

Port Davis Stephen County Texas August 1st 1865

Thursday. This is the first day of August 1865. It is quite cool and pleasant. There is several persons in this place sick with bad cold. Mr. Dain has been in bed for two days and several others scarcely able to be about. This country is generally very healthy but I think we have had more rain and cloudy weather than common this summer that makes people feel dull and bad.

Wednesday August 2nd 1865. The cow hunters from Hubbard got in this evening. They told about the fight they had with the indians last Friday. They said there was eleven indians and well armed with good guns. The boys run them about five miles and the indians stopped to fight. They fired a few rounds and left. There was no mischief done on either side except the indians killing one of the boys horses.

Thursday August 3rd 1865. The day has been warm and looks a little like rain. Nothing has happened worth writing about to day.

Friday. August 4th 1865. This is the warmest day we have had lately. We had a shower of rain this evening but not enough to cool the air.

Saturday Aug. 5th 1865. The weather is hot and dreary. Times are hard and bad. Indians thick and plenty and trying to brake our country. I heard they had robed Eke Dicksons house the other day over on Hubbards creek. If we dont get protection shortly and the indians continue to do as they have been doing for a month back the country will certainly brake up. The frontier people are seeing much harder times now than they ever saw before. At last I think they do. W. F. and M. V. Hoover came into the fort late this evening. They say that no man is allowed to drive beef out of the State. If that be the case there will be several men disappointed for there is several talking of driving and some got their steers up ready to drive.

Sunday Aug. 6th 1865. This morning was tolerable pleasant and Mary Sutherland Louinda Selman. Stephen Brans and Wm Reynolds got their horses and went down to the Stockton ranch visiting.

This evening it turned very warm. The sky was soon hid with thick black clouds that threatened rain at every moment ^{but} night came on the clouds disappearred and the moon and stars shone brightly all night.

Monday Aug 7th 1865. Mr Brans Mr. Jackson Mr. George Al. Anderson John Selman and J. Willet all got home to day from Mill. They say that indians are thick and plenty between here and Parker.

Tuesday. August 8th 1865. Nothing has happened to day worth writing.

Wednesday August 9th 1865 - Mr. Frans started to the

flat work, ^{this} morning with some flour for Mr. Seebelter.

John Selman started to Grayson Co. to day

~~Thursday~~ Thursday, Aug 10th /65 - We have nothing but warm weather here lately.

Friday Aug. 11th /65 - Mr. Monsgroves got home to day. John Janney came up with him. Mr. Thorpe has just now rode into the fort it is about two o'clock P.M. Mr. Frans got home this evening.

Saturday Aug. 12th /65 - We had a fine rain to day

Sunday Aug 13th /65 - Mr. Duncan came over yesterday he took his wife home this morning. Mr. Belden came in to the fort to day. We had another fine rain this evening. George Reynolds started below this morning

Monday Aug. 14th /65 - We have just over another warm day without any thing to trouble us but how many more we will pass we know not. for danger and trouble is on every hand. And we are still living on the frontier without law or protection

Tuesday, Aug. 15th /65 - Nothing hapened to day

Wednesday, Aug 16th W. L. Brunning and George James came into the fort this evening They say that the indians have forty persons on the Van Sata right lately.

Thursday Aug 17th /65 Mr. Erwin Mr. Wheeler and Mr. Hobson drove their beef down from Hooper to day.

Friday Aug 18th /65 This morning a hard wind blew from the north and a little rain with it which was very cool and pleasant It has been quite pleasant all day

Saturday Aug 19th /65 - Nothing to write for to day

Sunday Aug 20th /65 - Mr. Erwin and Mr. Wheeler started off this morning with their drove of beef. Mrs. Wheeler took his wife with him down as far as Varrant Co to her mothers. Mr. Cuthbertin got home late in the night last night from the lower country he has been gone nearly four months.

Monday Aug 21st /65 . There were several wagons left here to day some was moving off and some going to mill.

Among them was J. M. Frans E. Christerson J. Hightower M. & C. Carly and B. M. Carly. Mr. Cuthbertin went up the river this morning to make molasses. He day I am a mother of a little boy the rightest little fellow in fort Davis

Tuesday Aug 22nd 1865 My baby has had a fever all day to day

Wednesday Aug 23rd 1865 I do not feel very ^{well} to day as my boy was sick last night and kept me from sleep

Thursday Aug 24th I cant think of any thing to write to day

Friday Aug 25th 1865 Last night one half of Mr. Swins house top fell but as luck would have it there was no one hurt as there was no one in the house.

Saturday Aug 26th 1865 The people of this place have been expecting to have preaching here to day and to morrow but they have been disappointed

Sunday Aug 27th 1865 Mr. Sutherland was taken very ^{sick} this evening with the liver complaint. He commenced making molasses rope at Jacksons old ranch and broke his mill and he had to come home he got home in the night last night.

Monday Aug 28th 1865 Mr. Steel and his wife is in the fort to day they came up yesterday evening. Mr. Sutherland is not any better to day. I have been sitting up some to day

Tuesday Aug 29th 1865 My boy is eight day old to day. he sleeps all the time and is but very little trouble

Wednesday Aug 30th 1865 Mr. Sutherland is very low he was taken a great deal worse this evening. but he will ^{not} let any one go after a doctor

Thursday Aug 31st Joel Willet and M. H. Anderson started after a doctor this morning but I fear they will be too late.

Friday Sept 1st 1865 Last night between seven and 8 O'clock P.M. Mr. Sutherland left this world of trouble and sorrow. he has gone to reap the rewards for the deeds done in the body but whether good or bad we no not. Some day or other we will all have to endure the same death pains. and if we are not Christians our pains will be a great deal worse. The people of this place have been very busy to day digging a grave and making a coffin

Saturday Sept. 2nd 1865 M. H. Anderson got back from Palo Pinto last night he could get no doctor which was well enough for Mr. Sutherland I hope is at rest. The was

buried this morning in F. L. Davis burying ground

Sunday Sept 3rd 1865 Nothing to write for to day

Monday Sept 4th 1865 My boy is two weeks old to day and is the first time I have been out of the house

Tuesday Sept 5th 1865 The day is cloudy and looks like rain

Wednesday Sept 6th 1865 We had some rain to day.

Mr. Wison got back last night from below he brought me news that I heard of John Belmont got home late

evening from Grayson & he married while he was
down there to Miss. Ednie Degraffenried and brought her
home with him

Thursday Sept 7th / 1865 - George Reynolds got home to day
from Parker & We had some rain again to day.

Friday Sept 8th / 1865 - The river is fuller to day than
it's been this year.

Saturday Sept. 9th / 1865 - Nothing happened to day.

Sunday Sept. 10th / 1865 - Mr. Hains and Mr. Christy
son got home from mill this evening but the river was
to full to cross their wagons

Monday Sept 11th / 1865 - W. B. St. John and Dr. Huff
came in to town to day. To day has been cool and pleasant.

Tuesday Sept 12th / 1865 - Mr. Jewell and Mr. Hall and
several other men came into this place this evening

Mr. Jewell is buying up a drove of beef cattle.

Wednesday Sept 13th / 1865 - This has been quite a warm
day for this time of the year. The people of this place held a
public meeting here to day concerning the frontier people and
their rights. The people want to hold this country if they can
but it looks like the indians gadgankers and bad men mean
what men are determined to break it up.

Thursday Sept 14th / 1865 - Mr. Jewell left here this
morning. Pa. and Mr. Huff went to the Shekton
ranch to day to move up the bachelor's tricks and the
widow Helman's negro woman. Ma and the widow Helman
went down with them

Friday Sept 15th / 1865 - Lige Johanson Linn. Mills
and Robert Shaw came into the fort to day. Pa got back
this evening with the negroes. he put them in Shek house

Saturday Sept 16th / 1865 - Mr. Dyer and Mr. Williams
come into the fort this morning. We have some warm
weather now

Sunday Sept. 17th 1865 - To day is warm and cloudy and
looks very much like raining perhaps will rain before night
Mrs. Helton Mr. Mc Carthy and Dock Evans started to
mill this evening. Mary Sutherland Louinda Helman
and Ednie Helman all went down to the ranch visiting to day.

Monday Sept 18th / 1865 - Albert Anderson got back
to day from Weatherford

Tuesday Sept 19th / 65

Mr. Lee and Mr. Hightower

got back to day Mr Lee has come after ~~the~~ rest of ^{his} things that he left.

I heard that Albert Anderson was going to get married he is getting a pair of pants made to day
Wednesday Sept 20th / 65 This is the coolest day we have had this fall. I have been wishing to day for the first time in a good while.

Thursday Sept. 21st / 65 My boy is a month old to day and weighs fourteen pounds. There were several droves come in to day. Mr. Duncan moved into this place to day from fort - grend

Friday Sept 22nd / 65 There were several men left here to day to make a cow drive on the Leon. The cow hunters that came in yesterday tried to get up a dance to night but they failed to get any girls to go so they went to the school house themselves and cut a few extra's.

Saturday Sept 23rd / 65 J. C. Clark and J. N. Degraffenried from the Stockton ranch were in this place to day

Sunday Sept. 24 1865 No news to write to day.

Monday Sept 25 1865 Nothing to write the times are so dull

Tuesday Sept 26th 1865 There were boys and girls left here to day bound for Weatherford to see Al. Anderson married. Ther was but three girls were Mary Sutherland, Leveinda Solomon and Elizabeth Jackson.

Mr. Lee left to day and Mich. Anderson started to mill

Wednesday. Sept 27th 1865 This is my seventeenth birth day. I have spent this day in Ft. Davis Texas. I have been employd at spinning wool nursing my baby and eating plum pies. weather is getting some cooler

Thursday Sept 28th 65 We had a little shower of rain to day.

Friday Sept 29th 65 It has been ^{raining} nearly all day to day. Mr. Thorps little boy was taken with a fever to day and had a Spasme.

Saturday Sept 30th Mr. Thorps boy had another Spasme this morning a little before day

Sunday Oct. 1st 1865 This is the first day of October 1865. Some cow hunters from this place drove in a fine drove of cattle this evening

Monday Oct 2nd 1851 This weather begins to feel a little like fall but we have some very warm days sometimes yet. My baby is not very well today.

Tuesday Oct 3rd 1851 A party of cowhunters come in from below Bayo this evening they say that there was a man murdered on Deep creek the other day by his neighbor Mr. Mayhew. The man he murdered was name Whitten a party of men killed. Mr. Mayhew while attempting to arrest him. My boy has been very restless for two nights.

Wednesday Oct 4th 1851 I have been sick half the day with a disagreeable in my head which was very unpleasant. I think my boy is better to day he appears to be resting well. Mr. ^{Thompson} thinks his child is getting well. Alford had a hard shower of rain this evening.

Thursday Oct. 5th 1851 This has been quite a cool day.

Friday Oct. 6th 1851 This evening about sun set Al. Anderson and his lady got in to the fore. and also the crowd of youngsters that went with him. And Charlie Wilson his brother in law.

Saturday Oct 7th 1851 Nothing to write for to day.

Sunday Oct 8th 1851 This has been a pleasant day. There was several girls and boys come here this evening and had a singing. Albert Anderson and his wife came too but I did not get to see Mrs. Anderson good as I ~~could~~ ^{only} get ~~at~~ ^{at} after one sided peep at her.

Monday Oct 9th 1851 Horn. Matthews come over yesterday evening from Hubbard's creek he brought no news ~~that I heard~~. Tuesday Oct 10th 1851 ^{Wm.} Peegrold is sick to day with a fever. I think that it was caused by a fall that he got from his horse yesterday.

Wednesday Oct 11th 1851 I notice Taylor Maudling and Prefs Maudling in this place to day. They say that they heard there was an army of negroes to be stationed on the frontier. If they are all the protection we are going have. I am thinking they will do but little good.

Thursday Oct 12th 1851 This is a beautiful warm day. William is no better yet. Taylor Maudling, mule is moping to day he hunted for him till nearly but did not find him and he started home.

Friday Oct 13th 1851 Weather is beginning to feel like fall.

Saturday Oct 14th 1851 - Nothing to record for to day

Sunday Oct 15th 1851 - Times are very ~~too~~ dull here. We hardly ever hear any news. I believe every thing is going on very smooth in this part.

Monday Oct 16th 1851 - Mr. Brown got home late last night he is not very well. He says he left Wheeler Wm Anderson an Prophet all in Sherman sick. J. S. Evans an Wm Picket are coming with the wagon they will be here in a few days. Wm Reynolds mist his mill yesterday and when he come to find out Levi had ~~core~~ There was several mill wagons got in to day from Weatherford. Jos Willcutt got in to, from Weatherford.

Tuesday Oct 17th 1851 - George Reynolds St John and Eli Thuff left here this morning with a bunch of best steers. They aim to drive them to Mexico. This has been the coldest day we have had this fall. Mr. Brown is quite sick to day with a fever and a pain in his head.

Wednesday Oct 18th 1851 - Mr. Hightner come over from Fourbards creek to day. he stayed with both the boys last night at Lynchers. He says the spent on this morning to Thomas Taylor. Abounding came over to day to get his horse.

Thursday Oct 19th 1851 - There was an eclipse of the sun seen here to day at about 8 o'clock this morning. Miss Abigail Dr. Thelin was taken very sick to day. I think Mr Brown is ^{better}

Friday Oct 20th 1851 - This a pleasant day.

Saturday Oct 21st 1851 - My baby is two month old to day and weighs eighteen pounds. There was three wagons started to mill this morning. B. W. Reynolds E. E. Christerson J. M. Evans. Milling is quite a job in this ^{country} people have to go so far to get bread or any thing else.

Sunday Oct 22nd 1851 - J. S. Evans and Wm Picket got in this morning with their wagon. J. S. Evans looks the worse now. Mr. M. Anderson got home this evening. I notice Sam Mathews and Pres Marshall in this place to day.

Monday Oct 23rd 1851 - Wm Duncan and the old lady Anderson got in last night. Mr. Brown made my boy a present of a new calico dress to day. The fact I heard that the Indians killed a negr last Thursday at Williams salt works.

Tuesday Oct 24th 1851 - The people of this place seem to be very well satisfied. Some times they are as merry as the spring birds. Then again they are sad and low spirited. We often hear of our friends or relatives

being killed and scalped by the wild indians. They are continually roving through our country killing our comrades here and yonder. We have no troops stationed around to drive them away. They know that we are few in number and they are trying to kill and drive us away from our country. But I hope the watchful eye of our great God is over us and his strong arm our protector.

Wednesday Oct 25th 1865. Miss Abira Sutherland was taken sick last Thursday but before she got very bad she went up the river bank she was gone some time and her mother and sisters got uneasy about her and went to look for her. They found her up a good ways up the creek. She told them that while she was there something bursted inside of her and she had lost so much blood that she was unable to get home. They helped her home and she has been mending ever since. It has been whispered around that she gave birth to a child up there and threw it in the creek. But as there was no proof gotten of it it all died away. And the most of the people believed it to be false.

And would have remained so had it not been intended that her sin should be found out. I was very much surprised this morning when I heard that a dead baby was found in the creek this morning. It was taken out and buried in Ft Davis burying ground. Abira acknowledged that it was her child but she said it was actually dead when born. This is the second child of the kind that has been buried in Ft Davis burying ground. I pity the poor girl but it can't be helped now she has brought a disgrace upon herself and the whole family. God Willed John Clemon John Hightower and Joe Browning started off to the Llano this morning on a hunting expedition and don't expect to be back in two or three months. Well I reckon I will have to quit spor writing and rocking the cradle don't feel so well together.

Thursday. Oct 26/65. I heard this morning that Abira tried to destroy herself last night. I expect she has terrible bad feelings. I know it made me feel very bad although she is nothing to me. We had a hard rain this evening.

Friday. Oct 27th 1865. This has been a very cold day it feels and looks very much like winter was at hand.

Saturday Oct 28/65. Nothing to write about but cold weather.

Sunday Oct 29/65. This has been a cold rainy day. A great deal of rain don't want our dirt covered houses much for they look mud and that is worse than water.

Monday Oct 30th 1865

We have had about such a spell of weather as we had this time last year. Cold and raining. I made a plum pie yesterday the first one I ever made in my life and I thought it was worth recording. for a woman that has been married three years had two children and never made but one plum pie.

Tuesday Oct 31st 1865

I have spent one year of my life here in Ft Davis. One year ago to day since I came here. It was a cold rainy day and there was not a house in place except a little well house and the rock building that Abick Anderson lives in. Yes Mr George had a little cabin but no one lives in it now. I believe they use it for a hogpen. Every body in this place has good houses to live in now but this time last year there were several families out of doors and exposed to the cold.

Time brings about many changes.

Wednesday November 1st 1865 This has been a pleasant day but the north wind has been blowing quite cool. I notice Charlie Wilson in town this evening. And his brother and James Wicket also.

Thursday Nov 2nd 1865

G. E. Miller sen and jr. and J. H. Yancy are in town to day. They are just up from Palo Pinto.

Friday Nov 3rd 65

It is some pleasanter to day than it has been ^{here}.

Saturday Nov 4th 1865.

Mr Wheeler got into the fort last night. He came up from Weatherford with Mariel Chatterlin and Wm Duncan. I notice Taylor Mantling in town to day.

Sunday Nov 5th 1865

Mr Darnell came in town this evening he is on his way to Ft Chadbourne.

Monday Nov 6th 1865

The weather has been vely pleasant for a ^{few} days back. We had a spelling and speaking to night at the school house.

Tuesday Nov 7th 1865

I have nothing to write but I can say that I bought my boy a couple of red flannel dresses and made one of them. people could not get flannel or any thing of the kind for their children since the war began. especially us frontier folks. I got mine from Mr Wheeler he has just come back from Arkansas with a few goods for himself.

Wednesday Nov 8th 65

J. M. Frans B. W. Reynolds Wm Anderson and a Mr. Hartman from Louisiana and Robert Shaw all came in to the Ft. this evening.

Thursday Nov 9th 65

Mr. Jackson Mr. Cristerson Wm Reynolds Elake Barber and Wm Frans all brought in their mill wagons today. Mr Steel came in town this evening.

Thursday Nov 10th 1865 This has been a beautiful day and very warm and pleasant for this time of the year. I have been married just three years to day. It does not seem like ~~these~~ ^{a child} three years were as long as they use to be when I was ^{an} ~~child~~. But time flies just now. It waits for no man. This is my husband's ~~twenty~~ ^{twenty} sixth birth day. I am seventeen years one month and thirteen days old to day.

Friday Nov 11th Saturday Nov 11th Charlie Goodnight James Neal and Mr. Careathers are in town to night.

Sunday Nov. 12 It has been raining all day to day. Notice Mr. January at home to day he is just up from Johnson Co. He is talking about moving west in Sand Creek. Monday Nov 13 65 Our town is improving a little Mr. Johnson raised a house to day. It has been damp and cloudy nearly all day it cleared off very pretty.

Tuesday Nov 14 65 J. H. Browning J. Selman and Bud W. let come in this evening from the Canino where they have been deer hunting.

Wednesday Nov 14th 65 Mr. January left our fort to day he has is going over to waters in Sand Creek.

Thursday Nov 15 65 W. L. Browning J. E. Wheel and George Jones came in town this evening.

Thursday Nov 15 65 This has been quite a pleasant day. Mr. Tiedbeller was in town this evening he is on his way down the country with a wagon load of salt.

Friday Nov 17th 65 Mr. Watson got home to day there were three strangers came up with him.

Saturday Nov 17th 65 Mr. Wheeler and Mr. Tiedbeller started this morning. John Anderson and the Wilson Kirk Cooper and Mark Thorne came in this evening from Thompsons Creek.

Sunday Nov 19th 65 John Anderson and the Wilson boys started off this morning with a drove of hogs to Abasco or some other point where they can sell them at a fair price. Mr. Hartman started for home this morning.

Monday Nov 20th 65 This has been a pleasant day.

Tuesday Nov 21st 65 This is a beautiful day and very warm and pleasant for this time of the year. My boy is three months old to day and weighs twenty one pounds. He is a very good little fellow and my lady says that he is awfully large for his age.

Wednesday Nov 22nd 1865 - This day has been very smoky and looks like we might have a cold spell before long. Or some other kind of bad weather. A notice.

Buck Miller and Mr. Macdougall in town this day.
Tuesday Nov 23rd 1865 - This has been as bad a looking day as yesterday was. We have had some very pleasant weather now for sometime.

Friday Nov 24th 1865 - Mr. Brown and John Peterson started down the country after bread today.

Saturday Nov 25th 1865 - The buffalo are so scarce they would just as soon come in the fort as not. One would have come in today if there had not been so many dogs and dogs to run it off they run it a little distance and they killed it and nearly every day must be so.

Ben Lindberg, Bill Lindberg and James Christensen came over today from Peter'sville. Harlan Huthorn came in this morning from Ellis's.

Sunday Nov 26th 1865 - This has been a pleasant day we have had several warm Indian summer days. Nothing has happened today to write about except a little buffalo that was killed here at the fort.

Monday Nov 27th 1865 - Our old neighbor J. McCarly and his son Dick came in the fort this evening. They are just up from Johnson Co. This is an other pleasant day.

Tuesday Nov 28th 1865 - Joe Branning, Dick McCarly and John Overstreet drove a large buffalo through the fort today. Every boy saw it by the time it got in the fort and up all the squealing of children I never heard. They were crying and running in every direction. But the poor buffalo could not do anything for there were more dogs around him than could get hold of him. There were so many that they killed him in two minutes or less time.

Wednesday Nov 29th 1865 - This has been another pleasant day.

Thursday Nov 30th 1865 - This is the last day of November 1865. It is a very pleasant day.

Friday December 1st 1865 - This is the first day of the new year. The snow this year will soon begin and as the winter will take its place. Time speeds away. It waits for no man. This has been a very busy day in which nothing was accomplished. My baby is not very well today. He was a bad cold and a horse.

Saturday Dec 2nd 1845 This has been a warm day
very warm for this time of the year.

Sunday Dec 3rd 1845 This is the prettiest December day
I ever saw. It is warm enough to wear muslin. In
fact it is almost too warm to be pleasant.

Monday Dec 4th 1845 - The day is very cold it has been
sleet^{ing} nearly all day. It is quite a different day
from yesterday. This is the first ice we have had
this winter. Our little boy is quite sick this evening.

Tuesday Dec 5th /45 It has been still sleet^{ing} and
raining to day very bad weather for travellers.

Mr. Duncan and M. Cuthbert started to mill last Sat.
Wednesday Dec 6th /45. This has been a beautiful day
but not very pleasant. The trees are covered with ice and the
sun shines on it and makes it look like silver. There has been
several small bunches of buffalo seen east the fort since this
bad spell of weather. I think Gus is a little better to day.

Thursday Dec 7th /45 The weather is some pleasant to day
I taken Gus out to night to hear the scholars spell.

Friday Dec 8th /45: Mr. W. L. Branning came in town this
evening.

Saturday Dec 9th /45. Mr. Branning left late this evening.
The weather is tolerable pleasant again. We have had
a very peaceable time about Indians here lately.

Sunday Dec 10th /45. A very pleasant day. Tom. Balliff
J. C. George J. B. Musgraves Albert Anderson and his wife
all started to mill to day. I took dinner with Mrs.
Balliff to day for the first time in my life. Mr. Brown
and John Helman got home just at dark this evening
and Mr. Musgraves came back with them. He started with
the crowd that left here this morning. He turned back when he
met Mr. Brown on account of some news that he brought.

Monday Dec 11 /45. This morning was very pleasant but there
has been a blue norther blowing this evening and is very cold.
I am afraid that some of our houses will fall in upon us
this winter. The crops piece of the widow Cuthbert's ^{house} broke
this morning. and I tell you that makes me afraid of
mine. My boy is not very well yet. I think that he
is cutting teeth one thing that makes him fretful. and he
has a very bad cold.

Tuesday Dec 12th 1895. This has been a very cold day.

The north wind has been blowing very cold and hard all day. I guess that cold weather has set in for good this time. Little Gus is quite sick to day. he had a very hot fever last night and he appears to be very sore and don't like to be moved in any way. I don't think he had got over his other spell he had last week.

Wednesday. Dec 13th 1895. The norther is still blowing quite cold. Gus is still very sick we gave him a dose of colicid to day.

Thursday Dec 14th 1895. It was so cold that Mr. Newcomb did not go to school to day.

Friday Dec 15th 1895. The creek is froze over hard this morning. The men and boys ^{have been} skating on it to day. at least they trying to skate but they would get some very hard bumps some times. Mr. Newcomb got a pair of skates and had a little fun.

Saturday Dec 16th 1895. The creek is still frozen and Mr. Newcomb tried his skates again this morning. Mr. W. L. Brown is in town to day. he says that the United States have made a treaty with nearly of the Indians and are going ^{to} leave them on reserves. Mrs. Anderson gave birth to a daughter this morning.

Sunday Dec 17th 1895. I think Gus is some better to day.

Several persons went buffalo hunting to day. There are some men in this place picks Sunday to go hunting rather than any other day. And they certainly have got knowledge enough to know that it is contrary to Gods commandments. I think we will have a wedding before many more days as Wm. Anderson started to Palo Pinto this morning after licence to marry and an officer to solemnize the marriage. Sergt. Lyness is in town to day.

Monday Dec 18th 1895. My boy is still very sick I can't see that he is mending much although he may be better.

Tuesday Dec 19th 1895. The weather is some pleasanter to day.

Some boys drove two buffalo up to the fort to day as ^{soon as} they got to the fort the dogs caught ~~the~~ and killed it directly the other got some distance from the fort before the dogs caught it.

Wednesday Dec 20 1895. This has been an other very cold day.

Thursday Dec 21 1895. Mr. P. Newcomb, E. L. Christensen, J. S. Evans, W. D. Reynolds and M. F. Barber. started buffalo hunting to day. J. M. Evans, J. E. Erwin and J. Nelson started to traps this morning to hunt some dogs. I think my baby is some better this evening.

Friday Dec 22 1895 I forgot to say any thing about Marion Mc Cartys appearance yesterday. He has not been at home for three months before. It was reported that he had taken another woman and run away. But he made his appearance yesterday to the great surprise of the whole party. My boy took the croup very bad last night. and I expect she would have died in a few minutes if Pa had not come and ^{put} a cold wet cloth to his stomach. which relieved him directly we have kept the cold cloth on him nearly all day.

Saturday Dec 23 95. Wm Anderson got back from Palo Verde today with parson. Slaughter is the man to solemnize the rites of matrimony between him and Miss Susan V. Evans. on the twenty fifth day of this month which is next Monday. J. B. Dawson and Dick. Quates came up last Thursday with Abner Mc Carty. They have come up to take a buffalo hunt. My boy is very sick yet. Mr. Newcomb got home at about 8 o'clock P. M. which was great satisfaction to me for I cant be satisfied while my child ^{is} sick if he is absent.

Sunday Dec 24 95 This has been a beautiful Sabbath day. Parson Slaughter preached the first sermon that ever was delivered in this place to day at 10 o'clock A. M. He also preached in the evening and at night.

Monday Dec 25 95. This is the one thousand eight hundred and sixty fifth birth day of Jesus Christ our Lord and Saviour and it is a very pleasant day with the exception of a brisk west wind. We had preaching again this morning and evening by parson Slaughter. According to appointment W. W. Anderson and Susan W. Evans were united by the sacred bonds of matrimony this evening at 4 o'clock by parson Slaughter.

Tuesday Dec 26 95. To day has been very different from yesterday. It has been raining and snowing and is quite cold. Mr. Anderson gave a nice infare dinner ~~to day~~ to the people of this little town at the school house this evening in honor to his son Williams marriage. Parson Slaughter preached for us to night and promised to preach again to morrow.

Wednesday Dec 27 95 This is a very pleasant day the weather is continually changing in this country at this time of the year. We had preaching again to day. And Elizabeth Jackson was baptised after evening service. A gentleman by the name of Adams and a his brother-in-law came in to day they are just from Camp Colorado. Mr. Adams use to live in this country several years ago.

Thursday Dec 28 45.

Parson Cleaver left us this morning after promising to come again. J. S. Evans and Wm. W. Anderson went to escort him home as it is not for one man to travel alone in this Indian country.

Nate Bragg, Lige Johnson and Mr. Proffat came in town this evening from Ft. Belknap. John Selman, John Dawson and several others started on a buffalo this morning.

Friday Dec 29th / 45 John Hinton B. W. Reynolds E. C. Christerson M. J. Barber Wm. D. and B. H. Reynolds all left here to day to kill some buffalo. Wm. W. Anderson and J. S. Evans got home very this evening after seeing the parson safe on his way home. I think Augustus is a little better to day.

Saturday Dec 30th 1845. This year will soon be past and gone, one more day and another will take its place. And who knows how long it will be before some of us will be called upon to go, and leave this world of trouble and sorrow? no one but Him who made all things and know all things.

There has been two of our fellow creatures called away from this fort in the past year to give an account of their deeds done in this life, whether good or bad it is not for us to know.

Sunday Dec 31st 1845. I have been permitted to live to see the last day of the year eighteen hundred and sixty-five but how many more days I may live to see it is hard to tell. Life is very uncertain but death is very certain, every ^{body} knows that death is sure to come at some hour but still some of them do not try to prepare for death although they know that they will be lost forever and ever if they don't turn to God. He says turn to me and I will turn to you. ask and you shall receive, seek and you shall find, knock and it shall be opened unto you. What makes man so foolish, so hard to turn when they know that they are traveling the broad road that leads to destruction. This has been a pleasant day. I don't know that any thing has happened worth writing to day. and I haven't much time to write, since my baby has been sick I have not had many leisure moments. The little fellow has ^{had} a hard time for the last four weeks, it seems to me like he never will get well, but if it be the will of God to take him from us we will have to give him up as cheerful as we can. I know it would be hard but we all have to see more or less trouble on this earth. It would be hard to live in much trouble here and die with out hopes of seeing any better times hereafter. This must close the year 1845.

1899

Fort Davis Stephens Co Texas

Monday Jan. 1st 1899. This has been a beautiful new years day. Beck Stockton B. D. Miller and E. G. Miller

fr. come in to town to day they are going a buffalo hunting. Thomas L. Stockton sent me a fine cloak a dress pattern and a pair of shoes. and he sent E. P. Newcomb a fine pair of boots and a hat by Mr. Miller that was all he got for us out of so many things we sent for by him.

Bus has been worse to day.

Tuesday Jan 2nd 99. James Veal and B. D. Branning are in town to day B. D. Branning begins to look like an old man a great deal more so than he did the last time I saw him and that has not been a year ago. Mr. Veal says that he heard that the over land Mail was to be carried over the old route through this country again by the same contractors that had it in hand before the late war. If that be the case it will be a great advantage to this country.

Wednesday Jan. 3rd 99. This has been a very cold day the wind has been blowing very hard from the north. I cant see that gun is any better yet. A party of buffalo hunters come in to day they say that they saw a plenty of buffalo but did not have the good luck to kill many.

Thursday Jan. 4th 99. To day has been much pleasanter than yesterday was. Some buffalo hunters come in to day loaded with meat hides and tallow. One of them E. C. Christerson became unable to do any thing by a bad rising that come on the back of his hand the day he started. My boy took another bad spell last night and he has looked weaker to day than I ever saw him look. he appeared to be easy all day but he did not sleep much. We are sitting up with him to night.

Friday Jan. 5th 99. My baby slept all night and has slept all day to day he must be better by him sleeping so much. Mr. H. McParty and his son Dick started home to day they have been here some time.

Saturday Jan. 6th 99. This has been a very windy dusty day, sand storms are very common in this country especially at this season of the year. The dust will get in to the tightest house and into the closest trunk, enough to be noticed very plain. Last night about half an hour past mid-night Mrs Christerson gave birth to a fine looking boy which is only the seventh child that has been born in this place.

Fort Davis Stephens Co. Texas 1840. =

Sunday Jan 7th / 40. This has been a cloudy warm day and looks like we might have some rain before long. Kate Bragg and Mr Scott came in from Ft Belknap this evening and bring the news that there were indians in Belknap night before last. Also J. S. Evans come in from Linche's ranch and says that the indians have stolen all the horses from there lately. Mr. Linch says that he thinks the indians are going to keep ranch for him this year, but says if they are he would like for them to let him know before he puts himself to any trouble to repair the ranch.

The horse that W. B. Gth John started to Mexico on is back at Greer's ranch in very good order, and it is reported that the boys are killed, but we here so many flying reports that we don't know whether to believe it or not, although it is very likely they are. I think Gus is some better. we did not set up with him last night.

Monday Jan 8th / 40 To day has been very damp and cloudy but not very cold. Nearly all the men of this place set to hunt their horses early this morning, after hearing the indian news yesterday, but I don't think there is any gone from this place, for there has been several fine bunches drove in to day that belonged here. Gus begins to look now like he had been sick. he looks poor pale and weak.

Tuesday Jan 9th / 40. To day is still damp and cloudy, and the wind has been blowing quite hard from the south. Mr. Scott and Mr. Bragg started home to day. J. M. Evans J. S. Evans M. H. Anderson and W. W. Anderson went also.

Wednesday Jan 10th 40 This has been another cold damp day. Mr. Hixon M. Mc Carthy H. Chelmer and Dick Curtis started over to the salt works after a wagon of salt that Jo. Browning broke down.

Thursday Jan 11th 40 J. S. George and A. B. Anderson got home to day from a milling trip. Mr. Newcomb has a very bad cold and was so hoarse to day that he could not keep school.

Friday Jan 12th 40. Nothing has happened to day.

Saturday Jan 13th 40. This has been quite a pleasant day for this time of the year. J. B. Dawson and E. E. Jackson started to Weatherford to day. John Dawson is just now going home he has been up here buffalo hunting.

Fort Davis January 15th 1860 Stephens Co

Sunday Jan 15th 60. We were gladly surprised this morning at the arrival of G. Y. Reynolds and B. Huff. They started to ^{old} Mexico on the 17th day of Oct. 65 with a drove of beef steers but when they got on the Concho they heard that they could not get a good price for them there, so they changed their course and went to new Mexico. There was ~~not~~ but three men driving beef so far and guarding them all night every night they surely had a hard and lonesome trip.

They say that they did not meet with any indians over much bad luck. They met a large bunch of soldiers as they were going out the soldiers asked them where they were going, when they told ~~told~~ them they asked if them three ~~were~~ all that was going, they said yes. Well said the men I glory in your ~~in your~~ ^{in your} spirit but I don't go any thing on your judgment.

They drove their beef up the Rio Pecos and sold them at a little place 15 miles this side of Comita Tree.

I suppose that W. B. C^o John had a claim on a gold mine in Pike's Peak before the war, and his partner has sold the claims for several thousand dollars. B. Huff says that C^o John heard of his partner and he has gone to Dyer City to get his share of the money, and he is going from there to see his old Mother and Father in the State of Mo. He hated to leave the boys very bad, but they told him that they would try to make it back by them selves and for him to go on and see his people. I think that it is childrens duty to go and see their parents while they have them living. And it is every body's duty to prepare to meet each other after death.

This ~~has~~ been a cloudy damp and ugly day but I have felt perfectly satisfied since the boys come home I carried my baby down to mothers today it is the first time I have had him out of the house in five weeks. J. H. Brown and W. W. Anderson got home today from Fish Creek. They say that indian sign is thick over there I am afraid they will give this fort a call before long. They have let us escape now about one year but I fear that will not be so kind to us much longer, they have been visiting all the other forts around here and I guess they will pay us the next visit.

Monday Jan 15th 99.

Mr. Duncan came home to day

he has been below for sometime after bread stuff Mariet Cuthrell did not come home he lost his team and Duncan left just this side of Weatherford. Todd Willet came up with Mr. Duncan but he had luck enough to loose his horse on the way. I commenced making my new dress to day.

Tuesday Jan 16th 99. Pa. and Si. Huff started over to Hubbard creek to day after St. Johns horse. Mr. Newcomb sold his house to day to Albert and William Anderson for four beef steers to be delivered in the spring when he gets ready to go to Mo. we have the best house in ~~this~~ place it has three rooms and they all have good plank floors and doors it has two outside doors with good locks to them. The house is well plastered with mud inside and out it has two good fire places one in the west end and one in the east. It goes against the grain with me to leave a good house and go in to one that is open and has no floor but I reckon I can put up with it a few months if I should be spared to live that long, the priest of the people in this place live on dirt floors.

Wednesday Jan 17th 99. Nothing happened to day except a little fun we had with a buffalo. Nick Anderson drove one up late this evening and put him in traps, capture the boys ripped his head and heels and threw him down, and seven women and children all crowded around to take a peep at the wild wooly monster of the west. The boys after cutting him up pretty severely let him out and he took his course right strait into the fort and came very near going into Mr. McBarrys house and Mr. Barry shot he turned then and went to the river the boys thought ^{them} they had seen enough fun and they killed him in the bed of river.

Thursday Jan 18th 99. This has been a very pleasant day.

Friday Jan 19th 99. This morning was pleasant and I went to the wash place to wash and by the time I got ready to hang my clothes out there came one of the worst sand storms I ever witnessed and put my clothes in bucket in the house and they got so dusty I had to wash them over.

Pa and Si. Huff got home to day just before the sand storm John Schoolcraft came with them. Mariet Cuthrell got home to day but he did not bring his wagon he found Todd Willets horse and brought him up. It is now half past nine O'clock P.M. and I must quit.

Saturday Jan 20th 90 This has been a very cold and

windy day, we moved ^{to day} ~~in~~ to the house that J. G. Steel built last spring, this has been a very disagreeable day to move but we had it to do as we had promised to give ~~possession~~ possession to day it did not take us very long to move as we did not have much. The boys got five dancers and danced in the house we moved out of to night, they danced in that house this night one year ago we moved part of our things in that house this day one year ago so we got the benefit of the house one year.

Mr. Medlin and Lige came in town this evening they said that Todd Willet sent them word to come over here to a settlers stores but they did not find any when they came.

Sunday Jan 21st 90 To day is some pleasanter than yesterday was.

The Mr. Andersons moved to day and straightened every ^{thing} ~~up~~ and look like they were highly pleased with their new home. Old Maria moved her bed and board to ^{day} from Mr. Andersons to Mr. McCarlys, there has been considerable changing about to day and yesterday. Augustus Kewcomb seems to be very well satisfied with his move he has been ~~lying~~ in his cradle looking around and laughing at every thing like he knew that he was in a strange place. He is five months old to day and weighs one pound less than he did ~~the day~~ he was three months old.

he weighed 21 pounds when he was three months old and only ~~weighs~~ twenty now.

Monday Jan 22nd 90. To day has been tolerable blustery.

I have not been doing any thing to day but tending to my baby and doctoring my dog that had the misfortune to get a dose of strychnia this morning. I think if there is any cure in greas he certainly will get well for he has taken a vast quantity of it. He has taken more greas than I would have given for him if he had not been a number one dog.

Mr. Medlin and Lige Johnson went home to day also Mr. Schoolcraft. Ch. Huff, John Helman and Todd Willet all started below this morning. John Helman and Todd Willet are going to Weatherford and Ch Huff is going to Navarre to settle some business for Ch John.

There was a jolly crowd of men left here to day to take a buffalo hunt. E. E. Reynolds J. C. Evans W. W. Anderson C. Christerson J. C. ~~Evans~~ and P. J. Anderson. J. L. Thorp.

Tuesday Jan 23rd 1861

Fort Davis Stephens Co. Tex.

To day has been tolerable cool. I don't know that anything has happened to day worth writing about. Mr. Hiltson Mr. Hightower and Mr. Swin went to camp Cooper to day.

Wednesday, Jan 24th 1861 This has been a pleasant day. There was a buffalo come in to the fort early this morning and the dogs run him in to the river and he has been in there all day untill late this evening the boys killed him and drug him off. Nick Anderson fened another buffalo late this evening. Buffalo are getting to be very common in this place they are no great sight now to women and children.

Thursday Jan 25th 1861 This has been a calm pleasant day. The buffalo hunters come in to day they say that they killed a great many fat buffalo but they did not have team enough to bring in much meat they brought in some tallow and hides.

Friday Jan. 26th 1861 Nothing happened to day until late this evening, just after school had dismissed. John Anderson Jas. Jackson Charlie and William Wilson Mr. Smith and a Mexican all got back safe and sound from Mexico. They sold their beef at San Antonio at seven dollars per head they got fourteen dollars for some of them. They say they found goods tolerable cheap. To night a little after dark Tom. Battiff C. E. Jackson and Wm. S. Hoover rode in to the fort. Wm. Hoover has a wagon load of goods coming on behind with the mill wagons. And Arch Battiff is moving up here to this fort they say that they will be here to morrow.

Saturday Jan 27th 1861 The wagons did not get here to day. We got the old loom out of our house this evening, we have a great deal more room now.

Sunday Jan 28th 1861 This has been a very warm day for this season of the year. I put on my new worsted dress and cloak to day and went to see Mrs. Margaret Anderson. My baby has been very cross ever since I have been in this house he has taken a bad cold.

Mr. Current and family come in to this place a little after dark this evening, to see their kin Mr. Christersons family Mrs. Current and Mrs. Christerson are sisters and they have not seen one another in three years although they have not been living very far apart.

Monday Jan 29th 00. To day has been quite pleasant

J. S. Evans left here early this morning, for Palo Pinto to get license to marry, S. F. Reynolds went with him. He intends to marry next Sunday to Miss Mary Sutherland. The mill ~~and~~ and the goods wagon all got in this evening. John Watson packed up to move to day he is going up to Camp Cooper.

Tuesday Jan 30th 00. John Watson started to camp Cooper to day I think they will have a lonesome time up there twelve miles from any settlement. Wm S. Hoover set up his goods to day in Mr. Wheeler's house the house that John Watson moved out of to day. He has a pretty good lot of goods, but the prices are very high yet.

Wednesday Jan 31st 00. This month has roled off very quick and it will not be long till the year will be passed and gone. Time flies fast, it waits for no man.

Mr. Arch Balliff moved into a house to day that he bought of J. A. Browning. J. A. Browning is fixing to go down to Johnson Co. on a visit with his wife.

I suppose that Mr. Hoover has been selling goods pretty brisk to day.

Thursday Feb. 1st 00. This month has made a be-
gining on a very pleasant day. John Selman Todd.

Willet and C. Horff came in this evening from Weatherford. Mr. Sam. Lindsley and Mr. Boyer came over from Hubbards creek, They bring the news that the indians have cleaned up the horses from Lynch's ranch again. Mr. Oxford and Wm. January came in town this evening, I did not see them to day. A stranger Mr. Gilbert came in this about dark he is from Parker Co. This

Friday Feb. 2nd 00. Mr. Lynch Mr. Ray and Mart Hoover came over from Hubbards creek to day. They traded some with Mr. Hoover since they come. Mr. Current Mr. Christerson Mart Embertin and Wm Reynolds come in off of a buffalo hunt this evening. They got a good deal of tallow and meat. Albert Anderson has been sick for several days.

Saturday Feb. 3rd 00. This has been a cold day and very windy I think it is fixing up for a bad spell of weather. This country needs rain now very bad to make the grass grow, I am afraid we will have a late spring.

Sunday Feb. 4th 00. To day has been cold cloudy and windy, very unpleasant for traveling, but Mrs. Current and family thought they would try it, so they got in their wagon and lumbered out for home. They live about fifteen miles from here on Duck creek at a place called ~~called~~ Picketville. We was expecting to have a wedding or two here to day but George Reynolds came home yesterday by him self. he says that parson Shlawter's family is sick and J. C. Frans is down their waiting for him. He says they will be here Monday or Tuesday. The old man January and two of his sons John and William came in town this evening. Mrs. Sharp has been quite sick to day. J. A. Browning and Marion Mc Carthy left here yesterday, bound for the lower country.

Monday Feb. 5th 00. This has been another cloudy ugly day in which nothing has happened. The old lady Anderson has been sick for sometime with some kind of fever. There has been a good deal of sickness here this winter for this country. It is generally very healthy in this part of Texas.

Tuesday Feb. 6th 00. To day has been very pleasant, to what it has been. M. W. Anderson and Tom. Ratliff went over to Hurlbess creek to day after Sam. Lindsay ser. to see the old lady Anderson as he professes to be some kind of a doctor. M. W. Carthy came back home to day.

Wednesday Feb. 7th 00. M. W. Anderson, Tom. Ratliff, and Mr. Lindsay got here about four o'clock this morning. I notice Mr. J. Gunderberg and Jack Smith in town this evening. They have been trading with Wm. Hoover. The old lady Dotson came up to day to weave a piece of cloth, she went in to the old house that Maria use to live in when she lived with Lewis. The old lady scraped it out and went to spinning.

Thursday Feb. 8th 00. ~~There was~~ two gentlemen came in last night from Parker Co. They came up to get pay for a horse and six shooter that Marion Mc Carthy bought from them.

To night between nine and ten o'clock Sam Lindsay jr. and a man by the name of Rhoads came in to this place. They came to bring B. W. Reynolds's wagon home. ~~that~~ James Sutherland came in this evening. Friday Feb. 9th 00. Wm. Hixson came in with a load of goods this morning for Mrs. Newcomb to sell. Some of them belong to G. F. Shockett and some to Mr. Davidson.

J. C. Frans and the parson got here this evening, and we had preaching to night at the school house

Saturday Feb 10th 60. We had preaching at the school again to day and just as it was about to close Yod Willet and Lucinda Chelman walked in and was joined together in marriage.

We had preaching again this evening and at candle light

Sunday Feb 11th 60. J. S. Giran and Mary L. Sutherland was married this evening at 4 O'clock and at 5 O'clock Mrs Chelman and Miss Sarah Ann Jackson was baptised.

This has been a very pleasant day and will long be remembered by the persons that I have just spoken of.

Monday Feb 12 / 60 This morning just as the sun threw his rays of light ~~across~~ the hills and tree tops O. P. Newcomb was baptised in the clear fork of Bragor. We had preaching again this morning and at 4 O'clock this evening Wm W. Anderson and Susan V. Anderson Mrs. Irvine and Mrs. Christerson was baptised

Tuesday Feb 13th 60 This morning before the ferry left us he baptised Marion Mc. Barty and his Maria Mc. Barty and the old lady Jackson. And then he started home accompanied by G. S. Reynolds and M. F. Barber. A Mexican that John Anderson had employed left here to day to go to Eagle Pass alone after his family and other Mexican hands for the stock raisers in this country. I think he will have quite a lonesome trip if he goes all the way by himself. Some think it is very doubtful whether he will come back any more or not.

Wednesday Feb 14th / 60. Last there blew up a dry norther, and brought with it a very disagreeable load of sand. That got into every trunk and box in the house, And more than that it filled my eyes so full of dust that I could scarcely open them. I notice Mr. Chiles in town to day. Late this evening Mart Hoover came in from Leedbetter salt works.

Thursday Feb 15th / 60. The norther has been blowing very cold all day but it ceased at sunset this evening. There was ice on the river this morning half an inch thick. The old lady Anderson is getting better; but John is quite sick. There was two strange gentlemen come in town this evening. I find out that one of them is the old lady Jacksons brother his name is Mart Boyls. The other is a friend of Wm G. Hoover by the name of Swallow.

Friday Feb 16th / 60. This has been a very dark damp cloudy day. It has the appearance of rain very much.

I hope it will rain soon and then turn warm so the grass will grow. The river has almost or quite quit running. It looks very low and filthy for people to drink.

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Fort Davis Stephens Co Texas

Saturday Feb 17th / 99 This has been another cold damp day. Mr. Swallow and Martin V. Hoover left here to day they are going down to Coal Station.

Albert Anderson's house caught fire last night but they found it out before it done much mischief.

There was three families left this place to day. the widow Selman John Selman and S. Willet. They moved down to the old lady Dotson's ranch on the Clear fork. The old lady Selman has not gone yet, she is staying with Mrs. Thorp, she expects to go down when the old lady Dotson goes.

Sunday Feb 18th / 99. This has been a very pleasant day. We had singing at the school house this evening.

There are several persons in this little town that can sing first rate when they take a notion. but we made a sort of a failure to day. The old lady Anderson is improving in health, but her son Jeff. and her grand son James are both bed fast with the fever, John Anderson has got well, I see him arming Elizabeth Jackson around over town to day. My baby has been very troublesome for two or three weeks but I think he is some better now. he has two teeth through and he bites like every thing sometimes and I would not be surprised if he did not get many a hard slap for it.

Monday Feb 19th / 99. This has been another beautiful day. James Guthrie and Marion Mc Carty left here this morning, they are going down the country.

Mr. Carty told his wife that he would be back by next Monday, but it would not surprise me much if he never comes back. Some how or other I dont understand this man Marion Mc Carty as long as I have known him.

B. W. Reynolds Wm D. Reynolds S. Huff and negro boy that Wm Hoover has employed started up to the Stone ranch to day to repair the pens they expect to keep their cattle up there this year if nothing happens.

Tuesday Feb 20th / 99. This has been another very pleasant day, I am afraid this fine weather went last long for it is generally the case when we have a fine day the next is almost sure to be ^{the} exactly opposite.

Mrs has not been well for a long time and to day she is scarcely able to be out of bed, she has not had any washing done for several weeks and I thought as to day was so pleasant that I would wash for her.

I Notice Tom Matthews in town to day.

Wednesday Feb 21st / 99 This morning was very cloudy but along towards dinner time it cleared off and the wind blew very hard from the south. Mrs is worse to day she has not set up any ~~body~~ is salivated very bad and her mouth is very sore, she has had a fever all day. I have been making soap to day and I tell you it has kept me busy to wait on Mrs nurse a crop baby and tend to the soap.

I dont reckon I could have done as much as I did if it had not been for the old lady. Elmore she is a faithful hand to wait on the sick, it looks like she never tires, it makes no difference what is to be done she is always there ready. I Notice J. F. Moulding Wm Mosley and Sam. Lindley in town this evening. The indian boy named Taylor Mouldings horse and he came over to buy another. ~~The boy is~~ his six months old to day and weighs twenty three pounds and a half, he is so fat and lubberly that he cant even set alone yet. B. F. Reynolds started up to the Stone ranch to day alone, he will ^{have} a lonesome ride through this wilderness country. He is two years and seven months younger than I am and I know that I would be too big a coward to go half that distance by myself in this indian world.

Thursday Feb 22nd / 99. This has been a very warm day for this season of the year, this evening was no warmer to be pleasant. but about sunset the wind blew quite cold from the north. Mr Mosley and Sam Lindley left here to day. but Matthews and Moulding are here yet.

Friday Feb 23rd / 99. The wind has been blowing very cold from the north to day. ^{Wm}

Cannady and S. Hightower came in town this evening. They brought up a yoke of steers to trade to ^{Wm} G. Hoover. I think from what they say that Hightower is buying an outfit to marry, I heard that Hoover sold him some bleached domestic to make his intended bride a wedding dress, but Hoover made him believe that it was muslin.

Saturday Feb 24th / 99. Mr. W. Anderson got home this evening he has been down about Weatherford, he brought Mousgraves horse back, that Mr. ~~Mr~~ Garty took down with him. The old lady Dotson went home this morning.

Sunday Feb 25th / 99 This has been another pleasant day. B. W. Reynolds and his hands came down to day from the Stone ranch, they say that they have got the ranch ready to move up. It is some better to day.

Monday Feb 26th / 99. To day has been quite pleasant. Ch. Huff ^{Wm} Reynolds B. E. Reynolds J. C. Evans and two or three others went down the Clear fork cow hunting to day. And several others went over on Fish creek.

Tuesday Feb 27 / 99. This morning was cloudy and looked very much like rain but in a few hours it all blew away and looked as little like rain as it ever did. Tom Selman and the old lady Dotson's negro Bill came up this evening a foot they say that the indians stole all the horses from their ranch last night. The cow hunters that went down the river yesterday, saw indians sign to day and they come back home this evening.

Wednesday Feb 28th / 99 This has been another cloudy morning, but the south wind blew all the signs of rain away. This country must be too high and windy for it to rain much here, but some times it commences and rains as good as it does anywhere.

Thursday March ^{3rd} / 99 This is the first day of March 1899 and it is a very windy day, but it still looks a little like rain. Spring is here now and no grass for the stock to eat. Mr. Irvine came down from his ranch this evening to move his family up, he is going to take some of his things up to morrow.

Friday Mar. ^{2nd} / 99 This is a tolerable pleasant day, Mr. Irvine took two wagon loads up to his ranch to day. Dr. West ^{Wm} Clinging and D. Miller came in town this evening, they are from Neal Station Parker county, they have come up to gather beef steers. Dr. West says that G. E. Miller and J. L. Stockton are moving back to their old ranches on the Clear fork, he says that Miller will get to his ranch to night. Our school ended to day.

Saturday March ^{3rd} / 99 Weather is still cloudy but no rain yet, I think it will rain before many days if it stays warm weather. Mr. Harris and Mr. Spaulding came over to day from Hubbard's creek, they came over to preaching but was disappointed our preacher failed to come. The old lady Dotson John Selman's wife and Horn Selman came up to preaching this evening also. Mrs. Thorp gave birth to a fine boy this ^{morning}.

Sunday March 4 / 99 It rained a tolerable good shower this morning and continued to sprinkle a little all day, Mart Hoover and A. Swallow come up this evening from the Station, they say the reason that parson Slater did not come his ^{son} Columbus got very badly shot by accident.

Monday March 5 / 99 We had a little more rain last night but half enough yet. Dr. West ^{Wm} Clinging D. Miller A. Swallow Mart Hoover and a black man that Mart Hoover brought up with him all started over on Hubbard this morning, and this evening C. Buff and B. H. Reynolds started over. Mr. Irvine moved his family to day.

and Mr. Mc Cartys family also

Tuesday March 8th 1860. This morning was still cloudy but this evening it cleared off very pleasant. The old lady Selman went home to day with the old lady Dotson and her crowd.

Arch Ratliff moved in to Mr. Irwins dwelling. It is a great deal better house than the one he lived in and more room in it.

Wednesday March 7th 1860 To day is cloudy, and has been raining a little, it looks like the rain is afraid to come down upon this dry and needy earth. but I hope it will rain enough before it quits.

Mr. Newcomb is getting very anxious for the grass to rise so he can go to Missouri to see his people.

Thursday March 8th 1860 Another cloudy day but no rain yet. Nothing has happened to day worth writing.

Friday March 9th 1860 It has been sprinkling off and on all day, it is now about eight O'clock P.M. and the rain is coming down pretty nicely.

Myself and little boy are here alone, my companion is at Bill Hoovers store, playing drafts, it seems to me that he would rather be there playing, than to be at home with me and his little boy. He is with a crowd of wild rattling boys passing the hours away fast and fine. but I dont guess that he is thinking or caring how long and lousome the hours are to me here alone in this old cabin. He is fixing to leave me before long, that is what makes me think hard of his staying away now. but perhaps he is getting restless and anxious to start, and he passes the hours away better when he is with a crowd. but let it be as it may, I cant content myself while he is there playing checkers. but I expect that I do things worse than playing checkers, I have played baby is worse to day I dont think it will be long

Saturday March 10th / 99:- We had a very nice little rain last night, but it has cleared off to day. Brother William and John Anderson is fixing to go to Clarksville to go to school. They expect to start before many days. G. Huff. and B. H. Reynolds come home to day from Hubbards creek.

Sunday March 11th / 99:- To day has been very windy and Tolerable cold, H. P. Newcomb W. L. Hoover G. Huff and B. H. Reynolds all went over to Lynches ranch to day to gather beef steers. I will be left alone now for some time. J. A. Browning and his wife and Catherine McCarty and John Selman came in to the fort this evening. The old man McCarty has moved back to this country again he is living at John Dawson's ranch down on the Clear fork, at the same place pa. lived at when I was married. Joe. Browning brought up news that the Indians had ^{been} killing and stealing in Parker County they killed two men and lanced a little girl and took off three little children prisoners. He also brought news that W. B. S^r John and his brother was in Weatherford, he sayed they would be up here in a few days.

Monday March 12th / 99 This has been a cloudy day. W. B. S^r John got home to day, he looks just exactly like he always did. M. F. Barber came up with him. H. Reynolds got home this evening, he has not been very well since he has been down the country. S^r John went back to H. L. Stocktons ranch this evening.

J. A. Browning went home to day.

Tuesday March 13th / 99 We had a very fine rain last night, It has rained enough now to make the crops grow fine. The Clearfork is running very pretty to day. C. H. Reynolds and Blake Barber went down the river counting to day. Strike Stockton came up to the fort to day but he did not tarry long. Started over the river, moved his family to day.

Tom. Selman and Dick Mox Party came up this evening to bring pass wagon home they got it about half way they said, and their steers give out and they left it.

Wednesday March 14th 1861 W. D. Reynolds and J. H. Anderson started to Clark's Ville to day. There was several men left here to day to hunt cattle over on Fish creek. Tom and Dick went back and brought the wagon home this evening

Thursday March 15th 1861 To day has been very disagreeable, the wind has been blowing quite cold

Friday March 16th 1861 This has been a beautiful day the sun has shone all day. We had a heavy frost last night. I was very sick last night with a chill and fever. I have not been as sick

before in two years ~~but~~ I was last night. I went to bed early, and Gus was not use to going to bed early and he would ^{not} sleep nor let me sleep, so I had to have Ma to come in here and take him up to the fire, Gus missed his pa last night to set up with him and I guess his ma missed him too. I have not been hardly able to keep to day

Saturday March 17th 1861 To day has been very windy J. M. Evans J. S. Evans Dock Evans and Buck Evans all came down from camp Croper to day with a bunch of cows, Stephen Evans and Mary went down to Selman's visiting this evening

Thursday March 22. Sam. P. Newcomb and the rest of the cowhunters got home to day from Hubbards creek, they had very bad luck in gathering their beaver they did not bind but few and they turned them out

Friday March 23 1861 Mrs Christerson's baby was taken very sick last night, and has been very low all day

Wednesday March 28 1861 H. L. Stockton and his ^{wife} and Mr H. John come to see us to day Mrs Christerson's baby is worse to day I don't think it will live long

Thursday March 29th 1866 Mrs Christersons baby died last
and was buried to day. Mr. Jacksons negro which is very sick.

Friday March 30th 1866 My self and Mr. Newcomb
went writing to day down to Mr. Stocktons, it is the
first time that Gus ever was out of the fort.

Saturday March 31 1866. We bid adieu to Fort Davis
this evening and took our march for the Stone ranch;
~~which is about eighteen miles above here on the river~~
we ~~camped in the river bed at Mr. Erwins~~ to night
night found us camped on the Clearforks at Mr. Erwins.
Mrs. Erwin sent us plenty of milk and butter and we
fared fine. My baby got badly sunburnt and more than
that he got very tired of riding in the wagon.
Sunday April 1st 1866 We reached our ranch about noon
to day it ~~has~~ been quite warm to day. Buffalo was thick
between here and Mr. Erwins.

Stone Ranch Elkhornmorton Co Texas Oct 29th 67

Friday, This has been a pleasant day, My companion
got home off of a long hunt last Tuesday, and he has left me
again to day he expects to be gone about ten days.

A man that drives cattle cant stay at home with his
family much, The time passes slow and lonsome with
me while he is gone, one reason is we live so far from any one
eighteen miles from a living being I get very lonsome
sometimes when I think about being so far from any
one in an Indian country, I hope that I will not have to
live out here always where I can never go to church or go
to see a friend. It is true that I can see the little birds
warbling ^{sweet} their songs in the branches of the green trees, I can
see ^{large} herds of cattle feeding upon the rich green grass that
grows upon the valleys. And in the Autumn I
can see the big ugly buffalo that fairly blacken the
valleys and hill sides, I have not said any thing about the
Antelope the wild Deer and the cunning white eared
Rabbit that gallop over the hills of this country.

And there is the lofty mountains that spread their

and shade across the valleys of the west. and besides
all these here is my Father and Mother Brothers and
and Sister.

And my little blue eyed boy
A future hope, a ~~pleasant~~ joy.

With all these I can't help being lonesome at times.

My baby was quite sick last night with a fever and is not
well to day. I think he has a touch of that spell he had
last winter.

Saturday Oct. 20th / 69. My baby has had a fever
all day he has lain in his cradle and slept most of the
time. He has not tried to crawl or play he seems to be
quite sick. but I hope he will be better to morrow.

Sunday Oct. 21st / 69. My boy is quite playful to
day I don't think he has had any fever at all.

Carlos Augustus is fourteen months old to day.

We had some rain last ^{night} which has settled the dust and
cooled the air considerable. and the north wind has
been blowing hard and unpleasant.

I have been shut up in my room all day reading some
good newspapers, and my bright eyed little boy, play-
ing upon the floor rolling peccos and crawling after
them, with his little red jacket on looking like a Dutch
man. William Reynold and Levi Shaw has taken
a ride up the river. Glenn and Phin. are having
their own fun out of a half dozen little dogs we have
here. We have been thinking about going over on
Paint creek to gather some peccos, and if nothing hap-
pens I guess we will start to morrow.

Oct. 22nd / 69. Monday This morning after some
trouble of finding horses and oxen we got in to the wagon
about ten O'clock P. M. and struck out for Paint creek.

We have ten in company counting big and little old
and young, besides eight noisy dogs.

We started out expecting to camp a few days, we have
camping blankets flour and butter, we have no meat but
expect to kill some as we go along or after we get to our camp-
ing place. After crossing many rough hills and hollows
we reached the old California crossing on Paint creek and
finding a nice place to camp we turned our team out
to grass, and while ma was ~~was~~ preparing dinner the
rest of us gathered some fine pecans and after eating
dinner which was a great deal past our usual time we
^{gathered} two bushels of pecans, we went back to camp, and eat
supper which consisted of bread and butter and a small
sawed rabbit that our dogs succeeded in catching as we came
a long. After supper William Levi Ben, and Shire
all went out to kill some wild turkeys. Ma and P.
Glenn and Galtie and myself were left to keep camp and
hull the pecans. I fixed down my pallet under a large
chittum berry tree, and it was a long time before I could
get my boy satisfied to sleep on it. About the time
we got our pecans hulled and measured Ben and Shire
came in with a large turkey when they got it dressed
and put away they went to the creek to look at their
hook they had set out and they brought back a large cat
fish and by the time they got it dressed the other
two boys come in but they did ^{not} have the luck to kill
anything, and we all laid down to sleep.

Tuesday Oct 23rd / 1881 I was up this morning before
day light, not being use to a hard bed I could not sleep or
rest. Ma and Gus was just as restless and they got
up too. Ben and Glenn got up before light and went a
turkey hunting, but William and Levi lay and slept
as sound as if they had been upon a bed of down.

We built a good fire and by light we had breakfast
ready. And just as the sun was throwing his first
rays of silver light across the valley making the dew
on the grass glitter like diamonds. we were gather-
ing pecans under a large tree on the bank of Paint creek.

The sun was about half an hour high when Benjamin and Glenn came in with three nice fat turkeys.

By the time we got all the pecans from the first tree it was time to go to dinner, and I tell you what baseuit and butter, stewed turkey and a roasted potato pumpkin didnt go slow with a crowd of tired pecan hunters if we were three miles from home and twenty from any where else, on the old road that the first emigrants ever traveled from Texas to California.

We gathered close about camp until late in the evening and then we went higher up the creek I thought it was half a mile but it was because I had such a heavy load I carried Gus and a big fine shooting short gun and that lengthened the distance considerable with me.

When night came we ate our supper and all sat down to hull our pecans when we got them hulled. and measured we had five bushels that we gathered to day. I took the sacks that was full of pecans and put them around our pallet to keep a little of the wind off of my baby, he is so subject to the croup and fever that I am afraid that camping will make him sick.

Wednesday Oct. 24th / 66th We did not get up so early this morning for we were tired enough last night to sleep if our bed was hard, After breakfast Leevi went to hunt the steers while the rest of us loaded the wagon, we got the wagon all right and while we were waiting for Leevi to come Glenn Phil, and myself went out in the prairie and gathered a basket full of fine prickly pear apples to eat, After we got back to camp Leevi come with out the steers, then Benny got on his horse and went to look for them.

It is very cloudy to day and we are afraid it will rain and catch us across the river it is sprinkling now and Benny is not here yet.

We gathered nearly a bushel of pecans before Ben got the oxen up and then we got into the wagon and rolled for home. We got along very well until we got to the Clear fork it was a bad steep rocky crossing and the steers come unhitched from the wagon in the middle of the river and ran up the hill. The boys managed to get them back but before they got them hitched they ran up the hill again in spite of William and Levi that was holding them by a rope. But the second time they brought them down they drew the wagon out of the water and ^{carried it safe} to the top of a rugged hill. After we got on the prairie we locked a wheel and let them go as fast as they pleased and they jolted us along pretty fast. The wind blew very hard and it rained a little on us before we reached home. We were gladly surprised when we got there to find G. P. Newcomb and Si Thong there. I was wishing to find some one there but I did not expect it. They got there just before we did. We were all very hungry and we got dinner as quick as we could, we brought a Turkey home with us and I baked some pies out of the pear apples that I gathered on Paint.

I was surprised to see the boys at home, and more so when I found on the bed a couple of new calico dresses, a pair of stockings and garters a nice salt seller and some bleached domestic. And Gus was proud to have a little hat and pair of shoes that his father had bought for him. This day ends our pecan expedition.

Sunday Oct 27th 1866 B. W. and W. D. Reynolds started below this morning after bread stuff. Si went with them as far as Ft Davis he expects to come back in a few days. Levi Shaw and Ben Reynolds started down to the Shaw ranch to put up some hogs.

Stone Ranch Throckmorton Co, Texas Nov. 18 1899

Sunday, at the Stone Ranch four miles above old
Camp Cooper on the Bear fork of the Brazos; in a wild
Indian country. Sunday appears to be a great deal longer
than any other day in the week, out here especially where
we can't see any one. We are not troubled with visitors much
in this out of the way place, not half as much as we
would like to be. The Indians pay us a visit once in a
while but they are not the kind we like, for they shoot
us when ever they get a chance, and take our horses where
ever they find them without even giving us a quarter
master, receipt for them.

B. W. and W. D. Reynolds have been gone to mill three
weeks to day, we will look for them now every day until
they come, milling is pretty hard job in this country.
Since I wrote the above the mill wagon come in
about sun down this evening. Pa brought us some
letters from brother Georg. he says that he is very well
satisfied at school. We received two letters from
him on the fifteenth.

Tuesday Nov. 20th 1899; We have some very pleasant
weather for this season of the year, we have't had but
one cold spell this fall and that was in Sept.

Uncle Matt Grans J. C. Grans Marion and Dick
McCarty and Tom. Brax. came up here to day,

Mr. Grans came up to Mr. Rawins ranch after some
that he bought from Mr. Gilbert, he sold some to Pa
has come up for him to go after it, Pa William and
Mr. Kewcomb went down to get the corn.

Mary L. Grans has a fine boy ten days old today.

Wednesday Nov 21st 1899; Pa and William came back
with a load of corn to day, But Saml. R. Kewcomb went
on down to the Fort with Mr. Grans and the sherburn

Thursday Nov 22nd H. R. Kewcomb and C. Hough
came up today from Fort Davis

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Thursday Nov. 29th 1866

George F. Reynolds got home to day from Clarksville, he had to come home on account of bad health. He says that he could not live a year on the diet that Mr. Kenzie gives his scholars.

George got with W. F. Reynolds and H. P. Newcomb at Mr. Davis they have ^{been} down coon hunting ever since last Sunday. We had some rain last Sunday night and Tuesday.

Friday Nov. 30th Saml. P. Newcomb, Si. Thompson, G. F. and W. F. and R. B. Reynolds, all went out to try their guns on some Buffalo. At dark they came in with four hides, a sack of tallow and tongues.

Saturday Dec. 1st 66 The boys all went out to try their their luck again to day, Glenn went with them and that made six in company. A little after dark G. F. G. F. B. and Glenn came in with three hides. W. F. and Si. got separated from them and it was an hour or two later when they got home they brought in three hides with them.

Sunday Dec. 2nd To day is cloudy and looks very much like we would have rain or sleet or snow or a dry rather ones. Augustus can walk across the room very well to day, I think he could walk all the time if he would try, but he is so fat and heavy he is afraid of falling, and he knows when he does fall that he is sure to get hurt.

Monday Dec. 3rd 1866 We have had pleasant weather now for a long time. we havent had any ice but once and that was on the 29 of Nov.

I am afraid when cold weather sets in it will be very severe. H. P. Newcomb, Si. Thompson, George and William Benjamin and Phineas Reynolds, all started down to the Shaw Ranch to day to hunt some hogs. Lavin Shaw has been down with the sore eyes for a week.

Stone Ranch Texas

Tuesday Dec 4th 1866 I have just got through with a hard washing, and don't feel much like writing, but I thought I would just to keep in practice.

The West wind has been blowing very strong and disagreeable all day. We live so far from any body I can never have any thing new to record.

Wednesday Dec 5th This morning the wind was blowing pretty sharp from the north, and this evening it is whizzing still harder and colder. I reckon it will be cold enough by morning to freeze the water in the branch.

Thursday Dec 6th 66 This morning I was awakened by the sleet falling upon the roof of the house it continued to sleet for some time, and then it began to snow and it was not long until the ground was white.

Just before sunset this evening Saml. P. Newcomb and Phil Reynolds came in from hog hunting nearly frozen, and about dark William and Ben came in with the wagon they did not kill but one hog and two pigs. I heard that Vol. Clark was to be married to day.

Friday Dec 7th The snow melted away to day but it is quite cool yet. The boys are all in a big way sorting their guns and molding bullets to go on a hunt up to Phantom Hill.

George and Si came in this evening, they have been over to Picketville after ammunition. They aim to start next Monday, they are looking for Gen. Thorpe up to go with them. I have been very well to day.

Saturday Dec 8th 66 This day is some pleasanter than yesterday was. S. P. N. killed him a deer to day, William killed a fat turkey and Ben killed a couple of quails, I guess they all want to try their guns before they go on the hunt.

Stone Ranch Tex.

Sunday Dec 9th 96 This day is pretty cold and cloudy. The boys are all sitting by the fire to day talking about their trip they are expecting to take to morrow. There is a few buffalo in sight to day. Fern. Sharp got here a little after dark this evening to go on the hunt.

Monday Dec 10th 96 This day has been very unpleasant. The boys had a great deal of trouble in getting teams to day. They hunted nearly all day before they found any oxen. They hitched up about ten hours by sun and started, ~~and~~ left Sam. still hunting. He is staying on with him when he comes, he got in a nearly dark with a big buck skin, and then him and Si ate their supper and started to over take the wagon. Levi Ben and Glenn went out buffalo hunting this evening and killed ten fat cars about dark and they concluded to camp. They sent Glenn back after some bread and matches.

Tuesday Dec 11th 96 This is a beautiful day for the boys to travel it is tolerable warm and pleasant.

The buffalo hunters come in this morning with hides and tallow. This day is not as pleasant as yesterday.

Wednesday Dec 12th 96 This day has been cloudy and windy not at all pleasant. Levi and Ben, went hunting again to day they did not kill any thing but a buffalo calf.

Thursday Dec 13th 96 Another dark and cloudy day in which nothing has happened. It has been a very warm day looks very much like rain. It is now about five o'clock P.M. and has commenced raining.

I am afraid that our deer hunters will have bad weather while they are out, it is generally their luck to be caught in some kind of a storm when they are out from home. Ben and Levi killed two buffalo

Friday Dec 14th 66 It has been raining nearly all day
and has been very dark and warm. ~~to day~~

Saturday Dec 15th 66 To day has been tolerable cold and
the north wind has been blowing pretty hard.

Sunday Dec 16th 66 This is a beautiful day and is quite
pleasant and calm.

Monday Dec 17th To day is quite different from yesterday
Yesterday was a beautiful calm sun-shiny day and to day is
quite cold dark and rainy. We have some very sudden
changes in the weather in this country.

Tuesday Dec 18th Still dark and cloudy.

Wednesday Dec 19th This morning was dark and cloudy
but this evening it has paired off and is pleasant.

Levi Shaw went down to Mr Davis to day.

Glen is thirteen years old to day, and as he that
was hitched to an old bedstead out in the yard
thought (as it was his birthday) he would let him have
a merry ride, so while Glen was fastening a rope
about the harness neck, the horse jerked loose from
the bedstead & pieces and got the rope wrapt around
Glen's legs and went whizzing dragging Glen after
him, but Glen luckily got loose before he got hurt.

The deer hunters got in at dark this evening.

They have had such bad weather they had to come
back sooner than they expected. They did not have
much luck in killing game, William killed four
deer, George five, Samuel six, & seven of them
eight. They found some wild horses up there
and caught one of them.

Thursday Dec 20th 66, James Sharp went home
this morning. The boys all went hunting to day
but did not kill any thing but William & George
did get a hide apiece.

Friday Dec 21 William got another hide to day
Levi got home to day from the Fort. He says that
C. E. Jackson and part of his hands have got back

from Mexico, Mr Jackson and John Wilson came in and left seven men behind with the wagon, and a few days ago the men came in again they said that the Indians had captured their wagon horses provision and whole outfit. They had to walk three days on the snow without any thing to or to sleep on.

Saturday Dec 22nd 66 We have been cooking provision half the day for the boys to take on trip up to Phantom after some horses. They got off about two O'clock, P. M. six in company Samuel, George, William, Benjamin, Levi and Eli.

I hope they will have the good luck to catch some of them. But if they don't it will be no worse luck than they have met with many a time before. If they run their horses down and get none of the wild ones I suppose it will be nothing but a Christmas frolic anyway they will only have a merry time chasing them.

Sunday Dec 23rd Sunday finds us still here at the Stone ranch, few and lonely, Dix leaving yesterday has diminished the ranch considerable, left but seven. We have nothing new strange or interesting to employ our minds, and Sunday is quite a lonesome day with us. I hope it won't be always so.

Monday Dec 24th 66: This has been a very pleasant day. I and man have been scouring^{and} cleaning up to day as it is nearly Christmas, better clean up at Christmas than never.

Tuesday Dec 25th 66 Christmas morning still finds us away up on the Clear Fork of Brazos at the Stone Ranch; no one for us to visit and no one to visit us. We are enjoying our Christmas by ourselves and working as hard as if it was any other day.

If the boys have luck I guess that they are driving
wild horses to day; they have had tolerable fine weather
for hunting ever since they left.

To day has been very blustery but not very cold.

Wednesday Dec 26th 90 This is another blustery day and
tolerable cold. We are looking for the hunters to day.
It is now past three O'clock P. M. and they have
not yet arrived, and I am afraid they won't get
home to day.

Thursday Dec 27th The boys got home at dark
this evening. they brought in two horses fat as
any animals I ever saw, but they was not mustangs
They have been living on venisere for two or three
and they was all pretty hungry when they got home.

Friday Dec 28 The fore part of today was tolerable
pleasant but the latter part was cold and cloudy.

Saturday Dec 29 It sheeted a little last night
and to day is very cold. the north wind blew pretty
hard all night but it does not blow very hard today.

Sunday Dec 30th To day is quite unpleasant cold
and cloudy. G. P. K. and G. H. K. was intending
to go to the Stockton ranch to day but they first
found that idea on account of the weather.

Monday Dec 31st This day ends the ^{year} eighteen hundred
and sixty six, it has been snowing all day.

William and Louis killed seven buffalo yesterday
about dark, and it was too late to skin them.
They have been out half the day in the snow
skinning them.

The Drummer boy of Waterloo.

1 When battle rouse each warlike band
With courage loud the trumpet blew,
Young Edwin left his native land
A drummer boy for Waterloo.

2 When his mother his lips she pressed
And bid her noble boy adieu
With wringing hands and aching breast
Beheld his march for Waterloo.

3 He who knows no infant fears
His knapsack o'er his shoulder threw,
And cried dear mother dry those tears,
Till I return from Waterloo.

4 We marched on till the set of sun
Beheld our armies for soldiers,
The flash of death the murderers gun
Had laid him low at Waterloo.

5 Oh! comrades comrades Edwin cried
And proudly beamed his eyes of blue
Go tell my mother that Edwin died
A soldiers death at Waterloo.

6 We placed his head upon his drum,
Beneath the moonlight's mournful hue
The night that stole the battle hum
We dug his grave at Waterloo.

S. E. N.

The laying of the cable. Apr. 29th/67

Hurra! hurra! the cables laid
Across the Atlantic Ocean,
And all the nation now is filled
With jubilant emotion.

Then let us shout with wild delight
As loud as we are able,
And hail the persevering might
Of him who laid the cable.

No brighter page shall ever adorn
The history of the nation,
Than that that tells the cable done
Stretched across the ocean.

The name of Cable shall live as long
As lives our nation's story.
It shall live in history and in song
All radiant with glory.

Hurra! hurra! the cables laid
The wires are fit in motion,
The last connecting link is made
Across the mighty ocean.

Then hail! all hail! to Cyrus Cable
Whose persevering nation,
Despite all opposition laid
The cable o'er the ocean.

Stone Ranch Throckmorton Co. Texas Sept. 27/90

This day brings around my eighteenth birthday. Eighteen years of my short life is past and gone. And how many more I will be permitted to live is not for me to know, it may be many and it may not be one. No one knows but the Great and Good ~~who~~ that gave us the breath of life, and ^{who} will take it away in his own good time.

It has been God's will that I should live to enjoy the sweet bright flowers of eighteen summers, and the cold white snows of eighteen winters. I have been living for the last six years on this extreme frontier of Texas, where the wild Indians are continually depredating on the people killing stealing and driving off our cattle. They have killed and scalped many a one of our poor country men, and they have captured many little children. But myself and all of my relations have been graciously spared by the wise providence of God. I hope that he will stretch forth a helping hand over this wild and destitute country.

W. Sant. Newcom

Alas! and did my Saviour bleed?

And did my Sovereign die?

Did He devote that sacred head?

For such a worm as I?

Was it for crimes that I have done

He groined upon the tree?

Amazing pity! grace unknown!

And love beyond degree!

Well might the sun in darkness hide,

And shut his glories in, For man the cross

When Christ the mighty Maker died for sinners

1867.

Stone Ranch Throckmorton

Mon. Jan. 1st 1867. This is the first day of the year 1867. And we are all yet alive to witness the coming of a new year. We ought to be thankful to our Maker for sparing us to see a new year; we may not all live to see another, if we do I have no idea that we will all be together at home as we are to day.

The earth has on a dress of spotless white.

The river is frozen over with ice.

And the boys are skating merry and free.

Wednesday Jan 2nd / 67 - ^{Very} cold and disagreeable. H. P. Mercantile Dr. House, William Reynolds and Levi Throckmorton went down to Fort Davis. G. H. and B. H. went hunting. B. H. killed two antelope.

Thursday Jan 3rd / 67 - To day is some pleasant than it has been for some times. G. H. and B. H. went hunting again to day. G. killed one antelope and two hogs.

Friday Jan 4th / 67 - There has been a considerable sand storm blowing to day.

George and Benjamin killed some buffalo to day and got a nice chance of tallow.

Saturday Jan 5th / 67. This has been a calm pleasant day. George and Benjamin went up the river this morning. The boys got in from Fort Davis this evening. They bring news that William G. Hoover has been killed and robbed on his way home from New Orleans. also another man with him which they suppose to be his father or brother as both went with him. They started last fall to New Orleans with a large drove of bees. Perhaps some man followed them from the city looking for them knowing they must have a great deal of money.

Sunday Jan. 6th 1807 This has been another pleasant day. J. M. Frans, W. H. Frans and L. E. Christerson came up to day. They are on hunting and buffalo hunting together. George and Benjamin came in after dark this evening.

Monday Jan 7th 07- The men all went hunting to day. Sam. Si. Ben. and uncle Matt Frans went together. L. E. Christerson and Jack went on hunting. William and Levi went on buff. hunting. An hour or so to day sun uncle Matt and Ben. came in tired and hungry they had killed one buffalo and came in after a horse to bring in the hide and tallow. In a little while Sam and Si. came in, Sam had pulled off his over shirt and filled the sleeves full of tallow tied the ends together and swung it over his shoulder like a shot punch. About sunset William and Levi got in with four turkeys and a deer. After dark Elgie and Jack came in, they killed fourteen buffalo and three deer, just doted the others badly.

Tuesday Jan 8th 07 Frans and Christerson went home to day.

Wednesday Jan 9th 07 This morning was cloudy and the North wind blew pretty cold. Pa and Ma went down to the Fort. visiting today. William and Levi went down with them for a guard.

Thursday Jan. 10th 1807. - This day is tolerable pleasant.

Friday Jan 11th 1807- This day has been tolerable warm, Si. and Ben. went hunting. Sam. walked out hunting killed four buffalo skinned off a piece of ^{hide} filled it full of tallow and cut holes around the edge of the hide and put a stick through them and put it over his shoulder and brought it home.

And after supper he dressed a deer skin.

W. and Benjamin did not kill anything but a deer.

STONE RANCH

Saturday Jan 12th 1867 - To-day has been very warm and windy; the wind has been very unpleasant. Ma and Pa got home this evening, from Paris. The boys killed some more buffalo to day.

Sunday Jan 13th /67 This is a very smoky day and looks like we would have bad weather before long.

Saturday Jan 19th 1867. I have neglected writing for several days, but I will try and write a little now. This is a very windy dusty day not at all pleasant for riding. Wm Reynolds and Levi Shaw started below after a load of corn to day. S. P. Mervine, Si Hough myself and Gus. went down with them as far as to Paris. I had a coverlet to leave ^{and} have to take it there to leave it. We got to the fort a little before sun down leaving the waggon behind. I was tolerable tired when I got there riding eighteen miles through the wind with a heavy boy in my lap.

Sunday Jan 20th The waggon got in about twelve to day. After dinner we went down to Thom. H. Stocktons we found all well but the old lady Helman. she is quite speckle with the chills and fever.

Monday Jan 21st Thom. Stocktons and John Helman have been killing hogs for sometime they have ten fine large ones to kill to day. They keep a side of ribs by the fire roasting all the time. J. B. Matthews and Ad. Greer. come to Stocktons to day. Mr Matthews says that Mr. Mervine died at his house a few days ago on Hubbard's creek.

Tuesday Jan 22nd /67 We went back to Paris this evening. and I spooled my thread after I got there. Wm and Levi were just starting when we got there they had to fix their waggon.

4 Wednesday Jan 23rd 87. Mar Newcomb and Si
hunted their horses all day and did not find them.

I got my cloth through the harness to day.

Thursday Jan 24th This is a very dark cloudy day I
dressed my thread through the Sley and shone some
on it. S. P. and Si found their horses late this evening.
Mar Spears is the Port with a few goods to sell
hisself for tallow hides and tongues.

Friday Jan 25. Si and Sam went buffalo hunting
to day to get tallow to buy some tricks from Spears.

I got one yard of my cloth robe to day.

Saturday 26. Uncle Matt Brans went up to his
ranch to day with a wagon to get some hay and kill
buffalo. S. P. and Si went up with him.

Thursday Jan 31st 87. Sam Si and George all
came to day with a load of tallow for Spears.

Friday Feb 1st 87. I finished my covered
to day and we came home after dinner. we got
home just at dark.

Tuesday Feb 5th I and Ma went to sewing
buckskins to day we have to make 8 pair of pants
1 coat and 11 shirts all leather.

Thursday Feb 7th Wm and Levi got home to
day.

Sunday Feb 17th I finished ~~the~~ a pair of pants
for Si this morning as he is going off on a hunt
to day and wanted to wear his buckskin.

Mr Newcomb Si and William went concert
hunting this evening.

Saturday Feb 23rd We made a finish of our buck
skin to day with to one pair of pants.

Sunday 24. Sunday at home and lonesome
as ever. The boys got home off the hunt
about dark this evening. They did much luck finding
cattle.

Thursday Feb 28th / 07 The boys all left us again to day they are going over on the Leon cashunting. George Ben Saml and Silas went on the hunt; and William went as far as the Port to go to school.

Fri. March 1st / 07 Spring is opening very pretty we have had a good deal of rain lately and the grass is growing very fast the prairys begin to look quite green already. Mr. Thorp and Levi Shaw came in to day from a party of men that are up the Clear Fork after some Indians. Levi got sick and Mr. Thorp came back with him.

They say that the Indians set a trap for some men that were cashunting on Tail creek last Wednesday. Mr. Jackson Mr. Batliff Mr. Glenn and some or two others. They turned an old horse loose where the men would see him and hid them selves closely in a branch. Mr. Batliff rode up to the horse to look at him and he heard a gun fire he looked to see if his own gun had went off, about that time another shot was fired at him and by the time he could look around pop went another he said their heads were sticking up out of the branch thick as black birds. The Indians run the men and captured their pack horses got all their provisions and blankets. They went back to the fort gathered 20 men and started on trail of the red skins the same evening, and it raining.

Saturday March 2nd / 07. Mr. Thorp went home this morning. The Indian hunters came in this evening the river is up and they did not all get over. John Anderson Will Anderson J. T. Thomas A. Mc Bond Tom Lane and another rough looking fellow ^{they} called Col. Carr and a negro Col. They all

swam over and stayed all night with us eleven others
stayed on the other side too timid to risk the water.

We sent their supper and breakfast down to the river
for them and one of them swam over after it.

The men over-hauled the Indians yesterday about 12
O'clock and had a fight with them, but got badly whipped,
they say. But luckily they did not get much hurt.
Mr. Glenn got shot in his shoulder with an arrow
but it did not hurt him bad. John Anderson lost
his hat, and Ed. Vans horse was captured in
the fight. The most of their horses are fabled down
Andy Mr. Donal came in walking and driving his
horse. They were all pretty hungry for they have
not had any bread since yesterday morning and they
all did justice to a warm and hasty supper. but

But I don't suppose that those across the river
thought it very hasty by the time it got to them.

The men all say they are perfectly satisfied
now to stay in the Fort and have nothing than to
risk the danger in staying on a ranch.

They appear to think that there is a village of Indians
somewhere not far from here. They say that when
the Indians discovered them that they raised signal
smokes, they ^{think} it was for assistance, after fighting a
while thought it best to retreat for fear the In-
dians would get reinforcement and take them in.

They are taking quite an early start this Spring
on the frontier people.

Sunday March 3rd The men all started to Fort
Davis this morning, the men that were on the other
side of the crossed over this morning as it was not
quite swimming.

This has been a very long day to us poor lone-
some creatures so far from any one, and a little
frustrated by the Indian excitement. We have had
very pretty weather for several days I am afraid

that it will not last long, before we will have a norther or a storm of some kind.

Monday March 4th 1807 It has been sleeting allday and is quite cold. The cowhunters in this country see a hard time; they have to be out in all kinds of weather good or bad rain or shine.

Tuesday Mar. 5th 07 Still snowing The ground has on as thick a coat of sleet and snow as it has had this winter. The trees were just beginning to gladden my lonely heart with their fresh green leaves when this snow storm came and I fear it will set them back. The Spring birds have begun to warble their sweet melodies on every tree around. They appear to ^{be} as proud to see the new green buds bursting forth from ^{the} elm trees as I am.

Wednesday Mar. 6th 07 This is another cold dark snowy day. It looks like this weather never will break up.

Thursday Mar. 7th The snow melted a little to day but the weather looks quite gloomy yet. It has been one week to day since our boys left home, but it appears to me like they have been gone two or three weeks.

Friday 8th The snow all disappeared to day. Buffaloes are very thick and have been for some time, once in a while they come in gunshot of the house. It seems like this long week and dull weather never will roll away.

Saturday Mar 9th 07 Another cold dark and dismal day to pass over. Oh! that I were in the land where clouds and storms are no more. Or in some silent lovely place where I could go to church and meet with some kind friends now and then, to while away the lonesome hours. This is a beautiful place and I like to live ^{here} very well, but there are two things that I dislike, one is we have no neighbors and the other is the troublesome Indians although they are every where.

else as bad if not worse than they are here but one don't
feel so dull and lonely when ^{they} live where they can see
people once in a while.

Sunday Mar. 10th 1807 This has been a great deal pleasant
er day than any we have had this week, the sun has been
shining most all day. I hope this day will not appear so
long as last Sunday did; it actually seemed to me
that it was almost a week long. My baby is not very
well to day he had a fever last night. He has been
weaned ever since the 15th of February. he is fat as a
pig. he does not try to talk much yet.

Mar. 11th 1807 Monday. This has been a tolerable
cold day. I have been washing to day, but it was quite
unpleasant that kind of business.

This afternoon I have been working on a pair
leather gloves for myself. I only got one made.

Mar. 12th 1807 Tuesday. I have been ironing and
making my other glove to day. We are still alone and lone-
some, but we look for our boys home in a day or two.

Bus. is still having fevers every day.

Mar 13th 1807 Wednesday weather still cloudy.
Bus. is sick and I am very lonesome. in short I
am in quite a bad predicament, studying about the
long lonesome days that I will have to spend here
during this season. I would not mind staying
if my companion could stay here with me. but he will
be gone weeks at a time after his cattle. And while he
is so busy trying to make a support for his little
family, going through danger and toil I will not
be idle. I will be managing my house-hold affairs
as skillful as possible; and do all in my power
to make him comfortable and happy.

Friday Mar 15th 1807 Late this evening after
I had finished a pair of gloves, I took a walk upon a
hill near the house to see if the boys were coming.
When I reached the top I stopt to rest a while and

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and take a look at the beautiful valley below me. The first thing that attracted my attention was the bright silver water in a little branch that ran close by the house and bended in many directions through the valley until it reached the Clear Fork of Brazos. The sun had just sunk beneath the western horizon, and was throwing its last tints of red light over the scenes before ^{me} that made them look very beautiful. I did not tarry there long but descended on to another part of the hill where the road turned around it into another valley. I looked as far as I could but could see nothing but hear and yonder a herd of buffalo. I turned my steps homeward expecting to spend one more night ^{as I} had done for two weeks but I had not been back ten minutes until I saw them turn the hill that I had just come from.

You might imagine how glad I was to see them. I don't believe I ever was much gladder to see any one in my life. Mr. Newcomb and Benjamin was all that come, George and Silas had gone down after one of the hands ^{that had} stolen a horse and left. His name was Andrew Jackson Marshall, a young man that St. John had hired. He stole George's horse, and a saddle from another one of the hands, a couple of new Mexican blankets from a negro, a pair of pants from Sam and a pair of shoes, a butcher knife from Mr. Wattles and I don't know how many more tricks.

Mr. Newcomb brought home his clock that he bought from J. L. Stockton some time ago, he also brought a couple of dresses and belts for me that he had bought of Nelson Spears, as he went down on the hunt. He say that R. D. Miller has moved up to Stockton ranch.

Tuesday March 19th 1867 Late this evening George and Si got home this evening. They over took Jack at Mr. Morgans nine miles this side of Weatherford.

He has got Tom. Brammer of Palo Pinto, and his blood hounds to help them trail the Thief. The same fellow sold Brammer a stolen horse some time ago that came very ^{near} getting him shot. They recaptured the stolen property and carried Jack back a little way with them and made him acknowledge to what he had done he also acknowledged that to selling Brammer a stolen horse.

Brammer was in favor of hanging him but George would not agree to that, so they agreed to whip him and let him go; as it was very cold weather they gave him a coat and some matches and let him go after promising that he never would show himself in this country again and never steal any more.

March 29th 1867 Friday. We have had some cold weather lately, its been snowing to day.

March 30 Saturday. There is a heavier snow on the ground to day than we had all winter. our winter come in March this year.

Mar. 31st 67 The snow is all melting to day.

April 1st 1867 Monday. This has been a pleasant day but the ground is quite wet and muddy.

Sam^l P. and Benjamin went to cutting poles to day to make over lots. John Anderson William Reynolds and Si Hough came here at 3 O'clock P. M. to go on an Indian hunt. The rest of the company got here at four. S. E. Jackson E. E. Christerson M. H. Anderson J. Durkee A. M. Lonal and Nelson Spears.

Tuesday Apr. 2nd 1867 The men left at half after nine this morning. S. E. Reynolds went with them that made ^{his} company. They aim to go to the double mountain fork of Brazos to look around. They want to find the Indian camps ^{they} can

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Apr. 3rd 1897

This has been a very windy day; Nothing has happened to day worth noting down

Thursday Apr. 4th 1897

William Reynolds and John Anderson came in about one O'clock this evening, they say that they had a fight yesterday evening near the double mountains on the Brazas. They got three Indian scalps; and got two of their own men wounded John Anderson and George Reynolds. John was shot through the right arm with an arrow. George was shot in his bowels and they say the spike is still in him. The boys rode all night and they look nearly worn out for want of rest. The rest of them are with George they are going to try to bring ^{him} some way, the boys said he was very sick when they left.

Mr. Kewenbuck started after a doctor a little after two O'clock P. M. I expect he will have to go to Weatherford to get one.

John Selman & Gasper Pegraffenried came here late this evening after a yoke of oxen, John says that his mother has been failing very fast for the last week or two, he don't think she can live much longer.

I dressed John's arm for him after he had taken a long nap of sleep. I had to rip his sleeves to get them up. He had not washed his arm since it was shot, the blood was dry and his under sleeve stuck fast to his arm. I know it must have hurt him while I was working to get it loose, but he did not flinch; he said ^{it} was very sore. It being the first wound I ever dressed I expect that I was a little awkward but I worked as tender as I could with it. He said that it felt a great deal better after the blood was washed off.

Friday Apr. 5th 1897. John Selman found the oxen very easy and they left early this morning.

William and John A. got their horses and rode out on the high points to look for the rest of the scout.

The scout got in a little before twelve O'clock. George was able to ride on his horse. The men all think that the spike must be out or he would not ^{be} as well as he is.

The men are all in high spirits, they look a great deal livelier than they did when they came off of the other ride. They killed four Indians captured two horses and killed two, and picked up two on the trail the Indians all had two six shooters and bows and arrows apiece.

They captured three bridle, one had about five dollars worth of silver in it, they got a large silver cross and several finger rings and earrings, four six shooters and their bows and quivers blankets and beads.

They all went on to Fort Davis this evening but Si. and William, It would make any body laugh to see Si. imitate an Indian that was shooting at them, he is so active and antic.

Si. The boys says that it is exactly the way the Indian acted if not better.

Silas says that he enjoyed that fight a great deal better than a party.

Saturday Apr. 6th 67. Wil. and Si. started to Fort Davis this morning. They are going to have a sale to day, sell and divide their Indians tricks.

So day has appeared long to me, I have a bad cold and don't feel very ^{well} now. George is doing very well I think.

Sunday Apr. 7th 1867. I have been looking for Mr. Newcomb and the doctor to day, but we spent the day alone as usual. About eight O'clock P.M. the doctor got here. S.P. was worn out and he stoped at the ²²Fort, and William came up with the doctor.

They heard that George was not ched off so they took their own time to get here. They were killing buffalo and caught a buffalo ^{calf} and hapiled it.

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and run a turkey gobbler down and caught it. The doctor thought that was fine sport.

William says the Fort Davis people fixed up a nice dinner considering the time they had to fix it.

Monday Apr. 8th 1871 The Doctor and William went back to Fort Davis to day.

Tuesday Apr. 9th At home and lonesome as ever. I finished a net for fancy Brans to day.

Sam^l. and Si. got here late this evening, from Davis. We had some rain last night and to day.

Wednesday Apr. 10th 1871- Nothing happened to day until eight o'clock P. M. Levi Shaw and little Dutch Joe, as he is called, came up from the Fort. The Indians stole some horses there last night and they came up to see if we had lost ours.

Thursday Apr. 11th 1871 Levi and Joe went back this morning and Pa. and George went with them.

Friday Apr. 12th 1871 The wind has been blowing very hard to day. I cannot find any thing to write about out here where I hardly ever see or hear any thing worth noting home.

Saturday Apr. 13th The wind is still blowing we had a little sand storm this evening.

Ben.^d Glenn and Chin. killed a buffalo to day with bows and arrows, the regular Comanche fashion.

Sunday Apr. 14th 1871 Pa. and George got home about ten o'clock this morning. They say that the Indians have been visiting the Fort every night lately. Pa. says that Etta Stockton is very sick. She has been in bad health for some time.

They also heard that Mrs. Judah Wheeler was dead. she had been confined to bed for a long time. She left one child a little boy about four years old.

Mr. John Wheeler is left alone, (like many others have been left,) with no one to care for but his boy little Willie. Poor Willie ^{has} lost his best friend.

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on this earth, for a father cannot be always with his children like a mother. Mrs Wheeler left Fort Davis August 20th 1895 on a visit to her parents in Johnson Co. She did not expect to be gone but a few months when she left, but she was gone nearly a year on account of a bad spell of sickness.

When I bid her good-bye that fine Sunday morning in Fort Davis, I had no idea that it would be the last time that I would ever see my friend Mrs Wheeler. But no one knows the changes that time will bring about.

I and Mr. Newcomb took a long walk this evening, we walked nearly a mile and climbed a little mountain to view the valley below us. Every thing looked green and fresh. The wind blew very hard up there I thought it would blow me down, or lift me up and set me in the valley on the other side.

When we came down the mountain we started a couple of deer. Sam shot one and wounded it and followed it up the hill to get another shot, but didn't get in reach again.

Monday Apr 15 1896 This has been a beautiful day. We are expecting some men here to-morrow to go on a scout. The boys went continuing to day - they drove in several calves, and caught a buffalo calf and brought it in.

Tuesday Apr. 16th 96 The boys have been hauling wood and branding calves to day. The scout did not get here to day.

Wednesday Apr. 17 1896 Sam, Si, George and Ben went to Camp Cooper to day cow hunting.

Levi came in at three o'clock P. M. he says that he don't think either boys will be here to day. The boys got back from Cooper about sundown.

After we ~~to~~ had eaten supper and was about ready to go to bed. the scout came in, and we had to get supper for fourteen men. It was ten O'clock when we got through.

Thursday Apr 18th 1867. The men all started at half after nine O'clock this morning, after a great deal of baking bread running bullets and cleaning of guns. Nineteen men on this scout, five from this ranch. George William Saml Tai and Levi. I hope they will be successful, and all get back safe.

Friday Apr 19th 1867. We had a strong wind and a great deal of sand here this evening. If it should rain very hard it would ^{do} bad on the men that are out.

Saturday Apr 20th 1867. This morning was tolerable cool and cloudy, but it has fair'd up this evening. We will have another lonesome time while the boys are gone. Ben^e caught a buffalo calf to day.

Sunday Apr 21st 1867. Mr Jim. Durkee and Mr. Bayell came here to day after some oxen to move the old man Durkee up to this country.

I am not very well to day my joints all ache, I think it was caused from the walk I took last Sunday, not being used to walking it did not agree very well with me, and washing to day did not help me any. The days are getting long now, and they seem a great deal longer when Mr. Newcomb is gone.

Sunday Apr 21st 1867. This is a very blustery day and quite warm. Durkee and Bayell have been hunting oxen to day. Jim. Durkee and Benjamin caught three buffalo calves this evening.

Monday. Apr 22nd 1867. This is cloudy and cool day. Jim. Durkee gave me his calf this morning. I have a couple now. Si. gave me a fine fat fellow the other day. They are very hard to raise we have had three to die all ready, and have five yet.

Durkee and Bayell went home to day.

Tuesday Apr 23rd 1867 This morning was tolerable cool and looked some like rain, but it cleared off again this evening. Ben^z and Glenn caught three more calves to day, and another died this morning.

Five of the scout came in this evening, Gen Shaw Lafayette Wilson William Anderson W^m Reynolds and W^m Canby. They got separated yesterday, these left others to catch some horses and did not get with them any more. They brought in six head of horses. some of them were hobbled when they found them.

They did not find much Indian sign except where they had ^{the sign} the other time. They found one more dead Indian than they knew any thing about.

Wednesday Apr. 24 Another cloudy day we will surely have rain before many days. W^m Anderson went home this morning, and the other boys went to meet the other part of the scout.

Mr. Hawkins and Mr. Farrow come in at twelve o'clock to day. They left the other men on Paint creek about eighteen miles from here. They went on to Ft. Davis after they ate their dinner.

The other part of the scout came in at dark this evening. They did not meet up with the other four that left here this morning.

Thursday Apr. 25th 1867 The scout went back to the Indian crossing on Clear Fork to get with the other boys to day. They all got back this evening. They met the other four coming in and charged them for Indians. Each party thought that the other was Indians and both parties charged each other. The four that went out yesterday found an old Indian grave and got a silver bridle and several large silver plates and some other little silver tricks. Mr. Biggs Canby and Jones started home after supper.

Friday Apr. 26th 07 The scout all went home

this mornig, some of them disheartened and say that they are broke from Indian hunting.

Saturday Apr 27th 07 Silas Hough left us to day he is going to attend to the peeples beeps. they give him a dollar per month and a dollar on every beep he sells. William went down to the Fort to day.

George and Benjamin caught two buffalo calves to day we have thirteen in the lot now. We had a tolerable good rain here to day.

Sunday Apr. 28th 07 This is a tolerable pleasant day. I and Mr. Newcomb took a fine ride to day. I got a good look at the rough country around here.

We crossed the river four times each over the valley, and up and down a rough mountain.

It is the first time that I've taken a ride to look at the country since I've been here. I got my face badly sunburnt.

Monday Apr. 29th 07 Saml P. George & and B. B. started on a cow hunt this morning to be gone about a week, we will be very lonesome while they are gone. William and Si came back just as the clock struck two ^{evening} this. They made a quicker trip than we expected, they come after Ma the old lady. Selman sent for her. The old lady says she is going to die, and is glad of it, she wished to see Ma. before she bid this world adieu final adieu. She has suffered a long time, and I expect that she is perfectly satisfied to die. William and Si brought in an other buffalo calf, we have fourteen now.

Tuesday Apr. 30th 07 There has been a great many buffalo passing by here to day going north. To day has been cloudy and the north wind has been blowing quite cool. We have a very lonesome time here while they are all gone. No one here but Pa Glenn Jim Oddie Lino and my self.

Wednesday May 1st 1867. This is a very pleasant day. I have had the toothache for four days and it gets worse all the time instead of better. I am afraid that I will have to go to Weatherford and have it extracted before it ever quits aching.

I shot a buffalo to day for once in my life, but I didnt kill it. I have been resting to day with the headache and toothache. and I dont feel very well this evening.

Thursday May 2nd 1867. This has been another very pleasant day. No one has come to see us to day. I have been looking for Ma. but she did not come.

Friday May 3rd 1867. To day has been quite blustery.

Saturday May 4th 1867. This has been a pleasant day. the latter part was very warm and about dark it began to cloud up and look like rain.

Sunday May 5th 1867. We had rain enough last night and this morning to set the branches running.

I am lonesome. Iki very lonesome, since Ma and the boys left. I actually think that it is almost a sin for a person to live ^{where} they scarcely ever see any one, and are always lonesome. We have been living here over a year and there has been one woman to see us, only one.

I looked for Ma all day yesterday but she didnt come, and here it is three o'clock P.M. and no one here yet.

The Clear Fork is up swimming and I dont expect our folks will get home in a week.

Monday May 6th 1867. Ma and George came home to day. The old lady Selman left her earthly abode this morning. She requested them to bury her by my baby at the Shar-ranch on the Clear Fork.

Tuesday May 7th. We have been looking for the boys home with their cattle to day but they did not come.

Wednesday May 8th 1867 Mr. Newcomb and Benjamin came in with their cattle to day, they did not have many. Three beef buyers came with them Mr. Luens Mr. Lockhart and Mr. Hunt.

Samuel is going to start on another hunt to morrow Mr. Luens is going with him and the other two men are going to stay here until they get back.

Thursday May 9th 1867 The boys were ready to start by twelve O'clock, and I was ready too, I am going down as far as the Stockton ranch with them.

Ettie Stockton sent me word that if I would come down she would get well and come home with me I think for the ~~for the~~ sake of caring the sick I had better go whether she comes back with me or not.

We reached the Ft. at four O'clock P.M. we found all the folks well, and a new store in town.

I and Mr. Newcomb and Ben^g stayed all night at Mrs. Catherlins.

Friday May 10th 1867 Our boys were bothered about finding their horses this morning, I and Sarah started to Mr. Stocktons after dinner, and left Pa and Ben^g to hunt the horses. Mr. Spears, Mr. Kenner, Fayette Wilson and Stephen Haws went down as we did to go on the cow hunt.

I found Ettie setting up but Mary Miller was tolerable sick. The boys all went on directly after they got to Stockton and the hunt. Elias Hough went with them.

Saturday May 11th 1867 Sarah & Miller Jane Yancy Nelson Spears Thomas P. Selman and myself went up to Fort Davis this evening. The river was up or I would have went this morning. I enjoyed myself very well at Stockton Miller and Selman's, but Ans was not very all the time and he was some trouble. I was not very well myself when we started and rode a very rough horse

the girls were in a hurry and we galloped a good portion of the way, and by the time I reached the Port I felt quite sick. I stayed over night with Betty Thorpe.

Sunday May 19th 1867 I feel much worse today than I did yesterday, although I have been raving around over town all day, but it was not because I felt well, it was because my mind was discontented. "A contented mind is a continual feast" I know that by experience, but a discontented mind is a misery to any one. I have not ate a bite since yesterday dinner, but every body has been doing their best and fixed up the best they had for me to eat but my stomache did not call for any thing and therefore I could not eat. The kind hearted Miriam baked a nice custard and made some good coffee and persuaded me to eat a little supper, I ate a little, and felt a great deal worse afterwards.

My living husband bought some fresh peaches for me, but I could not eat any.

Monday May 20th 1867 I feel to day like I have had the fever for two weeks, swimmy headed and weak in the knees, I went in the store and traded some this morning. Mr Newcomb and Ben is going on an other couchunt to day to be gone two weeks. A woman does not see much satisfaction in this country, there husbands are never with them much during the summer seasons.

The men are always with a crowd they see people nearly every day, they hear news while they are gone and they are gone so long that they forget it before they get home or they think it so old that every body knows it.

1863 May 19th Mrs. J. E. & P. W. Smith
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A man that is co-hunting with a lively crowd has no idea how long and lonesome the time passes with his wife at home, though he may love her as well as a man could love a woman, he does not know how long and dreary the days appear to her while he is absent, especially here in the wild. West on the very out-side ranch, ten miles to the nearest neighbor and twenty to the next.

A man can see his friends, hear the news and pass time of past, (or at least I think they can) while his wife is at home sees and hears nothing until he returns from a long trip, tired and worn out and sometimes out of heart. They stay at home two or three days and very often only one, and then start back on an other hunt.

I bid my husband and friends adieu and started home, I went in a wagon with Mrs. Evans as far as her ranch, we stoped and ate our dinner rested a while and started on, Mr. Lucas and Pa carried Mrs. nearly all the way home, and I got a long taterelle well. We got home a little before sundown.

Tuesday May 21st 63 George and Tom Cranmer left here to day, Tom is going home and George is going to hunt the horses that the boys lost at the fort. William, Levi, Charlie Hunt, and Glenn went ^{down} the river co-hunting, Mr. Lucas and Mr. Lockhart are herding bees.

I commenced to make a pair of gloves today for Mr. Martin but I did not feel able to finish them.

Wednesday May 22nd 63 The boys all went up the river to day, Dutch got them up and went with them.

Thursday May 23rd 63 The boys drove in a fine bunch of cattle this evening, Lucas and Lockhart are still herding.

2 Thursday May 24th 1867, I finished Martins gloves to day. Mr Hunt wants a pair and I cut them out this evening, but I dont feel a bit like working,

Friday May 25th 1867- This has been a pleasant day. I made Charlies gloves to day.

Saturday May 26th 67 The men started off with their beef to day. William and Levi went to Wm Davis to their school.

Sunday May 26 We have spent another lonesome sabbath here alone at at the Stone Ranch

Monday May 27th I made a pair of gloves for Mr. Luens to day. I have nothing else to write about but what I've been doing.

Tuesday May 29th We had a hard rain to day and some hail, the largest I ever saw, Levi brought up the runaway horses to day, he found them at Burtons on Kings creek they have had them nearly ever since they have been gone and never sent us word the first time that they were there, they have been riding them all the time and crippled one very bad.

Thursday May 30th 1867 Levi went back to day and took a couple of fresh horses for Mr. Hemcomb and Ben^{on} to ride up from the Fort. I sent Mr. Luencos gloves to him by Levi.

Saturday June 1st 1867- George came home this morning he stayed at Erwins ranch last night with some cow hunters, he says they will be up here in a day or two to hunt cattle. George started again this evening on a hunt to Cedar creek. The cow hunters in this evening after we had eaten our supper, eight men Mr. Horton Mr. Jackson Dutch Joe Jack Brans Mr. Miller Mr. Turner a dutchman they called Andrew, and a negro,

Sunday June 2nd 1807 To day has been very warm. The men all went up the Clear Fork to day but Mr. Lerner and Dock Krans they stayed to herd the cattle, they had a large bunch to herd and they were very hard ~~to~~ ^{to} ~~pen~~ ^{pen} with only three hands. Pa went up the river and Edenn helped to herd, and there was no man person left at home. We are not afraid to stay here alone, but that is sign that there isent any danger in being alone for the Indians generally camp when we are not thinking about them.

Monday June 3rd 1807 I am looking for Ben^{ar} and my companion home to day, it has been two weeks since they left ^{for} ~~to~~ Davis.

The cow hunters drove a large herd of cattle from up the river to day. They cut out all the cattle that belonged to ~~Ben's~~ ^{Ben's} ranch this evening in order to be ready to start early in the morning.

I have been making a pair of gloves for dutch Joe to day the leather is very thick and it makes my hands sore to sew it.

Tuesday June 4th 1807 The cow hunters got off early this morning all except Joe he did not find his horse until evening. Our boys have not got home yet but I still look for them with an anxious heart. I sometimes imagine that I hear their well known voices, the crack of their whips, and the lowing of cattle as they come around the hill, and suddenly start to the window or door to see if they really are acoming.

The wife as she watches her husband depart on his daily business thinks of probable events, and that it may be the last time she will be allowed to look upon her living husband forever, and the

husband and father returning to his family, looks with an anxious eye for the first sight of his once happy home, which now may be lying in cold blood, dust and ashes. None but those that have experienced frontier life can even imagine the anxiety of mind and suffering of body that that people undergo in this country.

Wednesday June 5th 1867. I thought this morning that I would not look for the boys until I saw ^{them} coming, for they told me when they left that ^{they} might not be back in a month, but it was hardly nine o'clock before they were here, they were right at the house nearly before we saw or even heard them. There was only three

H. P. Newcomb B. B. Reynolds and a boy by the name of Henry Thomas. They did not find but very few cattle on Pecan, H. P. says that he came very ^{near} selling his cattle this trip for a farm in Parker Co. I wish he had sold out for I am getting tired of this wild lone some country, I long to be in the "White settlement" as it is generally called, I would like to be placed where I could go to preaching once in a while, I have not been to preaching since the 5th of May one year ago, while I was in Parker Co.

Thursday June 6th 1867. This has been a pleasant day, B. B. R. went back to Fort Davis to day with Henry Thomas, I have been making my companion a pair of gloves to day, I have heard cow-hunters say that they had rather go a bare-foot, than to go without gloves while branding cattle.

Friday June 7th 67 B. B. Reynolds got back to home by dinner, after noon him and Saml. P. Vincent went to hunt for some beaver but they did not find any.

Saturday June 8th 67 Pa went down to the Fort to day, to get some coffee. The days pass off fast now while I have a loving companion by my side, that Oh my heart almost shrinks within me to think of his leaving me again to morrow, but "hush" I am

talking like he was going to take a tour through France, or some other foreign land, when he is only going to be gone a week or two, I possess the weakness of a woman and it can't be helped, But it is hard to part with one that I love dear as my own life.

Sunday June 9th 1867. Pa arrived at ten O'clock A. M. and at two P. M. the boys were ready to start on a hunt, and with a sweet embrace and kind adieu from a loving companion, I was alone once more. Not exactly alone, for God has given me a promising son to keep me company while his father is gone.

Monday June 10th 1867. To day is so warm that it is very unpleasant out of the house.

I went fishing with ^{Sally} Pa and Phin. this evening I thought that if we did not catch any fish, it would divert my mind for awhile from my solemn thoughts that are crowding within my breast. When we reached the river Phin. caught some frogs to bait our hooks, I put one on mine and was soon seated by a little willow, over a steep bank, and draped my hook into the water.

While I was seated there listening to the feathered songsters, and the continual hum of cottonwood leaves, that the soft breeze was gently waving about my head, and waiting with patience for one of the finny tribe to take my hook my eyes were alighted upon a large snake that was winding along through the deep still water with all ease; in a few moments it was near the bank just under feet, I showed it to my sister Sally, that was sitting a little above me on the bank, and then with a toss of fishing pole I drove it off in another direction. It was not till the little minnow had made a dainty meal of the frog, and I

was obliged to cross over to the opposite side where
Shim had stationed himself to get another bait.

When I had my line in water again, we drew several
fish to the top of the water, but did not catch any
we stayed until we thought it useless to fish
any longer and then retraced our steps homeward.

Wednesday June 12th 67. L. H. Reynolds came
home this evening. He says that Holl Clark and
Mich Anderson had a regular fist and cuff fight
the other day while out on a cow hunt, I suppose it
was about an old falling-out they had nearly two years
ago, neither party would acknowledge that he was
whipped, so they quit off Michels saying I will meet you
again, and Holl saying all right I'll be ready for
you, so the question is not settled yet, and perhaps
will not be with out the life of one or the other of
the parties. The whole circumstance arose
from the killing of a dog, and very likely will
end with one or the other of their lives.

Wednesday June 12, 67. George is going to meet
the cow hunters to morrow, and I expect he intends
to go and see his sweat heart, (if he has any) before
he returns, by his having me to make a fine over-
shirt to day for him to wear.

Thursday June 13th 67. This has been a very
warm day. George left this evening, he will
stay at Mr. Francis to night, and go over to Sand
bars creek to morrow.

Friday June 14th 67. (P.M.) Weather warm and dreary.
Water scarce and bad. The stoutest hearts grow weary.
And merriest hearts grow sad - here alone in the
wild wilderness of western Texas. The walling of
the well has fallen in and almost filled it so we
can hardly get water out of it. I finished my calico
dress to day that I got at Bart Davis. I made it with
a scooped fold from the neck down, A fashion that

I never saw or heard of, I think it looks very ^{well}, myself, but if other people don't fancy the fashion they need not take pattern after it; I have always heard it said that "poor folks have poor ways," and rich folks have mean ones, And I think that there is some truth in the old adage.

Saturday June 15th 1871: I have been ironing, altering and mending clothes to day, I am writing these things just ^{to} keep in practise, and perhaps I would be glad to see these scribblings twenty years hence if I should be so fortunate as to live that long, ^{But} I would call to memory the days of my youth, the days that I spent in my cottage home far in the west, on the frontier of Texas, the only settler in Rockmarton County,

Sunday June 16th 1871: Sunday finds us the same old seven and six, alone as usual with nothing but books for company, they are good enough, but I have read nearly everything on the place and would like to have something new.

Monday June 17th 1871: I made a new calico bonnet to day, You did hey!

Tuesday June 18th 1871: I have been making a worsted dress to day, that I got from N. Spear's.

Wednesday June 19th: This is a very warm day I should think it was very unpleasant weather for cowhunting, I finished my dress to day.

Thursday June 20th 1871: I am looking for the boys home to day, I took a long walk this evening up the hill to see if they were coming.

Friday June 21st 1871: Cass is one year and ten months old to day, he does not talk much yet.

The cow hunters got home to day, I was surprised to see Blake and Hiram Barber with them; They

have come up to attend to the stock, Mr. Newcomb says he is going off with Mr. Marriot to St. Louis with a drove of beaver. Then I will be left alone alone, for I am always lonely when he is gone, I hope the time will come, when we will be settled down in a comfortable little home, where we can enjoy life better, and share the pleasures and sorrows of this world together.

Saturday June 22nd 1807. After baking a great deal of bread this morning, we again parted with the boys. Such a country as this I almost wish I had never seen it, if I had wings to fly I would abandon it forever, it surely is the best place on earth for a woman to live or any one else, ^{I don't} believe it ever was intended for civilized people, it was made for the wild Indians and buffaloes.

As my companion pressed me to his bosom, and bade me good-by, I could hardly restrain my feelings, and as soon as his back was turned on the dwelling, I let the tears come freely that had been almost blinding ^{me} all day.

Sunday June 23rd 1807.

Tuesday July 23rd 1807. We had a very hard rain to day, I got a little wetting at the wash place, I got wet this day, one week ago coming from Georges wedding, I have not written anything about the wedding yet.

George Reynolds and Elizabeth Matthews was married on the 15th of this month, at Pickettville. They had a very nice supper. There was a great many people at the wedding. They were married on Monday, and Tuesday we started home we stayed all night at St. Louis. Wednesday by two O'clock we were at home. We all partook of the infant dinner, and before the sun was down, the young folks, got up a little party of trippers on the light fantastic toe, in the parlor, and danced all night till broad day light; ate their breakfast and went home in the morning.

Stone Ranch Throckmorton Co Texas ¹⁸⁹⁴ Aug 4th

Sunday, Aug 4th 1894: S. P. Newcomb starts ~~to~~ to Abilene today, with a few beef cattle, and buffalo calves, I am going with him as far as Ft Davis, I would like the best in the world to go the whole trip with him, but he says that he can not take me this time. One of the calves gave out before they drove it five miles, and another gave out before they got to Mr. Franks, I don't expect that he will get one of them to market. We got to Mr. Franks a little while before sundown, and put up for the night. Mary & Franks has been sick for several days, and Nancy is complaining. The troops have come over from Bellknapp and camped at Uncle Matt's, they have so many little white tents stretched around there, it looks like a small town.

Monday Aug 5th 1894: I was awakened this morning by the sound of the bugles, and like the rest of ^{the} soldiers I got up, but did not get out in time for roll call, I don't know what will be done with me for it, I don't know whether they will put me in the guard house tie me by the thumbs or flog me, I see one little Yank, going about with iron knuckles on, I expect he has done something worse than missing roll call. Mrs. Franks is making money now selling milk to the soldiers, at ten cents per quart.

We started tolerable early this morning, we stopped several times to let the cattle graze and drink, they have to drive very slow on account of the calves, we got to the fort by seven o'clock, S. P. and Nelson Spears talked their beef after dinner, Nels has a few cattle in the herd and he is going through with Mr. Newcomb.

Silas Hough came in to the fort this evening, the dead will come to life sometimes, we heard that his bones were found down in Palo Pinto Co, he had not been seen or heard of for sometime, and no one else missing, and we all thought Si. had gone up the spout.

Tuesday Aug. 6th / 87- George and Betty came over from
Pickettville to day, Pa has started to mill, and is waiting to day
for company, We had a pretty good shower of rain this evening,
I bid my companion adieu at Fort Davis, and with a sad heart
I left him, and started back to the Lonesome Stone Ranch,
perhaps this may be the last time that I will ever see my
dear husband, but I hope that we both may ^{be} spared to
meet again on earth, to renew our mutual joys.

We reached Mr. Grans just before dark, it rained on us
about half the way there.

Wednesday Aug. 7th / 87- We got home by dinner time to
day.

Lt. Stone Ranch Aug. 28th 1887

Si Hough started to Pike's Peak to day, with Miller
and Stockton, He said that he would be back by
Christmas, but there is no telling where he will be then,
he had just as soon go on further as to come back.

Monday Sept. 13th 1887

William D. Reynolds and Levi Shaw started to Pike's
Peak this morning, with Mr. Lovings beef herd.

Sept 28th 1887

George Reynolds and Betty went over to Pickettville
to day, and Mr. B. Barber started to Colorado, Pa went
to Fort Davis.

October 17th 87- Pa went to Pickettville to day, and
John Newcomb came over from there.

Camp Wilson Texas Jan. 2nd 1868

Thursday,

This evening as I was sitting with the family, by the quiet fire-side, and putting the last stitches in a new dress that I was making; now and ^{then} assisting the little children with their lessons, and thinking of a dear absent friend, that I had not seen for five long months

Bluff Grove near Fort Griffin Texas Apr 22nd 68

S. P. Newcomb started to Grath ^{Tex} today, to get some horses. He will be gone ten days he said; he went with Joe Matthews, and I do not expect he will be back under twenty days. Mary & Martha Matthews came out today to go to school. Apr 23rd - We had a hard rain and hail today. After the rain & dipped fifteen bucket fulls of water out of my house.

Apr 24th - It rained all day, every thing is wet, and out of four claggen chickens, I have further left. I don't think I will ever try to raise any more.

Apr 25th Sunday,

At home and lonesome, the house cold and wet, If I had a better one I'll stay in it you bet,

Wetherford Dec. 14th 69

Mr. B. A. Simpson:

Sir, I received your note inquiring whether Mr. Newcomb had made any purchase or not.

He did; and if I am not mistaken he sent part of them up by Dr. Smuglas. George Bragg carried off some Henry, ammunition; and the balance are at Mr. Gains' yet; if he has not started them up lately.

I have not had any late news from Mr. Newcomb. The last letter I received was mailed at Rock Wall. He was getting along very well, then.

Mr. Simpson, I ~~wish~~ please put my clock in the store house, where it will be taken care of; if you can find room for it. And oblige

Susan E. Newcomb

The Gypsy's Warning

Would not harm who kneels before thee,
Softly pleading at thy feet, now thy life is ⁱⁿ its morning
I could not find a happy lot, Lady, I trust the dark-eyed stranger
I have warned them ^{to} beware. (Repeat)

Lady once thou didst a smiling young and pure and white skin
And he would be woe and woe, filled her gentle heart with care
I ^{to} need not her weeping, I cared not her life to save
Soon she perished, now she sleeping in the cold and silent grave.

Lady harm not on these coldly, I have softly I have told the dream
Perma stem and withering sorrow, Lady I would shield thy gentle
I would shield the dream all day, I shield thee from the tempest's snare
Lady I warn the dark-eyed stranger, I have warned them ^{to} beware.

Save your gold I do not want it, Lady, I have prayed for this
The hour that I might feel him, at his expected lips
On I see thou art still joined with wander, at my looks so pure and white
Lady, in the churchyard gender, sleeps the Gypsy's only child.

Bliss Beave near East Griffin Texas May 14th 1869

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Callie A. Reynolds
Lillian