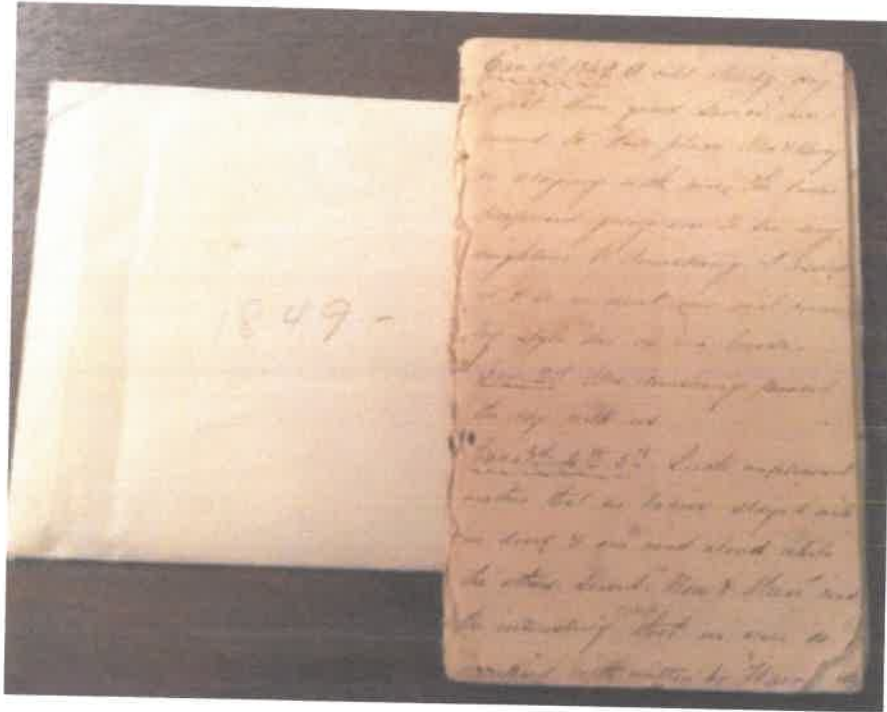


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Amanda began underlining each days dates and while she often later in the year did not do this, I continued the practice for ease of locating days. Also, later in the year she would go several days without mentioning a date, therefore, I added Sunday dates out in the right hand boarder, when they were missing – again for ease of knowing time frame. She refers to both Evan and her sister Elizabeth as "E".

Elizabeth Bruen Ingels lives at Maple Hill. Have never located it. Amanda write in 1850 daily journal "Went to Paris dined at Mrs. Ingels' with E. & the children". The Ingels did live in Paris but their historical Society has no record of Maple Hill.

Amanda had two sisters. Her older sister, Elizabeth (called E), is married to Henry Boone (called Boon) Ingels with six children and her younger sister Sarah (called Busy or Sal) who was not yet married.

Amanda's husband is Evan Shelby. His father Gen. James Shelby was the Gov. oldest child and his home was call "Richland". He died in August of 1848. Evan is James' youngest child. Still a bachelor, Isaac (Ike) age 34 resides at Richland now. James (Jim-31) comes and goes and Lafayette (Fayette-29) acquitted in murder trial has left for the West. Recently first born son, Richard Pindell age 38, has returned with his 2nd wife Rebecca and daughter Mary Pindell (Pinna) and his son James (Jimmy) from his first wife who died. His other son by first wife and namesake died in infancy as did his second daughter by second wife, Susan (named for his sister).

Evan's only surviving sister is Susan Hart Shelby Carter, age 35, married to Col. William Grayson Carter (pass Ky. Senator and Carter County namesake). They have just returned to Lexington, having spent some time growing cotton near Helena, Ark. Susan is often referred to as S. The Col.'s July death from Cholera in Lexington is described.

One of Gen. James' sisters is Susanna Hart Shelby McDowell, Shannon, McKinney, Fishback. She had four successful marriages, buried four loved husbands and never had any children. She is Evan's Aunt and is referred to as Aunt Susan or Aunt S or F.

Amanda's father Joseph Bruen also died in 1848 (January) and she is very close to her mother Margery Parker Bruen called "Ma".

Amanda and Evan have only one child, named (by Susan Carter) Mary Pindell Shelby. As it turned out they did not know that James' first child, Richard Pindell Shelby had a daughter by his second wife and named her Mary (Pinna) Pindell – the month that Susan wrote Amanda naming her child if it was a girl.

Also James' brother, Thomas Hart Shelby lives on the next estate called "Grassland". Isaac Prather Shelby, Thomas' oldest son by his second marriage is mentioned as having new home called "Ruemont" while yet a bachelor of 26. Three more of his children are mentioned frequently and are about the same age as Amanda and Evan. They are Elizabeth (Liz) Fontaine Shelby Kinkead, Mary Cosby Shelby and Thomas (Tom) Hart Shelby, Jr.

Susan Hart Shelby Magoffin (1st wife), is Busy's age and they are currently living in Lexington having returned from his last trip down the Santa Fe Trail. She would later become famous for a journal she kept while she accompanied her husband Samuel down the Santa Fe Trail. She is one of General James' brother, Isaac Jr.'s children.

Margaretta Ross Harrison (Mrs. James O.) and Ellen Hart Ross Reily (Mrs. James), daughters of Mary Pindell (Mrs.Gen. James) Shelby's sister Eliza Pindell Ross, Evan's aunt and cousins, also appear all through this journal.

Charlotte Dudley Armstrong, (Mrs. Lafayette) lives close by, her husband born same year as Evan. Mr. Berkley is the minister at Amanda's home church, Christ Church in Lexington (she misspells his name all the way through - Berkely).

Mr. Joseph Bullock preaches at Walnut Hill Church near Amanda and Evan's home.

NOTE: This is a thumbnail sketch in the life of a well educated and well married daughter of one of Lexington's wealthiest entrepreneurs. Joseph Bruen ran a brass and iron foundry and was instrumental in bringing the railroad to Lexington. He took Mr. John McMurtry, renowned Lexington builder and architect, to Europe with Amanda and Elizabeth to design the castle he would build for Elizabeth called "Ingelside" which I believe was completed about 1852. Amanda received \$10,000 paid out to her from her father's estate for her portion of the land at Ingelside and in turn adding Evan to the deed, purchased the 145 acres consisting of Greenfields, outbuildings and surrounding land, from Isaac (Ike) Shelby, executor of Gen. James' Estate. Wt. Hill stands for Walnut Hill where Mr. James (Joe) Bullock is the preacher. She often goes there when she does not go into town to Christ Church where Mr. Berkeley is the preacher.

I laced in letters within the months. In the notebooks they are separate.

And so begins Amanda's journal for 1849:

Jan. 1st 1849.(Mon.) A cold cloudy day & just three years since we moved to this place. Ma(Margery Parker Bruen) & Busy(Sarah Bruen) are staying with me. The latter proposed going over to see my neighbour C.(Charlotte Dudley/Lafayette) Armstrong. I assented & so we went over real country style two on one horse.

Jan. 2nd Mrs. Armstrong passed the day with us.

Jan. 3rd 4th 5th Such unpleasant weather that we ladies stayed with in doors & one read aloud while the others sewed. "Now & Then" was the interesting work that we were so occupied with, written by (Samuel) Warren

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Sat. Jan. 6th Bitter cold. Busy & myself rode up to Richland to see Rebecca (Mrs. Richard Shelby) whom we found very sick with an attack of influenza.

Jan 7th Again went up to see her & found rather worse than the day before. Jan. 8. Took cold from going out the day before.

Jan. 9. Found I too, had an attack of the dreadful epidemic (influenza) raging through the country & determined to check it immediately so took a powerful emetic. Jan. 10. Took 15 grns of calomel(?). Found much relief

(Corner torn off)

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from it. Jan. 11. Ma and myself took pills that made us very sick. Jan. 12. Still sick from the medicine taken the evening before.

Jan. 13,14,15,16,17,18,19, &20.

(Sunday – January 14th)

Stayed at home reading aloud to each other “Peveril of the Peak.” (Edward Fitzball)

(19th was Margery’s 51st birthday)

Jan. 21. Busy & Ma still with me. B & myself went up to see Rebecca whom we found much worse.

(Sunday – January 21st)

Jan. 22. To unpleasant to go out. Jan. 23. Rode up to see Rebecca.

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Jan. 23 & 24. Weather too unpleasant to go out.

Jan. 25. Busy & myself went up to see Rebecca. She still continues getting worse.

Jan. 26. Again went up to Richland. Rebecca still worse.

Jan. 27. Very unpleasant. Read aloud “Mercedes of Castile” one of (James Fennimore) Cooper’s novels.

Jan. 28. Sun. Busy & myself spent the day at Richland. (Sunday – January 28th)

Rebecca very ill. Jan. 29. Morn Ma & Busy have gone home to my great sorrow, it was

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such a delight to have their company. Took M. P. and went up to Richland to stay and assist in nursing Rebecca. There found E.(Ellen Hart Ross/Mrs. James) Reily who had come out for the same purpose. Morry (James Morrison) Pindell also came out in the evening. Such a house full would set me crazy.

Jan. 30.31. Weather very bad.

E. R. (Ellen Reily) & myself still at Richland.

Feb. 1st Ellen R. returned to (Evan Shelby’s 25th B-Day)

Lexington, & myself to Old Fields. Rebecca improving rapidly.

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Feb. 2. Very disagreeable. Spent (Susan Carter’s 36th birthday)

the day in having every nook
and corner cleaned out after
such a long absence.

Feb. 3. Sat. Evan has gone to
town. Cosby came by in her car-
riage & took me with her to
spend the day at Richland.

Enjoyed her company extremely.
Had not met before for three
months. R. getting well slowly.

Feb. 4. Sun. Mary Cosby (Shelby), Thomas(Hart Shelby, Jr.
& myself went to Wt Hill to
church. Mr. Buford Allen preach-
ed a very ordinary sermon.

(Sunday – February 4th)

Feb. 5. Quite a deep snow storm.

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Read in “Vanity Fair” a highly
entertaining novel by Thackeray.

Feb. 6. Tues. A deep snow &
weather very cold. Feb. 7. Still
too cold to venture out. Fin-
ished “V. F.” Feb. 8. Cold & clear –

Bundled up & rode up to
see Rebecca. Sat with her 2 hours
& was glad to find her still
improving. Feb. 9. Very Cold.

Feb. 10. Weather moderate –
stayed at home – In the afternoon

a call from Mr. C. C.(Charles Dabney Carr) intended
for sister Sal.(Sarah “Busy Bruen) Sent a letter to L.(Lizzie)

Smith(daughter of Bishop B. B. Smith) & wrote one to Cousin Eliza (Mrs. Philip Maurous).

Feb. 11. A bright day – Went to (Sunday – February 11th)

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town, found Ma quite unwell
with a bad cold. Attended church
for the first time for 7 weeks – felt
grateful indeed for the privilege
of again worshipping with our
dear congregation & minister.

Mr. B.(Berkley)) preached from the text
“The very hairs of your head
are all numbered.” Feb. 12.

Still very cold. Feb. 13. 14. 15.

Remained at home & enjoyed
myself reading. Feb. 16. Went
up to see Rebecca – she was better –

Feb. 17. Went to town with Mrs.(?)
Martin expecting to see Gen.(Zackary) Tay-

lor but he had found it impos-

Side Note: March 4 - Zachary Taylor refuses to be sworn in office on a Sabbath (Sunday). Consequently the office of President of the United States of America is vacant for a single day. Urban legend instead held that David Rice Atchison, President pro tempore of the United States Senate was President for a single day. March 5 - Zachary Taylor becomes the 12th President of the United States of America.

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sible to visit Lex. Was disappointed in not getting home that evening. After dinner called to see Mrs. (Josephine/Jno.) Lutz, Mrs. Amanda/John Darby & Mrs.(?) Stone. Feb. 18. Bitter cold. (Sunday – February 18th)
Did not go out. Feb. 19. Weather the same. Attended church in the morning & heard Mr. Berkley.
Feb. 20. Went to see Mrs. (Catherine Shiell/Mrs. General Thomas) Bodley, Miss Sydney E.(Edmiston) & Fanny(Frances P. Curd/Mrs. Charles S.) Bodley. The latter too sick to see any one. After dinner E.(Elizabeth) came in with the children & stayed all night. Feb. 21. Tues. Sal. E. & myself went shopping. In the afternoon a long visit

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from Amanda Darby. Feb. 22nd Attended church as it was Ash Wednesday – In the afternoon returned home & stopped to see Rebecca. Was distressed to find her still weak & suffering. Thurs. a rainy day. Friday. Sat the morning with Rebecca – she was very sick. Sat. again went up – a heavy rain fell & I returned in buggy with Richard. Sun. 25. M. P. (Sunday – February 25th) had croup night before & would not leave her. Mon. Again suffering from it. Tues. 27. Went up & spent the morn with R.(Rebecca) – she was no better. Wed. Richard(Pindell Shelby) & myself with (Busy's 21st birthday) M. P.(Mary Pindell) spent the day at Uncle Tom's(Thomas Hart Shelby, Sr.)



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Stopped at Ruemont, young (26) I. (Isaac Prather) Shelby's own place. Quite comfortably fixed for a bachelor. Met with a serious accident going down – the horse was taken sick very suddenly &

fell down in the harness – it was
in the side of a hill & if he had
succeeded in getting up would have thrown
M.. P.(Mary Pindell) & myself on our heads.
Returned on horseback as the
buggy was considerably broken.
Thurs. Rain! Went to see R.(Rebecca)
after dinner & observed that she
was much worse. Indeed she
felt it herself & requested me to
send various messages to her

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relatives in case of her death - & told
me where she wished Pinna (Mary Pindell) to be
educated. Friday – passed the
morning with her & found her
much better – Sat. spent the
afternoon at Richland & saw
such a change for the worse
that I no longer had a hope
of her recovery. Sun. Still de- (Sunday – March 4th)
clining – Went up & remained
all night. I never saw one suf-
fer as she did with scarcely five min-
utes intermission. The next
morning she was perfectly
easy which I thought rather

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an alarming symptom – Re-
turned Mon. night & when I
went up Tues. morn.
discovered that she had few
hours to live. Her voice was
strong but consciousness gone
except occasionally when she
scenced aware of her situa-
tion. She died Wed. morn at (Rebecca L. Shelby, Richard's 2nd wife died at 36, 3/7/49)
1 o'clock. The funeral took place
that afternoon at 4 o'clock.
Mr. Bullock performed the servi-
ces. Ma, Busy. E.(Elizabeth) & the children
came & stayed all night.
Thurs. March 8. Elizabeth & her
family returned to Lex.

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March 10th Busy went to call

on C.(Charlotte) Armstrong. I stayed at home
with Ma. Mar. 11. (Sun.) spent the day (Sunday – March 11th)
at home as there was no preach-
ing at Wt. Hill. March 12. E. (Evan)
went to town. March 13. Sal. &
myself took a long walk. Wed.
14. Daniel came with the car-
riage & I went in with Ma &
Busy. Went out stayed
at Maple Hill at night. Had a (Maple Hill, Elizabeth's home, some of her children born there)
charming visit. Thurs. 15. Went
in to White Hall. Richard & his (Richard Pindell Shelby 38, Jimmy 14 and Pinna 4 return to Mo.)
family dined there & left at 2
o'clock in the cars for their jour-
ney to Missouri. After dinner

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Busy & myself took M. P. & went
to Miss Sydney's (Edmiston) – there met Dr.(Elijah)
& Mrs. Bartlett – Next to Aunt
Maria's(?) – there met Mrs. T.(Thomas) Boswell.
Could not see Maria or Susan(Hart Shelby/Mrs. Samuel)
Magoffin as they were both sick.
Next to Mrs.(Margaretta Ross) Harrison - there
saw Miss(?) Harrison from Mo.
a very pretty girl. Friday. Atten-
ded services in the session
room as they are held during
the season of lent. Elizabeth
came in with the children &
went out again after dinner.
Sat. 17. She came again &

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she, Boon, Busy & myself went
up to Botherum, M.(Madison C.) Johnson's
residence – Where saw A.(Anne) & Dick(Richard Pindell, Jr.)
Pindell who had been breakfast-
ing with him – Returned, & had
a call from K.(Kate) Legrand & Jane
Mitchell. After dinner visited
the burial ground (her father & brother) & had some
shrubbery planted out. Sun. at- (Sunday – March 18th)
tended church & heard and excel-
lent sermon from Mr. Berkley –
Came out home after dinner.
Mon. Passed the day in the
garden. Tues. Out of door all
day. Wed. Read & sewed
M. P. complained of being sick.

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Was quite alarmed about her during the night, as she had fever & an eruption on her skin – Thurs. She was no better & I sent for (Dr.) Harrison. He said it was a mild form of scarlet fever & that she needed nothing more than warm baths & slight emetics. Friday. She is cheerful though still broken out & very feverish. Sat. Just as she was yesterday. Sun. Rather better. (Sunday – March 25th)
Left her with Ma & went with Busy to Wt.(White) Hill to hear Mr. Birch.
Mon. A fine clear day, & M. P.

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much improved, Busy & myself escorted by Peter went to Uncle Tom's(Thomas Hart Shelby, Sr.) – found him sick in bed. Stayed to dinner & returned early. In the afternoon went with Ma to take a ride. Tuesday. Another pleasant day. To my great distress Ma & B. returned to Lex. Wednesday – Very lonely after having had such delightful society. Thurs. Commenced gardening & took M. P. out with me for the first time since her sickness. It was a disadvantage as she coughed at night. Also went hunting with Evan.

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Friday. As E.(Evan) was away felt very lonesome though my little precious was with me. Sat. Put in a great many garden seeds. Sun. 1st April. Quite cool, (Sunday – April 1st) but very bright. Left M. P. at home with E.(Evan) & went to hear Mr. (Joseph) Bullock. He preached a delightful sermon to a large audience. Mon. Finished putting in the seed. Tues. Took

a long ride & read & sewed.

Wed. Cold & rainy. E.(Evan) started to town but was driven back by the rain. Thurs. Passed a lonely day as E.(Evan) was in Lex.

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Friday. A busy time cleaning house! Sat. Still engaged tack-
ing down & patching carpets.

Sun. Apr'1 8. Easter. Went to town and attended church morn & afternoon. Mr. Berkley administered communion. (Sunday – April 8th)

Mon. Being Easter Mon & court day, there was a great crowd in town. Finished my shopping & returned home in the afternoon.

Tues. Read & sewed – Wed. Took a long ride & looked for Ma & Sal (Sarah “Busy” Bruen) every moment, but in vain. Thurs. Practiced on

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piano, then took a basket & went with M. P. to get the first mess of poke. To my delight Ma & Busy came out to dinner. In the afternoon took little M. P. & called at the Presbyterian parsonage. Saw Mr. & Mrs.(Joseph) Bullock & Mrs.(Mary/John Cable) Breckenridge. Were quite pleased with the place. Friday. In the morn Sal & myself took a ride with Evan & Ike – In the afternoon Ma & M. P. joined us & we paid Mrs.(Joseph Waller) Rodes a visit. There became

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acquainted with good old parson (?) Stewart. Saturday. Ma & Busy returned to Lex.

Sun. Went up to Wt. Hill (Sunday – April 15th)

in the buggy with Morry (James Morrison)

Pindell – heard an excellent sermon from Mr. B. on the text “Be ye also ready.” Mon.

In going in the garden discovered that there had been such a heavy frost as to kill all my beans though well covered. Tues. April 18. the ground actually covered with snow, & continued to snow occasionally

(should be April 17th)

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through the day. Apl. 19th.

Still very cold. Apl 20.

Weather moderated a little.

Thurs. – Quite pleasant again.

Two chickens hatched out.

Friday – A bright day. In the afternoon a visit from C. (Charlotte) Armstrong. About 3 o'clock

Ma & Busy came out from town to take me in with them – I could not go of course & they returned immediately, to give Elizabeth the carriage to go to Paris.

Sat. Morning. 23rd Ap'l.

Spent the day at home.

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Sun. 24. Started with Isaac to East Hickman on horseback, but learned before we reached there that there would be no preaching. Mon. To the delight of all farmers, a fine rain!

Tues. Still cloudy but warm.

Wed. 27. Ma & Busy came out – they came near being killed Mon. by the explosion of a can of powder in the room when they were sleeping – Thurs. 25th.

Enjoyed ourselves at home reading Howitt's Homes of the Poets.” Friday – Busy, E (Evan), Ike

(should be Sunday – April 22nd)

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& myself took a long ride. Sat. Went to town & sent for Elizabeth & six Ingels as soon as we arrived. The latter came & I was very glad to see her. Sun. Eliza & family came in. Sis (Elizabeth) went to our church with us. Busy & myself went again in the afternoon. At night went with Mr. & Mrs. Bell to the Mt. Brioni church & heard him preach. Mon. morn. Went to Mrs. Barlow's & engaged her to make my fine tissue & Mrs. Duck to make my lawn. Went to Mr. Matthew's elegant establishment where Ma purchased

(Sunday – April 29th)

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a carpet. Returned home in the evening with Ma & Busy – That afternoon drove home our cows – ten & 8 calves. The next day Tues. went to C. (Charlotte) Armstrong's in the ox cart with Ma, Busy & M. P. The next day Wed. Charlotte & Mr.(Lafayette) A.(Armstrong) with their friend Mr. R.(Robert) Athey came over & passed the evening. The next day took a long ride – Sat. Went to Wt. Hill with Cosby & heard an excellent sermon from Mr. B.(Bullock) & again on Sun. accompanied by Ike joined the congregation in partaking of communion.

(Sunday – May 6th)

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Mon. The carriage came out but I prevailed upon to stay until Wed. Took several charming rides while it was here – Tues. Busy & Ike called on S.(Sarah Barton) McClure. (he would marry her in 1854) Wed. They were ready to start when Mrs.(Margaretta Ross) Harrison & Mrs.(Ellen Ross) Reily came out to spend the day & I again prevailed upon them to wait until afternoon & then had reluctantly to part at last. Thurs., Friday & Sat. At home & quite lonely after having such

agreeable company. Sun. Went (Sunday – May 13th)
in & heard Mr. Berkley preach –
Saw Elizabeth & Sis I(Ingels) at Ma's.

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Unexpectedly stayed all night.

Mon. Went shopping with Ma,
Busy & Sis. Called on J.(Julia Legrand/James) Elliott
& J.(Jane) Mitchell. Went out after din-
ner with Isaac & Evan. Spent
the week at home except a
long ride every day, & in the (Fri. May 18th – Mary Cosby's 23rd birthday)

mean time a social visit from
C.(Charlotte) Armstrong. Sun. Went to (Sunday – May 20th)
Lex. heard our good Bp(Bishop B. B. Smith) preach –
had the pleasure of seeing 8
persons confirmed. Heard
of 6 deaths from cholera at
the hospital. Do not feel as
much alarm as formerly.

Mon. At home. Tues. A rainy

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day. Wed. A charming day.

Thurs. Looked for Ma all day
but did not see her until sun
down & with Busy, Elizabeth
& the children. Sat up talking
until 2 o'clock. Friday – Up
at 5 & bid adieu to my guests
at 8. At 10 went with my
little Miss S.(Shelby, Mary Pindell) in the ox-cart to
Uncle Tom's(Thomas Hart Shelby) – In the afternoon
Mr. & Mrs. H.(Henry Clay & James Ann Pearce) Pindell came out
to stay several days. Heard
from them that 12 deaths had
occurred at the hospital from
Cholera & that there were 20 more
cases. Sat. Called on C.(Charlotte) Arm-

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strong & brought her home with
me to pass the day. In the af-
ternoon made strawberry pre-
serves. Sun. Went to town & (Sunday – May 27th)
found Ma much worse –
Attended church. After dinner
sent for Dr. R.(Robert W.) Bush to see
Ma who after examining

her throat said it was in
flamed & ulcerated, & more
over that it would not do
for her to go to the Springs
until it got warmer. Mon.
A pleasant day & in the after-
noon a social visit from
Mrs. Waller Bullock, Mrs.(Joseph Waller?) Rodes,

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& Mrs. Breckenridge. Tues. 30 – (should be 29th)

May Still remarkably cool.

Wed. June 1st Went to town with Evan (should be 30th)

in the buggy to see Ma. She
was still quite sick. Learned
that we had passed Susan (Hart Shelby)
and the Col.(Wm. Grayson Carter) in the omnibus.
Dined at Elizabeth's & return-
ed in the afternoon in time
to take tea with Susan. She
& the Col. looking very well.

Thurs. – Spent the day at

Richland. Friday – They (June 1st)

all spent the day with us.

Sat. Rain – Sun. Went to (Sunday – June 3rd)

Wt. Hill & heard Mr. B.(Bullock) preach

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Mon. Went to Richland & Ma
came out for me & stayed
all night. Tues. Susan & the
Col.& Ma & I went in to
the consecration of our church –

CHURCHES. EPISCOPAL. CHRIST CHURCH. -- June 4, 1899

CHURCHES. CHRIST CHURCH. "Fifty years" Christ Church Cathedral will today celebrate the fiftieth anniversary of its consecration by the head of the diocese of Kentucky, Bishop Smith.

The Bp(Bishop B. B. Smith) preached to a large
audience – In the afternoon
Mr. Booker of Louisville
made a few extemporaneous
remarks & delighted all his
hearers. In the morning Mr.
Talbot of the same place
preached for us. Saw my
old instructress Mrs. Bp (Harriet D.)
Smith. Wed. Still in town.
Thurs. Rain detained me.

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Friday 8th June Came home accompanied by Ma & Busy.
Sat. Susan & the Col. came down & we all called at "Ruemont"
Sun. We all to E. Hickman (Sunday – June 10th) & heard Mr. (Richard T.) Dillard
Mon. All the gentlemen gone to town to hear the speaking from the different candidates
Tues. Rain in the morn. In the afternoon went to Mrs. Rodes, but she was from home.
Wed. Stayed at home. Thurs. Took a ride around the woods.
Friday. Susan & the Col. dined with us. Sat. A visit from (Mary)Cosby,

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Aunt Susan Fishback & F. (Frances) Todd & then all went up & dined at Richland. Sun. Went to (Sunday – June 17th) hear Mr. Bullock at Wt. Hill. In the afternoon Susan & the Col., cousin Ike, C.(Charles) Carr, called.
Mon. June 18. Ma, Busy & Ike started to Estill - Hear that the cholera is savaging every part of the country. Tues. Passed the day at Richland. Wed. (Elizabeth's 29th birthday) E.(Evan) quite sick Susan & the Col. came & passed the evening.
Thurs. Called on C.(Charlotte) Armstrong.
Friday – E.(Evan) still sick. S.(Susan) & the Col. came & stayed all day.

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→ Staying at Richland

Sat. Susan & the C.(Col.) went to town but returned before dinner - & came down & took tea – the cholera had abated – Ma & Mrs. Armstrong also passed the evening with me. Sun. Susan walked down (Sunday – June 24th) & passed the morning – Rain in the evening. Mon. Commenced harvesting but frequently interrupted by the rain – Tues. – No rain & a fine day's work.

E.(Evan) almost well. Wed. E.(Evan) gone to town & Ike home from the springs. Thurs. Went to Mrs. McCann's (Joanna S./J. Milton McCann) in carriage, (S)Susan), the Col & myself. Then to Mrs. J.(Joseph) Bullock's

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where we took tea & met with her sister Mrs.(Charles C.) Parkhill who had lately returned from Florida – Passed a delightful evening. The next day (Fri.) stayed at home & S & the Col. went & stayed all night at Mrs.(Susan E. Orr/Nicholas) Nick Warfield's who is a relation of his – Sat. rain – Sun. rain also – Susan came (Sunday – July 1st) down in the morn but we did not get to church, came down in the afternoon with the Col. & stayed to tea. Mon. I went up & dined & after dinner went over & took tea at Mrs.(Joseph Waller) Rodes & there met Miss S. Hanson & her

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Note at top: Miss Fanny Hickman was there too.

brother (Samuel?) from Winchester. Had a charming visit. Tues. two very sick servants at Ike's – both children – one fever, the other teething. Wed. The youngest died & Clara discovered strong symptoms of cholera – Thurs. Dave taken with it – In the afternoon Emily & Mary taken – Friday. Dave died & Mary taken – Sat. Emily badly cramped. Sun. Martin (Sunday – July 8th) taken violently. Mon. Evan & Ike went to town & the Col. came down & sat 2 hours with me. Tuesday First thing I heard was that he (Col. Carter) was dying of cholera. We went

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& found it but too true. He was cramped & almost in a collapsed state – Mr.(Joseph) Bullock conversed a great deal with him &

he died resigned & trusting
alone in a Redeemer's righteous-
ness the next morning (Wed.) at one
o'clock, & was buried that day
at 1. 7 Negroes taken in
the course of the day at Rich-
land & 1 down here. Thurs.
E.(Evan) sick & also Isaac. Friday
sick myself & one death from
cholera a most violent case
Winnie's mother – died in less
than 12 hours. Sat. All im-

(Col. William Grayson Carter died July 11, 1849)

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proving – Sun. Still improving
Mon. – Peter & Winnie taken
but not badly – Tues. – Both
better – Wed. Winnie out.
Thurs. W.(Winnie) laid up again
& much worse – Bad news
from Lex. weather unfavorable
Friday. Sat. Sun. Mon. Tues. –
Health of the place improving.
Wed. Cholera. Very fatal in the
neighborhood & in Lex. Thurs.
No abatement. Friday – Three
new cases & all dangerous.
Sat. morn 28th All alive through
God's mercy. A note from Ma
announcing a death from

(Sunday – July 15th)

(Sunday – July 22nd)

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cholera at Estill & her determination
to leave immediately. Sun. & Mon.
This awful disease has broken out in
Lex. with fresh fury. Tues. All
well here but many deaths in
Lex. Wed. Looking for Ma &
Busy – Thurs. Still expecting
them but in the afternoon received
a letter saying they were so alarm-
ed at the news from Lex. that
they did not dare to come. A
sad disappointment to me!
Friday. All well. Sat. passed
the day with Susan – Sun. –
suffering from headache. A
visit from E(Elizabeth) & her family –

(Sunday – July 29th)

(Aug.1 - Amanda's 25th B-day)

(Sunday – August 5Th)

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overjoyed to see her. Mon. Susan spent the day with me – Tues. – I went up dined & took tea with her. Wed. All well & the weather fine. Thurs. Went with (Mary)Cosby to see E. Bullock, Mrs. Rodes, M. E.(Mary Ellen) Young & Mrs. L(Levi) Carr. Friday. Went up to see Susan. Sat. Went up after breakfast & S came down with me. Met Cosby going up to pass the day – She came back & dined at my house. Sun. – Walked (Sunday – August 12th) up with S.(Susan) in the morning & returned again before dinner. S.(Susan & Ike took tea with us.

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Mon. Read “Lamartine” in the morn & after dinner went up to Richland. Isaac & Mrs. S.(Samuel) Rogers & (Mary)Cosby & Uncle T.(Thomas Hart Shelby, Sr.) came out from town in time for tea. Still healthy in Lex. Tues. Damp & rainy. Susan came down & stayed all night. Wed. A bright day. Went down to Uncle Tom’s & passed the day very delightfully – In the evening letters from Busy & Elizabeth – say much disappointed that I will not see either of them this week. Thurs. Spent the day at Richland. Friday. Susan came down. Sat.

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Went up to Ike’s again – Sun. (Sunday – August 19th) M.(Mary) Cosby came by for me to go to Wt. Hill with her – accompanied her with pleasure. On my return found Elizabeth & her children at Richland awaiting my return. Boon had gone to Paris to see his sister (Mary) who was dangerously ill with brain-fever. She remained on with me all night. Mon. A rainy day. In the afternoon a visit from Mr. (Levi?)

Young & Miss Fanny(Frances Stuart) Todd of Ill.

Tues. A bright day. S.(Susan) came
& dined with us & before we
had concluded our meal, were

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most delightfully surprised to see
Ma & Busy. They had a safe &
pleasant ride & were too happy
to find us all alive & well after
having been summoned by mouth
with danger & distress. Wed. E.(Evan)
returned – Boon having come
out the night before. At my sug-
gestion & earnest desire all par-
ties commenced preparations
for leaving home – (Mary)Cosby had
started with her two brothers (Thomas Jr. & Isaac Prather)
for some watering place - & in
town concluded to go to Crab
Orchard. So we all concluded
to go there & on Thurs. left home.

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Ma, Busy, S(Susan)., Evan & myself. We
stayed all night with Elizabeth &
were in town before 6 the next morn-
ing – ready for the Omnibus. Were
detained until 8. & saw Mrs. (Eliza/C.A.) Ward
& Mrs. Meniffee (Eliza/Ann/Spencer) at (Richard) Chile's – Susan
left a short time before us, with
Aunt S. Fishback, (Mary)Cosby, Mrs. (?) An-
nan & Thomas in two hacks –
Cousin Ike went in a little new
buggy of his own. Met at the "Bruen"
Tavern & dined. We went on to
Danville & took a hack &
reached C. Orchard 15 minutes
after they did. & they went through
Lancaster to avoid cholera in Dan.(Danville)

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much pleased with the springs (about Sunday August 26th)
at first, though soon discovered
it had its deficiencies – first of
all the sulphur water for which
S.(Susan) went was 40 miles distant &
by the time it was brought which
was only once a day – it had lost

its one decimal properties. The fare was very indifferent & company with few exceptions unprepossessing. As the water disagreed with us (the epsom) we packed up & left for Esculapia the Wednesday after (would be August 29th) our arrival determining to go to Esculapia. Left at 2 o'clock

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& soon were in a drenching rain from which the leaky back was a poor protection. Ma fortunately was in one that was quite water proof. Reached Danville at dark – had a delicious supper & delightful rooms. Met with an old acquaintance. Mrs. David Dudly (Mary Dudley) from Lexington – She boards at the “Batterton House” where we stopt – went into her room & saw her three fine children. – Left in the Omnibus next morning at 8 – reached Lex. at 1 & dined at Keider’s house elegantly kept. Did some shopping after dinner & then went to White Hall – things looking much better than I expected to see them. To my distress found that Ma & Susan were not well enough to travel all night in the stage to Maysville – so determined to go to Keene & see how that looked – Left at 5 o'clock & again caught in the pouring rain with the thunder roaring & lightening flashing. Arrived at dark & stopped at the third house at that great watering place before we could be taken in so

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great was the crowd. Mr. Boonaugh one of the tavern keepers accommodated us with palates on his own parlour floor & there we had to content ourselves during our stay until the last night. Sunday the 2nd September. (Sunday – September 2nd) Ma was quite ill one evening during our stay & ordered in a lounge for her comfort. The water very fine but the

company not to our taste. Left
Monday the 3rd. at 12 & got to
Elizabeth's after 3 & came in to Mr. (James O.) Har-
rison's at 5 & S.(Susan), E.(Evan) and myself came
out in Uncle Tom's carriage – Built
up big fires to air the ovens(?) & have
not yet taken any cold – Tues. – went
up to see Susan – Wed. She came
& spent the day – Thurs. – 6th Rain
& very busy drying tomatoes for
soup – Reading “ Trials Marg(aret) Lindsay”
Friday. Susan came down in the
morning & I went with M. P.
to C.(Charlotte) Armstrong's & passed the eve-
ning – E. came too one on his new
mare Jenny. Sat. S.(Susan) came down &
passed the day – Sun. went in & (Sunday – September 9th)
heard Mr. Berkely preach & stayed
all night at Elizabeth's & had a
delightful visit. Came to town
the next morning & went shopping
Left for home at ½ past 7 called

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for Susan at Mr. Harrison's & did not
get out till 9 o'clock when we
discovered our driver was too
much intoxicated to steer safely
through the woods & concluded
to dwell at Richland that
night. Tues. Came down home
& had a very nice dinner. Ike
& Busy went to East Hickman
to meeting & Uncle Isaac (Gov.'s 3rd son) & his
son-in-law (Henry Lloyd) Tevis dined with us.
Wed. Eat dinner with Susan.
Thurs. She passed the day
with us – Friday. We went up
there again & just before dinner
Aunt Susan F.(Fishback) & (Mary)Cosby came

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out from town – They stayed
dinner & (Mary)Cosby went home.
Sat. Aunt S.(Susan Fishback) & Susan passed
the day with us. Sunday. Busy, (Sunday – September 16th)
Ma, Ike, Evan, Busy & myself
went to East H(Hickman) & heard an ex-
cellent sermon from Mr.(Richard T.) Dil-
lard. They were holding a

protracted meeting. Mon. (Boon Ingels' 34th birthday)

A rainy day – amused ourselves

making tomato preserves.

Tues. Aunt S.(Susan Fishback) & S.(Susan) came down, spent the day & night with us. Wed. B.

Evan & myself went shopping in Athens, made some cheap bargains & barely returned in

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time to go up to Susan's to dinner as we had promised.

Had every thing delicious, took a comfortable nap & then had the pleasure of Ellen(Ross Reily) & Mr.(James) Reily's company the rest of the evening – Ma & Busy went home on Mary (a horse) & sent her back for me – The next

morning Thurs. called on Ellen (Reily) as she stayed all night.

Found that S.(Susan) was going in with her & Aunt S.(Susan Fishback) was going to Uncle Tom's (with us in the ox-cart) where we had been invited to dine. Went down

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about 11. Found that Sis K.(Elizabeth Fontaine Shelby Kinkead, Cosby's sister) had arrived from the mountains

with her little family. A fine dinner of course! Sat. Read

"St. Ronan's Well" (Walter Scott) aloud & made tomato preserves. Sun. Busy, Ike, (Sunday – September 23rd)

E.(Evan), C.(Charles) Carr & myself went on horse back to the great baptizing where

55 were immersed – An immense crowd was presented. Went from the mill to the church, heard a good sermon from the Chinese missionary & heard a real living Chinese (one of his converts) sing & read in his native language.

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C.(Charles) Carr & Ike came home & took dinner with us – Mon.

We all went to Lex. & prepared a dinner to take to the great Bourbon Fair on Tues. – Tues. Started at 8 & just arrived in time to see what the industrious ladies had done in the way of spinning, quilting, weaving &c. Was much interested in the exhibition of fine quilts, silk & woolen – Mrs. Coleman of Louisville received the premium, a 100 dollar silver pitcher. There was such dissatisfaction about it

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that they have since determined to give it to Mrs. Lurpin(?) of Paris whose quilt had 3,000 pieces in it & a heavy silver fringe & certainly the most deserving of it was given for the work – Thousands upon thousands were assembled & most of them took their dinner with them & eat after a primitive fashion. After dinner went in to Paris & shopped at James Ingels (Boon's oldest brother) where we stayed all night & attended the Episcopal Fair given by the ladies for to raise money for the erection of

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a parsonage. Mrs.(?) Hart presented them with the quilt she had made for the premium pitcher. It was sold for \$100, with part of which she bought a communion service & gave them the remainder – Wed. Again went out to the fair ground & saw fine blooded cattle of every age & description. Went to the ladies fair in the evening & saw quilt raffled off. Mr. William Thompson of Harrodsburg got it. Next morn Thurs. went out to the fair ground & saw fine horses of any age & description – lastly fine harness horses the most beautiful animals I ever saw.

Eat dinner on the ground & returned to Lex. in the afternoon. Took a walk that night by moonlight & bought some ice cream. Friday. Did some shopping & started out home at 12 o'clock – stopped at Mr. Harrison's for Susan. There became acquainted with Mrs. Hirst, a sister of H. I. (Henry Innis) Bodley's & told E. (Ellen) Reily good bye. She was to start for Texas in a few days. Sat. Made pickles & sat the house to rights. Sun. Rain & a peaceful day at home – Mon. Went to ride. Tues. At home Wed. passed the day with Susan. She had just returned from Lex. Thurs. She

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came down. Friday – Went up & took tea with her. Sat. At home Sun. Went to church with Susan & heard Mr. Berkely preach. It was communion Sunday & I was enjoyed the sacred exercises very much. Found Ma & all the family well. Returned in the afternoon & brought Miss Davis with me (a seamstress) to make up the blk peoples clothes. Mon. Commenced sewing operations early & got 2 pr. pants finished that night. Rode up to see Susan in the afternoon & she came home with me. Tues. Took a ride. Wed. Sewed, read and took a ride. Thurs. At home in the morning. A bright day. Heard this morning that my neighbor Mrs. Armstrong was going away to live. I rode over to see her. She was not at home & I promised to go back the next evening. Friday. Quite unwell – could not go up to Susan's where I had promised to dine or the see C. A. (Charlotte Armstrong) Sat. Very well again. A delightful visit from Ma, Busy, Elizabeth & Mrs. Amanda (Mrs. James) Ingels. Sun. The negroes had Dave's funeral sermon preached & an immense crowd to hear it. I dined at Susan's and she returned with me in the afternoon. Mon. Evan gone to town with Mr. Armstrong in

(Sunday – October 7th)

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his buggy. Miss Davis not come yet to her sewing – A call from Uncle Isaac. Reading an historical now by (GPR) James “The Belle of the Court”. In the afternoon a visit from Charlotte Armstrong – she will soon move to Cin. to live. Tues. Went to town with Evan & Susan – they to go on to Louisville. I to remain until Evan’s return. Wed. Evan & I left in the stage – Called with Elizabeth, Ma & Busy on Mrs. Berkley, Miss Sydney (Edmiston), Mrs.(E.) Macalester, Aunt S. (Fishback) & Mrs. Annan. Thurs. Dined with Elizabeth – before dinner called on Caroline (Mrs. Llewellyn)Tarlton in her new home – in the afternoon on Mrs. Turner & Mrs.(Margaret/Jno.) Leavy – Stayed all night with E. Friday. Went to town & rode out to see S.(Susan Hart Shelby) Magoffin. She is very handsomely fixed & seems perfectly happy. Thence to Mrs. H. Bell’s magnificent mansion – went through it & was pleased with its construction from top to bottom. After dinner a visit from Aunt Susan (Fishback) & also from Miss Sydney (Edmiston). Took tea at Mrs. (Margaretta Ross) Harrison’s & Elizabeth went out home. Sat. Busy & myself went shopping. After dinner took a ride & spent the evening with Mrs. Dr. Amanda/Darby. Sun. Went to church & heard Mr. Page of Bowling Green both morning & afternoon. Evan returned

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from Cin. on horseback having been left by the stage. Mon. – Ike came out but I had no opportunity of returning. After dinner rode out to Elizabeth’s & took a delightful ride. Tues. – Evan sent the carriage down for me – A visit from Mr. Page for contributions to his church, also from Mary Ingels (Boon’s sister), who invited us to take tea with her. Elizabeth came in with all the children. Rode out & stopped at the Office & got Busy’s Graham’s Magazine – Read a pretty tale after dinner. Came out by sunset. Brought Miss Davis with me to finish the sewing – A letter

from Susan! Wednesday. A lovely day. Find a great deal to do after a week's absence. Have a dos. turkies, do(dz) of young ducks – do(dz) young chickens. Thursday. Another bright day! "Well and thankful that I am surrounded by so many blessings spiritual & temporal – E.(Elizabeth Fountain Shelby) Kinkead & (Mary)Cosby came & spent the day with me. Enjoyed the vis- it extremely. Friday – E.(Evan) went to town – Miss D.(Davis) & myself went to the woods & passed the afternoon. Sat. Another beautiful day. E.(Evan) preparing his hogs to send to Louisville. Made custard & pastry for Ike's dinner party. Sent George to town for my new dress. Sunday. A rainy day. Mr.(?) Down- (Sunday – October 28th)

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ing & 5 men came to drive the hogs to Louisville. Mon. morn. They started after an early breakfast in thunder, lightening, rain. Very uneasy about Evan who went with them. Returned safe in the afternoon. Tues. (Nov. 1st crossed out) (would be October 30th) A clear pleasant morning. Evan started with the wagon to go & weigh hogs & join the 1st drive. In the afternoon had the pleasure of seeing Ma & Busy & Miss Davis, who had been absent since Sat. spent a delightful evening, reading "Littell's Living Age" the magazine B.(Busy) is taking – Wed. – B.(Busy) & myself went on horse back to Cap. Armstrong's to see Charlotte C. She had gone to town to meet her sister Mrs. (Louise Dudley) Burrows. In the afternoon took a charming ride – Thurs. Went to see Mrs. (Mary Pindell Shelby's 4th birthday) Waller Bullock – In the afternoon, to see Mrs. J.(Joseph) Bullock – Friday – Took a long ride in the morning & had a turkey for dinner & brother Ike's company. In the afternoon went over to see cousin Ike – spent a pleasant evening reading aloud from Graham's Magazine. Evan not yet come. Sat. Another lovely day! All well – Busy & myself went on horseback & dined at Uncle Tom's. E.(Evan) returned in the evening not very well satisfied with the sale of his hogs at &1.60 pr hundred – Sun. Not very well – Miss Davis (Sunday – November 4th)

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went to town. Busy, Ma & myself went to Wt. Hill & heard Mr. B.(Bullock) preach. In the evening I.(Isaac) Key & Mr.(Charles?) Coleman supped here – Mon. Nov. 5th Evan went to town in the wagon – Not well myself – Ma & Sallie still with me thank fortune. Another visit for the latter from Messers Coleman & I.(Isaac) Key. E. returned without news from Susan. Tues. Ike, Busy & myself went on horse back to Mrs.(Mary/John) Todhunters & passed the day. Wed. Ike, B., Ma, M. P. & myself went in Ike's carriage to Mrs.(Sarah Barton) McClure's & spent the day – Had a delightful visit but an unpleasant ride home through rain & mud. There met with Maj.(David) Irvine – Thurs. Cloudy – Received a summons to attend at the clerk's office to hear the final report of the Executors (her father's will). Went in Thurs. eve & reached home at dark. Busy went up to see Rebecca Brown & then had a call from (?) Robertson & (Edward Letcher) Cronley(Cronly married "Busy" in 1850) – Friday – Learned it was not necessary to attend the clerk's office & went shopping – met many acquaintances. In the evening Busy had a call from Morry (James Morrison) Pindell & Mr. E.(Ezekiel) Field. Evan & myself went to see Aunt S. F.(Susan Fishback) & then met Cosby. Sat. Started up early & prevailed upon Evan to have his

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likeness taken(have copy of) & also Isaac – They were very correct. Sun. – Heard Mr. (Sunday – November 11th) Berkley morn & afternoon & in the evening a deaf & dumb man at the Baptist church or rather saw him preach by gestures – then had an exhortation from Mr. Pratt - & saw a lady immersed – Mon. 12th Nov. – Had my likeness & M.(have copy of this) P.'s taken in one frame – Did a little shopping & rode out to the Episcopal burying ground. Returned to Ma's packed up & came out home – Delighted as usual with every thing about my home.

Tues. Took up carpets – put that out of breakfast room in spare room & that out of spare room in breakfast room with which change I am highly delighted. Read all the evening – Wed. A lovely day – Rode out with Evan in the morning & spent the remainder of the day reading. Thurs. E. went to town – Took a walk, read & sewed – A letter from Susan in the evening & also from Jane Mitchell (have this letter) now living in Philadelphia. Friday. – Had a turkey for dinner & Mr. B.(Benjamin) McCan(McCann) & Ike to eat it with us. In the afternoon rode up Ike's & looked at the new monuments erected

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by him over the graves of his father & sister-in-law. Sat. E.(Evan) & Ike went to town & I amused myself patching old coats & in the afternoon a visit from Mrs. Martin. Sun. Went to town & met Elizabeth & her family at Ma's – Took M. P. to church with me – I heard a sermon from Mr. Berkley on Christian Resignation under affliction – came home in the pouring rain soon after dinner. Mon. Nov. 19. An old man came & spent the day repairing the two clocks – Tues. – Ike eat dinner with us – George took the butter to town – Wed. Evan gone to town. A pleasant day – Charlotte Armstrong paid me a long visit – Thurs. A gloomy, rainy day & of course disappointed in my hopes of seeing Ma, Busy & Elizabeth who had promised to come out. Friday – Rain, but the weather still warm. Sat. Tolerably clear – Evan & Ike gone to town – Read & sewed but still very lonely. Sun. Rain & wind – did not go to church. Heard from Ma & Busy in the afternoon – that they were coming out the next day – Mon. – clear but cold – Ma, Busy, Elizabeth, Mrs. W.(William) Ingels (Boon's sister-in-law) & the children came out – Ike also came down & we had a

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pleasant time. Tues. Clear & cold. Ike killing hogs & E's hands gone to help. Read "Lady Alice" an hour or two. Went with Evan to feed his shoats – Wed. – Cold out – cloudy – Evan went to Uncle Tom's in the afternoon – Ike came down – got two barrels of flour from the mill – Nov. 28 – Thurs. 29th The first fall of snow. Now begins the trouble of feeding all the stock – Friday – Clear & mild – Mr. Lutz came out to finish surveying & dined here – Sat. Rainy & warm. Mr. L. returned to Lex. in consequence of unfavorable weather. E. & Ike went in with him. Sun. morn. Cold & rainy, but would have gone not with standing (it being Communion Sunday) but one of the horses was lame – Spent the day happily & quietly at home – Monday Dec. 4th Cold & cloudy. Killed 30 hogs by dinner time thought they did not commence until 7 o'clock – Cut out the back bones & laid them on the ground to get cool – A slight rain through the night but the meat perfectly cold by the next morning Tuesday. Cut up 10 & fried up the lard by 4 o'clock. Weather still threatening. Ike's hands of course helped us. Got the feet and heads also

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cleaned before night – Wed. morn. Put away the lard as it had to cool before it could be put in wooden vessels. Filled a large firkin Keg, a good sized churn a large jar & a large oven with the leaf of meat fat – Saved about a keg of kidney lard for my lamp – Put on feet for jelly & seasoned sausage meat that had also been chopped the day before in the general rush – Had salted head & feet boiled for souse. Heard the small pox was raging terribly in Lex. Thurs. We further heard

of small pox – Took a long side
made blanc-mange & souse &
accomplished some leavings –
Read in Lamartine. Friday –
Clear & very cold – Sent some blanc-
mange, souse &c up to Ike. Evan
rode down to Uncle Tom's where he
heard the small pox was very bad in
town, also called on his cousin
Ike. Took a long walk with him af-
ter he got back – Read after tea.
Sat. Dec. 8 – Evan went to town & I
amused myself reading, making
pudding meat & cake – Returned
with a new Eclectic (Medical Journal) & a letter from
Susan (have this letter). No news from Ma. The
small pox quite bad in Lex.

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some fifteen cases. Sunday Dec. 9. (Sunday – December 9th)
Cold & every appearance of a snow
storm – spent a quiet, happy day.
Ike came down after dinner. Mon.
quite a fall of snow. Evan & Ike
went to town in the carriage. Wrote
to Jane Mitchell who is in Philadelphia.
Evan came with sad news of the small
pox – that it is rapidly spreading & one
more death has taken place. Got a
very unsatisfactory note from Busy in
answer to my many long ones –
Tues. – Morry Pindell & Ike came &
helped us to eat a very nice turkey.
The first one we had roasted in the
tin kitchen. Wed. He & Ike went
to town Thurs. – Ike came down
bringing the bad news that the
cholera was (crossed out) small pox was
rapidly spreading. Evan Vac-
inated the negroes & he & myself.
Friday. A damp morning. Very
much surprised to see Ma &
Busy at dinner time. Spent
the evening delightfully. Sat.
all well – a misty rain – Sun. - (Sunday – December 16th)
A rainy day – did not go to church –
Ike eat dinner with us. Read a-
loud in the “Double Witness to the
Church.” (in “Churchman”) Mon. Busy read in Gra-
ham - & Ma & I sewed – Tues. – Took
a ride. Busy on the sorrel mare -

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Wed. Ordered horse to go to Uncle Tom's but were prevented by the threatening appearance of the weather – Took a ride & were caught in the rain – A call from Uncle Tom – His son Tom (Jr.) had been married that morning in Illinois to Miss Fanny Todd. Thurs. – Rain again – Ike came down to help us dispose of a nice pot of roasted ducks. Commenced reading "Rob Roy" aloud – Friday – spent the day at Uncle Tom's – had a pleasant time & delightful dinner. Mary (Cosby) showed us her new chamber that her father had lately furnished. They were anxiously expecting Tom(Jr.) & his wife (Fanny). Returned late in the afternoon with George for an escort – Busy on Jenny & I on Mary – Saturday. Evan & Ike went to town. E returned with C. Carr in his buggy & Ike stayed. Sunday. Ike returned & Mary Pindell with him. None of us went to church. Monday. Read "Rob Roy" & a visit from Ike & Morry in the evening. Tuesday. Christmas. Got up early & fixed the table for M. P. with all manner of good things; nuts cakes, candy, &c, &c, &c & filled her

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stockings with toys which she thought Kris Kringle brought down the chimney. Had a nice Christmas dinner & Morry & Ike to join us. Also a call from C. Carr. In the afternoon R. Athey came & stayed all night. Wed. Mr. Athey stayed to dinner & did not return to Lex. till late in the afternoon. Thurs. We were invited to dine at Richland. Mr. Mitchell called on Sal (from St. Louis). Ma & M. P. went up in Ike's buggy driven by Enoch. I. on old

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Mary, Peter on Snap, Busy
in the buggy with Mitchell.
Morry & Evan were there –
Had boiled turkey stuffed
with oysters, soup ham &c, &c
& delicious dessert – That
night C. Carr came to see Busy
& stayed till 10 o'clock.

Friday. Evan, Ike, Morry
went to town. Sat. Finished
"Rob Roy" – Sunday. – Stayed
at home but Evan went
to eat dinner with Ike &
Morry – Mon. – E went to
Athens & brought a letter
from Elizabeth. That night
a heavy fall of snow –
Busy commenced reading
"Ivanhoe" aloud –
She & Evan made a

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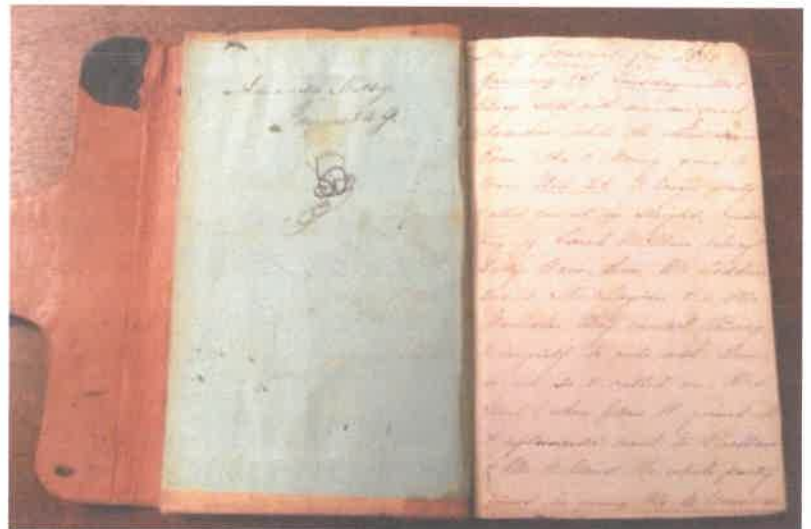
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stew called "Tom &
Jerry" – We all partook &
sat up till the old year
'49 had fairly breathed
its last. And this
ends my daily journal
for 1849.

Amanda's Daily Journal for 1850

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Her husband is sometimes referred to as E. as is her older sister Elizabeth Bruen Ingels. M. P. stands for their daughter Mary Pindell. Her younger sister Sarah (Busy) Bruen, sometimes called Sal will be courted by Edward Letcher Cronly, whom she will marry. Ike can be Isaac (Ike) Prather Shelby, Evan's first cousin (son of Major Thomas Hart Shelby) who has just moved to his own estate "Ruemont". Or Isaac (Ike) Shelby, Evan's brother who was 8 years older and was fond of calling Amanda "Aunt Mandy" in reference to the position she held with her sister Elizabeth's children. Ike is the head of the "Richland" (his deceased father Gen. James Shelby's estate) where brothers Richard Pindell and James, Jr. might come and go. He, Evan and James Morrison (Morrie) Pindell do a lot together – Morrie in a contemporary of Evan's brother. Sometimes it is a guess which in which. Maj. Thomas (Uncle Tom) Hart Shelby's estate is called "Grassland" and is home also to oldest daughter and family, William bury & Elizabeth (Liz) Fontaine Shelby Kinkead, Mary "Cosby" Shelby, Thomas (Tom) Hart Shelby, Jr and his new wife Fanny Todd Shelby, Edmund Pendleton Shelby. Evan's sister Susan Hart Shelby Carter, widowed in 1849, is in Helena, Ark closing down a cotton plantation (she returns to Lexington in March and boards at Mrs. Dunham's). Her husband died in the Lexington Cholera epidemic July of 1849. I am sure he was buried in haste at Richland's little cemetery and never had a proper service. Thus, Susan has Mr./Rev Bullock to so in May of 1850. Evan's Aunt Susanna (Aunt Susan) Hart Shelby Fishback) who lives in Lexington) is easy to confuse as both are called Susan. The James O. Harrison's are related in that Margaretta Ross Harrison is first cousin to Evan and his siblings (their mothers were sisters). Wt. Hill stands for Walnut Hill where Mr. James (Joe) Bullock is the preacher. She often goes there when she does not go into town to Christ Church Where Mr. Berkeley is the preacher.

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January 1st Tuesday. Ma & Busy still with me –we read Ivanhoe while the others served, Evan, Ike and Morry gone to town. Wed, 2nd A large party called on us in sleighs consisting of Sarah McClure, Lucy & Sally Carr, three Mr. Todhunters, a Dr. Layton & a Mr. Carlisle. They invited Busy & myself to ride with them we did so & called on Mrs. Kerl (where Jane K. joined us) & afterwards went to Richland & Mr. C. Carr's. The whole party joined by young Mr. C. Carr came

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back & took tea at our house. She also came down. Thurs. 3rd A heavy fall of snow. Friday Dr. Prewitt called on Busy – then Ike & Morry came & dined with us. before dinner B & myself took a sleigh ride with the former. Finished Ivanhoe. Sat 4th (5) Mr. E. Field came out to see Busy & stayed to dinner. Read some of new numbers of Littell. Sun. 5 (6). Ordered the carriage to go to Wt (Walnut) Hill but was disappointed First found that one of the horses has been driven away, then that another was lame, so

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finally gave up in despair – Edmund Shelby went by on his way to college in Danville Read aloud the “Double Witness to the Church” by the Rev. Wm. Kip. Snow Mon 6th (7) Cold drizzling again! disappointed in our expectation of getting ice. Tues 7 (8). Rain again! Evan dined with Ike & Morry & we read Rienzi. After dinner the gentlemen came down – Wed. 8 (9). M.P. & myself took a long walk. Evan, Ike & Morry went to town & E. came back with Broaddus in his buggy &

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brought me a letter from Jane Mitchell (who now lives in Philadelphia) in answer to mine. Ike sent down two from Susan & one from Richard. Thurs. 9 (10) Daniel came with Ma's horses & she commenced getting ready. Uncle Tom called & Busy, Evan & me took a ride on horseback. They left after dinner to my actual sorrow.

Walked with M. P. & by 4 o'clock it was raining. What a sudden change from a cloudless sky to rain! all in a few hours. Learned a new song "Good Bye"

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Friday 10(11) Received a long note from Elizabeth – Rain!

Dave Cole one of the hired hands taken sick. Ike came down to dinner & brought "Shirley" a new novel by the author of "Jane Eyre" Sat. 11(12). Evan gone to town. Quite a pleasant day. At night a letter from Susan & some nice things for M. P. Answered Susan's letter after supper –

Sunday 12.(13) Cold & still snowing, it having fallen already 4 inches. By night it was 8 inches deep. Mon Went to town with Evan, &

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the first time in seven weeks. It was extremely difficult for the horses to get along as no road had been made through the snow. After 2 hours ride reached Ma's. Found all well As Elizabeth was not in town I immediately proposed going out to see her, so as soon as we changed horses went through snow & ice. Had delicious venison for dinner & a delightful visit. Returned to town by ½ past 3 but did not get off until ½ past 4. Isaac came out with us & we started without difficulty until we got in the pastures,

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when the horses refused to pull & Evan, M. P. & myself had to walk some distance but arrived safely at last.

Tues. Clear & cold. Ike eat dinner with us. In the afternoon a drizzling rain. Wed. Snow melting fast & sun shining.

But rain at night. Thurs.

Warm and cloudy. Mashed my finger after dinner, could not sew & so devoted myself to Shirley an interesting work.

Friday Warm and cloudy. Cohen came to buy wood out of the clearing. Finished Shirley – Quite unwell. Sat Col &

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cloudy – Evan gone to town. Mrs. Martin called by a few minutes. also R. Boggs. E. returned without a note from Ma.

Sunday. Rain! rain! Spent a quiet & happy day. Mon.

Cloudy. Ike eat dinner with us. After supper the sky

clear. Tuesday. Clear & pleasant. Made arrangement to go to Uncle Tom's but all the family went to town.

Ike & Evan went to Mr. Isaac's to see after some stray cattle & came back to dinner. Wed-

nesday. Ike and E. gone to town Wrote a letter of 4 pages to Cousin Maria Jones in

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Paducah. A visit from Liz & Mr. Kinkead. E.(Evan) brought letter from Susan (Carter). She had been to N. Orleans & returned to Helena. Thursday. Ike started to Cincinnati where he has sent his fat cattle.

Friday. Rain again! Read Lamartine. Saturday – Cloudy,

Evan gone up to see one of Ike's little negroes who is ill. After dinner rode to Uncle Tom's on horseback to see young Tom & his bride (Miss Fanny Todd that was from Illinois.) Much pleased with her. Sunday 27. E. & myself went to town but

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did not get off till so late – that by the time I reached Ma's & changed my dress it was 10 minutes of 12. It so happened that the furnaces managed by our new sexton smoked so as to drive many out of the church. They stood at the door until they breathed a little pure air, as they returned I went with them & no one knew how late I was. Mr. Cummins of Ohio preached from the text "Search the scriptures daily." & again in the afternoon from the words "Who is sufficient for these

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things." He has the manner of an Eastern clergyman who thinks a noisy declaration rude from the pulpit. In the evening went with Sal, Mr. Cronly and Mr. Athey to the 2nd Presbyterian Church. Mr. Brown's assistant was absent & Mr. Coons of Nicholasville supplied his place. His text "What shall I do to be saved?" Mon. 28 rain! By 10 cleared off & Sis (Elizabeth) came in with her children. Busy and myself did some shopping & called at Mrs. Searles & Mrs. Harpers. After dinner

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Evan, Boon, Busy & myself with all the children went up to the Melodeon to see T. Thumb. There was a crowd assembled but as he performed upon a raised platform, all saw him distinctly. At first I thought him a fat overgrown child. But soon saw that notwithstanding his childish voice, he had the sense of one of more advanced years. First he represented a plainly dressed gentleman; strutted about, sang & danced the polka. Then, Napoleon in military costume, then Frederick the Great bend-

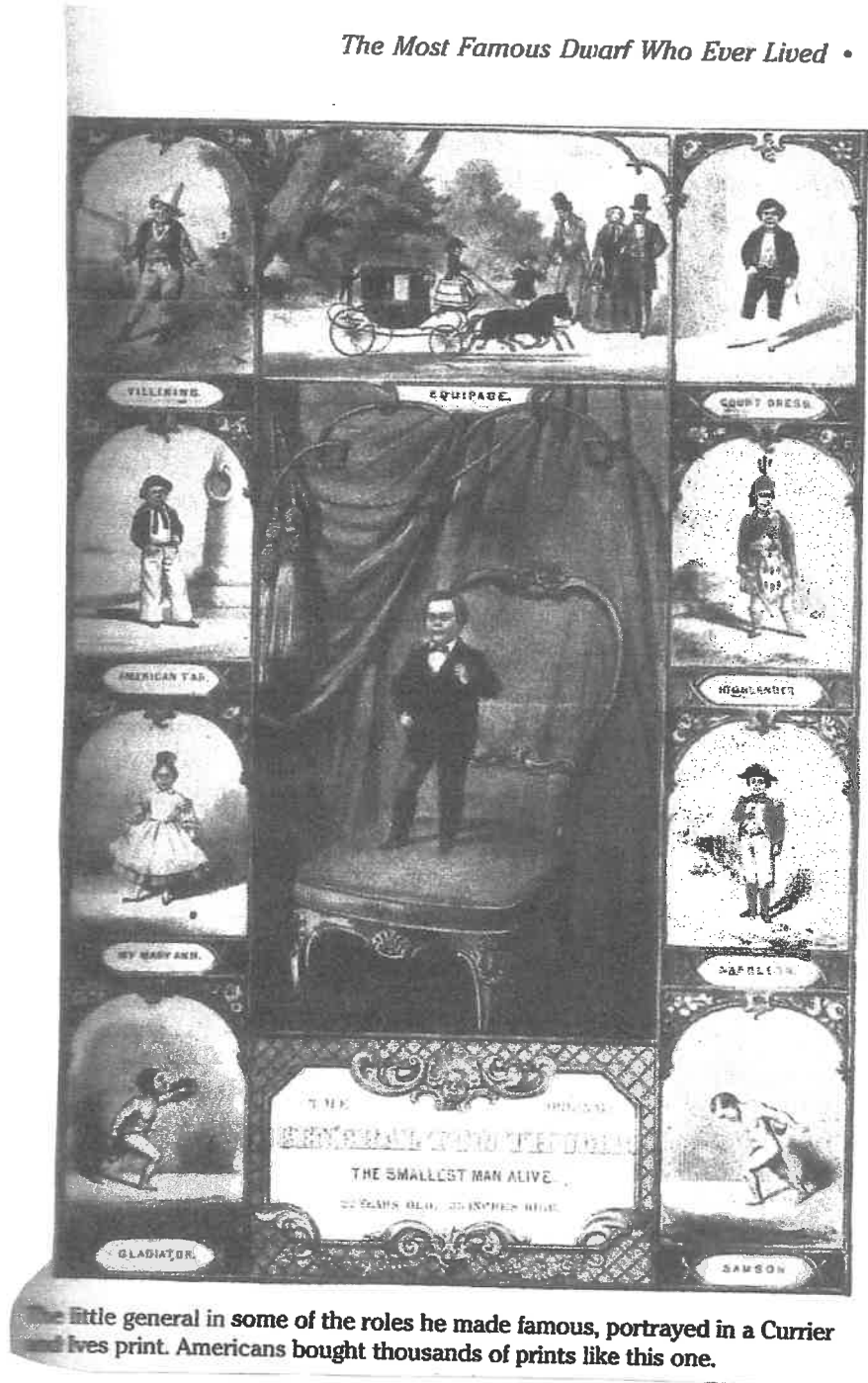
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ing under the weight of years which he acted to perfection. Then a student of Oxford in a characteristic dress, then came out dressed in silk stockings & represented Grecian & Roman statues. His agility proved that he had the command of his muscles that few grown men can boast of. He "Serce" (?) as the little general termed it lasted 2 hours. The closing scene was a representation of a Highlander in full military dress, the latter presented to him in Edinburgh.

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& valued at 1300 dollars. It was inlaid with silver & precious stones. His music teacher accompanied him & plays on an Elian attachment which he dances & sings. He looked larger on the platform than when he stationed himself at the door, sold books containing a history of himself

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The little general in some of the roles he made famous, portrayed in a Currier and Ives print. Americans bought thousands of prints like this one.

& kissed the ladies as a receipt for the money. He is said to be 28 inches high & 15 lbs weight. His court dress in which he appeared before the crowned heads of Europe is brilliant with

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jewels. The presents he had received from them & other distinguished persons are shown in two glass cases – consisting of watches, chains, cases rings, snuff boxes, card-cases, riding whips &c &c It was nearly 5 o'clock when we left there so concluded to stay all night. Went up to Aunt Susan's with Sal & Evan – There met with Cosby and Letitia Todd. After supper E & myself went up to Miss Sydney's & spent the evening Then met with Ann Pickett & her mother & had a pleas-

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ant visit. There was a fire near the Asylum & great fear lest it was that building. Tues. 29 Another bright day. A call from Mrs. Harrison, Mrs. Letcher & Robinson. Started home before dinner – arrived at ½ past 2 Cousin Ike – tea with us. Wed. 30 The cold I took yesterday fearfully increased – I cannot speak above a whisper. Sent to Uncle Tom for his prescription for sore throat & hoarseness & Liz Kinkead kindly sent me a gargle, which has done me

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good. Thurs. 31st Clear & cloudy alternately. My cold better. Evan suffering intensely with a return of Neuralgia – Friday 1st day of Feb. Evan 26 years old. Windy & warm. Cold almost well. Tom S. (Shelby, Jr.) called by with Cosby in his new buggy for which he gave \$200.00. Sat. 2nd Warm & cloudy. Cousin Ike called by for Evan to go to town with him As he wanted to have a teeth(?) drawn he went with him. I was anxious if possible to be at church, as it was Communion Sunday so packed up

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after he left & went in to Ma's. There met with Elizabeth & her family – she had come in to stay until after her confinement. Went to Cochran's and did some shopping & passed the remainder of the day delightfully with my dear Mother & Sisters Sunday 3rd A bitter cold day. Walked to church – heard an excellent sermon from Mr. Berkeley but rather short as it was communion Sunday – immediately after dinner prepared to come home – the driver was not ready until 5 o'clock &

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by that time the cold was intense. Got in however & tried to start, but the horses were not willing. I got out in order to give them an opportunity of pitching & tearing to their satisfaction before I ventured again. They broke the harnesses however, & carried on so, that I thought

it most prudent to re-
main & send the driver &
horses home & risk getting
an opportunity of returning.
Read aloud in the evening
from an interesting work
from the "Parish Library"

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Monday 4th Said to be the
coldest day we have had this
winter. & so I gave up all
ideas of returning. Sat down
to my sewing & after dinner
went up street with Busy
to do some shopping and
afterwards called at Keiser's
to see Georgia Warner, Mary
Mitchell & F. Bodley. That
evening Busy had a call
from Mr. Cronly -- Tues 5th
Still very cold, determined
to go home but about two
o'clock Elizabeth was taken
sick & continued getting
worse until four in the

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afternoon when she gave birth
to a fine son which we
called Henry after his father.
But Boon came in at night
& was so delighted at finding
the stranger a man-child
(or at least my being the
first to inform him of the
fact) that he said he would
call it Evan. Mrs. Flem-
ming is staying to nurse
E. & the little one -- Busy
went to a "Tableaux" at Chiles
with R. Athey. Wed. 6th The
weather moderated considerable
& as E. was doing very well
I came out home in our Car-
riage with Ma's horses, har

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ness & driver. Had a very cold ride – got home at 2 o'clock – Found to my delight – the ice house filled & to my vexation, Lucy laid up & the house neglected & disordered. Ike called before supper.

Thursday 7th Windy and warm. Rain before dinner.

Bound my new blankets.

Read in the "Littells"

that Busy lent me. Ike came & eat supper with us.

Friday 8th Warm & a little rain. Dr. Harrison called to see Sarah's child & pronounced it scrofulent. Ike walked down in the pouring rain &

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eat supper with us. Sat 9

Evan rode up to Ike's & brought him down to eat dinner

with us. Sun. 10. Cold &

snowy. Stayed at home & read & in the afternoon

walked for exercise. Mon.

Evan & Ike gone to town on horseback & to my infinite

delight Sal came out to spend the day with me.

I urged her to stay all night & she did so – Evan

brought me back a letter from Susan. Busy & me

sat up till 1 o'clock & had a delightful time.

Tues. Cosby came & passed

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the day with me. Busy played battle door with Evan & Isaac.

Busy left soon after dinner

& Cosby quite early. Wed 12(13)

Damp & rainy. Mended &

sewed. Thurs Cloudy

& cold. Snow in the afternoon.

Friday 14(15) Cloudy & cold.

Ike & Morry came our from town – sent to Swift's for my feathers. Commenced reading "Napoleon's 1812" Sat. 15(16). Clear & cold. Evan gone to town. Stuffed the feather bed & enjoyed the sight of it very much. A call from little Ike – Evan brought a note from Busy &

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a letter from Susan. Sat up late reading "1812". Sun. Bright & not very cold Started to town with fear and trembling with the old harness a new driver & over such rough roads. Left at ½ pass 8 & did not get to town till ½ pass 10. Found Sis & the babe very well but Ma suffering from her cold. Miss Davis was sewing for Sis or rather had been the week before. Went to church & had an excellent sermon from Mr. Berkeley. Returned home just at dark. Mon. First rain then snow, then wind & sunshine.

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Altered Ike new shirts – He and Morry came down to dinner. Played graces. At night clear again after a cloudy afternoon. Wed.20 Clear & pleasant Ike & Morry came down & eat dinner with us & told us all about the wedding of (Miss Marshall to a deaf & dumb man) that they attended the evening before. Evan & M.P. & myself took a long walk. After dinner Evan went to Athens & little Ike called by on his way to Mrs. Rodes to the party given to the bride. Thurs. Rain. Evan, Ike & Morry went to town in the carriage. Read "Life of Franklin"

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Friday. Tolerably pleasant. Made Evan's pantaloons. Sat. Clear & mild. Had the pantry thoroughly cleaned. Liz Kinkead called by on her way to Woodford. After dinner took a long walk to the clearing with M. P. Evan came home with a carriage for me to look at. I was delighted with it as it was the very thing I wanted.

Sun. 24 – Went in it to town & never felt more independent. Heard Mr. Berkeley morning & evening. Stayed all night. Elizabeth not well. Mon. Sal & myself went to the Mantua makers & shopping. Then called to see Mary Baldwin.

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at Mrs. Wooleys. Heard a great deal of my friends, the Smith's of Louisville. Went to see J. Elliott & A. Legrand. Found Ann Pickett & G. Warner at Ma's when I got back. After dinner Mr. Harrison called Started home at ½ past 4. Ike came out with us. Had quite a violent thunder storm after supper. Tues 26th Had a turkey killed, made some pastry and invited Morry & Ike to dinner. They came & after dinner we all took a long ride. M. P. sick in the night from eating too much toasted cheese for supper. Wed. Soon well again

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Rain & wind. Played games for exercise as I could not get out. Thurs. 28. Rain, thunder & lightening alternately. After dinner Evan & myself rode up to Ike's. Finished M. P.'s alpaca

apron in the evening. Between
8 & 9 a terrible storm; by 10
the moon was shining. Irregular
winter weather indeed! Friday
Clear & windy. Morry & Ike
came down. After dinner went
with the former to see Jane
Kerl. Found her at home &
sat an hour. When I got back
Cosby came by with Aunt
Susan, Virginia & Letitia Todd
& invited me to dine the next

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day – Clear at night. Sat. Quite
threatening. Went down to
Uncle Tom's in my carriage
& felt grateful that I had such
a comfortable way of getting
about. Had a pleasant day.
After supper cloudy & cold.

Sun. Steady drizzling rains. As
it was not the first Sun. in the month
went in notwithstanding; found
all well. As Evan had to come
in the next day I stayed all
night. Went to church morn
& afternoon & heard two good
sermons from Mr. Berkeley. At
night went with Sal & Mr. C. (Cronly) to
the Presbyterian church & heard
the best sermon I have listened to

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for months. It was from Mr.
Breckenridge.

Mon morn – Tolerably clear. Busy & my-
self went up street & did some
shopping. Got my dress from the
mantua makers. After dinner
went up to see Mary Ingels.

Came out very early. Morry &
Ike came that night to eat oysters.

Tues 5th March. Pleasant

Morry & Ike eat dinner with us –
dreadful storm in the evening

Wed – Still raining & blowing –
Wrote to Jane Mitchell. Sold
Mrs. Bullock 8 lbs of butter.

Thurs. Wrote to Lizzie Smith.
After dinner M. Cosby, Liz K.

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& Fanny Shelby came up to see me – The night clear. Friday 8th A lovely day Ike and Morry eat dinner with us. After which Evan, Morry & myself went to see little Ike & big Ike went to McClure's. 9th Evan quite sick Sun 10. A beautiful day – As E was still sick did not go to church. Walked with him & M. P. Ike and Morry came down Mon. Another pleasant day. We all went to town. Found Sis there & Ma & B getting ready to come out. Susan returned (from Ark.) B & myself called on her at Mr. Harrison's. M. P. came out with her & Evan & I

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I stayed to finish my shopping – Tues. Pleasant again – Left town at 10 o'clock. Stopped at Richland & dined – Was delighted to find M. P. safe and sound. It was the first time she had ever slept away from me. Wed. Rain – Thurs. Susan & Ike dined with us. After dinner Liz K., Cosby & F. Shelby came up to see Susan. Friday – Rain – Sat. Rain in the morning. Susan & Ike came down after dinner. Sun. Ma, Busy & myself went to Wh Hill. S. & Ike on horseback. They came down & stayed to dinner. Mon. Tolerably clear Susan & Ike

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came down in the afternoon & Mr. Cronly early in the morning & spent the day. Tues. Pleasant Dinner at Richland & had a long ride after our return in the carriage through McCann's

& Cohen's clearings – Wednesday

Evan, Ike & Susan gone to town.

Thurs. Ike & S came & stayed

to supper. Friday. Rain. Mr.

Cronly came in the afternoon

& stayed all night. Sat. Ike

& E. went to town in carriage

Susan came and dined & stayed

all night. C. Armstrong took

tea with us. Sun. Busy, Susan &

myself went to town to church. B.

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& I after church went out to Elizabeth's

through a cold snow storm. Found

them all well – Returned home in the

afternoon. Stopped at Richland. Mon

Evan, Susan & Ike went to town. Tues.

Susan & Ike came and passed the evening

Wed. Susan came down & stayed all

night. Thurs. Susan – still with us.

Ike detained in town on the jury. Friday

unpleasant. Sat. Susan went in with

Uncle Tom in his carriage & stayed

all night. Sun. morn Busy & myself

went in to (Christ) Church. It was Easter Sunday

& Susan was baptized & communed. I

was very much pleased to see her

make a profession of religion. She &

Ike came out with Morry in his rock-

away & Busy & me returned alone &

long before sunset. The next day Morry

came down for us to go up and spend

the day at Richland & took us two

delightful rides – Had a nice dinner

& passed a pleasant day – Tues. Susan

came & stayed all night & Morry & Ike

went to town. Wed. Susan went up home

Busy drove Ma in the butcher's wagon –

out to the clearing and afterwards

Busy & myself took a ride on horseback

Thurs. Evan drove us in it several

moles on the pike. Mr. Cronly came &

stayed all day. Susan went in to

stay. Ike dined with us & after dinner

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went to see Cosby & Fanny Todd.

Sat. Went to Athens shopping

& got caught in the pouring rain

& had my bonnet ruined. Found goods in Athens cheaper than in Lex. Mr. Cronly came soon after dinner & stayed all night. Sunday. Went to Wt Hill & heard a good sermon from Mr. Bullock. Took a walk with Evan in the afternoon. Mon. April 8th Ma, Busy, M. P. & myself went to town I stayed in & went to Elizabeth's to dinner, returned in time to go to see Susan. Mr. Cronly came after supper & I read aloud to Ma. Tues. Shopped in the morning & after dinner were going to Mrs. Harrison's to supper but the snow and rain prevented. Busy read "Graham" after supper. Wed. Elizabeth, B. & myself went shopping as usual. Called to see Susan & she came down to dinner with us. Ma had a visit from Mrs McClure who is staying in town at Chiles. Came out home. Thurs. April 11th A beautiful day! Evan gone to town to be a witness in the suit of McCann against Hudson. Amused myself having the house cleaned. After dinner M. Cosby walked up to see me – I walked part of the way home with her. Received a letter from my dr friend Lizzie Smith. In the evening a note from

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Elizabeth. Friday In the morning clear & pleasant, but by afternoon Rain & storm – Rode up to see Milly & found her very low. Ike eat dinner with us – Sat. Evan & Ike gone to town – E. sent in a load of wheat. Went up to see M. – again & thought her dying. Read Eclectic in evening Sun. Bright & cold – went to town to church – there met Elizabeth & family. Heard a good sermon from Mr. Berkeley. Went to see Susan after dinner & returned home through a snow storm an unusual thing for the middle of April. Mon 15th Sun shining & the ground covered with snow – At 12 o'clock, warm & no trace of the snow storm – Took a walk with Evan

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& M. P. & L. Tinker – Ike called down –
Quite unwell – Tues. 16th Went to
town in the carriage with Isaac, Evan
& M. P. Ma & Busy were getting ready
to go to Elizabeth's but declined the visit
Busy & myself went shopping & paid
Susan a visit. After dinner also did a
little shopping & returned home through
the rain. (Servant) Milly died last night.
Wed. – Windy – Read, sewed &
walked. Thurs. – Rode to Athens

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in the morning with Evan
& bought clothes for the
women – After dinner rode
up to Mrs. Webb's at the
Toll-gate. Ploughed the garden
Friday. Rain – Sent George
to Athens for my purchases.
Sat. Rain in the morning. After
dinner E. & myself went to town –
Found that Ma & Sal were at Maple
Hill, went out & stayed all night.
Had oysters at 11 & return at 12
after a good romp with E & Busy.
Sun. Came to town early & heard
an excellent sermon from the text
"Ask & ye shall receive." Elizabeth
went out home after dinner & Susan
came down. Returned by sun-
down. Mon. Weather threatening
Evan's fine big horse died last night.
Tues. – Rain – Wed. Tolerably clear
Made our garden. April 24th
Have always made it the 1st of
the month heretofore. Mr. Cronly
paid us a visit. Thurs. Rain.
Evan summoned as a witness in
an important Law suit, went to
town with him – found Ma well
& went with Busy & herself (M.P.?) to pass

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the day with Susan. Had a plea-
sant visit – After dinner went
down street with Busy & Susan
Returned to Susan's & heard
that Evan could not go out &
went down street & bought M.

P. a bonnet, left at Mrs. Fudger's to be trimmed & took tea at Susan's She went to Ma's with us & stayed all night. After supper Ike Busy Evan & myself went to see Miss Sydney but not finding her home went up to Aunt S's (Fishback) where we found Susan S. & Mrs. Thompson, her aunt. Next came Mr. Grigsby – then Mr. Hart & then Mrs. Breckenridge. Mr Cronly who accompanied us escorted us home & gave us some music on the flute. Friday – Susan, Busy & myself did a little shopping & then she returned home. Ma Busy, M. P. & myself went out to Elizabeth's – She was suffering with a headache. Returned after dinner & rode out to the Episcopal burying ground & then to the New Cemetery – came out by sunset – found all safe. Saturday. Evan went to Clarke's Read Littell. Sun. E. went away on business & I went to town for Ma & Busy. It stormed so that I

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was compelled to stay all night. Returned early Mon. morn accompanied by Ma & Busy. Met Evan going in. Called on Mrs. C. Carr as we came out. Busy & I took a walk in the afternoon – Tues – Went out to see Mr. Lutz survey. We discovered the correctness of his former survey & settled the question as to the proper boundaries between the two grounds & this cut off about 20 acres from our side. One discovery that he made in some measure reconciled us to the disposition, as that the tract contained 100 acres more than we thought. Wed. 1st May Went up to help Ike prepare for a dinner party – the dinner was elegant but only 2 gentlemen came. After dinner went to the May-day celebration at Wt. Hill. There were a great many persons assembled to witness the coronation.

The Queen, a Miss Ware from Lex.
& a pretty girl – Partook of the refresh-
ments & passed a pleasant evening.

Thurs. Another bright day! Friday

Took a ride. Sat. Rain! Evan, Ike
& Morry went to town in the carriage.

Sun. So much rain that we

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could not get in. Mon. Pleasant
Evan went to Richmond. Tues. A
pleasant day again. Went to Un-
cle Tom's in the ox-cart Fanny
not at home. Mr. Cronly came
by the time we returned & stayed all
night. Wed. Rain! Mr. C. returned
in the afternoon. Thurs. Ike & Evan
gone to town on horseback – Finish-
ed planting Corn before dinner. Went up
to help Ike with his planting Friday

Rain! Sat. E & Ike gone to town
again. Dined with Mr. & Mrs. Reily
at Susan's – Sun. Busy went on

alone as I was not very well in-
tending to bring Sis Ingels out
with her – but returned without

her as she was going back to Paris
next day. Mon. Evan, Ike & Busy
gone to town in carriage. Ma and Busy
stayed with me until the next Mon

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but stayed to hear Mr. Bullock preach
Col. Carter's funeral service at Susan's
request or rather she reminded him
of her husband's wish that he should
do so. Mon. A pleasant day – went
to town in Ma's carriage & went im-
mediately out to Elizabeth's & spent
the day – Returned in the afternoon to
Ma's. Susan came & stayed all night
Tues. Went up to see Susan then over

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to Mrs. Harrison's to see Ellen Reily &
her friend Mrs. Gray from Texas – They
were not at home. After dinner did
some shopping. Wed. E. Reily, Mrs.
Gray & Mrs. Harrison called at Ma's & E.
drove in with the children. After din-
ner we all walked up to Susan's –

Elizabeth went out that night. Thurs.
spent the day with Susan. Friday.
Went out to Elizabeth's, Ma on horseback,
Busy, M. P. & myself walking. Stayed
all night. Sat. Went in & found
that E had come the day before
but the carriage was not done. It
was at the carriage maker's getting
painted. He & Susan came down to-
gether & I spent the morning.
After dinner A. Darby came to pass
the evening & Susan came prepared
to come out with us. Started out
at ½ past 5 – reached home before
sunset. Sun. Did not go to church
as there was no preaching in the
neighborhood. In the afternoon con-
trary to all ideas of sight walked
with Susan up to Ike's. Mon. Susan
not well – Sent invitation to town
for E. Reily & Mrs. Gray & Mrs. Harrison
to dine with me. They sent
their acceptance in the afternoon
Tues – made pastry, ice cream &c
for desert. Prepared chickens, a

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boiled leg of mutton, roasted ducks
& baked ham. They came at 11 o'
clock – (only Mr. & Mrs. R & Mrs. G)
& stayed to tea. Susan went in
with them. Wed. Worked in the
garden after a fruitless effort to
get to town in the carriage. Snap a
viscous creature was put in
place of Jake & together with Bob cut
up such capers that we came near
being killed. The carriage was broken
& part of the harness. Had the as-
paragus bed made & replaced cucum-
bers. Went to see Cosby & Mrs. Todd
in the afternoon. Thurs. E went to town.
Had the strawberry bed prepared
in the garden. Friday E. went with
Morry & Ike to separate cattle & they
came back to tea. Sat. June 1st E. went
to the river. Cosby sent Tom up for me
to come & pass the day with her & Mrs. T. –
Fanny Shelby's mother. Passed a delight-
ful day. They came up with me as far
as little Ike's where I paid a short

visit with them. Sun. Went to Lex.
Mr. Berkeley was away – went to
hear Mr. Marshall, the Reformed
preacher – Returned in the af-
ternoon & Miss Davis with one to
do my sewing. Mon. A very
sick child – great apprehensions

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of cholera. Tues – A call from
Mrs. Todd of Illinois & her
daughter Mrs. F. Shelby, also
a visit from M. Cosby &
her father. Wed. Not well – had
white washing done. Thurs. Set
my house to rights. Elizabeth
& Boon came out. Friday. Boon
returned – Cloudy – a little hope of
rain. Liz & myself took a walk.
Sat. Made 4 bottles strawberry preserves.
A slight rain – After dinner, a call
from Fanny Shelby & Cosby in the
morning. Sun Morn. Went in
with Liz & Miss D. in Ma's car-
riage. Attended church but once
as Mr. Berkeley was not well.
Mon. Sis came in – did some
shopping & then made several
calls – Went to Edward John-
son's & admired his new house
more than H. Bell's. Called on
Mrs. Joel Johnson & her family.
on Mrs. P. Dudley &c. Also went
to see Susan. Returned home late
in the evening. Tues. Too clear for
rain. Wed. clear again. Called
at Uncle Tom's – Thurs. Cloudy
Friday – Mr. Sykes came over and
painted my back rooms.
Ike & Morry called – Rain.

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a glorious rain! Sat. More
rains to the delight of all. Set
out a strawberry bed & several
hundred cabbage plants. Sun.
Went to town with Evan & Miss
Davis who is sewing for me &
came in a hard rain 3 or 4 miles –
Found Ma & all well. Heard

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Mr. Berkeley preach – returned
in the afternoon Mon 17th
Miss Davis and the painter busy at
work. Ike & Morry called –
Tues. Evan went to the river –
Fanny S. & Tom called by to see if
I would go to Mr. Bullock's the
next evening. Wed. E. Gone to
buy sheep among the river hills.
Returned before supper & went
over to Mr. Bullocks with me
Morry & Ike also went with us.
Was highly entertained with the
recitations – the young ladies
performed their parts admirably
particularly Miss Elston & Miss
Coleman, the leaders of the two
parties – the houses of York and
Lancaster I could not determine
which party acquitted themselves
with the most credit. Met there
with a great many acquaintances
Did not return until nearly mid-
night. Thurs. Took a pleasant
ride & fished a little in Ike's

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pond. Marshall still painting
Fanny Shelby passed the
day with me. Evan went to
town. Little Ike & Will Bullock
came by & took tea. Friday. Warm
& a slight shower. Sat. Evan
went to the speaking at
Athens – I put in flower seeds.
Sun. 23 June. Went to town –
All well – Heard Chadbourn of
Maysville preach. He visits
Lex. to get fund for his church.
Mon. Very unexpectedly went
in & passed the day – Called on
the bride Mrs. Henry Turner.
Returned by moonlight & had a
delightful ride. Tues. E. Gone
to the river, the painter commenced
on the shutters. Wed. Ike
& Morry called – a shower in the af-
ternoon. Thurs. Rain again. Friday
sewed & read. Sat. Evan, Ike & Morry went
to town. Hiring the shutters & Mr. Sykes
finished painting. Sun. June 30

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(Sunday, June 30)

Miss Davis & myself went in – Called at Susan's & there saw Mr. & Mrs. Grey. Mr. Berkeley did not preach but Mr. Chadbourn from Maysville. Was anxious to here McClung from N. York who preached at Brown's church but would not leave my own. Returned late in the evening & Miss D. with

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me to finish Ike's sewing. Mon. Rain! Morry out again. Tues. Evan gone to town in the carriage Wed. Rain – Called at Ike's – Thurs. Sewed & read – Friday – Made jelly & had a visit from Ma, Busy & my old acquaintance Louisa Smith now Mrs. Green – Sat. Mr. & Mrs. Joe Bullock, M. Satterwhite &c passed the evening with us. Dr's Harrison & Annan called again to see Berry – Thought he would recover. Violent Thunder storm & lightening with considerable rain – Went to town – Heard Mr. B. preached Ma came out with me Mon. E went in & brought Busy out, also Morry & Ike. Tues. went down to see Fanny Shelby. A visit from Mr. Cronly in the afternoon Wed. Passed the day at Mrs. McClure's – Ike drove Ma, Busy & M. P. & myself in the carriage – Had a delightful time but the road was dreadful. Thurs. Took a pleasant ride. In the evening Mr. Cronly came. Friday Rode to big Ike's & little Ike's – In the afternoon they were both here – Mr. Cronly went in on horseback & Busy, Evan & myself in carriage

(Sunday, July 7)

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Did our shopping, called at Mrs. Verbours(?) & dined with Mrs. Darby. Rain after dinner Sun. Passed the day quietly at home. Mon. Sewed & read – Tues. Went to town in carriage with Evan & Busy. Did our shopping & then called

(Sunday, July 14)

on Mrs. Lloyd Warfield, Mrs. Dr. Bell & Mrs. Bobb & Worthington at the hotel. Then went out to Elizabeth's & they had just done dinner – Came in early as she had engaged to take tea at Mrs. Turner's. Came home by dark. Mr. Cronly rode out with us on horseback. Wed. Very hot! Thurs. Ike came down & told us Morry was sick with cholera-morbus. Evan quite sick – took medicine. Friday. Still very unwell. Sat. Evan no better. Mr. Turner the Independent candidate had stayed all night but he was not well enough to see him. Fanny Shelby & Tom took tea with us – Mr. Cronly also came out and stayed all night. Sun. E. better Mr. C., Ma, Sal, M. P. & myself went to Mt. Hill but were disappointed. Mr. B.(Bullock) was too unwell to preach. Mr. C. stayed all night. Mon. E. almost well. Mr. C. returned – Tues. Went to town. Wed. A letter from Lizzie saying she could be here on Friday – Thurs. Cosby came up. Friday. E.

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came out & passed the day. Busy & E. went in after dinner for Lizzie but could not find her. Sat. Read & made preserves. Sun. Went in & met Lizzie at church – E. came in & spent the day – Took Lizzie our with us. Mon. Isaac called & Mr. Cronly stayed all night – Enjoyed to the utmost my dear friend's I grown among, we – E., Ma, Busy remained with us ten days – at the expiration of that time we all went to Estill, that is; Ma, Busy; Lizzie, Mr. Cronly, Evan, M. P. & myself – Had a crowded stage but were almost repaid for the unpleasantness of the ride by the beautiful scenery as we approached Estill. Reached there at sunset & were surprised to see a larger company on the front gallery all curiosity to see who had arrived. Found difficulty in getting rooms &

(Sunday, July 28)

indeed had not that pleasure until the 3rd day after our arrival. There with 450 persons there & only accommodations for 300. Met a great many pleasant acquaintances & took many a pleasant walk. The chalybeate spring was situated in a mountain gorge & completely shaded by forest trees. The water was not as strong as at Esculapia but the white

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sulphur was quite as good. The buildings are almost equal to those at Blue Lick. The young people were very gay, playing cards, drinking champagne & dancing every evening. The fare was very indifferent – fruits & vegetables scarce – Lizzie Smith & Busy went up two mountains to enjoy the fine view of the scenery from their summits – I did not venture for fear of fatiguing myself – Returned on Thursday (8th) in the stage – Were not much crowded & had a pleasant ride – Found all well at home except Little Jimmy who was recovering from an attack of fever. Glad to find that the ice was not gone. Ma & Busy had stayed at Estill. L. & myself very lonely without them – though we enjoyed each other's society extremely. Went to town Sunday (11th) & there met with Elizabeth & the children. Went to church and heard Mr. Berkeley preach. Eat dinner at White Hall, & called to see Susan & E. Reilly in the afternoon, although I am opposed to Sabbath visiting, but I was afraid S. was hurt with me for not going up to dinner. Mon. Aug. 12th Went to town again. Shopped in the morning with Elizabeth, went to the Cemetery & then Lizzie & myself called at Mrs. Dunham's & dined with Susan, where we met with Ellen R.

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& her husband – Tues. 13th Went in to attend the party at H. Johnson's – Elizabeth came in & stayed all night & entertained Lizzie while

I went to the party. There I saw Miss Sallie Ward (alias Mrs. Lawrence). She was painted in a very unbecoming manner & dressed genteelly for her. Did not come home until late Wed. evening. Thurs. 15 Passed the day quietly at home. Friday – Took a ride on horseback & went to Lex. after dinner to attend the party at E. Johnson's given to Miss S.W. (Sally Ward). E. came in again & stayed all night. Mr. Cronly, Evan & myself went to the party. It was the first they had given in their new house & was a brilliant affair, supper elegant & music delightful. The star, Miss S. was dressed like an opera dancer in a short dress, hooked with silver & gold anklets set with diamonds. She was very familiar with the gentlemen, danced the polka & altogether was quite disgusting – Her sister Mrs. Throckmorton was much prettier than her. (three lines crossed out – Aug 1st my 26th birth day, can scarcely realize it – Amanda had a habit of taking notes for here diary entries and this was probably was meant for the time they were at Estill with Lizzie) Aug. 17 (Sat) – Lizzie heard from home & also from her Aunt Staples in R. I. who is ill. Sun. 18 She heard on our way to Lex. of death. It distressed her severely, as she had so lately passed a year with her & felt towards her as a sister. Mon. Were in town & frequently through the week. I valued her so-

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ciety more & more as the time drew near for her departure. Went in Friday afternoon. Sat. Aug. 24th Got up at 5 o'clock to see my dear friend L to the cars, & regretted extremely to say farewell. Went out to Elizabeth's & returned after supper through a thunder storm to see Ma & B who had just returned from Estill. They were well but had been in jeopardy as the stage driver ran a race & came near having a collision galloping down a steep hill – After the storm was over B., Mr. C. & myself went up street to see some fine

paintings but the Melodeon was closed – then went to the ice cream saloon – Returned the next day (Sun), after having dined with Susan – Mon – Very busy having my house cleaned – Tues. Called on Mr. & Mrs. Jones at Mrs. Bullock's & invited them to dine with us the next day – they accepted & we went on to Lex. & stayed till sunset. Prevailed upon Ma & B. to come out & assist me – also purchased some splendid fruit. Wed. A pleasant day. Mr. & Mrs. J, Mrs. Bullock & Mrs. Barry passed the day – also my friend Mrs. Dr. Darby came accidentally & Mr. Cronly remained to dinner – After dinner Mr. & Mrs. Armstrong

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came & stayed all night – Spent the evening dancing & singing – Thurs. They left just before the rain commenced which lasted all day – Friday, Rain again. Sat. Cloudy & about 11 a steady rain commenced – At 12 o'clock Mrs. & Mrs. Jones, Mrs. Bullock & Mrs. Barry came by to get shelter as Mr. Jones was driving I insisted upon their staying to dinner & they did so & we had a pleasant day – Mr. Jones sang charmingly Sun. Ma, B. & myself went in, they stayed but I returned – Went in again Mon - & Ma hearing of a case of cholera very near her came out with me again – Tues. went down to see Fanny Shelby's sister, Mrs. Grimsley at Uncle Tom's Wed. Ellen (Reilly) & Susan & Mr. R. came out & dined – Thurs. Mr. Cronly came & stayed all night – Friday - Mr. C. spent the day – After dinner I went on old Mary with George for an escort to see M. E. Young. She was not at home & I went to Wt. Hill & took tea – Then became acquainted with Mrs. F. Blair of St. Louis. Returned very late & felt rather alarmed – Met Mr. C. going home – Sat. stewed tomatoes to put up for soup. Sun. all went in – heard of 16 deaths at hospital from Cholera of a most

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malignant form – None in Lex.

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Ma was afraid of it however, so went out to E's, spent the day & stayed all night. Mon. Sep. 9th Went in town early & went up street with B. to purchase her bridal finery – She bought several dresses, collars, &c &c Came out at 5 o'clock – Tues. 10th A call from Alfred Carter & his two sons – They could not stay to dinner as they had to pay a visit in Lex. that afternoon. Wed. 11th Weather delightful. Spent most of the day at the barn watching the progress of the hands in erection & saw for the first time horses treading out grain – In the afternoon a call from Aunt Susan F., S. Shelby & her lover Mr. Grigsby – They, and some other ladies had been passing the day at Uncle Tom's. Thurs. 12th Cloudy – Had the yard cleaned up, read & sewed. Mr. Clarke & Downing (Ike's overseer) called on business. Friday. Delightful day. Aunt Maria S. (Shelby) & M. Tevis came early & dined with me – Isaac drove them in their little rockaway. The Frenchman came before & after dinner. Sat. Cosby came up on her way to Paris with Liz K.'s children. She was taking them to see their Aunt, Mrs. Talbot. Sun 15th E., myself & M. P. went to town – Elizabeth came in – all

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well. Went to church & dined with Susan. Busy went with me – Came out at 5 o'clock – Mon 16th – No rain but very much wanted. Read & Sewed Tues 17th Very pleasant – took a ride & read very new Eclectic. Wrote to Cousin Eliza. Wed. 18th Rain – Wrote to Jane Mitchell in the morning & to Lizzie Smith after supper. In the afternoon rode with Evan to little Ike's & from there to the Saw Mill on Uncle Tom's place – They are getting out timber

for young Tom's new house - - -
Thurs 19th A call in the morning
from F. Shelby, her sister Mrs. Grimsley
& Tom S. In the afternoon went to
see Cosby & had a pleasant visit.
Friday 20 Made preserves & read
Sat. Made preserves again. Went
to town - went shopping with Busy
& spent the evening with Susan.
After tea went over to Mr. Harrison's
a little while where Evan & Mr. Cron-
ly called for us. Sun. 22nd went
to church, had a splendid ser-
mon from Mr. Rooker of Lou-
isville from the text "God is Love."
Heard him again after dinner
from the text "The Master has
come & Calleth for thee." Came
out by moonlight. Mon. Went
in after dinner with M. P. &
Ike drove me on over way to

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the Bourbon Fair. Did not get
there till sunset - Tues. Up at
½ past 5 & started at ½ 6 Dan
drove and Ike was the escort. The
pike very dusty & after we got
half way was crowded with ve-
hicles. Got there at ½ past 9
waited a half hour before the ex-
hibition commenced - Pretty
much the same as last year -
rolls of fine linsay's flannel's
&c tossed carelessly about quilt
do - The crowd immense, the day
hot & dust moving about in a
mass. Went to Paris dined
at Mrs. Ingels' with E. & the chil-
dren - Then Busy, Sis, E. & myself
took tea at James Ingels &
came up by moonlight. Reached
Lex. precisely at 9 - Found Ma
very lonesome, M. P. &
Maria asleep - Wed. Went out to the
new Fair ground - it is a beau-
tiful spot highly improved -
Then did some shopping in
the carriage & called at Susan's
After dinner went to see Mary
Ingles who is in bad health.

Returned after dinner & Mary with me. Busy stayed to go to the mantua makers. Thurs. Made peach cordial & preserves – In the afternoon B. & Mr. C. came and

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stayed all night. Friday. They went in & Ma assisted me in making peach cordial. Sat. Baked & roasted meat for Ike's sale. Mon. Renouard came down after tea to see the Bl'k people dance a real – something new to him – Sun. Ma & myself went in & to my disappointment I had to stay at home because there was not a soul to leave M. P. with. Returned early Mon. Learned to my sorrow on reaching home, that poor little "Tommy Tinker" was crushed (I believe this was possibly M. P.'s puppy) by the carriage wheeled as we left in the morning – There was a sincere lamentation for the faithful little creature. Baked quantities of bread for the sale – There was a large crowd & good sales. Morry & Mon. Renouard came down & stayed all night. They danced the polka & Perry played the violin Tuesday. Went in to Lex. to attend the Agricultural Fair – Morry went with me, but not out to the grounds. Hiram Ingels escorted Ma, Busy & myself. Took Eliza to attend to M. P. & a delightful dinner. Met there with five or 6 of the Ingels family from Paris who dined with us – also Judge Buckner & Isaac – Wed. Went again with W. T. Ingels – Isaac, the Ingels & Shelby Irvine dined with us. Called to see Susan & their met

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Cousin Kate Anderson from Lincoln – Did some shopping – Mr. & Mrs. J Ingels Elizabeth & family stayed at Ma's all night. Thurs. Went out to the Fair again – our calf was shown but was not fat enough to take the premium – Returned home in the afternoon

accompanied by Cousin Kate.

Enjoyed her visit extremely

Friday – She went in with

Cousin Ike in his buggy –

Invited Fanny S., her sister

Mrs. G. & Thomas to take tea

with me – they came & I hope

had a pleasant visit. Saturday.

A little rain – put up eggs

in brine – bottled tomatoes,

mended &c Received a long

letter from my dear friend

Lizzie Smith – Evan went in ex-

pressly to bring out his Uncle

Evan to spend the night, but

he had not returned from Cin. –

where he had gone to attend the

fair – sat up very late preparing

for a long stay in town –

Would rather remain at home.

Sun. A pleasant day. Went in after

dinner – accompanied by Evan –

He returned immediately & I

remained to assist in making prep-

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arations for the wedding. Busy & Mr.

Cronly went to church & heard a

sermon from Mr. Brechenridge.

Mon. Morn. Elizabeth & her children

came in & we all commenced clean-

ing, rubbing, fixing, arranging &c &c

for the great event. Heard that S.

was sick & went to see her in the

evening & sat till bed time. Miss

Sidney E. was there & we had a pleas-

ant evening. Tues. Heard she

was much better & thought of going

to Cincinatti. Wed. the 9th the day

of the nuptials – all hurry and excit-

ment! Mrs. Lutz came down before

dinner & assisted & Mrs. Darby

after dinner. Susan also came

down before super – Set the table

in the upper part of the hall &

had everything ready by sunset.

The bride looked beautiful with her

silk lace veil gracefully falling

on either side & the bride's maids

also looked very pretty. Mr. Berkeley

performed the ceremony – The supper

was elegant but there was not enough persons to do justice to it. Charlotte Duke & S. Gibson danced the polka with Mary P. & Mon Renouard & the girls danced a few sets. The company left early – Thurs. Busy & Mr. C. left at 8 o'clock in a hack for Frankfort accompanied by his two sisters.

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They were invited to dine at Mrs. Gov. Letcher's (his aunt). Have not heard from them since. Were busy all day washing up & sending things home. Went up to Susan's who had been in the stage when it upset near Georgetown & received several bruises. Mr. Berkeley was her escort to Cin. & also received some injury. Friday. Sent cake around to several friends & went out with E. & Boon in the afternoon – Ma also went with us. Returned to Lex. Sat. afternoon & went out again to Maple Hill & stayed all night. Came in early. Sun. Morn & went to see Susan. Almost recovered from the accident. Went to church & heard Mr. Winthrop who preached for us about 10 yrs ago. Miss Davis came out with us in the afternoon to do the winter sewing – Mon – Had the house cleaned & cut several garments for the blk men – Tues – Cut, cut! at pantaloons, shirts &c Weather charming. Wed. 16th Another delightful day. Took a long ride on old Mary in the morning, cut out some more work, made pickles, read "Kavanaugh" &c &c &c Thurs. Rain at last, to the delight of all farmers. Friday Rain again! Mon. Renouard & Lt. Henry (of the U.

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S. Army) dined with us. The latter is an old acquaintance who visited Lex. six yrs ago. Sat. R told us that Ike's house came near to burning down last night, from the careless-

ness of a negro who slept over the kitchen. Made pickles in the afternoon & read the run(?) papers.

Sun. – Miss Davis, M. P. & myself went in & spent the day – saw Sallie – now Mrs. Cronly & her beloved – They had just returned from their wedding trip to Louisville & Cin.

Mr. C. had been very sick – His sister Kate accompanied them – I saw her also Sunday & she is a very sweet girl – Elizabeth came in but went home to dinner – Returned soon after dinner – Heard a stranger preach an excellent sermon.

Mon. A beautiful day – E, Boon & children came to my delight.

Tues. We went in E's barouche over the road to gather shellbarks. Were disappointed to find that the frogs had eaten all the good ones.

After dinner walked out to the clearing – sat up late sewing & talking. Wed. Reluctantly parted with my pleasant visitors

Thurs. A bright day – Cut out work Friday – Commenced cutting out work but left it to go to town

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Elizabeth was at Ma's with the children. She & Busy were up town & I went in pursuit of them & made several purchases. Evan came a little while before dinner – Had a pleasant visit & returned at dark – in the pouring rain. Sat. Cloudy – Cut a coat & did a good deal of sewing, mending &c &c. Sun. Miss Davis & myself went in. Found Ma sick in

bed from having eaten fresh oysters the evening before. She had diarrhea & severe pains in her body, back & stomach. Busy stayed with her while I went to church. She was better when I returned & still improving when I came home at 4 o'clock. Called for Miss D. but she had gone to the country to nurse a sick sister. Had a cold ride. Mon. very busy

(Sunday, October 27)

still cutting out. Tues. Sewed
& read & walked with E. to see his
new fence. After dinner he went to
Lex. with me to accept Dr. & Mrs. Bell's
polite invitation to a little party in
honour of Mr. & Mrs. Cronly. We went
also Ma & Elizabeth & had a pleasant
time. Wed. Returned home to din-
ner after doing some shopping - -
Thurs. Oct. 31st Indian Summer
Friday - Nov. 1 Windy charming! Nov.
2nd M. P.'s birth day - the 5th! Nov. 3rd

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Went in as it was Communion Sun-
day. Had a good congregation and
heard Mr. B. preach. Dined with Susan
& returned early accompanied by Miss D.
Mon 4th Very pleasant Tues 5th Went
in at dinner time to attend S. Shelby's wedding
Ma & B. were at E.'s - Went out there &
brought them back with me. Then
went to Misses Bell, Robertson & Letcher
& invited them to dine with me. Thurs. (Wed.)
They accepted the invitation - Went to
the wedding with A. White & lady & en-
joyed myself amazingly. It took place
at Dr. D's(?) & was a splendid affair -
Next morning made some purchases
& hurried our accompanied by Ma &
Susan. A change in the weather -
Thurs. 6th(7th) Cold & snowy. A little pleas-
anter at dinner time - The company
came & we had a sociably day & ele-
gant dinner. Busy & Elizabeth stayed
all night. Friday - they returned early -
Sat. E. sick - Sun. Still sick - Mon.
9th Very unwell - sent for the Dr. He did
not come till supper time. E. very ill
through the night. Tues. A little better.
Ike & Richard & Jimmy came down -
They had just returned from MO -
11th 12th 13th 14th 15th & 16th Ma still with
me - Evan well - Sun. 17th Snow - too un-
pleasant to go in to church. Mon 18th
killed 45 hogs - Tues. Fried up lard -
Wed. Put it away - it filled 1 firkin

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5 kegs & two jars.

Thurs. Made sausage, souse & pudding meat. After dinner E., Ma & myself went in to attend Cochran's party given to his brother John & his wife – Found Busy there to our surprise. She concluded to go as we were & went up street with me to do some shopping – Went to the party at ½ past 9 – E. Cronly B. & myself – It was crowded & the supper magnificent. They danced in a space 10 ft square.

Friday Morn Went shopping in the rain! tried on my cloak – came out after dinner – Sat. Gloomy day. Wrote to E. Smith. Sun. bright day. Walked in the morning – read 2 sermons. Mon Sun shining but quite cold – R'd & Ike came down. Tues. Cloudy & rain! Wed. Went in according to appointment to pay some calls with Ma & Busy – Stopped at the mantua maker's & got my cloak – it was very pretty & neatly made. Went to see Mary Brannin, G. Ashton & Mrs. Cochran &c Returned in the afternoon. Dec. 22nd Went in to church. Dec 25th Attended Church & returned in the afternoon – Dec 31st spent the day in town – Ike made Busy & myself a Christmas present – Was invited to Uncle Tom's to a large dinner given to Mr. & Mrs. Grigsby.

(Sunday, November 24)

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NOTE: For some reason she left out about three weeks to our loss...

(Sunday, December 1)

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(Sunday, December 15)

Sewn into the back of this journal are 6 pages folded to make 12 that begin:

New Year's day 1st Jan'y
1851 – Went in to dine with Susan by express invitation. Busy; Ma, Richard, M. P. & myself were the only members of the family who were there. After dinner did some shopping. Spent the evening quietly at home –

Thurs. 2nd Jan. – Did some shopping & invited A. Darby to dine at Ma's. Busy paid several visits – Susan & A. D. dined with us. Evan & Mr. Renouard called

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after dinner. Mr. R. drove us out *
Jan. 5th M. Cosby called by in her carriage & I went to Wt. Hill with her & heard an excellent sermon from Mr. Bullock. After dinner Uncle Tom came up & sat an hour or two. Mr. Renouard came to say farewell & stayed till after ten – Mon.

(Sunday, January 5)

Jan 6th Evan & Ike went in with Mr. R. – He is going to South America, California
Tues. Went in & was sorry to find that Ma & B. could not visit with me according to appointment. E. had sent her barouche for them – so after doing my shopping went out with them – Came in immediately after dinner – Came out in very good time. Ike drove me out & Richard drove me in.

*Signed a deed for 1.45 acres of land on the N. East side of the farm that E. will inherit – Same was registered in the Court Office & acknowledged by me.

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Jan'y 8th A bright mild day – Ike came & dined with us. Took two long walks with Evan – Jan 9th Another pleasant day! Walked with Evan – read Old Mortality & did some cutting out & sewing – Jan 10th Another fine day – Walked, sewed and read – Jan. 11th Lovely day - Mended, patched & darned. Read Old Mortality _____

Sun. Charming weather. Hope
I improved the day at home as I did
not attend church. Jan 13th
Another bright day – Quite unwell
with headache & pain in my back.
Walk to the clearing & read a
great deal as it pained my eyes
to sew. Tues. Still unwell. Took
medicine at night. Wed. Worse.
as the medicine had no effect –
Got Evan to consult Harrison –
he said it was neuralgia fever
cold & advised me to take hot salt
& water bath. I did so Thurs.
Much better – medicine acted

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finely. Friday. Ordered the carriage
to go see Ma but one of the horses (lame?)
Went to the clearing with E. & M.P.
in the market wagon & there up
to Ike's. Saw the stone wall
that he has put around the
burying place in the garden.
It has just been finished & is
very handsome & appropriate.
The weather pleasant although
there had been rain the night
before – Sewed & read "Bride of
Lammermoor" Sat 18th Went
to town with M. P. & George drove.
Had a cold ride – got a letter at
the new P. O. at Dr. Patterson's.
as I went in – Found Ma &
B. well. Did some shopping in
the morning, but as it was so
cold & I did not get through
concluded to stay all night.
Called to see Susan & A. Darby.
Spent the evening quietly at
home. Sun. Went to church &
heard a delightful sermon.
Returned after dinner – Had
a pleasant ride. Mon. Another
pleasant day. Richard & Evan
gone down to little Ike's

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(Thurs) Tues. Pleasant & clear
E. went to town with young T.
Shelby in his buggy & brought
in a letter from C. Armstrong
from Cin. Wed. Walked a
great deal & sewed on M.
P.'s Cloak. Thurs. a Beautiful
day – Walked several miles
with Evan – Sewed after tea –
Expected Ma & B until dark.
Friday – Spring weather. Walked
a great deal, finished M. P.'s
cloak, practiced & read
“Bride of Lammermoor”
Sat. Charming day – Spent
it in the open air, having
the yard cleaned up – Sun.
Cloudy. Went in & Ma re-
turned with me. Mon. –
Cloudy. Did not go out –
E. commenced ploughing
in the new clearing. Tues.
Quite unpleasant – At

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night very stormy. Slept
with Ma in her room as
she felt rather agraid –
Wed. Sudden change in
the weather – Prospect of
getting ice. Richard passed
the day with us - Thurs. –
bitter cold – M. P. sick with
something like “Neuralgia”
Gave her calomel & rhubarb.
Did her a great deal of good
though it made her very sick
for five or six hours. At bed
time the neuargia came on
again. Friday Jan 30th
Quite sick still – Commen-
ced filling the ice-house. The
ice very fine & 3 inches thick.
Sent for Dr. Harrison who at
first promised it inflama-
tion of the brain, & bled her free-
ly – it caused relief immediatly
& after giving her a powder
put her to sleep for the night.

She was very feverish & had great thirst. Sat. As the medicine did not aid & she had fever, sent for the Dr. again. He thought her better & recommend-

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ded warm bathing & gave her two doses of castor oil – Ike came in the afternoon & thought she certainly had brain fever. Richard came down & also thought her very sick – The medicine commenced acting after supper but the it had not reached the liver. R'd and myself sat up all night. She had a raging fever which we relieved by warm bathing.

Better in the morning – gave her another does of calomel & ipecac. Fever left her about 10 o'clock & she began to improve. Busy & Mr. Cronly came out & stayed all night – B & myself and R'd sat up with M. P.

She slept well but Ma suffers with her cough – Mon. They went in early – M. P. very sprightly thought she was getting well rapidly but at night had to sit up with, bathe &c &c. Cousin Ike took dinner with us. After dinner Tom called & then Uncle Tom on his way out from town & brought invitations out to S. Grigsby's birth-day party. Tues. M. P. improving very slowly – com-

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plained of pain in breast and stomach – Still uneasy about her. Heard that Richard was quite sick. Wed. M. P. no better. Quite worn out myself – Susan & Cosby came by & informed of the death of poor Fanny Shelby in Illinois. The news came by telegraph and did not state whether the child survived her – the wires

having broken. S. went on &
stayed all night with Mary (Cosby).
R'd & Pinna stayed here –
Thurs. S. came up early
in the morning. Ike came
down to dinner – M. P. suf-
fering intensely with her head
& stiff neck. She rested well
all night. Friday Morn. Bright
& pleasant - S. & E. & Pinna
went to town in carriage
M. P. better – Read & sewed &
had a quite day. Friday – M. P.'s
head no better. Ma quite unwell –
Sat. Sent for Harrison & he gave

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an emetic. He & Ike took dinner
with us. M. P. much improved
by the medicine. Gave her calomel
at night. Sal & Cronly came &
stayed all night – Sun. Morn
they went home in the rain
Gave M. P. the other emetic
& it cured her – Rains
came again in the afternoon.

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And a beautiful little sketch
of a church & tree
- possibly Walnut Hill

Also some scribbles, probably
by Mary Pindell...