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Common-place Book
No I

From 1^t Jan. 1820 to 1^t Jan^y. 1828.

January 1^t. 1820 - Slaves, Vizt.

Betty, a Black woman- purchased from Gen^l. John Mason of GeorgeTown Dist. of Columbia May 2^d. 1812- Says she was born in on the day of

Edward a black boy Son of Betty, was born in on the day of

George a Dk: Mullatto, Son of Betty, was born in St. Louis on the day of

Clara, a Black, purchased from Ninion Edwards 2^d. November 1816- as well as can be ascertained, she was born in about the of

Henry, a Black- purchased from Ben. Jas. Harris 6th Aug^t. 1818 at St. Louis.

Weather Since Sept. last- October was dry and pleasant, and very favorable for Harvesting &c.- November was dry, and tolerably pleasant, Some pretty cool days towards the close. The fires in the Prairies were unusually great, and done considerable damage all over the Territory- December was mild, 'till the 12th. when it commenced Storming and Raining, and continued very cold and bad weather throughout. on the 17th at day light it commenced a Storm of Snow, which continued 24 Hours- it Snowed frequently afterwards, and was uncommonly cold, and Stormy.- Hogs, Cattle, &c. Suffered very much, and required constant attention & feeding.- The River closed at Ft. Osage about the 19th of this month.

The Weather in January- was Stormy, cold, and disagreeable through-

out- very frequent Snow Storms-

February, commenced with good weather, So that by the 10th. the Snow was nearly all melted- by the 14th the ground was pretty nearly thawed and Settled (except the River bottom)- On the Night of the 15th the River began to break up, and every thing promised a warm Spell- but it began to Snow at 11. on the 16th with very high wind- Scarcely any Snow fell- 17th a delightful day-

Feb. 15. Hung up my Pork to Smoke- Say 32 Hams- 32 Shoulders 31 Middlings- and 15 Jowls- total 110 Pieces Pork for Bacon. also 22 Venison Hams and 13 pcs. Beef- total 145 pcs Meat also a parcel of Sausages.

Note- on 28th Dec. had 6 fat Hogs killed for family use weighing 2453 Net in all. and early in January had them cut up and Settled in casks, tho' very hard frozen- In Feb^y. ab^t. the 1^t had all overhauled & re-salted- Mem^o. In future have Pork cut up and Salted as fast as killed & killed by the 15 Dec.

Feb. 16. this morning the Cow called Star calved in the Park- Heifer.

Feb. 10. Bot^t Thorp's Dk: Sorrel Horse for \$70, and a pair of Pantaloon. Same day Bot^t. Mr. Eley's light Waggon for \$90 including all the gears &c. and Some paints, brushes, oil ----- bottles &c.

Thorp agrees to Stay a year with me at \$20 p. Month & found.

Note - Old Brindle and Urney, two of the Cows, calved about the middle of October, on Say before the 5th Nov. last, about a week apart- Urney first.-

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Feb. 8th. Hired Mr. Robert Ewing's Negro Boy Ned at \$15 pmo: commencing with this day-

Worm Fences- The Rule is to make the Rails exactly 11 feet long, and to lay them so that 2 pannels will reach just a Pole in length - Col. Rennick.

Feb: 17. last night the cow called Jennet calved - Heifer.

Mar. 14.- Set out for St. Louis - Arr^d. there on the 22^d.

Apr: 20 Mr. Ewing's boy Ned taken from me by Warrant from Mr. Garnier charged with Stealing Watches -

Apr: 23^d.- Left S. Louis for Ft. O.- arr^d there on the 3^d of May.

May 8th. Maj. Ketchum- Lt. McCoy- Lt. McIlvane- Lt. Palmer- Dr. Nichols and Dr. Maline commenced boarding.

May 20. Started to Franklin- and there on 22^d- Left there 29th- got home 31^t.

Field notes of a Survey made by G. C. Sibley on the 20th day of Feb^y., 1820. Beginning on the Bank of the Missouri River at the point between the Great Eddy and the common Landing Place below the old Road at Fort Osage, at a Mulberry Post Marked "G. C. S." thence Running as per Notes following-

Stations	Courses		Distance in 2 Pole Chains	Remarks and Mem ^o
Post N ^o 1	South		19	
2	S ^o	44 $\frac{1}{4}$ East	26	
3	S ^o	38 $\frac{1}{4}$ E	15	
4	S ^o	43 $\frac{1}{4}$ E	16	
5	S ^o	55 $\frac{1}{4}$ E	4	to a Post or Stake on the upper Bank just below a Ravine.
6	West		41-15/50	to foot of Bluff, at a Big Stump, just above a Ravine.
7	West		118-35/50	to a Stake near an Oak Tree mkg:
8	North		27	to a Small Branch Running N ^o E.
9	North		25	to a Station Tree and Small Branch.
10	North		31	to brow of the Bluff overlooking Small Prairie.
11	North		25-25/50	Cattle's Spring Bears
12	North		9	to the North edge of the Small Prairie.
13	North		42-25/50	to a Stake in the Willows at lower end of Prairie & Pond.
14	East		109	to bank of River at a Stake just above Curtis' old camp.
15	South	24 $\frac{3}{4}$ West	4	nearly Straight.
16	South	26 $\frac{3}{4}$ West	9	to mouth of creek
17	S ^o	24 $\frac{3}{4}$ West	19	bends
18	S ^o	11 $\frac{3}{4}$ West	6	
19	S ^o	8 $\frac{3}{4}$ West	4	
20	S ^o	3 $\frac{3}{4}$ West	10	
21	South	9 $\frac{1}{4}$ East	13	to about the center of Col: Chamber's Camp.
22	South	24 $\frac{1}{4}$ East	10	
23	South	32 $\frac{1}{4}$ East	11	Rocks begin 2 chains above this.
24	South	56 $\frac{1}{4}$ East	13 $\frac{1}{2}$	
25	South	74 $\frac{1}{4}$ East	10	to the beginning post.
26	South	66 $\frac{1}{4}$ East	9	

Note- From bank of the River at the end of N^o. 14, the Road of the Island bears N^o. 76 $\frac{3}{4}$ east. and the east Block House bears due South.

((Left out 6 pages descriptive of meanders of the Mo. River)

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To Pickle Pork, as 'tis done in Vermont.- Take a clean, light cask, throw in a pretty thick layer of Salt- then pack in closely a layer of Pork, fill all the vacancies and crevices completely with Salt, and cover the Pork also- then proceed with another layer of Pork as at first, and So on 'till the cask is filled, putting a layer of Salt and a layer of Pork alternately, and filling all vacancies with Salt, then cover the whole with Salt, and cover up the cask- After it has lain in this way a Sufficient time, Say a Month or Six weeks as the weather may be, fill the cask with clear, cold water, this should be done on a mild day- In the Spring just before the weather grows worse, overhaul your Pork and lay it out to drain a little, and after you have Removed all the Brine from the cask and cleaned it, Repack your Pork therein- then take the brine and boil it (adding Some Saltpeter, and more Salt, if necessary, or if you put more water) keep it boiling as long as any Scum arises which throw off- When you have thus made a Sufficiency of Strong, clear, brine, and it has got quite cool, fill up your cask with it completely- keep the cask closely covered, and your Pork will keep for years- You should use Allum Salt, if to be procured.

May Mr. Boggs arrived-

June 12th. Col. Rennick's Negro man Squire commenced on hire.

July 9th. Squire went home.-

3^d July- Wrote Mr. Skinner editor of the "American Farmer" to send me N^{os}. 23, 26, 27. 28. 29. 30. 31. 32. 33. 34. 35. 36. 37. 38. 39. 40. 41. 42. 43. 44. to complete the 1^t. Volume and to send me the N^{os}. of the 2^d Vol: Seperately as published- Sent him under cover the left hand half of a \$10 Note on the Bank of

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Virginia, payable at Offic. Disct. & Deposit in Lynchburg to Will Novvell dated 2^d. April 1815- B. N^o. 5804, with my name of the bank (each end). Same time wrote to Mr. Niles for Sup^l. to N^o. 13 of Vol: 15 N^o. 10 of Vol. 17, and N^{os}. 6 and 9 of Vol. 18.- and enclosed him the right hand end of Same Note above named-

July 13th. Maj. Ketchum & family commenced board.

July 14th Mr. Boggs & family & Mr. Merriwether commenced board.

July 22^d. Wrote R. Easton Remitted him 6 Notes of \$50 each

Vizt: N^o. 246-A Mar. 9, 1818 - payable to J. Ruland
N^o. 6-A Mar. 2^d, 1818 - " " John Dals (or Dols)
" 219-A Mar. 9, 1818 - " " Jno. Ruland.
" 392-A Mar. 9, 1818 - " " J. Ruland.
" 344-A Mar. 9, 1818 - " " J. Ruland
" 218-A Mar. 9, 1818 - " " Jno. Ruland.

all on the Bank of Missouri

Aug. 2^d. Col. Rennick Dr.- Sunds. in Jan^y & Feb^y -- 20.37 $\frac{1}{2}$

4 $\frac{1}{2}$ lbs. Sugar \$1-68/100-

2 $\frac{1}{2}$ lbs. Coffee 1-87/100 ----- 3.56 $\frac{1}{2}$

2^d. August- Rob^t. Ewing Dr. for 4 lbs. Sugar @ 37 $\frac{1}{2}$ ¢ pr. lb. & 2

lbs. Coffee @ 75 cts.

" " furnished Col. Rennick from Capt. O'Fallon's Store \$3.00

Aug^t. 25th. the cow called Urney Calved (bull)-

" 26 Rec^d. 408 feet Oak flooring plank from Stokeley.

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- " 28. Hired Mr. Hicklin's man Murry for a Month from this day- \$20
 - " 30. Rec'd feet plank from Stokely- pd. him \$30 Cash on acct.
& a file 50 cts.

Sept. 5. Tuesday- Mrs. S: departed at 3 P.M., for S. Louis on board of Capt: O'Fallon's Boat, in company with Mrs. Boggs, Mr. Boggs, &c.

- " 8. Wrote to Gen^l. Atkinson,
- " " paid old Mr. Adams \$2 Cash on acct. of Clapboards.
- " 14- Slight Frost last night, scarcely perceptible here.
- " 15. Mess^{rs}. Pilcher & Perkins, &c. passed up on horseback. Mr. Patrick passed on the 13th with 130 Cattle for the C. Bluffs-
- " 18. Wrote to M. E. S.- R. E. D:S- by Mr. Edmunson.
- " 22^d. Enclosed Mr. Remick \$20 to buy 20 bus. Wheat to Sow at Snai Ebare.
- " 23^d. Rec'd file of the American Farmer, which I have now complete excepting No. 29 of Vol: 1 & No. 4 of Vol: 2^d.

Sat. 30th. fine Shower of Rain- the first for a month past.-

Mem^o Cottage at the Fountain

Garden & Yard &c.- From So. E. Corner Stake to So. E. Corner of Garden So. 30 W. -----yds. 33
 thence to lower corner of Garden (Sugar Tree) So. 30 W. ----- " 75
 thence to So. W. Corner of Fruit Garden. Same ----- " 33
 thence Same course to Small branch ab^t. ----- " 75
 From lower Corner of Garden at a Sugar Tree to No. W. Corner No. 60 W. 77
 thence to No. E. Corner of the bluff No. 30 E. ----- " 108
 thence to beginning corner along the bluff So. 60 E. ----- 77
 a Small Hycory Tree on the Bluff Ranges with the Center of the middle alley of the Garden.

Cellar- 3½ feet below the Surface next the hill- Wall to be 5½ ft. high all round from the foundation.- One Window frame 2 ft. by 2 Ft. 6 In: in the clear- the other 2 Ft. by 2 Ft. 7½ In: clear:

Octo. 2d.- Rec'd \$600 from Dr. Nicoll, belonging to Lt. Loring Palmer of the Rifle Regt. for Safe keeping- for which gave my Recd. payable on demand to the order of L. Palmer, dated this day.

Octo. 3d.- Dr. Craig arrd. to relieve Dr. Nicoll.

Lt. McCray Dr. to G. C. Sibley

for boarding from 8 May to 31^t Augt. at \$15 prMo. --\$56.50

Sundr. from the Store ----- 4.87½

\$61.37½

Cr.

By Cash Recd. from Lt. Palmer -----4.48

" Meal Recd. from Sergt. Brooks -- -- -----

Due G. C.S. -----

Doct: Wm. Nicoll Dr. G. C. S.

for boarding from 8 May to 14 Octo. @ \$15

pr.Mo. ----- 78.

Col. H. Rennick Dr. to G. C. S.

Sundr. had in Jan'y & Feb'y. last -----\$20.37½

4½ lbs. Sugar @ 37½ cts.- 21 lbs. Coffee @

75 cts. ----- 3.56½

23.94

Cr.

Hire of his man Squire from 12 June to 9 July

inclusive is 28 days at \$ pMo.

The above 600 \$ paid to Lt. Palmer in July 1821 at St. Louis by Mr. Boggs for me- the Rect. or due bill ret'd. to my hands and was by me destroyed. G. C. S.

Mr. M. Hall & Wallace & Co. Dr. to G. C. S.

Mar. 24	2 lbs. Tobacco \$1-	Sept. 18, 1 lb. do. 50.	Cash 50	---\$ 2.
Sept. 22	Cash \$25-	2 files @ 50 cts.		26.
		1 axe had by G. Nevill last winter		3.
	27	1 pit Saw file pr Mr. Wallace		.50
Octo. 5	1 Do-----Do.	Do-----Do		.50
" "	Cash pr Son			5.
" 12	Cash pd Mr. Wallace			25.
" 17	Sund ^r . had by Mr. Hall from Mr. Merriwether			24.75
" 28	Cash pd Mr. Hall Junr.			25.
" "	9 lbs. Iron pr. Mr. Wallace @ 25 cts.			2.25
Novr. 4	3 dress'd DSkins pr Mr. J. Wallace @ 75 cts.			2.25
" 8	1 " " " Mr. T. W.			75
" 18-	Cash pd. J. Wallace (over the price of a Horse)			10.

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Jany. 29- Cash pd. Wm. Wallace order for Stokeley ----- 18

Octo. 7.- Rec'd Letters from M. E. S. & R. Easton dated 14th, 15- 21
& 25. Sep.

Octo. 8.- packed a Trunk to be Sent to S. Louis for Mrs. S. Contain-
ing 26½ doz: Candles- 1 lb White Yarn- a Hair Comb & Some Seed Corn.
Wrote to M: E: S: & Jas. Kennerly, enclosing key of the Trunk envel-
oped the Letter to Mr. K. to accompany the Trunk which is addressed
to Mrs. Mary E. Sibley, care of Jas. Kennerly S. Louis & is to be for-
warded by the first opportunity.

Octo. 8- last night John Ferrens Robbed my yard of a Bee Hive, for
which I Shall prosecute him.

" 9. Wrote R. Easton

" 13. for a week past the weather has been cool & windy, frosts have
been very Severe- to day it Snowed a little.

This evening made up a package for the P. Office to go by
the Express tomorrow- Cont. L^r. for M. E. S. dated the 8th,
enclosing one for R. E. & an order of M: Immele on T. Hempstead

- for \$13½) LF & packet to J. S. Skinner- 1^r. for Supt.
 Indⁿ. Trade & one to P. Ma--- Funk (?) enclosing \$5.
- " 14th- very cold last Night- Ice (in tubs &c.) ¼ In: thick-
 Express Started
- " 15th- Dr. Nicoll Started for Council Bluffs by land.
- " 19th- Paid Stokely \$9½ in full for plank &c.
- " 20th. Mr. Boggs ret^d. from S. Louis- Rec^d L^rs. from M: E.:S:
 & Supt. Indⁿ. Trade.
- " 23^d Genl. Atkinson arrived near Night
- " 26 Genl. Atkinson departed. Dr. Nicoll Ret^d. having lost his
 Horses &c.

Rule to calculate Carpenters's Work, by the Square of 100 Square feet
 or 10 feet Square

Multiply the length by the width, then multiply that product
 by the price in cents per foot- thus- the ground floor of my
 New House, including the passage, is 51 feet long by 15½ feet
 wide- How many Square feet in the whole, & how much does it
 come to at \$5 per square of 100 feet-

$$\begin{array}{r}
 51 \text{ feet long} \\
 \underline{15\frac{1}{2} \text{ feet wide}} \\
 255 \\
 51 \\
 \underline{25\frac{1}{2}} \\
 790\frac{1}{2} \text{ Square feet} \\
 5 \text{ cents pr. Sqr. foot} \\
 \hline
 \$39.52\frac{1}{2} \text{ amt. of the whole floor}
 \end{array}$$

Roofing- take half the width of the House for the pitch, for a Square
 Roof as it is called, which is very steep.- 1/3 of the width is best-
 ¼ is rather too flat.

James Deneale of Dumfries, Virginia, advertises in the National Intelligencer of 30th Aug^t. 1820- an Instrument for Platting Lands, which he calls "Patent Mapper" Price \$10. to be transmitted to him free of Postage in Notes of the U. S. Bank or any of its branches, on Rec^t. of which he will forward the Mapper by mail, postage of which will not exceed \$1.

John Binno of Phila. will furnish for \$10 a Copy of his newly published "Declaration of Independence"

Nov. 7. Rec^d L^r. from M. E. S. and from P. M. Gen^l.- 14 L. Osages arrived yesterday.- very windy weather- all the Prairie & woods burned- Fire has been very destructive.

Nov. 8th. Wrote to M. E. S.. and Sent Joe Rence to Franklin with my Letters, he Started at 9 o'Clk:- Also wrote to Chiefs of the L. Osages, inviting them to the T. House to be here ab^t. Christmas, when I expect to pay them their annuities,- Peach Trees stripped entirely of their leaves about the 5th Inst.-

Fri. 10 Sat. 11th. 2 Snowy and Rainy days- freezing a little-

Sun. 12: Cold and Cloudy all day, not quite freezing-

Sun. 19- Settled with Mr. Boggs everything up to this day due him \$39 which I am to pay his Mother at Franklin. Paid

Also settled with Joe Rence & Thorp up to 30 Sept. due Rence \$96.39- Thorp \$264.75,

Mon. 20- Set out for Saint Louis-

Novr. 27- arr^d. at Saint Louis.-

Decr. 24- Wrote to Jn^o. Sibley for money.-

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Jany. Tues. 10- Left St. Louis for Ft. O.-- went to Dr. Simpsons. fine day

11- Went to Dr. Quarles--- cold day.

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Fri. 12- Staid at Dr. Quarles- fine day- Snow at Night
 Sat. 13- bad day staid at Dr. Quarles-
 Sun. 14- Went to St. Charles, Road very bad -----20 Ms.
 Mon. 15- Got to Bailey's at Pond Fort- Cold Raw day --20 Ms.
 Tue. 16- Snowed all last night and all this day- Staid at
 Bailey's
 Wed. 17- Snow 8 in. Deep- went to Ford's 30 M: cold day-
 Thur.18- Went to Feuits 30 M: very cold day-
 Fri. 19- Went to Hinkston's 38 M:- Snowed all day & all night-
 Sat. 20- Got to Franklin 38 M:- fine day, 'tho very cold-
 Sun. 21- Staid at Franklin all day- pleas^t. day-
 Mon. 22- Went 12 M. to Mr. Cafferty's Ferry- Raw day-
 Tues.23- Only got 20 M: to Reece at Muddy- very cold day.
 Wed. 24- Got to M^t. Vernon 30 M:- another very cold day-
 Thur.25- Got to F^t. Osage 32 M: very cold day- my Nose frosted-
 Sat. 27- Had 11 Hogs killed weighted 2060 lbs Net
 Sun. 28- Pork Salted away in Casks-
 Tue. 30- Had 657 lb. Pk Salted, from Edmunson- In all 2717
 lbs. Pork Salted away.- mild soft weather.
 Wed. 31- Hard rain at Night-
 Yesterday & today wrote to Dr. Simpson (enclosing
 \$5 to pay and discharge Missouri Gazette) - H. Niles,
 Mr. Skinner & Gales & Seaton, to Direct their papers
 to me at Ft. Osage in future.-

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Fri. 2^d Recommenced work at Spring place- fine day
 Sat. 3^d- Hail'd & rain'd all last night- wet ugly cold day- wrote J:S:
 Sun. 4th- Fine day- Wrote to Mary S. Sibley- a Mr. Kerney Preached at

- Ft. O: Note of Weather- from 28 Nov. to this day the Winter has been uncommonly Severe- More Snow has fell than we had last winter, and generally the Suffering has been much greater than was experienced last Winter- The Missouri closed at Ft. O: on the 16th of Decem. and Still remains fast, tho a considerable thaw has latterly taken place, and much of the Snow has dissolved; much yet Remains- very few Indians have visited this place Since last Novem. the weather has been to Severe for them to travel out much-
- Mon. 5- pleasant day- thawing rapidly.
- Tue: 6- fine day- Wrote M: E: S:- enclosing \$50: also wrote to Messrs. Kennerly for 50 lbs. 4d. Cut Nails- 1 K. Wh; Lead- 2 lb. Lamp-black- 10 lbs. Putty- 2 qts. Spts. Turpentine- 2 qts. train oil- 3 axes, 1^t qty.
- Paid Mr. Edmunson \$20 in full for 657 lbs. Pork:- Cloudy at night with a little Snow.
- Wed. 7- MS. Cloudy & Raw- turned out Rather a pleasant day- It Snowed a little after Night however-
- Thu. 8- Raw cloudy Morning- Rainy day and Rainy Night- not cold tho'- Mail arrd. at Noon & departed half an hour after.-
- Fri. 9 Mr. Davis' Negro Man Ben commenced this Morning on hire at \$15 pr Month- fine MS.- Ice getting pretty thin & soft- Snow melts fast, but a great deal Still Remains in the woods. Lts. Pentland and Shay arrd. from Franklin on their way to The Council Bluffs-
- Sat. 10- MS. Cloudy and Raw- a drizzling Rain at 10- Heavy Rain with Heavy Thunder, last at Night-
- Sun. 11- Clearing off- high Wind from S^o.- Ice breaking up- River

Rising- very high Wind all day- River broke up but has not risen any

Mon: 12- M^g. Calm and pleasant- River Rather on the full, a little Ice still running- For the last 4 days the mercury has stood between 40 and 52- it is now (11 o'clk:) at 50- the day continued very fine.-

Tue: 13- Rainy and chilly all day-

Wed: 14- Fine pleasant day- L^t. Pentland proceeded on his journey to C. Bluffs, after breakfast this Morning- Millions of Wild Pigeons flying, they commenced on the 12th.- River on the Rise- Ice nearly all gone- very little Snow- Commenced cleaning up my garden, which I find has very nearly thawed- prepared Some ground to plant Peach & Plum Stones, Apple Seeds &c.-

Thu:15- M^g. a little cloudy- River Still Risen- Some old Ice Running- Mercury 42 this M^g. at 8- day very Windy and disagreeable had my garden fence repaired- Mail arr^d. at 4 P.M.- Mercury 36 at 9 P.M.- still windy- River Rises-

Fri. 16- Fine M^g. tho Cool & a little windy- Mercury 32 at 9 A.M.- in the evening it moderated & the wind abated- River fell a little. Sent a Boat up for my Shingles- very fine day- beautiful Moonlight Night- Mercury 38 at 10 P.M.--

Sat. 17- very fine day, Mercury ab^t. 52,- River falls.- Pigeons Still flying in myriads- they probably have a Roost not far off.

Sun. 18th. fine M^g.- Mercury 51 at 8- Vast flocks of Pigeons flying over- Swan passing Northward- a few Ducks are Seen. River quite clear of Ice- ground pretty nearly thawed- Amasa Crane died last night in the Hospital. He has been in a rapid de-

cline for 4 months past-

- Mon: 19th- Heavy Rain with thunder and lightning last Night- fine m^g. Flying clouds- flying Pigeons, flying Swan, geese, and Ducks in abundance- Mercury 57 at 8- Martin Adams commenced on hire this morning at \$12 pr Month for Six Months if I like him after the first Month- Rainy from 10 'till 1- and then it commenced Storming and Snowing- Mercury 37 at Sun Set. overhauled and Resalted my Pork to day- Stormed nearly all Night
- Tue: 20- Beautiful Morning- ground Scarcely covered with Snow- Mercury 38 at $\frac{1}{2}$ past 7- The River appears to be Rising this M^g. a very little Ice Running- fine pleasant day
- Wed: 21- M^g. Raw & a little cloudy Mercury 31 $\frac{1}{2}$ at 8- 29 at 11- wrote to M^r. E: Sibley & S. H. Sibley- Cold Raw cloudy day a little Snow fell- Mercury 21 at Sun Set.
- Thu: 22^d.- Snowing Since daylight and before- River falls and is full of drift Ice; Mercury 23 at 8- 32 at 12.- 29 at 5 it Snow'd the whole day and 'till 9 at Night. Snow abt. 5 Inches
- Fri: 23^d. M^g. Clear and Cold- Mercury 22 at 8- Ice very thick in the River- every thing looks like Winter again- a Mr. Reynolds arrd. yesterday from St. Louis, he is in Capt: O'Fallon's employ- old Sans Oreille with families of L. Osages arrived- day cold and fair Mercury 24 at Sun Set.
- Sat. 24th- M^g. Clear and Cold- River crowded with Ice, nearly blocked up at Ft. O.- Mercury 26 at 9,- 31 at Noon- 26 at 9 P.M. the day fair and pleasant tho' cool- Ice Running thick all day.-
- Sund: 25- fine delightful Morning- The Trees &c all splendidly ornamented with frost Work- River very low- Ice Running thick Mercury

34 at 1/2 past 8- 42 at 11- 38 at 1- 42 at Sun Set

D. Meriwether Dr. to G. C. Sibley

Board from 14 July to 20 Nov. 1820 at \$15 prMo: -----\$62.50
1 pr Blkts: \$10- 1 axe \$3- had from the Factory
2 lbs Steel \$1 ----- 14.00
Assumpsit for Lieut. Pentland and Shay ----- 14.57 1/2
Board from 1^t to 28 February -----say----- 10.00
101.07 1/2

Cr.

By amt. of Sundr. pr. your acct rendered ----- 78.56 1/4
\$22.51 1/4

Mon: 26th- MS. Raw and Somewhat Cloudy & Windy Mercury 26 at 8- 29 at 12-
30 at 10 P.M.- a cold day- Adams has lost 4 1/2 days, that is
from Wednesday Mg. to this day at 2. Sunday excluded- an Emp-
ty boat passed down this evening from Kansas River to Tabo-
not much Ice Running- River very low- Snow Still lies 2 to 4
Inches deep-

Tue: 27th- Raw Cloudy Morning- Ice Running- Mer: 24 at 8 - Paid Jno. Thorp
\$50 on acct. in part of his note in hands of Mr. McClelland.
Settled \$7.40 with Mr. Boggs which he pd. for my Taxes some
time ago- Mercury 32 at 8 P:M: and Raining a little- Lt. Pent-
land Returned this evening, having lost his way to the C.
Bluffs- Note on the 15th while digging a bed in the garden I
found numerous masses of Grasshopper Eggs, wishing to Satisfy
myself as to what they will produce, I put a parcel of them
into a glass Pitcher filled with earth, (depositing the Eggs
in the Center which I kept warm by the fire)- Today at Noon
I discovd that the Eggs had Hatched and produced Grass Hoppers-
So that we may look for a very plentiful crop of those Trouble-

some insects next Summer and fall, from the innumerable numbers of the Eggs deposited in the ground all over this Section of the Country, by the Myriads of G. Hoppers that annoyed us so Severely in September and October last- These Eggs are not over an Inch below the Surface- the ground has been uncommonly hard frozen, yet the eggs Seem to have escaped uninjured- It behooves our planters therefore to pitch their crops earlier than common, that they may be out of the reach of the Grass Hoppers when they assemble to lay their eggs in September- Turnips, Cabbages, Wheat, late Corn &c. were greatly injured, and in Some instances utterly destroyed by them last fall-

Wed: 28th Morning damp and Cloudy- Mercury 34 at 8- 42 at Noon when it cleared off- Mercury 42 at 10 P:M:- very muddy- but little Ice Running- Snow nearly all gone- ground not quite thawed thro'- it seems to have frozen nearly as deep Since the 1^t Inst. as it had been before- Pigeons begin to fly again to the Westward- Settled with J^{no}. Thorp up to and including this day and discharged him from my Service- Thorp is an industrious Sober fellow, and is on the whole a good hand- but he has latterly contracted habits of a Nature that forbid my keeping him any longer- I have discovered also, that he has played me Some Tricks, and Somewhat abused the confidence I had been in the habit of placing in him- He has been about two years in my employ-

March 1821-

Sat: 3^d- Rec^d. this evening a waggon Load of Corn from Col^o. Renick Supposed to be 50 Bus^{ls}.- the Corn is very wet and is in fact unfit to be Rec^d.- I have now Rec^d. ab^t. 103 bus^{ls}. out of 500 due me from Col: R: for Rent 2 fields at Snai Ebare-

Mon: 5th- The Grass begins to Spring and look green in the Woods-
Thu: 8th Recd. 2 loads more of corn from Col: Renick-
Fri: 9th Hung up my Pork for Bacon to day, Say 32 Hams 32 Shoulders 32
Middlings 16 Jowls- 112 pieces in all, also Hung up -- Venison
Hams.- To day a Small Boat passed on upward to the C. Bluffs-
In the evening Mr. P. Chouteau Jr. arr^d. in a cance bound for
the C. Bluffs and above- by him I Rec^d. L^r. from M. E. S. dated
23^d. Ult^o.-

April 9th Commenced digging in the Garden-
10th It Snowed in the evening- Mercury down to 25 at 10 P.M.
11th It Snowed all day without interruption, Some part of the time,
quite as hard as I ever Saw it Snow- Mercury at 28 all day -
No Sunshine, but all dark and cloudy-

A Solid column of Brickwork 25 feet high, 6 feet wide and 3
feet high- will contain 8000 Bricks exactly- each brick to
be 9 Inches long, 4 Wide and 3 thick- (counting nothing for
the Mortar)

Fire Place.- 2 feet at bottom in the back Jams, 2 feet at
bottom- 9 Inches at Top. 4 feet Wide and 4 feet high in
front- back to be built $1\frac{1}{2}$ Inch above the F. Place, leaving
a Space for the Smoke, of 4 or 5 Inches the flue of the Chim-
ney above the F. Place, to be at least equal in Space to double
the Space left for the Draft- this is large enough for a Room
20 feet Square.

R. Easton.

Fort Osage 17 Aug^t. 1821

Recd. Twenty one Dolls. 38-3/4 cts. from G. C. Sibley in full for his State and Country Tax for the Year 1821-

Markham Fristoe.
CLC.

Received of George C. Sibley \$18.68³/₄ cents his State and Country tax for the year 1822-

Markham Fristoe
CLC.

Bartered with M^r. Boggs in April '21

Gave him- a Black Horse -----	\$50.00	
a pair of Pistols, plated Holsters		
and Dirk with Silver Scabbard -----	68.50	
		118.50
Recd. from him- a pr. Brass Andirons -----	15.00	
a Cherry Cradle -----	15.00	
a Note on Martin Adams -----	18.50	
		48.50
Amt. to Receive- a Bureau now at Franklin ---	40.00	
Harness for 2 Horses D ^o -----	30.00	
		<u>70.00</u>
		118.50

Note- a part of the Harness Recd.- yet due, complete Harness for one Horse, and the lines.- Ap: 18 '21. G. C. S.

How to produce the best fruit

Take Scions from Trees of the growth of the preceding year of the choicest kind- cut the Scions into Slips f 2, 3 or 4 Inches in length- dip the ends cut in warm Rosin So as to prevent the Sap from issuing out- Plant the pieces in Suitable Soil- a Number of

Shoots will Spring up- from these Select the most thrifty for growth-
lop down the others and cover them with earth- In a Short time they
will become Roots to nourish and hasten the growth of the Tree- an
Orchard may be produced in this manner at least two years Sooner than
from Seed-

Kentucky Paper of 7 May '23

January 1822 ((Not in G.C.S's hand from
here to Jan. 1823 except
items noted below))

- 21^t. Ice going off rapidly- Thermometer 43 at 9 o'clock Since the 25th
December had pleasant mild weather (with the exception of a few
cold days, the first Jan.) for the last two weeks the frost has
been out of the earth- and it has more the appearance of Spring
than winter-
- 22nd. The. 33- uncommonly high wind.
- 23^d. " 23- Clear pleasant morning
- 24th. " 15- Cloudy, windy.
- 25th. Crossing on the ice--
- 28th. Cold windy day a little Snow- Mrs. L. Started-
- 29th. Ther. 10- wind from the north very cold
- 30 " 20- commenced snowing yesterday at 12 o'clock and continued
till this morning- is about 3 inches deep
- Feb'y. 3^d.- Mercury at 20- at ten o'clock
- Feb'y. 16th.- The Ice all gone- pleasant weather throughout the month-
- March 1st.- Mr. Bryan commenced clearing a ten acre field above the cot-
tage- weather still continues fine has all the appearance of
Spring the grass green-
- March 6th.- Abraham & Henry commenced to work on the lower field- contain-
ing 64 poles by 28- Murey has halled on the ground about a

third of the Rails necessary for the fence- Mr. Hicklin will not hire him for less than \$15 per month- I shall send him home on Saturday the 9th-

- March 7th Judge Rodd, L. W. Leonard & Mr. Carr arrived- Planted Lettice Raddish onion in little garden
- March 8th- commenced raining - the river pretty high
- " 10th- a beautiful day Judge Todd & the gentlemen started for Mt. Vernon-
- " 14th- commenced ploughing the Garden a cold wind
- " 15th- light snow and sleet - the day is so bad as to prevent the finishing the Garden
- " 16th- Abram finished ploughing- hired Ferguson to dig out walks Set out some rose bushes and trimed two Grape Vines (Sowed peas & Spinach in Factory Garden) Mr. Aikman moved in to the Shanty-
- " 18th Mercury at 2 o'clock at 82- Mr. Hicklin's woman Rachel commenced working in Garden at \$5 per month planted out 3 Grape Vines 3 courants- The Trees are opening their buds and look quite green- more so than they did the 10th of April last year- Mrs. McClelland says that if transplanted Trees are not changed in their exposure to the points of the compass they will not loose a weeks growth for instance she set out a tree and marking the north side of it, set the marked side to the north in the place she removed it to and it bore the same year though set out in February- If a Tree will not bear owing to its going too much to wood- by boring a hole in the body of the Tree and filling it with a white oak peg it will bear abundantly

- March 19th- Planted out Peaches, Plumbs, currant slips in nursery Rows-
Planted 2 large Grape Vines one row of the Peaches planted
according to the foregoing information- windy day- Mercury
at 2 o'clock at 70-
- " 20th Planted wild Grape Slips on border where the old vines are-
and planted on the opposite side of the walk Slips of the
English Grape and just below four of a particular wild kind
Said to be very large and early- put out old Asparagus roots
and filled the bed out with Seed- Ferguson is done his work
4 days at 50 c^{ts}. per day-
- " 21st- Thunder Shower- sowed a bed of onions, Savoy Cabbages & a
little solid Cellery
- " 23^d Rain- a hard frost at night
- " 24th Mr. Hyde took the Missionary's potatoes they were perfectly
sound-
- " 25th very windy- went to prairie and got sod for seats- Bryan and
his man commenced their clearing-
- " 27th Planted 2 plumbs in garden & 3 in Grove-
- " 28th Sowed lettuce, Peas, & Parsley- hard frost last night- apple
Trees leaved out, and a number of Forest trees in full leaf-
- " 29th Planted Pinks- and sowed a row of May peas for seed- bought
7 hogs from Ferguson which J. Walker are to mark-
- " 30- went to Mr. Hicklin's and got some Iris roots &c.
- April 1st. Planted Horse Raddish, Tansy & Iris- Got a few Sweet Potatoes
from Mrs. Rothwell for seed-
- " 2^d. Summer heat- and clear weather-
- " 3^d went to Stokely's ferry for a box of plants sent by Judge
Todd- The hogs bought from Ferguson were marked by J. Walker-

consisting of 1 sow and four one year old Shoats & two pigs 5 months old- marked on both sides of the ear with a sloped piece out-

- April 4th- Planted out a few slips of currant, althea, grape-Honeysuckle & 2 slips of Sweet Briar- likewise a few slips of what Mr. F. says is the Balm of Gillead- a double Rose, & Periwinkle- Grafted some damson on wild Plumb & Peach Stocks
- " 5th- Sowed various seeds that are not cultivated for their roots-
- " 6- planted cucumbers, Guords & Pomgranites- the ground is very dry, everything has much need of rain- unpleasantly windy all day-
- " 8- Cloudy- The white tailed muley died last night leaving a calf about two weeks old-
- " 9- cold rain, sufficient to wet the ground well-
- " 18th Since the 9th the weather has been very unfavorable to gardening. Snow & hard frost has injured whatever the preceeding pleasant weather had brought forward- planted some beets & parsnips-
- " 19th Pleasant Day- planted Beets, Carrots, Raddish, Sage & Green Savoy- lent Capt. Riley 95 lbs. flour-
- " 23. exceptionally warm MerY. 90- Cap^t. Shaler & Lieut. Mc Ray start tomorrow morning early for the Bluffs-
- " 24th very windy dusty day- planted Parsnips by the side of the asparagus bed- Mr. W. commenced board-
- " 25th Sowed lettuce peas, Beans, Pepper, Squash &c. Mr. Montgomery arrived from St. Louis

((In G. C. S.'s hand))
((to Sept. 8th, inclusive))

June 24th- Hired Aaron Bryan to work a Month for \$13.

July 14-	Mr. Clark- 1 comb 25¢ - 1 lb. Tobacco 12½¢ -----	\$.37½
	20 yds wh: cotton- 27½¢ -----	7.15
	10 yds Striped D ^o - 37½¢ -----	3.87½
Aug ^t . 4 th -	1 yd. White Shirting -----	.50
	1 Small piece Steel -----	<u>10</u>
		12.00
Sept. 8	Cash p ^d . him at Franklin -----	15.00

Feb^y. 23^d. 1823- Planted on border on line with the balm of Gillead & first next them- Plumbs from Council Bluff- next six stones from St. Fee- then 8 from St. Louis & after them 8 Ft. Osage plumbs & last 3 cherry stones from Kentucky-

March 12th continued the above row with some choice apple seeds, Grape & Rose seed.- Planted next the lower side of grape vines 7 Peach stones saved from the Heath Yellow & a large soft peach from Mr. H. trees

((In G. C. S.'s hand to
February 21, inclusive))

Rich^d. Goode- has engaged to drain the little Prairie for \$55

July 27-	4½ yds: Cotton @ 50¢ - 1 lb. Tobacco 37½¢- 1 Lead 20¢ pr--	\$2.82½
Aug. 3-	3 yds: Cotton Stripe @ 50¢ -----	<u>1.50</u>
		4.32½

Mem^o ab^t. Mr. Hancock's Rent

to be del^d. at Ft. Osage by 1^t. Dec. -----120 Busls.

" " " " the Sny Ebare on demand -----240 "

Jan^y. 13- del^d. 38-¾ bus: including 5½ busls. Meal had by Baptiste Say
38-¾ at Ft. O.

del^d. Thorp Some time ago at Sny- 5 Bul^s.

March 17, 1823 Sowed cranbury

March 8, 1823 Mr. Samuel Blunt departed this Morning for Maryland, having Settled all his business here and dispatched his Furs &c. to St. Louis in Perogues, which Set out this M^o. also-

Mch: 10th- Tuesday- Last night pretty cold- the day tolerably pleasant- I am now engaged cleaning off the ground around the House and getting out Stuff to enclose Garden and Yard-

March 30th.- Jn^o Thorp Says he has lost 13 days of his time Since he began in August

April 10th Jas. Hicklin has now deld. 228 Bus. Corn leaving 23 Bus. yet to deliver-
all deld.

March 16, 1823. Sent by Judge Todd to Lorenzo Pike at Franklin his father's land patent granted to him for a Military bounty- "John Pike having deposited in the General Land Office a warrent in his favor, numbered 9745 there is granted the said John Pike late a private in Bailey's company, Sixth Regiment of Infantry, a certain tract of land containing one Hundred & Sixty acres being the North west (N) of section Twenty Sixth of Township six south in Range five west in the Territory of Illinois.

(This entry scratched out)

June 21^t. 1823 Last night my Jennet that I bought from Ira Emmons for \$70 foaled a Jack, whose name Shall be Carlos.

June 11th Last night the Big Bay Mare (called Dolly) foaled. (Horse colt)

July 30th Last Night the small Bay Mare (Kate) drop^d a Horse Colt.

April 20th, 1823- List of Cattle.

Cows

No.	Names	Description	Age	Remarks
1	Jennet	Yellow Red		
2	Urn	Blk: & White		
3	Star	Brinded		
4	Edmunson	Red & Wh: Sided		
5	Old Blacky	Blk:		
6	Blossom	Red & Lt. Brinded		
7	Suke	Brinded		
8	Teeney	Brinded		
9	Hart	Red, Wh: Hart		
10	Pink	Dk: Brown- Heart		
11	Red Ears	White- red ears		
12	Little Blacky	Dk: Brown		
13	Strawn	Red & Wh: Spotted		
14	Loretta	Blk: & Wh: Spotted		
15	Rose	Red		
16	Mott	Red & Wh:		
17	Cherry	Red Muley		
18	Crooked Neck	Red Muley		
19	Black Mouth	Red Muley		
20	Monk	Brinded D ^o		


December 4th 1823 John Thorp commenced this day on hire- His en-
 gagement is, to work for me 'till the 4th day of June 1825
 for \$200, payable at the expiration of the time- all time
 lost by sickness or otherwise to be made up- If Thorp sh^d.
 conclude to go to St. Fee in Apr: or May 1825, he may go-

and if he does go, he is to take what may be due him for wages,
in Goods from my Store fair prices- this is the substance of
our bargain- G.C.S.

Copy

Sir,

The foregoing is description of the Brand and Ear Mark that I have
adopted to identify Such of my Domestic Animals as are Required by Law
to be Marked- which you will be pleased to put on Record in your of-
fice- The Brand consistes of the three Initials of my Name G. C. S.
in the Roman form-

The Ear Mark is denoted by what is commonly called Two under bits-
which is performed by cutting a half circular piece from the under-
part of each Ear, pretty near the head, leaving upon each ear a cut
nearly of this Shape thus  -- This Ear Mark I have used exclusive-
ly for seven years last past-

I am Yr. Obt. Svt.

G. C. Sibley

to Mr. - Ewing

Clk: of Lillard Circuit & County Courts.

Ft. Osage Feby. 2d. 1824-

G. C. Sibley's Tax List Lillard County for 1823-

640 acres Land on the Little Sny Ebare, being Sec: 24- R. 28 W. Town:

50 North- \$1280-

5 Slaves Vizt. Abram a Man- Betty a Woman- Henry, Edward and George 3

Boys - all worth \$1500

5 Mares- 1 Pony & 1 Jennet all worth \$220

30 Head of Cattle over 3 years old - 18 Cows- 1 Bull- 6 Oxen and 5 Beef

Steers. \$278

The above is all the property I have to give in this year for

Lillard County- I have claims to other property but as the title is yet in the U. S. it cannot be taxed by the State---Ft. Osage, June 14, 1823.

G. C. Sibley

Ft. Osage October 9, 1823

Received Thirteen Dollars and $4\frac{3}{4}$ Cents from G. C. Sibley in full for his State and Country tax in Lillard County for the year 1823

Markham Fristoe C. L. C.

July 1^t Rec^d. from Mr. R. Paine (Sent by Govr. Clark as pr. his Letter of 11th May) a bag cont^s. as follows Vizt.

288 Spanish Dollars @ 100 cts. -----	\$288.00
88 5 frank pieces @ 92-53/100 -----	81.75
3 Crowns 110¢ -----	3.30
change -----	75
	<u>373.80</u>

Say 375\$ in full

for my pay as Sub. Agt. Indⁿ. affairs from 1^t. Apr: to 31^t Dec. 1822 when I sent in my Resignation.

I have this day acknowledged Rec^t. of the above Money by Letter to Gov^r. Clark.

G. C. S.

July 5th Borrowed a bag of Flour from Mr. Routhwell weighting gross 55
Bag 8
Net 47
(Entry scratched out)

July 16th- Corn beginning to Tassell in upp^r- field.

July 21st- ditto lower field- Pumpkins very promising Buckwheat looks well- is blooming-

James Stevens- Jn^o. Southard- Peter Pervant Henry Triggler- concerned
 in Stealing and Secreting a Grindstone from G. C. S. in Sep^t. or October
 1822- Jas. Routhwell and Jn^o. Thorp prove that the Stone was in Triggler's
 & Pervant's possession, and that the Stone was mine-

Martin Adams-----Dr.

1821

Mch: 2- 2 Dress'd D. Skins for ----- \$2.25

Apr: 7- Cash ----- .50

" 18- 4 $\frac{1}{2}$ days lost in Feb^y.

5 lost in March

1 lost in Apr:

is 10 $\frac{1}{2}$ days lost altogether at \$12 $\frac{1}{2}$ pr.Mo: is --- 5.04

" " Your Note fav^r. W^m. Curtis dated the 21st day of

October 1820 ----- 18.50

(See Big Pocket Book ----- \$26.29

Cr:

By Wages from 19th Feb^y. to 18 Apr: 1821 inclusive

is 2 Months --- @ 12 $\frac{1}{2}$ \$ is ----- 25.00

Deduct for time lost by idleness as can be proved by

Jas. Fletcher Col. Wallace and others- exclusive

of the 10 $\frac{1}{2}$ days chd. above- I say at least ---- 3.00

22.00

Balance due G. C. Sibley ----- 4.29

26.29

Note- Mr. Adams commenced on hire on the M^s. of the 19th Feb^y for 6 Mo:
 @ \$12 $\frac{1}{2}$ pr Mo:- He quit my service and went home on the M^s. of the 19th
 of Apr: the Same M^s. that I started to Franklin- He lost 10 $\frac{1}{2}$ days by
 absence, and at least as much more by idleness and laziness - He now
 owes me \$4.29 as above-

G.C. S.

February 10th, 1824- Jno. Thorp says he has lost 9 days of his time since he began on hire - see P. 42.

" 12th Settled with Richard Goode as follows-

My Acc^t. against him for Cash, Goods, &c. that he had from me from time to time since the 1^t. day of July 1822, as rend^d him, Amounts to -----\$149.28 $\frac{1}{2}$

He claims and is allowed the following Credits-

For draining the Little Prairie -----	\$ 55.00
For Picketing Garden -----	40.00
For 19 Hund: Palings @ 37 $\frac{1}{2}$ pr Hund: ---	7.12 $\frac{1}{2}$
For 3000 Rails -----	24.00
For 2000 Clapboards @ 75¢ -----	15.00
For making Mound in Garden -----	2.00
For Dressing Skins- altogether -----	1.75
For Catching Negro Abram -----	5.00
	<u>\149.87\frac{1}{2}$</u>

Leaving a balance of 59 cts in fav^r. of Goode to be credited in new Account-- Pd. the 59 cts.-- Goode still has some little work to do to complete the draining of the Prairie agreeably to his contract-

G. C. S.

May 23^d.- Planted on a bed NO. of a Plum Tree

3 Rows of Sage Seeds

2 " of Pear Seeds

5 " of choice Apple Seeds) from Mr. N. Hamp^r.

Mares

Dates

Dolly
Puss
Kate

May 22^d Augt. 1^t
May 27
May 29

Note Doll was put to Hicklin's Sorrel Horse. Puss & Kate to W.
McClelland's Bay Horse. Doll put to Mr. McC's Horse 1^t. Aug^t.

G. C. Sibley's Tax List Lillard County for 1824.

640 Acres Land on the Little Sny Ebare being Sec. 24. R. 28 W. Town 50

North- \$960

5 Slaves Vizt. Abram a Man- Betty a Woman- Henry, Edward and George 3

Boys- all worth \$1500

3 Mares, 1 Pony & L Jennet all worth \$250

32 Head of Neat Cattle over 3 years old--- \$192

Ft. Osage May 23^d. 1824

960

1500

250

192

2902 State tax \$7.25- County \$3.62 $\frac{1}{2}$ In all \$10.87 $\frac{1}{2}$

Ft. Osage Sept. 17, 1824.

Rec^d. Ten Dollars & 87 $\frac{1}{2}$ cts. from G. C. Sibley in full for his State &
County tax, and 75 cts for his Poll tax for the year 1824 for the County
of Lillard.-

Markham Fristoe C. L. C.

June 24th 1824.

Settled with Ralph Howell this Morning and paid him \$1.83 in full of all
acc^{ts}. His acct. ag^t. me is \$19.75 for Black Smith's work done by him
at diff^t. times since our last Settlement.

G. C. S.

August 5th or 6th, 1824 - The Black Jennet that I bought from Joel Walker for \$30 had a female colt-

August 18th, 1824

This day delivered on loan to Jesse Overton, for his Uncle Aaron Overton, One Smith's Bellows- One Large Anvil- One Vise- One Sledge Hammer- the Property of The U; States- It being considered that Said Tools are better in careful use than to be lying idle exposed to Rust, Rats, &c.- Mr. Overton promises to take good care of them and to return them promptly when wanted.-

October 11th, 1824 First frost last Night.

" 20th first Ice last night

Novr. 15. deep Snow

" 29. Started to St. Louis- at St. Charles 8th Decr.

February 15th, 1825. Got home from St. Charles-

" 16th. Snow all day Put in a Box, on Upper Gallery

1^t. Some choice Peach Stones, next the bottom (Planted
2^d. Some Nectarine Stones
3^d. Some Quince Seeds 3^d March)

" 18th- killed 11 Hogs. Snow melting

" 19 Snow all gone

" 21^t. Killed Beef- Snowed very hard in evening

" 22^d. Snow all gone before night

" 23^d. Raining after 12

Mch. 12th. Hung up Pork for Bacon.

Ft. Osage FebY.20, 1825

D. Sir,

I deem it proper to inform you that Several Persons have moved over the line into the Territory of the Kansas, and are erecting Houses & clearing land there- Many others talk of following- & I am apprehensive

Transplanted Vizt.

St. Fee Currants in Row next after large Seedling Apl to big Stump.
Some W. Crab- St. Fee Plums, Quinces, 2 Apricots- from Stump out
to fence.

Buff^o. Berries on last half of the Row which is next before young
Peaches-

March 13th- Settled this day with Ira Emmons in full.

to Wit- My Acct^t ag^t. him, including a Note ---is \$78.75

He paid Mr. Baillio in Oct. last, a Mule-

----- 30.00

Deld. me a Jack last fall which I

allow ----- 40.00

Cash paid me to day in full ----- 8.75 \$78.75

March 18th- Planted out Seed Cabbages, Turnips, Beets, Parsnips & Sal-
sify- also planted 4 Rows of currants across the Garden as
follows- 3 Rows of Red Currants mostly raised from Slips-
In all- plants 1 Row- 1^t. 12 St. Fee Curr^{ts}.- Blk. D^o.-
Yellow D^o. in all- plants.

March 25th- Grafted Vizt.

No. 1 10 Russeting Apples

" 2 7 Large Red Winter

" 3 8 Large Cl^d. Winter (Vandevere)

" 4 6 Siberian Crab (on Wild Crab Seedling Stocks)

" 5 7 Yellow Winter

(All the above) apples from the Orchard of Mr.

Ayres near St. Charles.

" 6 12 Carnival Apples from Mr. Lindsey's near St. Charles

No. 7 8 Red July Apple from Chauvain's opp^{te} St. Charles

" 8 Newtown Pippins from young Trees in the Garden.

Nursery- March & Apr: 1825.

2^d. Mch: Sowed on Rt.Hand border Some Currant & Service Seeds N^o.1 None up
Same border Same Side, Morell's Cherry Stone ----- N^o.2 D^o
Same border a Row of Morell's Cherry St: ----- N^o.3 D^o
Next border below Some pear Seeds ----- N^o.4 None up
Quince Seeds to end of the Row ----- N^o.5 Abt.12 up
A Row of Apple, Wild Cherry & other Seeds ----- No.6 None up

3^d. Mch: In the Nursery quarter
Planted half Row of Nectarines Stones from D. Simpson No.7- 10 up
" half a Row Peach St: from D^o ----- No.8- 18 up
Long Row- 1^t. flat Peach St: from D.S. ----- No.9- 7 up
2^d. a few Choice Peach from Mr. Gamble ----- No.10-None
3^d. 2 fine Clings from Gamble ----- No.11-None
4th Peach Stones from Joan ----- No.12-21 up
Long Row- 1^t. Peach St: from Joan ----- No.13-23 up
2^d. Some Plum St: from D. ----- No.14- 4 up

Mch. 12. 2 long Rows Blk Locust Seed -----No.15 &16-17 up
" 26. 10 Gfts: Russeting -----(No.17 Apples
7 Large Red Winter Gfts: -----(from
8 Large Cl^d. Winter, Vandevere Gfts: -----(No.18 Mr.
6 Siberian buds, on Wild Crab Stocks -----(Ayres
7 Winter Yellow Gfts: -----(No.19 near
12 Carnival Apples from Lindsey's near St. Charles --- No.20
8 Red July Ap: from Chauvain's opposite St.Charles -- No.21
15 Newtown Pippin Gfts: ----- No.22
8 Gfts: of Sundry kinds of Apples, unknown ----- No.23-2 first
Split Seeds
from Emmons

14 Gfts: of Early Pears, 2 kinds of each -----No.26-
 4 Gfts: 2 kinds of Pears from Raynals -----No.27-
 8 " Winter Pears from Same -----No.28-
 8 " Bell Pears from Mr. Ayres -----No.29-
 10 Gfts: Apricots Raynal)
)- on W. Plum Stocks -----No.30- None
 10 " Do. Easton)
 4 Cherry from Raynal)
))-on W. Cherry Stocks -----No.31- None
 3 D^o. Emmons)
 14 Peaches from Ft: Garden under hill 2 Sorts on
 W. Plums ----No.32- None
 5 Green Gages on Wild Plums -----No.33-
 36 Apples ass^d. Some from Howard Ct^y. Some from St.
 Charles, Say 19 Russets., Vandevere, Carnivals,
 Red Winter & Red July -----No.34-
 17 of 3 kinds (5-5 & 7) from Howard -----No.35.
 Last of Gfts: ----- 36
 10 Pears ----- 37
 17 Apples Ass^d. ----- 38
 7 N. Pippins (Last year's Gfts:) ----- 39
 Nursery - Grafted in Mch: 1825 from 26th to 31^t. Vizt.

Mkd: No. 17 - 10 Ressetting Apples
 " No. 18 - 7 large Red Winter A-
 " No. 19 - 8 Vandeveres
 " No. 20 - 6 Siberian Crabs, on Wild Crab Stocks
 " No. 21 - 7 Yellow Winter A-

Fort Osage July 14, 1825

Received Thirteen Dollars & 25 c^{ts} from G. C. Sibley for his State & County Tax in La Fayette County for the year 1825.

Markham Fristoe Collector
of Lafayette County.

July 28th- 1825 - Weighed G. C. S. this day in Pat: Bal. being thinly clad and in Shirt Sleeves - 120 lbs.

Ft. Osage July 22^d 1825.

Received this day from G. C. Sibley the following Blacksmith's Tools Viz^t. One Bellows- One very large Anvil- one Sledge Hammer- One Hand Hammer- one Set Hammer- 1 Riveting Hammer- one Vice- two pr. Tongs- one pr. Pinchers; which Tools I engage to take good care of and to account for truly to Said Sibley on demand- For the use of the Said Tools to do my own work, I promise & engage to do all Sibley's plantation Smith's work during the time that I keep them, Such as Repairs of Plows, Axes, Chains, Carts, Waggons & all Such Repairs, free of Charge- It being understood that I am only to charge him for new work, that is to say, making Plows, Horse Shoes &c. And I promise not to use the Said Tools except in pressing cases for any work but my own & Said Sibley's-
Witness

Abraham Mc Clellan

Fountain Cottage Ft. Osage July 27, 1825

Being this day about to Set out on Public Service to the Borders of Mexico and expecting to be gone about a year, I have previously taken pains to Settle my pecuniary affairs as nearly as I can; and I believe I can now say & with truth, that I have paid every just debt that I owe in the world, or have made proper arrangements to pay them.-- I have paid and finally & fully Settled with the following-

Jas. Hicklin as Adm. of the Estate of Jn^o. Hicklin dec^d.

Abraham Mc Clellan Ex^r. of Amasa Crane dec^d.

Jn^o. S. Davis for Services from 22^d. Dec. 1824.

Tho. Morris for his Blacksmith's Account

Aaron Overton for Same & for Stocking Plows-

I have Settled and paid Acc^{ts} of P. Baillio & C^o. as follows-

Tracy & Wahrendorff of St. Louis-

Mr. Baillio's order for F. Hicks for \$45.

Rich^d. Fristoe's Acct for Hauling -- 21.50

Jas. Moore & Z. Morris Ditto ----- 41.33

White & Lightner Ditto ----- 45.27

Lightner for a Mare ----- 35.00

Linea Helms - in full for Sands. --- 20.75

Jno. S. Davis on Acct.--\$148- & due Bill \$80-

Ft. Osage, Oct: 16, 1826

Rec^d. Ten Doll^{rs}. & 4 $\frac{1}{4}$ cts from G. C. Sibley in full for his State & County Tax in La Fayette County for the year 1826.

James D. Warren C. L. C.

George C. Sibley Dr. to Godare

For Wages as a drover from Taus to Ft. Osage

from 9th Aug^t. to 18th Octo. @ \$20 pr. Mo: -----\$46.00

Cash borrowed at Taus ----- 45.00

----- of White Mare ----- 1.50

Expenses up to Blue ----- 37 $\frac{1}{2}$

92.87 $\frac{1}{2}$

Cr.

Expenses furnished at Taus & on the Road -----\$ 1.50

Cash paid Dr. Connelly ----- 16.50

Cash paid you on 19th Octo. ----- 39.87 $\frac{1}{2}$

Balance due 19th Octo. ----- 25.00

92.87 $\frac{1}{2}$

The above balance p^d. to Godare in cash on the 9th of March ,

1827 G: C: S:

Bal. P^d. in presence of M. E. Sibley & Russella Easton

Account of Asses, Mules, Horses &c. Purchased by G. C. Sibley
since the 1^t. May 1826 in N. Mex^o. & elsewhere-

34 Jennets- 1 Roan Stud Colt & 5 Geldings bought at Taus from Dr. Connelly -----	\$430.00
10 Jennets bt. at Taus from Mr. Finley -----	100.00
13 Jennets- 1 Jack Colt & 2 Stud Horses, Bought at Taus from Juan Andres Archulettes for -----	280.00
9 Jennets & a Stud- Bot at Taus from Rich ^d . Campbell -----	130.00
3 D ^o . from Roland, Davis & Fauch at Taus -----	30.00
1 Brown Mule from Wm. Anderson at Taus -----	50.00
1 White Mule from J. Fenorio Ste Fee -----	30.00
1 White Mule from Jno. S. Davis at Taus -----	25.00
1 Lt. Brown Marcho from S. Saverino, Taus -----	40.00
1 Bay Horse Colt from Jno. S. Davis Taus -----	20.00
1 Roan Mare from J. Roland- Taus -----	15.00
1 Roan Horse from J. Domingo - Taus -----	15.00
1 Dun Pony from R ^t Carson on Arkansas -----	35.00
1 Bay Horse from U: S: Auction at Ft. Osage -----	35.00
1 Jennet from Jas. Burkhart home -----	14.00
1 Jennet from Joel Walker in 1824 -----	<u>30.00</u>
	1279.00

Expenses Vizt.

Wages of 3 Men hired to drive &c. from Taus ---	\$118.00
Contingent Expenses at Taus -----	25.00
Ditto from Taus to Ft. Osage -----	<u>22.00</u>
	165.00
	\$1444.00

Nov. 4th Settled little Acct with Mr. Aaron Overton & gave him Due
Bill for Bal. due him \$6.22- Mr. Overton has 4 Tierces &
a Spade on loan, besides my Blacksmith's Tools-

Stock on hand 1^t. Nov. '26 of the Purchases, &c. opposite Page

65 Breeding Jennies -----@ \$15 -----	\$975.00
1 Jack (got in part for a Horse) 2 yr. old - past -----	20.00
1 Jack- one yr. old past -----	12.00
1 Cream Cold. Stud Horse-- 6 yr. old past worth -----	50.00
1 Dun Cold. Stud Horse --- 5 " old -----	40.00
1 Roan Stud Horse ----- 2 " old -----	35.00
4 Mules -----worth -----	200.00
2 Geldings -----	75.00
1 D ^o . 3 y ^{rs} . old - Bay -----	25.00
3 Colts, Asses, worth \$5 each -----	15.00

Nov. 17- Wrote to Galen & Seaton as follows "I enclose you herein \$10 in a Note on the Bank U. S. which I request you to pass to my credit on Acc^t. of a New Subs^d. to your Paper, which I desire to commence in the Spring of the ensuing Session of Congress, and to cease again when this \$10. is all taken up, unless I Sh^d. previously direct otherwise, & to be pleased to enter &c.

(Signed) G. C. Sibley

The Note enclosed is Mkd. L- No. 112- Phila. 1 Feb. 1820 payable to Jos. Johnson Pres^d. Office Dist. & Deposit Charleston and is for \$10- Signed by Jno. Smith Cash- L. Chevey Pres^d.

Nov. 20, 1826

Jas. Hicklin's negro Man Barge commenced on hire this day, at \$10 per Month for a year-

1827, Nov. 12- Paid Jas. Hicklin \$100 on acct of the hire of his Slave Barge- Jan^y 28- Pd him \$20 in full by Mr. Jas. Aull

Rec^t. filed G. C. S.

Received Thirteen Dollars from G. C. Sibley this 20th day of FebY. 1827-
in full for one Month's hire of my Negro Man Toby last Summer whilst
Said Sibley was absent-

Jonathan Hicklin

Received Ten Dollars from G; C: Sibley this 5th day of March 1827, in
full payment for Splitting 1336 Rails for Said Sibley

Witness.

L. Adams X
Wm. Drake X
their Marks

Received from G. C. Sibley this 12th day of March 1827, the Sum of
Twenty three Dollars & three bits, being in full payment for 31 Barrells
& $\frac{3}{4}$ Bus: of Corn Sold him & del^d. by J. Rothwell for me last week

Joseph Kenyon

Tuesday 3^d Apr:1827

To day the Bay Mare called Minerva dropt a Horse Colt which appears to be
a tolerably good one-

Friday 5th April- Flora foaled last Night, Horse Colt.

John Thorp returned from Franklin on the 29th day of May commenced at
twelve o'clock on the 31st to work for us- he says he is hired to Mr. B.
and will have work to do for him but that all the time he can he will work
for Mr. S and I am to keep an acct of the time he works for Mr. S. & for
Mr. B.

(In M. E. S.'s hand)
or
(Russella Easton)

Sent 3 Coulters & plough Share to Shop, _____ ploughshare and Hazle hoe
not half done sent them back but Could get Nothing done owing to drunkenness
except the hazle hoe they fixed the eye of it over again. Thorp got Iron
to make a short Scythe from the blacksmith-

(M. E. S.'s hand)
or
(Russella Easton)

July 2nd. Furnished James Hicklin 3 hands for 1 day including Barge to

help reap his wheat-

July 4th planted cooper corn in new ground-
(M. E. S.'s hand)

April 12, 1827 Barge has lost by sickness five days.
(M. E. S.'s hand)

May 25, 1827 Three Coulters mended at Mr. Butterfields got home one
Hazole Hoe, Sent word the iron of the other mattock was not good enough
to make the other hoe-
(M. E. S.'s hand)

May 8th Mr. Mc Clellan got for Mr. Js. to give to a horse of Mr. Js.

1 bottle Castor Oil
3 oz. Saltpetre
2 oz. Alum

Says Mr. J. will pay for-
(M. E. S.'s hand)

Mr. A. McClelland $1\frac{1}{2}$ lb. Alum-

Mr. Staples a jill oil Turpentine
(M. E. S.'s hand)

May 29th. Sent another mattock to be made into a Hazle hoe one of those
sent by Mr. S. not answering- sent plough Share to be mended.

May 29th A. Carson (One dollar)

June 10th lent Thorp three dollars.

June 25 bought a pr. Shoes for one of Mr. Baillio's men gave \$2.50-
(4 entries above in M. E. S.'s hand)

Augt. 24th Bargained with Mr. McCrosky for a Jack, he is to bring me next
week, for which I am to give him \$60. Vizt.

40 Dol^{rs}. in a Bay Horse I had from Davis &

20 Dol^{rs}. in Cash- or Sh^d. the Horse be valued by persons to be
named at less than \$40, I am to pay the difference-

Saturday 1^t Sept:- Mr. McCroskey del^d. the Jack this M^g. & Rec^d. the
Horse at \$40 - but unluckily killed him before he could get him out of
the lot. I agreed to lose half of his Value, however, & so paid Mr. McC

\$40 in cash, & Settled with him finally- Have got a very likely large Jack for \$80- Viz^t. \$40 cash & \$40 Horse - The Horse only cost me \$17.- So the Jack (cost) \$57-

Memo. 1^t. Sept: 1827- If I had done what I ought and what I thought I would do (but omitted carelessly) I sh^d. have called Witnesses to my bargain with Mr. Crosky and to the exchange and delivery of the Property- by this omission I have lost \$20 and might have lost \$40 if McCrosky had chosen to act the Rascal- After some little altercation with him, as to his obligation to lose the Horse, he agreed to lose him (as in truth he ought)- but thinking it a little hard for the Poor Fellow to lose the whole, I agreed to divide the loss equally with him-

For the future, I Shall be careful to have a Witness or Witnesses to all Such traffics, and to the exchange & delivery &c. to avoid disputes and losses- This is generally inconvenient- but ought not to be omitted for that reason. G. C. S.

ft. Osage Sept. 24th 1827

George C. Sibley To Byram Lewis Dr.

For One large Roan Horse Sold & delivered on the 11th July last for \$90.00
For 30 Bushels Salt delivered this day at \$1.25 per Busl. is ----- 37.50
\$127.50

I have Received One Hundred and Twenty-seven Dollars & fifty cents, from G. C. Sibley in full of the above account to say, One Hundred Dollars in Cash and Twenty-seven Dollars & 50 Cents in trade.

(Note) Trudge died at L. Wood 12 May 1847

Received of George C. Sibley eighteen dollars thirty seven and a half Cents in full of his State and County Tax for the year 1827.

John R. Swearingen C. J. C.

5 Slaves valued at \$1900
 Horses, Asses &c. 1100
 Cattle 250
 Gig 250- Watch 25 225
 3475

Tuesday 13th Nov. 1827

Zacharish Morris commenced on hire at \$20 pr Month- to take the charge of my stock &c. till the 1^t Apr'l or May next.-

Novr. 19th

Settled with J. Cameron & D. Cameron in full for making Rails and Clearing Land

Apr'l Monday 28th, 1828

Mr. Cornet commenced to work on Hire for 5 or 6 Months at \$13- all lost time to be accounted for.

Nov. 12 1828 Cattle Reserved Vizt.

Teney & bull calf)	
Stately & Heifer calf)	Milch cows.
Sixth Blackey)	
2 Spotted Heifers		
2 3 yr. old Steers.		

Sibley C. George taxable property for 1827

Land 960
 Negroes 900
 Horses 400
 Cattle 230
 Carriage 200
 Watch 25
 2715 R. B. Chiles

Tax List Jackson County 1828.

Slaves- Abram- Henry- Edward- & George --\$1300
 Horses, Mules & Asses 65 ----- 1500
 Cattle 42 ----- 230
 In all 3030

Abram--- \$400
 Henry -- 400
 Edward - 300
 George - 200
 \$300

1 Stallion ----- \$200.00
 2 D°. ----- 60.00
 9 Mares ----- 400.00
 old Terry ----- 20.00
 6 Mules ----- 210.00
 46 Asses ----- 610.00
 1500.00

4 oxen --- \$40.00
 38 Cattle - 190.00
 230.00

State Tax ----- \$7.57½
 County- 50 pCr. ----- 3.78¾
 Poll Tax ----- 75
 12.11½