from Rev Howard, but few there, it rained in morning, Rev Howard came home with us for dinner, no church at night.

They moved to Liberty last week, India here a while in the evening.

Monday 22nd

I am not feeling a bit well at this time. Rachel came back this morning, Ira went to Brook in after noon with load of corn, Ray shelled beans at the old house. we had fine weather this week. Lizzie Hetrick here one after noon, brought some very nice persimmons, we had a good feast.

The boys are very busy in their corn, Rachel and I have been cleaning house some this week.

Friday Oct 26th

Rebecca Wasson here and helped clean kitchen and pantry.

Sat 27th PM, Lovely day

Rachel and I went down to Lizzie McNutt's a while and she went with us to the Simmons grave yard on the hill, I am sorry to say it is sadly neglected, the fence is down, and the stock runs in as they please.

I enjoyed the ramble, when we got up on the hill we could see so far, it is a nice spot for a cemetery if it was only cared for.

Sunday 28th

Ira and I went to Perrys, had nice time, Rachel went to George Bradys and spent the day.

Monday 29th

I went to see Lanni Lees new girl baby, nice looking child, all doing well, had pleasant call, I walked got very tired.

Thursday Nov 1st

Mattie Muddell came, staid all night, nice time, Mattie is a good girl.

Friday 2d

We all went to Brook to a Republican rally, big crowd, heard Will Cumback and a Mr Posey speak, had right good time, nice day, other speakers were to be there but missed the train, plenty of hurrah.

Mattie went to George Brady sans staid all night, Sat 3 the Democrats had a big day at Brook.

Sunday 4th

Rachel & I went to church at Cedar, heard good sermon from Rev Howard, we also went at night, Ray took us pretty moonlight nights.

Monday morning 5th

Rev Howard called I bought a family record of him paid \$1.85 for it.

Tuesday Nov 6th

Election day, very nice and pleasant, Ira went to polls I went with him as far as sister Lizzies, staid there until he came back, had nice time. I went with Lizzie to Brook to get me a dress pattern, Ira went to Brook at night to hear from election, quite an exciting time, McKinley was elected by an overwhelming majority, we were all well pleased.

Sunday Nov 11th

Ground covered with snow, not very cold, it soon melted when the sun came out, Perrys folks here and spent the day, nice time, I wrote a letter to brother john at night.

Sunday morning Nov 12th

Little Sam came up to tell us their goat was dead, I felt sorry for the boys they have has so much fun with it, but their fun is ended now in that way.

Wednes 14th

I walked over and spent the day with George & Lilly Brady, nice day, good walking, and no water in the creek, had very nice visit, they seemed very glad to have me come.

When Ira seen me start across the field with my cane walking so spry, he just laughed, so to help the fun along I composed the following verse,

I started off with staff in hand,
And crossed the Big Cedar on dry land.
Went down one hill and up another,
To visit George my younger brother,

ha ha ha

We are having cool weather now but the roads are very nice, it has been a lovely Fall, Ira sold some corn for 30 cts per bushel, Ira & Perry (*line obscured*)

Sunday Nov 18th

We all went to church both morning and evening, heard good sermon from Rev Howard, lovely day, Aunt Anna was there, we went to Perrys from church had nice time.

Monday 19th

I cut out my sateen dress am going to make it myself with some help from Rachel.

Thursday 22d

Mr Hydes raised their new barn, Rachel went up and helped get dinner, I went up a while in after noon, nice day, we have had some high winds this week.

Saturday 24th

Very rainy day

Sunday 25th

We were at home all day, very unpleasant day, turned colder in evening.

Tuesday 27th

They had a wood cutting down to Nelson Bradys for Mr Hockenberrys, Ira and I went down, several persons there, got a nice load of wood cut,

Lizzie had a splendid dinner for them, I thought it was so good of them to do this, all there seemed to have a good time, it is right to remember the unfortunate.

Rachel staid at home and kept house, had callers in the after noon, Mrs Hydes two little girls, and Lilly Bradys girl Lura Rogers were here, nice day.

Wednes 28th

Rachel & I went to Whitcomb, done some trading and called to see Aunt Anna, Rachel went to Mrs Miners in evening.

Thursday Nov 29th

Thanksgiving day!

Tolerably fair day, Lizzie & Nelson and Perrys folks here for dinner, nice time, I feel that we have many things to be grateful for,

Sunday Dec 2d

Ira, Ray & I went to church, sermon from Rev Howard, good meeting, Rachel came home in evening, we went to church at night, good congregation, good meeting.

Monday Dec 3d PM

Ira went to Brookville, and I rode with him as far as Mrs Gilbreths, she is very poorly now, fell and hurt her self, I feel so sorry for her, she is a good woman, and a good kind neighbor, Mr & Mrs John Smith from near Oxford were there, I walked home, when I started home Sammie gave me three nice bunches of celery which we greatly enjoyed.

Tuesday 4th

Ira & Ray finished putting in pipe at wind pump, Ira went to lodge at Mixersville,

Wednes Morning 5th

Ira took me to Oxford, to cousin Verlindas, not very pleasant day damp and chilly air, found them at home and glad to see me,

Mrs Elwell called to see me that same evening I enjoyed seeing her, I took my black dress pattern for cousin Mattie to make, she cut and fit it while I was there,

Thursday Dec 6th

Very nice Winter day, sun shone clear and bright. In the after noon cousin Linna & I took a walk out in town, went to the Miami University, we walked all around and looked at the buildings they are massive, they are three stories high and the grounds are beautiful, so nicely arranged, it must be lovely in the Spring time, we passed some of the churches and stores, and fine

residences. I think Oxford is a real pretty place, it has a country like air about it, the streets are so wide, and then there are so many large yards, and so many trees also. The side walks, some of them looked very ancient, it is noted for its grand colleges, we called on Mrs Elwell had pleasant chat, also called on Frankie Smith King, had pleasant call, we then went back to cousins, and Ira son came for me, I was glad to see him, and glad to get back home, did not reach home until after dark, Eleanor Phenis staid with Rachel,

Dec 8th

Mrs Hutson was buried at Big Cedar Cemetery. Rev Howard preached the funeral, Friday 7th Rev Howard called here on his way home. I paid him \$1.85 for a family record I had bought.

Perry here a while in morning,

Sunday Dec 9th

We staid at home all day, tolerably fair day

Tuesday 11th

I spent the day at Indias, Ira & Ray Goudie went to help Perry laid some pipe from well to trough, I had ??? with India, John Sering started to California the 11th we all hated to see him leave, John is a good fellow and has made for himself many friends,

Dec 13th P.M.

Rachel went to see Mrs Gilbreth she is still very poorly, I feel so sorry to see her in such a feeble condition, recd letters form Sister Mary & brother John.

Friday 14th

Mrs Hyde and her three little girls and the girl that works for her, Lizzie Stiner were here and spent the after noon, nice time,

Ira and Ray cleaned out the cistern, had big job of it. They went to church at Colters Corner at night, protracted meeting in progress there, John Elwell here for dinner, Sam is sick with a cold, not well for school, I put down oil cloth in wardrobe at night – it looks well,

Stella McClure & ?? Clark were married this week,

Sat evening Dec 15th

We had oysters for supper, very good, we all enjoyed eating them. India and boys came up late in evening, Sam staid all night, Supper at the M. E. Church at Whitcomb to night, Mrs Thurston very bad sick now.

Tuesday 18th

The Red Men had wood chopping at Perrys for Becca Wasson, Ira & Ray helped, several there, I think Perrys are real good to Becca and her mother, they help them in different ways.

Wednes, P.M. 19th

Ira & I went to Whitcomb, done some trading called to see Aunt Anna & Matts folks, Mrs Thurston died this morning at 9 oclock. We are having delightful weather now, the roads are splendid, we have had so many white frosts, I thought I never seen a more beautiful morning than this, at this time of year, the ground was covered with frost, the sun shone out so brightly, and every thing, and glistened in the rays, it made me think of a little child laughing through tears, I could scarcely keep from crying. It seemed like the sun was Gods smiling face shining down through tears on the sorrows and sins of his people in this life. We have much to suffer and bear in this life, but we can have much pleasure to, and God is ever ready to smile upon us if we will but trust him, fully and freely, and try to live good useful lives.

Thursday 20th

India & I went to Brookville nice day, we got some things for Christmas, I enjoyed seeing so many pretty things in the stores, it looked like they never would sell the one half of them, we did not get home until late. My new dress came by mail to day, I am well pleased with it, tis made very nice, I paid \$ 3.50 to get it made.

Friday 21st

We all attended funeral of Mrs Thurston at Big Cedar,

Elder John Thompson preached the sermon, I always thought she was a good woman, I hope her soul is at rest with God, she was so willing to die, and longed for the time to come when she could leave this world of sorrow and pain for that bright mansion above.

Sat 22d

Ira went to Brookville to attend funeral of William Stalcup, he was buried by the order of Oddfellows, I went with him to Whitcomb and visited Aunt Anna, had a very pleasant time, she was very feeble, I was so glad I went for it seemed to do her so much good, Mrs Craig from Mt Carmel was there a while, one of Aunts old neighbors, I took Aunt a ripe tomato which pleased her well, said she would save it for Christmas dinner. I called at Matts a while, a young Mr Ross, a noted singer was there, they sang several pieces for me, which I greatly enjoyed, he had been singing at the protracted meeting at Colters Corner.

Sunday 23d

We spent the day at home, I am entertaining a very severe cold, the first bad cold I have had for many a day, India is also sick with a cold at this time, The SS at Big Cedar is preparing for a Christmas tree. Wallace Hyde called a while today, he is teaching near Peppertown, is spending his vacation at home.

Monday night Dec 24th

Ira & Ray went to Christmas eve entertainment at Big Cedar, reported a nice time.

Rachel & I spent the evening at home, It looked very stormy and I had a bad cold so we thought it best to remain at home and before the service was over the ground was white with snow, it was quite a surprise, it came down so soft and gentle. I got nice pair of kid mittens off the tree, I gave several little presents.

Tuesday 25th

Christmas day, We all went to Nelsons and spent the day, brother Georges were also there had most excellent time, and splendid folks took dinner with Charlie Lees. I received several nice presents

which pleased me very much.

Sunday Dec 30th

We all went to church at Big Cedar both morning and evening.

Elder Hackleman preached, he is a very interesting speaker, I enjoyed the meetings. Mattie Whitney joined in evening, she will make a good member, Elder Hackleman has accepted a call as pastor of the church.

Monday 31st

Ira took Ray to Liberty where he expects to attend school, is going to live with Dr Kel and work for his board evening morning and Saturdays, hope he will get along all right, India took Rachel up to Mt Miners and had a new dress made.

This closes my Journal for 1900.