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Common Place Book N^o.7

From 1^t . January 1851-

Linden- Wood 1st . January 1851- Wednesday.

Spent the day at Mr. Alderson's with a small dinner party- In the afternoon the Remains of Mr. W. S. Overall (who died very suddenly last night (See N^o.6-p.121) were interred, a large number attending the funeral from his Residence in town- The day cloudy, Raw Cold and freezing throughout-

Thursday 2^d.- The Morning fair and frosty- Mer: 16 at Sunrise- 38 at Noon fair and pleasant out in the Sunshine- 35 S. Set

Friday 3^d - Mg cloudy and Calm- Mer; 25 at Sunrise- the day fair and pleasant out- Mer: 42 at Noon-

Saturday 4th. Mg fair and airy- Mer. 28 Sunrise- 40 at Noon 35 Sunset- a fine fair pleasant day-

Sunday 5th mg fair- Mer:52 S R- 46 Noon- abt. 38 Sunset considerable snow (of that which fell on the 28th. Ult^o) Still Remains on the ground, tho' much has thawed away to day- Mr. Ruggles preached in our Ch: in the Morning (prov. I-23^d) and in the prairie in the afternoon- the walking quite bad- Mr. Charles Machett died this evening at abt. 7 O'clock: at his House in St. Charles, after an illness of 10 days, of Neu-mo-nia-

Monday 6th- mg fair and pleasant- Mer: 35 Sunrise- 48 Noon 45 Sunset- fair & pleas^t.- the funeral o Mr. Machett took place this evg,-

Tuesday 7th.- mg fair and frosty- Mer: 32 at Sunrise- 46 at Noon 42 Sunset- day fair & pleas^t.- Mr, Joseph Parks died this morning early at his Son's in St. Charles, of neumonia, after a Short illness-

Wednesday 8th January 1851.- mg Cloudy damp and Chilly- Mar: 35 at Sunrise- 54 Noon- Rian commenced at 3p.m. and contin^d till after nightfall- The funeral of Mr. Parks took place at 11 this mg- attended very generally by the townspeople &c.

Thursday 9th- mg cloudy and windy- Mer. 38 at Sunrise- the day quite pleas^t.- Spent it mostly in town- Petteled with Mr. Barron for last year's hire of Negro John, by giving him my note for \$50 from 1^t. Inst: I also agreed to keep John at the rate of \$40 a year from 1^t. Inst.-

Friday 10th mg Cloudy & Raw & calm- Mer. 32 at Sunrise- a Raw ugly day 'till ab^t. 5p.m. when it cleared off quite pleasant. Spemt the most of the day assisting to appraise the personal property of the late Henry Pangs, who died 21^t. Ult^o:-

Saturday 11th- mg fair and pleasant- Mer. 34 at Sunrise- 52 at Noon, fair and Sunny, brisk South wind- Roads very muddy & bad- the Missouri River is uncommonly low at this time.

Sunday 12th Fair and pleasant at Sunrise, Mer. 34.- 37 at Noon 35 Sunset- A light Rain ab^t. 10 to 12- fair at Sunset. Mr. Ruggles preached at the Ch: forenoon (Psalm IV-37) attendance very good-afternoon he preached down in the prairie-

Monday 13th- Morning fair & frosty- Mer. 32 at Sunrise- 48 Noon-49 S. set- A fair Mild, pleasant day throughout The frost is entirely out of the ground now in the open fields; and pretty nearly Settled the ground appears to be-

Tuesday 14th January '51- Morning fair and pleasant- Mercury 45 at Sunrise- 62 at Noon- 58 at Sunset- south wind- the day fair 'tho a little hazy- Mrs. Sibley Returned home to day from St. Louis whither She went on the 24th. Ulto: to visit her Relatives &c.

Wednesday 15th- The mg Cloudy but Mild- Soon cleared off very pleasant, Same as yesterday- At night attended prayer meeting at the church and Mr. Ruggles' lecture – very good attendance-

Thursday 16th- mg cloudy and dark- Mer. 34 S. R. Strong North wind- 33 Noon-fair & windy- 20 at sun Set very keen wind-

Friday 17th- Morning fair and calm- Mer. 8 at Sunrise- 16 at Noon, fair and calm- 14 at SunSet- A cold fair day-

Saturday 18th- Mg fair and calm and frosty- Mer: 10 at S. rise- 26 at Noon fair, calm & Sunny and quite pleasant, by the fire or in th(e) Sunshine- Mer. About 24 at SunSet.

Sunday 19th- Mg fair and windy, S°. Wind- Mer. 24 at S. rise- 38 at Noon- 34 SunSet- The day fair but windy- the River full of Running ice- Mr. Ruggles preached in the forenoon from Matthew V.8- and at Night from Luke XIV-28-29-39.- The attendance good as usual- Sermons both very good-

Monday 20th- Mg fair, Soft Calm and pleas^t. Mer: 32 at Sunrise- 45 at Noon- A very pleas^t day, almost like Summer.

Tuesday 21^t- Mg hazy & calm- Mer. 33 at sunrise- Spent the day down in the prairie at Mr. Watson's- the forenoon quite Raw and windy- the after noon more mild and pleasant-

Wednesday 22^d. January '51- Mg hazy and clam and soft- Mer. 35 at Sunrise- Hawling Ice- Mer: 50 at Noon fair & pleas^t. another delightful day- At Night our prayer meeting was held in the Church, & Mr. Ruggles Lectured- attendance very good-

Thursday 23^d- Mg fair, mild & pleas^t.- Mer: 35 S. Rise- frosty- 52 at Noon, fair and pleasant- to day I Remitted per Mail a Five Dollar bill to L. A. Godey of Phila. For 2 years Subscription of the Lady's Book from the 1^t. Inst.- another very pleas^t. day.

Friday 24th- Mg fair & pleasant-Mer. 35 at Sunrise.- 54 Noon fair, Calm, Sunny, and very pleasant- 50 S. Set- fair & pleas^t.

Saturday 25th- Mg fair Calm and pleasant- Mer. 40 at S. Rise another very fine day- Spent it mainly in Town attending First a meeting of a few friends at Mr. Barron's Dwelling (tho' Mr. B. was not present) to talk over the expediency and practicability of establishing a good School for Girls in St. Charles- The talking was done, but little or nothing else-

Second a Meeting at the Ct. House of Delegates from all the townships in this County, for the purpose of devising Some feasible plan to Commence a System of Artificial Roads in the County- the Meeting was very well attended- the County fully and ably Represented and Such order taken as may most probably Result in much benefit- The Legislature now in Session, is to be asked for the proper Charters and other necessary enactments to promote our views-

Sunday 26th. Jany. '50 (Sic) Mg fair tho' smoky- Mer: 42 at Sunrise- 62 at Noon- Mr. Ruggles preached from John 8th. Ch:12th. Ver:- Mr. R. also preached at Night, to a very full audience, (there being no other preaching in town)- the day uncommonly fine- 56 at SunSet-

Monday 27th – Mg fair, but very Smoky- Mer. 33 at S. R- 42 Noon cloudy- 40 at SunSet, cloudy- Smart Rain after Night-

Tuesday 28th- Mg Cloudy Calm & Soft- Mer: 40 at Sunrise- 33 at Noon, Cloudy- Rough North wind- 25 S. s- growing cold fast-

Wednesday 29th- Mg fair & Windy- high blustering cold wind all Night- Mer: 6 at Sunrise- (on Sunday Mg. 8th. Dec. last the Mer. Was at 6, and has not been below that thus winter as yet)- Mer. 15 at Noon- 10 at SunSet- a fair but very cold day-

Thursday 30th- Mg fair & calm- Mer 2 at Sunrise- 8 at Noon, fair calm and Sunny- the day very cold, but Right pleasant out-

Friday 31st- Mg fair & airy, wind from Southward pretty Rough and Cutting- Mer 6 at Sunrise- 19 at Noon, fair and quite airy- Some Suspicious clouds westward on the horizon- Mer: about 20 at SunSet clouding up South westward-

Linden- Wood Saturday 1st February 1851- The morning Cloudy and dark: Snowing- Southwind- 33 at Noon- Snowing nearly all the day- wind from South- abt. 30 at Sunset

Sunday 2^d- Mer: 29 at Sunrise- 38 Noon- 30 at Sunset- day mild and calm- snow about 5 inches deep melting way pretty fast- Mrs. S. is Sick a-bed and has been since Tuesday- I staid all day at home- not being very well myself-

Monday 3^d- Mg fair & frosty- Mer: 26 at Sunrise- the day very hazy, but otherwise pleasant enough- in town part of the day-

Tuesday 4th- Mg fair & frosty- Mer: 22 at Sunrise- Calm & pleas^t Mer. 45 at noon- fair and Sunny- snow melting away fast to day.

Wednesday 5th- Mg fair, calm, and pleasant- Mer. 35 at S. R. 58 at Noon, Strong west wind Rising- Snow all gone- very Muddy- finished filling the Ice House yesterday-

Thursday 6th- Mg fair and pleasant- Mer: 32 at Sunrise- 45 at Noon- Still fair and pleasant- Yesterday evening the wind shifted and came pretty Strong from the North west- another very fair and pleasant day-

Friday 7th- mg fair, Calm and pleas^t.- Mer: 40 at Sunrise- 64 at Noon 56 at Sunset- a very fine pleas^t. day-

Monday 10th- Mg cloudy and Stormy- Snowing from the Northw^d. Mer: 25 at Sunrise- 32 at Noon- ceased Snowing and clearing off. Snow about 3 inches deep- Mer: 25 at SunSet- fair & airy-

Tuesday 11th Mg fair and Calm- Mer: 14 at Sunrise- 28 at Noon- fair and pleasant- 20 at SunSet, fair & pleas^t.

Wednesday 12th- Mg fair, calm and pleas^t- Mer: 22 S Rise- 42 at Noon- 40 Sunset- the day fair & pleas^t.- very muddy-

Thursday 13th- Mg cloudy- Mer: 37 at Sunrise- a little Rain fell last Night- Snow nearly all gone off again- went to town for an hour or two- exceedingly Muddy- pleasant enough overhead- Mer: up to about 46 to day-

Friday 14th.- (Valentine's day)- Mg cloudy- light Rain again last Night- Mer: 46 at Sunrise- 52 at Noon- the day Cloudy and dark- drizzly at times- North wind after SunSet

Saturday 15th- Mg cloudy & Raw & windy Spitting Snow, as it is called- Mer. 16 at Sunrise- wind from the North.- 26 at Noon- fair cold north wind- thaws in the Sunshine-

Sunday 16th Mg fair and frosty- Mer. 16 at S. R- 34 at Noon- the day pleas^t.- Roads exceedingly Rough and bad- Mr. Ruggles preached Morning and at Night- attendance was pretty good-

Monday 17th. February '51- Mg fair and airy Mer. 25 at Sunrise- brisk South wind- 45 Noon, fair & pleasant- a very pleasant day- wrote to Mr. S. Jenkins of Fulton Requesting him to Send me a drawing and estimate of a handsome edifice Suitable for a female academy- Say 100ft. long by 40 wide 3 Stories high-

Tuesday 18th- Mg fair and frosty- Mer: 23 at Sunrise- Calm- another pleasant day- Mer. up to about 45- South wind.

Wednesday 19th- Mg. Cloudy and airy- Mer: 36 at Sunrise- 45 at Noon, has been raining for two hours past, moderately- a dark ugly Rainy day, followed by a Rainy night-

Thursday 20th- Mg Cloudy and dark, and wet- every thing soaking wet- Mer: 49 at Sunrise- quite calm- the Missouri is yet quite low at St. Charles, but Several Boats from St. Louis have already ascended the River- 52 at Noon- Rain again after Night, very hard, with thunder- a dark gloomy day-

Friday 21st Mg Cloudy- Mer: 36 at sunrise- 40 at Noon- a very pleasant day after Noon- very Muddy under foot-

Saturday 22nd. The Morning fair & frosty- Mer: 33 at S. R. I copy the following from the N. Yk: Observer of 30th . Jany. last. "The Syracuse & Oswego plank Road is abt. 31 miles in length, and including its Seven toll houses, was Constructed at a Cost of \$43,964" in something less than a year of its operation \$5757 had been Recd. For tolls- cost Say \$1418 p Mile- Say abt. 12 p. Ct: Revenue- Mer. 52 Noon- S^o. wind- abt. 50 at Sunset- windy after Night-

Sunday 23^d.- Mg Cloudy & Calm, Soft and pleasant- A Smart Shower late last Night- Mer: 52 this Mornig at Sunrise- Mer. 62 at Noon- Went to Church, forenoon- attendance pretty good considering the excessively Muddy State of the Roads- which are worse than I over Saw them before, even in February- 65 S. Set Cloudy-

Monday 24th- Mg Cloudy, wind from the North- Mer: 36 at S. Rise the day quite cool, tho' pleasant and fair after 10 O'Clk:- I Spent the whole of it in town- The County Court Commenced its Regular Session to day- I Remitted p Mail this Mg. \$75 to Tutt & Watson with the Request to pay David Nicholson's acct. on his presenting it-

Tuesday 25th- Mg fair & frosty- Mer: 34 at Sunrise- 52 at Noon the day turned out cloudy- some Konsee Indians called, on their way to St. Louis on a begging expedition-

Wednesday 26th – Mg Cloudy & Showry- Mer: 56 at S. Rise- 62 at Noon- cloudy and dark- 52 S. Set- Raining Since 3 O'Clk:

Thursday 27th- Mg Cloudy & dark- Mer: 24 at Sunrise- a light Snow and Sleet covers the ground- it Rained and Stormed nearly all through the Night; Sometimes violently- 25 at Noon- Snowing & blowing from the North Since 9½ O'Clk:-

Friday 28th- Morning fair & airy- Mer: 14 at Sunrise- The Snow now on the ground will average abt. 4 inches in depth- a pleasant day overhead, but pretty cold- Mer: not above 30 at any time to day.- I wrote this morning to Mr. Solomon Jenkins of Fulton, about a School edifice-

Linden-Wood Saturday 1^t. March 1851- the morning fair calm, and bright- Mer: 24 at Sunrise- The winter months are gone, but not the wintry weather- 45 at Noon, fair Sunny and pleasant- the Snow goes off Rapidly-

Sunday 2^d- Mg fair & Windy- Mer. 26 at Sunrise- Not above 30 at any time to day- after noon we had several Snow Showers, each of Short duration- quite fair again at bed time- Mr. Ruggles preached in the Mg in our Ch: and after noon in the prairie- The extreme bad State of the Roads & Streets, caused a thin attendant (attendance) to day at Church- Cold West wind all day-

Monday 3^d- Mg fair & calm- Mer: 22 at Sunrise- 42 at Noon fair and Sunny, and quite airy- a fine pleasant day-

Tuesday 4th- Mg fair & windy, from South. Mer: 42 at S. Rise a fair pleasant day, quite too warm in the Sun- became cloudy after Sundown- Spent part of the day in St. Charles.

Wednesday 5th- Mg Cloudy & calm- Mer. 50 at Sunrise- 37 at Noon, cloudy- Raw North wind- went to town before noon and Settled with the County Court (yet in Session⁰ the accts. Of the Estate of Thomas Lindsay Senr, to the 26th. Ult^o.-

Boats are passing up and down the river almost daily, tho' the River is yet at low Stage- Cloudy at Night-

Thursday 6th- Mg Rather Cloudy & Raw- Mer: 26 at Sunrise- 38 at Noon- 34 at SunSet- the day turned out fair and pleasant after 8 O'Clock-

Friday 7th March '51- Mg fair and frosty- Mer: 24 at S. Rise 44 Noon- 38 Sunset- fair pleasant day- windy Night.

Saturday 8th Mg fair and windy- Wind from the North, and pretty Cutting- Mer: at Sunrise 24,- at noon 39- the day Raw and chilly, but fair and Sunny-

Sunday 9th- Mg fair but windy- Mer. 42 at 9 O'Clk: abt. 50 at noon, but windy, Raw & chilly- Mr. Ruggles preached as usual, Morning and at Night- attendance very good- The Methodists are holding their quarterly Meeting in St. Charles, which they commenced on Thursday last- The Roads are drying and improving-

Monday 10th- Mg fair & calm- Mer: 34 at Sunrise- 52 at Noon- Another very fair and pleasant Spring- day- The Blue Birds are about, and Some of the early Shrubbery beginning to vegetate-

Tuesday 11th- Mg fair and pleasant- Mer: 40 at Sunrise- 56 at Noon fair & calm- a very pleasant day- Roads getting good-

Wednesday 12th- Mg Cloudy & calm- Mer: 35 at Sunrise- abt. 54 at Noon- a fair pleast. Day- attended Mr. Ruggles' lecture at Night- Not many there- The N. S. Ladies have got up a "Sewing Society" and they have chosen Wednesdays for their weekly meetings, which being prolonged till after Night attracts many of the young Men, who by the by are always expected if not invited to attend; Some of both Sexes are thus kept away from the Lectures, who would no doubt otherwise attend them.

Thursday March 13th 1851- Mg fair & Calm- Mer. 40 S.R 66 at Noon, Calm, Sunny and Sultry- the day fair and very pleasant-

Friday 14th- Mg fair & calm & pleast. Mer: 42 at S. R The Genl. Assembly of Missouri at their late Session, appointed me a Member of the board of Managers of the "State Lunatic Assylum" Located at Fulton in Callaway County,- and directed a Meeting of the Board to be held at Fulton on next Monday the 17th. Inst: for the purpose of taking proper measures to

organize the Assylum, and to put it in operation as Soon as practicable- I left home to day in the Stage to attend the Meeting of the Board-

Saturday 15th- Arrived at Fulton at 2 p.m: to day (the distance is called 90 Miles)- the weather fine, but I had a most unpleasant journey over bad Roads, in a kind of Covered Mud Waggon, which only Stopped on the way long enough to change horses, and deliver mails, day or night

Sunday 16th- A Rainy Morning- In the forenoon attended Religious Service in the Presbyterian Church (O. S) of which Rev: W. W. Robertson is the Pastor- The attending congregation quite numerous, and of the Most Respectable classes- There were Meetings also in the Methodist and Cambellite Churches, how large I do not know- Mr. Robertson preached again at Night; but I did not attend.

Monday 17th March 1851- A fair pleast. Morning- I find only Three Members of the Board of Managers here besides myself (Messrs. Leiper- Hardin & Harris) all of whom Reside in Fulton and vicinity- The Board Consists of Seven Members Vizt. John B. Leiper- Charles H. Hardin- Thomas B. Harris of Callaway County- James L. Minor of Cole County- John B. Snelson of Howard Co.- Geo. C. Sibley of St. Charles Co.and Geo. K. Budd of St. Louis County- there being four of us on the ground, we Met together after noon, at the Law office of Mr. Hardin, were fuly qualified, and then adjourned 'till 10 oClk: tomorrow Morning-

Tuesday 18th- The Board Met at 10- proceeded to organize- named Mr. Leiper to be President- After some conversation in which the three gentlemen insisted on my taking the chair; but which I positively declined; the nomination of Mr. Leiper was then confirmed- Mr. Hardin was then appointed Secy. of the Board, and also Treasurer of the Board- So the Board is

Organized- After dinner we all walked out to the asylum (I will write out a description of it here- after)- I took tea and spent the evening at Mr. Robertson's- I Should have Mentioned that I Supped and Spent the evening of Saturday at Mr. Wilson's who married Ellen Grant (Crant?), formerly a pupil at L. Wood- They have three fine Sprightly children; two of them girls

Fulton Wednesday 19th. March 1851- A fine fair pleast. Day- The Board met at 10- the Same Members, four, present- entered upon some enquiries as to our duties; and find that we are all very deficient in necessary information, & have no Means here of obtaining any light to enable us to proceed understandingly with the business- the Secy. of State has not even informed us of our Appt. or furnished us with an authenticated Copy of the Law, under which we Suppose we are called upon to act- I moved therefore, that as Soon as we Can make arrangements with Mr. Jenkins to clear away the Rubbish and dirt around the Building, and do the necessary grading; we adjourn 'till the third Monday in Next April; and enjoin it upon all the Members of the board to come prepared to act understandingly- This was agreed to- We appointed Mr. Henderson of this place, the Treasurer of Assylum- Mr. H. is the County treast. And agrees to take the office we gave him: at the very low Salary of \$150 per Ann: and to give Bond for \$8000- adjourned 'till tomorrow Mg 10 O'Clk:-

I Spent the evening, and the Night, at Mr. Wilson's- Fulton is quite a pretty town, and is improving- Situated in a Romantic and very healthy part of the State- it will I think ere very many years, ise to considerable importance- More anon about it however-

Fulton Thursday 20th. March '51- the Board Met again this Morning at 10 O'Clock- the Same four Members present as before- adopted Some Rules for the Board- appointed Messrs. Budd & Sibley a committee to prepare a Code of By laws and Regulations for the Assylum- deferred making appointments of Supt.-Steward, and Matron 'till the next meeting in April-

engaged Mr. Jenkins to clear away and grade round the building; and obtained from Specifications drawings and estimates of much work necessary to be done before the Assylum can be put in operation; which will cost from 12 to 15 thousand dollars- I do not See how all can be completed before august or September if So Soon as that- Having done all that we can do at this Meeting, adjourned 'till the 3^d Monday in next April (the 21^h)-

Friday 21^h- I Remained to day at Fulton, in order to visit the asylum again, and Satisfy myself about certain particulars there- the Stage Agt. Assured me that the tomorrow's Stage will arrive at St. Charles before breakfast on Sunday morning- the day fair & pleast. 'till abt. SunSet when it clouded over, and a very heavy Storm of wind & Rain came on, which continued till late at Night- The Managers get no pay for their Services, but are Refunded their travelling and other necessary expenses whilst attending the meeting of the Board.

Saturday 22^d. March '51- A fair pleast. Morning- the Roads are again exceeding bad- Set out for home a little before 8 O'Clk in the Stage, or Rather Mud waggon- 4 other passengers- My expenses including my Return home, amt. to \$16 for which I draw a bill on the State Auditor, and left it with my landlord, Mr. Tucker, for collection- travelled all Night frequently Raining and Storming- did not Reach home 'till

Sunday 23^d- after noon- the desperate condition of the Road, all the way, getting worse and worse, made it impracticable to make the journey Sooner- found myself very much fatigued and worried from jolting and want of Sleep & jamming in the Waggon- find all well at home- the day fair and pleasant.-

Monday 24th- Tuesday 25th two pleasant days- The Peach Trees are blooming- also Plums- The Shrubbery is looking green- Wheat fields & Meadows are all “Dressed in living green”, Many flowers in bloom-

Wednesday 26th- The day very very Windy- planting out privet Hedges- at Night attended the prayer Meeting and lecture at our Ch:- not many out.

Thursday 27th- A Showry day- finished planting out privet in hedge Rows- after Noon Dr. Mellhinney called on me to Say that he is an applicant for the office of Supt. Of the State Lunatic Assylum.

Friday 28th March 1851- Mg fair and airy- Mer: 45 S. R. Wrote to Mr. Ephraim B. Ewing Secy of State City Jefferson, for a Copy of the late law to organize the State Lunatic Assylum- also to Mr. Budd of St. Louis concerning the Assylum-

The day mild, fair & pleasant- fires quite agreeable.

Saturday 29th- Mg hazy & airy- Mer: 62 at 8 O'clock- Mr. Saml. S. Watson has lost two very valuable negro servants within a month, by death- the last died Night before last, both Supposed to have died of the “Winter fever”.- the day proved fair and pleast. Tho' Rather warm Mer: 76 abt. Noon-

Sunday 30th- A Rainy Mg. with much thunder- Mer: 62 at 9 O'Clk:- the day cloudy throughout- Rev: Mr. Brek, Agt. For our board of foreign Missions, preached a very good Missionary Sermon this Mg. in our Ch: and he also preached at Night- the Streets & hill Sides very Muddy, which kept a number of our Congregation away- attendance pretty good however, under Such circumstances- Mer: about 50 at SunSet.

Monday 31^t- Mg Cloudy & chilly- Mer: abt. 40 at Sunrise- Red buds blooming-
Vegetation advancing Rapidly- the day quite pleasant after 10 O'clock- We have not yet
commenced gardening, except to make & Seed a few beds for early lettuce, Radishes &c.-
experience has long taught me that from the 15th. April to the 1^t. of May is time enough for the
commencement of general gardening at Linden-Wood-

Linden- Wood Tuesday 1st April 1851-

The Morning cloudy, air Soft and damp- Mar: 50 at Sunrise- (See N^o. 6, ps: 15-77)- In the
providence of God, I have been brought along in my earthly pilgrimage, thro' another year; and
to the commencement of the Seventieth year of my life here on earth, dating from One O'Clock
this Morning- throughout the past year I have been the Constant Recipient of God's goodness,
and Mercy- and have experienced his forbearance largely- My Sense of unworthiness is
exceedingly impressive.- But my trust is entirely in Him who is worthy, and willing and mighty
to help and to Save- O Lord, if it shall be thy will to retain me in life another year, give me grace
to acquit myself well and faithfully of all my duty- And Should it please thee to Release me from
the bondage of the flesh and the ill's Sinful propensities thereunto incident at any time within the
year this day commenced, graciously grant me that preparation of the Spirit that Shall enable me
to Submit most joyfully to thy will- I humbly thank thee My Heavenly Father, for this privilege
of Recording with my own hand, this memorial of thy Merciful favours So long extended unto
thy unworthy Servant, and of invoking in this manner the Continuance of thy goodness towards
me & Mine and that Thou wouldst make us all worthy thro' Christ- Amen-

Ceo. C. Sibley-

Wednesday 2^d April 1851- The morning fair, but windy/ wind from N^o./ and chilly- Mer: 42 at Sunrise- Some rain again last Night- a very windy day- Mer: up to 54-

Thursday 3^d- Mg fair, Calm & pleast.- Mer: about 42 at S. Rise 68 at Noon- every thing growing Rapidly- the day fair and pleasant- The River is Still Rather low-

Friday 4th- Mg fair, but hazy & airy- Mer: abt. 50 at S. Rise- 68 at Noon- the weather changeable, Showry and windy- quite cool and Stormy after 10 O'Clk: at Night-

Saturday 6th- a pleasant day- I did not go out at all, not feeling well enough- Our church, as I learn, unanimously, (that is all the members who were present) passed a Resolution inviting Mr. Ruggles to take upon himself the pastoral care of the Ch: which, was put in the usual form, & will doubtless be accepted by Mr. R- The St. Louis Presby is to meet in St. Charles on Thursday next-

Monday 7th- Mg Wet & unpleast.- Mer: 44 at Sunrise- finished a letter to Eliza Lee, that I commenced on last Saturday- On the 4th. wrote to Dr. R. H. Sibley, and to Maragaret Sibley- the day Rainy & unpleasant throughout- Stormy & cold at Night-

Tuesday 8th- Mg fair & windy- Mer: 32 S. R: ice.- N^o. Wind- the day fair and pleasant, tho Rather windy- fires quite pleasant.-

Wednesday 9th April '51- The morning fair and windy- Mer: about 45 at Sunrise- So far, the fruit has not been injured here- about, by the Recent chilly weather- at least not materially- another very fine pleasant day- mild and fair.

Thursday 10th- Mg fair, calm & pleast.- Mer: 56 at 8 O'Clock 62 at Noon, fair and airy- a pleasant day- The Presbytery of St. Louis commenced their Semi-annual Sessions to day in our

Church, at ½ past 2 O'Clk: p. m. Rev: Mr. Booth preached- That Members in attendance to day are- Mr. Booth, moderator of the last Presby, Still presiding.- //Messrs. Fenton- Watson- Blackwell- Heyer- Lyon- Abbott- Smith- 8 Ministers- & //Messrs. Gamble- Howell- Brohead- S. S. Watson & three other Elders- 8 Ministers- 7 Elders- At Night Mr. Watson preached to a pretty good house- After the adjournment of Presby. //Messrs. Jones & //Williams, Ministers, from St. Louis arrived- Those Mkd: // are Staying with us at L. W.-

Friday 11th- Mg fair & airy Mer: 44 at Sunrise- a pleast. Day- In addition to the Members of Presby in attendance yesterday, there arrived to day Messrs. Gilbraith & Hogeman Ministers & Mr. Lackland Elder, all from St. Louis County- Making 10 Ministers & 8 Elders now present- Mr. Jones preached at Night- Mr. Abbott in the afternoon.-

Saturday 12th- Mr. Gamble, Mr. Jones & Mr. Williams Returned to St. Louis to day- And Messrs. Abbott- Gilbraith & Booth obtained leave of absence- also two or three Elders besides- Mr. Fenton preached at Night- the day wet, chilly and unpleasant.

Sunday 13th- The day Showry at intervals- The exercises in our Church to day were of an unusual and interesting character- Mr. Watson of Bardenne preached at the Usual morning hour- immediately after which, the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper was administered, to a large number of Communicants, by Messrs. Fenton & Lyon- At 2 p.m. the Services Commenced again, in conformity with the order of the Presbytery, for the purpose of Ordaining the Rev: H. E. Ruggles, and instaling him as pastor of our Church agreeably to the expressed desire and Call of his Ch:- Mr. Fenton preached the ordination Sermon Mr. Blackwell propounded the usual questions- Mr. Lyon deliyd. The Charge to Mr. Ruggles and Mr. Watson to the people- All these Services (the laying on of hands included) were performed with much imposing Solemnity, and were attended throughout by a large concourse of people, from other churches &c- At night Mr.

Lyon preached- after- after which, the Presbytery came to order, and ad-journed to Meet in St. Louis about the 20th. of May-

Monday 14th- A dark, Raw Cloudy day- Mer. Ranging from 40 to 46.- The River is getting in good Order-

Tuesday 15th- The Morning fair & calm, and pleasant- a very light white frost.- Mer: abt. 34 at Sunrise- a young Man by name Harmon, died yesterday near St. Charles, and was buried to day by the “Sons of Temperance”- Mer: from 34 to 50- the day pleasant-

Wednesday 16th. April '51- Morning fair & pleasant- Mer 38 at Sunrise- A light shower last evening after Sundown- The day continued fair and pleasant- Mer: up to 58 about Noon-

Thursday 17th- Mg fair & pleast.- Mer: 36 at Sunrise- 60 at Noon, fair and pleasant.- 58 at SunSet- Still fair and pleasant-

Friday 18th-Mg fair & airy and pleasant- Mer: 48 at S. Rise- I was to have left home at about 10 O'clock Mud Coach to attend a Meeting of the Board of Managers of the State Lunatic Asylum at Fulton on next Monday- but from some cause or other, the driver passed on without calling for me: altho' the Agent promised to do so- About 10 O'Clk: it became quite Cloudy- Raining Steadily at 12¹/₂- Mer. 58.- wrote to Mr. Hardin Secy of the board of Tuesday next.- Mer: about 50 at SunSet- Steady Rain all day Since 10 O'Clock-

Saturday 19th- Mg windy & partially cloudy- Mer: 42 at S. Rise the day pleasant and fair- Cloudy just before Sundown. Mer: up to 60 in course of the day-

Sunday 20th- Mg fair, but hazy and Some flying clouds. Some Rain fell last Night- Mer: up to 50 only, to day- Mr. Ruggles preached morning & Night- & at 5 p.m. to the Negroes.

Monday 21^t.- Mg fair & frosty- but the Mer: was only at 34 at S. R- this morning at 8 O'Clock, I left St Charles in the Mail coach for Fulton- 2 other passengers- a fine pleast. day-

Tuesday 22nd. April 1851- Arrived at Fulton at abt. 10 this mornng having travelled all Night- Find all the board of Managers present except Mr. Budd, who is not expected- Those present now are John B. Lieper president- Thos. B. Harris- Jas. L. Minor- John B. Snelson- Charles H. Hardin, Secy. & Geo. C. Sibley-

Messers. Minor & Snelson are in great fidget to Return home tomorrow morning, and vehemently urge the immediate election of the Superintendent- Steward & Matron of the Asylum- Being exceedingly fatigued & worried from travelling all the way from home without any Sleep or Rest, I Requested a postponement of the election 'till tomorrow; but those Gentlemen insisting on our performing that duty to day, I Consented very Reluctantly; and the Board met for that purpose immediately after dinner- A large Number of Letters addressed to the Board in Reverence to the three offices above named, were opened & Read, which occupied us 'till Night- Des. Riley- McIlhinney- Smith- Howard- Koons & Givens were Candidates for Supt.- Messrs. Wilson & Peers for Steward- Mrs. Swope for Matron.

After fixing the Salaries (Supt. \$1500 p an: Steward \$500- Matron \$300) and the term of office (two years) we adjourned to meet again after Supper, then to go into the election- Feeling quite out of order, I again Requested the election to be put off 'till tomorrow- but Dr. Snelson Refused his assent- So I determined that I would attend,- lest by my absence Dr. Riley, who was my candidate by decided preference; might not have justice done him; (fo) for I had heard whispers that Dr. Smith of Columbia was to be forced upon the Asylum if possible; and tho' I did not by any means give full Credit to Such Suggestions; yet I felt it to be my duty to be at my post Stick or well- to hazard nothing-

The Board Met accordingly immediately after Supper- and proceeded at once to elect the Steward & Matron- On the first Ballot W. R. Wilson of Fulton was chosen Steward & Mrs. Eliza J. Swope, also of Fulton, was chosen Matron- But on balloting for Superint. We found it impossible to elect- Minor Snelson & Hardin adhered firmly to Smith- Leiper- Harris & myself to Riely- Harris occasionally voting for McIlhinney & others- After thus balloting 'till after 10 O'clock: 3 & 3, for Riley & Smith it was agreed to adjourn 'till tomorrow Morning early, and then endeavor to effect an election- A fair, pleasant day-

Wednesday 23^d- A fair, pleast. Morning- The Board of Managers Met again immediately after breakfast, and proceeded to the election of a Supt.- After many fruitless ballotings, 3 & 3 for Riley & Smith; it was agreed to ballot four times more, only- and then, if no choice shd. Be made to postpone the election 'till the 10th. of June- The three first ballotings Resulted as before- but on the 4th. & last, Mr. Harris thought fit to vote for Dr. Smith and thus elected him- Smith 4- (Minor- Snelson- Hardin & Harris) Riley 2 (Lieber & Sibley)- This Result being made public, created much dissatisfaction throughout the Community of Fulton- Dr. Riley, has always been their great favorite, whilst Dr. Smith, has been held for years past, particularly obnoxious and I very much fear (from what I learn to day) that the election of Dr. H. Smith, may turn out very unfortunate for the peace & harmony of Fulton, & the prosperity of the Asylum- Time will shew- After transacting some necessary business with Mr. Jenkins in Relation to finishing the building &c. the Board adjourned to meet on the 10th. of next June- I visited the Asylum- dined with Mr. Jenkins & Spent the evening, & night, at Mr. Wilson's- The day fair & Pleast.

Thursday 24th- Visited the Asylum with Mr. Hardin, to fix on Some plan for enclosing it- Consulting with Mr. Jenkins &c.

Friday 25th- pleast. morning- left Fulton at abt. 7 O'Clk: this Morning for home- travelled all Night, as usual, and On

Saturday 26th. at 7½ in the Mg. Reached home again, much fatigued, and pretty well dusted- a very pleasant day-

Sunday 27th A fine pleasant day- Mer abt. 46 at S. R. attended Ch: in the Morning- In the after-noon Mr. Ruggles preached down in the prairie- The attendance in our church this morning very good- There is a Sort of a protracted meeting going on in the N. S. Church, I believe- consequent I Suppose, on the Recent Return to St. Charles of the Rev: James Callaher.

Monday 28th April '51- Mg hazy- Mer 48 at Sunrise- 68 at Noon- Clouding Over wind changed Suddenly, & the Mer: dropped from 68 to 46 in few minutes time- After 3 p.m- we had a fine Rain 'till SunSet- quite cool at S. Set.

Wednesday 30th- Morning fair and fresh- Mer: 40 at S. R. the day fair and quite cool- The Missouri is low, and barely navigable for Small boats- Vegetation advances apace. Snow Balls as large as turkey eggs- Peaches as large as beans- Apples & Pears all Set- Quinces in bloom- Tulips blooming for a week past- Forest trees generally green- Currents and Goosberries all Set, & very full- Wheat Crops look extremely well- So do the Meadows, and the pasturage generally- Farmers are everywhere busy putting in their Corn Crops-the grounds in very fine Order, and most generally well prepared- Early Potatoes coming on very well at L. W- The Garden Sufficiently forward- Lilacs have been blooming finely for more than a week past- Honey Suckles are just on the point of blooming, all the Varieties- Roses, Budding.

Linden- Wood Thursday 1st May 1851- The Morning fair, but blustry- wind fresh from the North- Mer: 36 at Sunrise- Mrs. Lilly, an aged infirm Widow mother of Dr. Powell of St.

Charles, died yesterday, and was buried this afternoon- She was a professing Christian of long Standing , humble pretensions, of the Baptist order- and as I think, a Sincere follower according to the light She had-

The day windy, Rough and Chilly throughout- Mer. not above 46

Friday 2^d- Mg Cloudy & Raw- Mer: about 35 at Sunrise- 42 at 9 O'Clk: There was a killing frost last night in some low places- but I do not perceive any harm done to the fruit at L. W- early potato tops & beans have Suffered-

Saturday 3^d- Mg fair & Calm- Mer: 48 at 9 O'clk: about 40 at Sunrise- 65 at Noon- fair, calm and pleasant.- Doctor Smith, Supt. Of our lunatic Asylum, passed thro' St. Charles yesterday Morning, on his way eastward, I presume, to visit Some of the principal Asylums there; as instructed by the Board of Managers- I did not See him however- a pleasant day-

Sunday 4th Mg fair & airy- Mer: about 40 at Sunrise- 56 at Noon, fair & windy- Mr. Ruggles preached in our church in the morning, and down in the prairie after-noon- The attendance this morning not as good as usual- Several of our people absent- Mr. Gallaher is holding forth to day in the N. S. Church- not Preaching the Gospel, but giving a History of the Presn. Church-

Monday 5th. May 1851- The Morning fair & pleasant- Mer: 38 at S. Rise- at 2 p:m attended an annual Meeting of the St. Charles County Bible Society, for business- very few in attendance- enough however, to transact, constitutionally, the necessary business- All the officers of the Society were elected for the ensuring year, or 'till the next Annual Meeting Vizt.-

Geo: C. Sibley- Prest- vice Presidents Vizt

For St. Charles Township- Dennis McDonald

“ Darden Township- David K. Pitman

“ Femme Osage Township- Richd. B. Brumfield

“ Cuivre Township- Achilles Broadhead

For Portage des Pioux Township- Isaac A. dick

“ Callaway Township-

Secretary- Edwin D. Bevitt

Librarian & Treasurer- Ninian B. Barron

Managers- S. S. Watson- E. Gause- Rt, H. Parks-

The time for the Annual Meetings of the Society was changed from the 1^t. Monday in
Meh: The Meeting adjourned to Meet on Sunday afternoon the 25th. inst: at 2½ O’Clk: in the
Presn. Ch: on Main Street.

Tuesday 6th Mg fair and pleasant – Mer: 66 at Noon- there was a light shower last night-
Raods are getting quite good- the Missouri unusually low for the Season- I learn to day that
much fruit has been killed by frost, in Some parts of the County-

Wednesday 7th. May 1851- Morning fair and airy- Mer: 54 at Sunrise- 68 at Noon- Mr.
Drake & family arrived at L. W. from St. Louis, after Noon: intending to Spend the Summer
here- The day fair and pleasant throughout to spend the Summer here- The day fair and pleasant
throughout- A Steamboat, The Antony Wayne, Struck a Rock this Mg while ascending opposite

Saint Charles, and Sunk- She will probably be lost; but her Cargo furniture &c. will be got out without much damage.

Thursday 8th- Mg fair & fresh- a light shower last night- Mer: about 56 at Sunrise- Clouds in the West- 74 at Noon, Sultry and flying cloud- No Rain to day- Vegetation progresses Rapidly- The Guelder Rose, is now in full bloom-

Friday 9th- Mg fair & pleasant- Mer: 54 at Sunrise- 74 at noon, airy- flying clouds- appearances of Rain at SunSet-

Saturday 10th- Mg fair and airy- Mer. 62 at Sunrise- No Rain last Night- 80 at Noon- very dry and dusty.

Sunday 11th- Mg fair & airy- Mer: 74 at Sunrise- 88 at Noon 80 at SunSet- No Service to day in our church, except Sunday School- feeling unwell, I Remained at home all day- Mr. Ruggles went to Boonville last week, and has not Returned yet.

Monday 12th- Mg fairy & hazy- Mer: 72 at Sunrise- Mrs. Lindsay Wife of James Lindsay Junr., Died this Morning at about 2 O'Clock, and was buried after- noon- 84 at Noon- attended a "Plank Road Meeting at 3 p.m. at the Ct. H. and took part therein, as chair-man,- Something to the purpose likely to be done- raining after Sundown.

Tuesday 13th May 1851- Mg wet and Rainy- Mer. 60 at sunrise Much Rain fell in course of he last Night & this morning- it is a blessing much desired, and for which all Should be thankful- Note- The Circuit Court commenced the Regular Spring Session yesterday- On last Saturday I purchased and paid for- A Summer Caot \$4- a pot of Shaving Soap 35 cts: and paid Mr. Ivers, the Smith \$4½ for making me an Iron Screw Jack for Stretching Wires in fencing- He owes me 75¢ in change- Mer: 66 at Noon- Somewhat cloudy- ceased Raining at 10 O'Clk:- the

ground is now well Soaked and in fine condition to forward the growing crops, and bring up the
Corn Recently planted-

Wednesday 14th Mg fair, fresh, & very pleasant- Mer. 52 S. Rise 70 at Noon, calm and
Sunny- Some clouds appear Northward- No Rain- the day very pleasant throughout- fine pleast.
after Night-fall.

Thursday 15th- The Mg Cloudy & damp- Mer. 55 S. Rise- to day the Genl. Assembly of
the Presn. Ch: (O. S) is to convene in The 2d. Pressn Ch: at St. Louis- 70 at Noon, Still cloudy &
calm- No Rain to day-

Friday 16th- Mg fair & pleasant- Calm- Mer: at Sunrise 64-86 at Noon, fair, Sunny and
airy- brisk flow of air from Southd.- the day very warm, tho' tempered by a brisk flow of air-

Saturday 17th- Mg fair & Calm- Mer: 72 at 7 O'Clk:- White and other Roses beginning to
bloom- Mer: 84 at Noon- Soon after Noon we had a very heavy Rain and wind Storm for about
1½ hours the Mer: immediately fell 64 & 62 at S. S.- Still cloudy-

Sunday 18th May 1851- Morning wet and Cloudy- Mer: 66 at 10 O'Clk: calm & cloudy-
a great deal of Rain fell last night; every thing is Soaking and dripping wet – 74 Noon- Mr.
Ruggles preached in the Morning- Prayer Meeting at 2 p:m:- he preached after Noon, 3½ O'Clk:
to the Negroes- and after night to the Congregation- the day pleasant.

Monday 19th Morning fair and airy- Mer: 68 at Sunrise- 80 at Noon, flying clouds- heavy
Shower abt. 4 O'Clk:

Tuesday 20th- The morning hazy and calm- Mer: 62 at Sunrise- More Rain last Night-
The Missouri is now on the Rise Rapidly- Mer: 76 Noon, fair airy and pleasant, in the Shade)-

Wednesday 21st- Morning clm & Cloudy- Mer: 61 at Sunrise- 82 at Noon- 78 at SunSet- flying clouds- the day quite Sultry, tho' airy- The River in very good boating order-

Thursday 22nd- Morning airy and cloudy- Mer: 74 at 7 O'Clk: 84 at Noon- fair, and very windy- 74 at SunSet flying clouds- Still windy- Planting Winter potatos to day-

Friday 23rd- Mg Windy, from the North & chilly; fire pleasant Mer: 50 at Sunrise- Some flying clouds in the North- 56 at Noon airy & cloudy, Raw & Chilly- fires quite pleasant all day-

Saturday 24th- Mg fair & calm- Mer: 41 at Sunrise- 65 at Noon flying clouds- Calm- the day quite pleasnat- the Garden & field Crops are growing very finely- In many places the fruit has been killed by frosts early in this Month- Not So at L. W. however-

Sunday 25th May '51 Morning fair calm and pleasnat. Mer: 60 at Sunrise- 80 at Noon fair & airy- 75 at Sunset pretty fair attendance at our Ch: in Morning- Mr. Ruggles preached, He is unwell and did not preach but once to day-

Monday 26th- Morning fair & airy- Mer: 68 at Sunrise- 88 at Noon, quite airy and fair- Some of the neighbouring Wheat fields are beginning head out- Mer: abt. 74 at S. Set-

Tuesday 27th- Mg fair and airy- Mer. 68 at Sunrise- 86 at Noon- 80 at SunSet- the day fair & hot, tho' quite airy-

Wednesday 28th- Mg fair & airy- Mer: 68 at Sunrise- 88 at Noon- fair and airy- 80 at SunSet, very close & Sultry

Thursday 29th- Morning fair and airy- Mer: 70 at S. R.- 84 at Noon- fair and Sultry- very dusty in Roads- 78 S. S. the after noon very close and Sultry- Some Sighns of Rain-

Friday 30th- The Morning Airy and a little hazy- Mer 66 at Sunrise- 80 at Noon, windy and hazy-

Saturday 31st- Morning fair and airy- Mer: 66 at Sunrise- 86 at Noon.- A very warm day, and very dusty-

Mrs. Sibley Returned after noon from St. Louis, Whither She had gone Wednesday, to be present at the Marriage of Virginia Gemble to Mr. Charles Gibson, Which event took place on Thursday Mg- 29th.- Mr. Abner Bartlett & his wife Medora, got to St. Louis from new York on Friday Near Night-

Linden-Wood Sunday 1st. June 1851- The Morning fair and Rather Sultry- Mer: 67 at Sunrise- some Rain fell last night, a light dash only- Mg Service in our Ch: as usual. Mr. Ruggles preached- A fine Rain about Noon- in the afternoon a bible Society meeting was held in the Presn. Ch: on Main Str: called by the officers of the St. Charles Bible Society, only a few of whom, or of its members, were present- tho' the Meeting had been very Generally notified the evening was fair and pleasant, and there was no Service in any of the Prot' Churches elsewhere- Dr. Bod the Agent of the Am: Bible Society was present, and addressed the meeting at large, and at great length, (I had previously delivered a prepared address myself of considerable length)- A Collection was taken up, and about \$_____ Collected and Subscribed-

Monday 2^d.- The weather cloudy and chilly- A great deal of Rain has fallen Northward Recently- All the Rivers are fast Rising and are very high- heavy Rain here last Night-

Tuesday 3^d.- Weather Still cool & cloudy- Missouri River Rising pretty fast- To day I wrote to the Governor, Resigning my place in the Board of Managers of the State Lunatic Asylum.

Wednesday 4th- Mg Cloudy and cool- fire very pleasant- Mer: about 55 at Sunrise- All the Crops growing fine- the ground is in fine order- wet enough- fine for transplanting- a fine Rain after noon- Some hail with it, and accompanied with thunder- Mer: Not above 62 to day-

Thursday 5th June '51- The Morning cloudy and cool and Airy- Mer: 62 at Sunrise- 76 at Noon- airy- flying clouds- the day pleast. River Still Rising- Wrote to Nathl. Reid at Fulton, to pay Mr. Henderson for a Small Bag of Country Sugar that he let me have as a favour, in April- which he would not then Receive pay for.

Friday 6th- Mg Sultry & cloudy- Mer: 68 at Sunrise- a dash of Rain at 7 from a passing cloud.- This morning abt. 8 O'Clk: Mr. Bartlett & Wife & Mrs. Watson & children arrived at L. Wood from St. Louis, on a visit, all well- Mer: 78 at Noon- the day airy and quite pleasant- River Still on the Rise-

Saturday 7th- Mg fair & pleasant- Mer. 62 as Sunrise- a pleasant day- Spent the most of it down in the Prairie and at Mr. Watson's- The Missouri is Still Rising- but I do not apprehend a very great flood- The Mississippi however, is Still in a greater flood than the Missouri- Much damage has been done already along both of these Rivers-

Sunday 8th- Mg fair & airy and pleasant- Mer: 68 at S. R: a very windy day- tho' otherwise pleasant- Mr. Ruggles gave us two excellent discourses to day (Mg & at Night) on the Bible doctrine of the foreknowledge, and eternal purposes of God- attendance pretty good.

Monday 9th Mg fair, Calm, & pleasant- Mer: 68 at Noon- fair and airy and pleast.- River Still on the Rise- Mr. Bartlett & his wife, and Mr. Watson and wife & children, all Retd. To St. Louis this Morning in a Boat- a fair pleasant day-

Tuesday 10th June 1851- Mg fair & cool & pleast.- Mer: 67 Sunrise the day fair, cool and pleasant- River about at a Stand- Several Cholera Cases Said to be in St. Charles & one death by it (a negro of Mr. Cook's, who 'tis Said lost two other Negros by it over the River opposite St. Ch:)- This fearful disease does no doubt more or less prevail in many places- It would Seem to be mostly introduced among us by the Multitudes of foreign immigrants that are Constantly pouring in upon us, who bring with them Cholera, Ship fever and other diseases-

Wednesday 11th- Mg dark and Rainy- Mer: 65 at Sunrise- a dark Rainy day in frequent Showers- quite cool.

Thursday 12th- Mg Cloudy & airy- Mer: 65 at Sunrise- extremely wet Muddy- Mer: 68 at Noon- day Showry and Cool.

Friday 13th- Mg Cloudy, dark and wet, Raining hard at 7 O'Clk heavy fall of Rain also during last Night- good for the Corn Crops that are clean- but Rather unjurious to Barley and Wheat- 66 Noon, Raining hard for 20 Minutes past- Showry all day-

Saturday 14th- Mg Cloudy- Mer: 65 at S. Rise- More Rain last Night- The Rivers, ' tis Said, are all falling at present- Mer: 74 at Midday- Some gleams of Sunshine to day- a few-

Sunday 15th- Mg Cloudy & airy- Mer: 65 at Sunrise- about 82 at Noon- 78 at 3 p.m- the day fair after 10 O'Clk:- Mr. Ruggles preached an excellent Sermon Mg from Proverbs 23^d Ch: 4thV.- "labour not to be Rich"- prayer Meetg at 2½ p.m- Service again after Night- very few attended- very Cloudy & prospect of heavy Rain-

Monday 16th June '51- The Morning wet and dark: Mer. 66 Noon partially fair and very close and Sultry- the Missouri is now falling Slowly- 72 at SunSet- very cloudy-

Tuesday 17th Mg Cloudy & airy – Mer: 65 at Sunrise- 75 Noon- the day mostly fair and pleasant- The public Roads are very bad just now- the Mail Contractor is using Mud Waggon from St. Charles up the Country- Missouri falling-

Wednesday 18th- Mg Cloudy & quite airy- Mer: 65 at S. Rise- about 76 at Noon- Much cooler after 3 p:m: pleast. day- but not entirely fair- ground too wet in the fields to plow- attended the prayer Meeting and lecture at Night-

Thursday 19th- Mg Cloudy and damp- Mer: 64 at S. Rise- about 72 at Noon- Some Showers after Noon – pleast. day.

Friday 20th. Mg fair and Calm- Mer: 67 at Sunrise- 82 at Noon- fair Most of the day- Sometimes cloudy, and threatening Rain-River falling Some, but very full yet.

Saturday 21st- Mg Cloudy & dark & calm- Mer. 68 S. Rise- about 80 at Noon- Cloudy all day and frequent Showers of Rain. Also a great Shower of Musquetoos- Wheat Harvest has begun pretty generally this week- the Rivers are all rising again- Some cholera about St. Charles 'tis Said- Reported to be very fatal up the Missouri. After Sundown Mr. Bartlett & wife, Miss Gamble & Miss Nelson arrd. At L. W. from St. Louis- Mr. Drake came up this morning-

Sunday 22^d June 1851- The Morning fair, airy, Sweet and pleasant- Mer: 68 at Sunrise- 78 at Noon fair & airy- Mr. Ruggles preached this Mg. in the Ch: (good attendance)- in the afternoon down in the prairie- the day quite pleasant throughout-

Monday 23^d- Mg fair & pleasant- Mer: 62 at Sunrise-Another very pleasant day- Mer: 72 at Noon, but quite airy.

Tuesday 24th- Mg fair & pleasant- Mer. 62 at Sunrise- 80 at Noon- the day pleast. Fine for Wheat Harvesting.

Wednesday 25th- Mg hazy & Sultry- Mer: 70 at 9'Clk: 82 at Noon, partially fair, but Sultry- Cloudy after 3p.m. and after night Slight Showers-Musquetoos very troublesome.

Thursday 26th- Mg Cloudy, early.- Mer: at Sunrise 67- 88 at Noon fair and airy- Very Sultry after 2 p.m. Mer: 82 at Sundown- close & Sultry- but there Sprung up from the North a fine Refreshing cooling breeze.-

Friday 27th- Mg fair & airy- fine fresh air, a good Shower last Night- Mer: 66 at Sunrise- 84 Noon, hazy- quite airy- 81 at Sunset, fair and Sultry- a warm unpleasant day-

Wheat Harvest progresses finely: I have not yet commenced mine however- Having purposely Sowed very late last fall (See page 112 N°. 6-) my Crop is Some days later than most others in the neighborhood; and I find it Rather less difficult to procure good harvest hands- The Wheat Crops are generally turning out well hereabout, as I am informed-

Saturday 28th June 1851- Morning fair & airy- Mer. 68 at Sunrise- 84 at Noon- fair- very brisk Southernly wind- At 2½ O'Clk: there was a lecture at church preparatory to the Communion Service appointed to take place tomorrow- I did not attend the lecture: very few did attend- Commenced Raining before SunSet pretty hard- Mer. Still up to abt. 80.

Sunday 29th Morning dark and wet- Rained a good deal thro' the Night- Mer: at 9 O'Clk: 68 calm & cloudy- I did not go in to Church in the morning- nor at all to day- feeling a good deal out of order- The attendance was pretty good I understand- Mer: 74 at noon- Still cloudy and dark- very muddy in the Roads and Streets- Musquetoos Still very bad- cleared off before Night, cool and pleasant.

Monday 30th- Mg fair and airy- Mer: 58 at Sunrise- Fires very comfortable this morning- Baltimore has commenced Harvesting our Wheat this Morning- Mer: 66 at Noon, Rather cloudy- quite cool fires agreeable all day- Mer: 66 at Noon, Rather cloudy- quite cool- fires agreeable all day- Mer: SSet All the green Crops are growing finely- Corn, Oats: Potatoes and garden Vegetables generally, are all doing remarkably well- Peaches, pear, and Apples, at Linden Wood are quite promising.-

Linden- Wood Tuesday 1st July 1851- The Morning fair airy & pleasant- Mer: abt. 58 at Sunrise- fires quite agreeable 68 at Noon, cloudy airy and Raw- Cloudy & Raw all day long-

Wednesday 2^d- Mg Cloudy & Raw- Mer: 60 at S. Rise- fires pleasant and very proper- 70 at Noon, Showry for half an hour only- another good day for harvesting- Mer: abt. 72 at SunSet-

Thursday 3^d- Mg fair & airy pleast.- Mercury- 68 at S Rise- 78 at Noon- finished my Wheat harvesting to day, which was commenced on Monday- all Cut and Shocked in fine order-

Friday 4th- Mg fair & pleasant- Mer. 61 at Sunrise- airy- 75 at Noon- fair airy and pleasant- I attended no Celebration of the day- nor have I done So for more than 15 years past- the 4th day of July, is too Sacred of a day in my estimation to admit of Such Celebrations as have fallen into use too generally, for many years past-

Saturday 5th Morning very dark & cloudy & Rainy. Mer: 74 at Sunrise- about 75 at Noon- Showery near Night- afterwards fair airy & very pleasant 'till late bed time-

Sunday 6th- Mg Cloudy & Showry- Mer: 75 at 9 O'Clk: Sultry- 82 noon- the day fair after 10 O'Clock- but close and Sultry. Attended Service in our church in the forenoon- pretty good attendance- Mr. Ruggles preached- a collection was made for the benefit of the Colonization Cause- Amount collected (in money) Fifteen Dollars.-

Monday 7th July '51- Morning fair & airy]- Mer. at Sunrise 70- 90 at Noon, fair & airy- 82 at SunSet- the hottest day yet.-

After noon Mr. & Mrs. Bartlett left Linden Wood on their way homeward to New York- they will probably Remain Some few days at St. Louis- Mr. Ruggles also Set out to day for Vermont, accompanied by his Sister- he expects to be away abt. 2 Months.

Tuesday 8th- The Morning fair & calm- Mer: 74 at Sunrise- 90 at Noon, fair and airy- The Missouri is Still very high, and has been on the Rise Since Saturday- Some Sickness in and around St. Charles Cholera Reported at Cottleville, and some other places- it constantly prevails more or less at St. Louis- from 12 to 20 die of it daily there principally Recent immigrants-

John Pourie and the Widow Barron were married to Night, and were honored with a Cheravari, loud and Noisy-

Wednesday 9th Mg fair & airy- Mer. 74 at Sunrise- a fine Refreshing Shower from 8½ to 9½ and Still cloudy and airy- about 74 at Noon- 70 at SunSet- cloudy nearly all day.

Thursday 10th- Mg fair & pleasant- Mer: 67 at Sunrise- 80 at Noon- the day Airy and fair, and quite pleasant, in the Shade)-

Friday 11th- A fair, airy pleasant Morning- Mer: 68 at Sunrise the dews are very heavy- Mer. 86 at Noon, fair and Sultry- 80 S. S.

Saturday 12th- Mg fair & pleasant- Mercury 68 at Sunrise- 90 at Noon- fair and bright and airy- 82 at SunSet fair and Sultry- Katy dids, heard for the first time this Season-

Sunday 13th July '51 Mg fair & airy- Mer: 70 at Sunrise- Note- One of the follies of the day is, a propensity among Certain Women, and upheld and encouraged by Some Men, to

change the female Costume that has prevailed (under various Modifications) for many ages past among Christian Nations, by adopting Some fancy modification of the female turkish dress- the main feature of which is Trowsers, and a kind of coatee with Short Skirts Reaching just below the knee- This new whim Seems to take, in Some places to Some extent; but I apprehend cannot So far prevail among Sensible Modest Women, as to Supersede the long established, proper, and appropriate every day dress; for it cannot be concealed that its tendency is to destroy that innate Shrinking modesty that So fitly adorns the virtuous female. The 5th, Verse of the 22^d. Chapter of Deuteronomy expressly forbids (as I Read it) this very innovation- “The Woman Shall not wear that which pertaineth unto a Man- neither Shall a Man put on a Woman’s garment, for all that do So are abomination unto the Lord thy God.”- One of the best and ablest Commentators on the Scriptures, Ostervald, Remarks on the Verse above quoted as follows- “God forbids Men and Women to disguise themselves, and change the dress peculiar to their Sex, as the idolaters did; because it was inconsistent with Rules of decency & modesty, and might introduce licentiousness and impurity”- Certainly Such must have been the object of the prohibition- and tho’ at first addressed to the Jews, and enjoined as a law for their preservation, is yet obligatory on Jews and Gentiles at this day, as a moral precept from the highest authority to Say the least of it, and Should undoubtedly be So Regarded in all Christen Communities.- Mer: 90 at Noon- fair & Sultry 82 at SunSet- Mr. Abbott of St. Louis preached in our church to day Morning and Night- I did not attend either Service-

Monday 14th- Mg fair & Sultry & calm- Mer: 72 at Sunrise- 91 at Noon, fair & Sultry- Baltimore and George Sinai Commenced Stacking my Wheat to day- hot work- I would have preferred to have all my Wheat threshed out without Stacking; but could not get Waggon and

hands without great expense and trouble, if at all- Mer: 84 at SunSet- the day exceeding hot & oppressive throughout-

Tuesday 15th- Mg fair- Mer: 72 at Sunrise- 92 at Noon- 84 at SunSet- the day fair and Sunny and oppressive throughout-

Wednesday 16th- The Morning Calm, Sultry & Somewhat Cloudy- Mer: 74 at Sunrise- the last night oppressively warm & close- at 9½ a sudden dash of Rain for 10 Minutes- 88 at Noon, ver Sultry- Another very warm unpleasant day- The Rivers Receding, but Slowly-

Thursday 17th- Morning fair & airy- Mer: abt. 68 at Sunrise- 83 Noon fair- Airy- the day fair and pleasant.- All the green Crops growing finely-

Saturday 19th-Mg fair & airy pleast. Mer: 62 S. R- 72 Noon- abt. 68 S. Set the day fair, cool and pleasant.

Sunday 20th July 1851.- The Morning fair, Calm, cool & pleast. Mer: 62 S. R- 78 at Noon, fair and pleasant- No preaching to day in our church- Mr. Williams was expected up from St. Louis, but for Some Reason not known, did not come- there was no preaching in St. Charles except at the Methodist church by Mr. Dolbey- Another very pleasant day.

Monday 21^t- Mg fair & pleasant- Mer: 63 at Sunrise- about 82 at noon- the day contend. Fair & pleast.- clouding up after Sundown.

Tuesday 22^d- Mg Cloudy and Airy- Mer: 68 at Sunrise- 78 at Noon- a cloudy dark day- Showry at intercal-

Wednesday 23^d- Mg Blustry and wet- Rough South wind- driving Rain-cold & unpleasant- Mer: 64 at Sunrise- 82 at Noon, Clearing off again- To day I wrote the following

letters- Derrick Sibley Cincinl. Mark H. Sibley Canandaigua N. Yk. "The Minister officiating in the Ch: & Congregation, formerly in charge of Rev: Dr. Samuel Hopkins, N. port, Rh. I." (the last under cover to the Post Master Newport) all pre-paid- Yesterday I wrote to Mr. A. Bartlett N. Yk: & to Jas. S. Watson Davenport- All five of these letters Sent to the P. O. this afternoon, to go off tomorrow.- a heavy fall of Rain in the Afternoon- Baltimore has got all the Wheat Stacked, dry and in good Order, he Says.

Thursday 24th- Mg fair & pleast.- Mer: 66 at Sunrise , every thing is dripping wet with Rain of last evening & the very heavy dew.- 86 at Noon fair and Sultry- the day fair and pleasant throughout.

Friday 25th- Mg fair- Mer: 68 S. R- 91 Noon- fair, airy, Sultry- 84 at SunSet a very hot day- Commenced Haymaking- Grass in prime order.

Saturday 26th Mg fair & airy- Mer: 73 SR:- 92 Noon- fair & Sultry- a fair Sultry unpleasant day throughout.

Sunday 27th- No Service to day in our church, except Sunday School in the morning- the day excessively warm and uncomfortable- I am indisposed, and have Some Symptoms of approaching Sickness- The Mercury at Noon was up to 94, and very Sultry.

Monday 28th- Another very hot day- Mer. 93 at Noon-

Tuesday 29th Wednesday 30th Thursday 31^t.- Since Sunday I am quite indisposed; tho' I cannot Say Sick- My whole System Seems disordered- bowels in an unusual condition- Some pain in my limbs- general weakness- no appetite (probably I may have taken cold on Saturday night)- I take no Medicine however- lay in bed 'till 11 or 12, keep as quiet as I can- I do not as yet get any better- The weather has become cooler and more pleasant- Some Rain.

Several Cases of Cholera have occurred in St. Charles, Some of which have produced death- Otherwise an unusual degree of health prevails there, and round about- The River is now moderately high, in good boating order- Corn Crops- potatoes, and Gardens are generally very promising at this time.

Linden- Wood Friday 1^t. August 1851- Sat.2^d. Sunday 3^d.- Monday 4th.- A cloudy dark damp morning- yesterday was a Rainy day- No preaching in our church- for Some days past the weather has been Rather pleasant- The weather Ranging from 66 to 80 – My health is I think, improving Slowly- I am yet very weak, and my bowels not yet in a very healthy condition, tho' better- the weather is bad for invalids- Mercury to day Ranged from about 64 to 72—To day the Voters of Missouri are to exercise their Sovereign privilege, Recently assumed, of appointing thro' the Ballot Box: all the State Judges, and Some few local officers- I Shall not attend the election, not feeling well enough to venture out on So dam a day- I Shd. Vote for Hamilton G. Gamble- P. B. Hayden & Col. Wood for the Supreme Bench- This miserable System of electing our judges for Short terms, by the popular voice; I am most decidedly opposed to.

Tuesday 5th- Mg fair & pleasant- Mer: abt 60 at Sunrise- 66 Noon- 65 S. Set Mr. Kilinger commenced this morning to thresh out my Wheat with his Machine- To day I purchased a patent chain pump, abt. 34 ft: in length, from two young Men, Brown & Salisbury, who have already furnished and Set up about 30 in near St. Charles- I had it fixed in my Well, and put in working order for thirty dollars, payable in 30 days for which gave my due Bill payable to L. W. Salisbury or order- They have not yet quite Completed their Job; but promise to finish it Soon- they are to furnish a better Curb than Rough one now put up- This Chain pump is very Simple, takes but little Room, and appears Strong enough, if carefully used- It is certainly a good Yankee Contrivance- much preferable to our former Windless, Wheel and Buckets.-

Wednesday 6th August '51- Mg rather hazy- Mer: about 65 at S. Rise- the day warm, and after Noon Showry, So as to prevent Wheat Cleaning-

Thursday 7th Mg Cloudy & Showry- heavy fall of Rain last Night with heavy thunder- Mer: this Mg at 9 O'Clk: about 74- 78 at Noon, Cloudy- about 75 at SunSet- A cloudy day mostly- damp and unpleasant.

Friday 8th- Mg partially fair, & Sultry- Mer. 76 at 9 O'Clk: 84 at Noon, fair and close and Sultry- Some dozen deaths by Cholera, are Reported to have taken place in this week, in St. Charles & near Cottleville, all Germans, Some of them Recent immigrants- sultry at Night-

Saturday 9th- Mg fair at S. Rise- cloudy & threatens Rain at 11 O'Clk: Mer: the n 74- I did not get up 'till near 11.- I find myself yet weak, tho' gaining a little- I continue the use of a tonic-

Klinger finished threshing out my wheat to day about Noon- We have had considerable interruption from Rain, and Some Wheat has got damaged- Klinger Says he has threshed out 750- Measured Bushels for which he charges 5 cents p Bushel-

The whole Sold and delivd. To Gauss & Weidner- But by weight it amounts only to gross Sum of 715 7/60 Bushels- Nearly he half of it (all of this years Crop) turns out light, and inferiour; and Such is the case generally with this year's Wheat, it did not fill out good. The 715 Bushels Sold as above, only brings \$472.37, to wit 377. 28 Bushels ----- at 67 Cents -----
\$252.90

337.39 D°.-----at 65 Cts----- 219.47

Sunday 10th August 1851- Morning very cloudy, dark and wet- a great deal of Rain has fallen Since day light- the Mercury Stood at 66 at 10 O'Clock- Still cloudy and Showry- very heavy falls of Rain at intervals nearly all day- Mer: not above 66- No preaching in our church to day- no one to preach- and if there had been, the Rains would probably have prevented nearly all the congregation from attending- Mr. Ruggles it is understood endeavoured to engage preachers from St. Louis to fill his place while absent: but no one has yet appeared except Mr. Abbott on the 13th. July.-

Monday 11th- Very heavy Rain about daylight- Mer: 78 at 9 O'Clk: flying clouds, and very Sultry- Old Mr. Carter, an ancient of St. Charles, Died after- noon, of Cholera.- Mer. 80 at Noon, close and Sultry- very warm close and Sultry all the evening and nearly all Night.

Tuesday 12th- Mg Cloudy & Sultry- Mer. 76 at 10 O'Clk: More Rain early this Mornng about 4 O'Clock- Mer: about 84 at Noon- 80 at SunSet- the day and Night very warm, close damp and Sultry & unpleasant.

Wednesday 13th- Mg hazy & Sultry- Mer. 80 at 9 O'Clock- 83 at Noon, heavy clouds Rising Westward- thundering- very heavy falls of Rain from 3 p.m. 'till abt. 5½, accompanied with much very awful lightning and thunder- Seldom have I witnessed Such Tremendous Rain Storms- the air very considerably cooler after the Rains-

Thursday 14th- Mg fair & fresh & airy- Mer: about 65 at Sunrise- I hear of two men being killed by lightning yesterday- One in the lower end of St. Charles, near Mr. Lackland's the other over in St. Louis C°. not far from the river. The wife of Isaac Copes died on Tuesday of Cholera- a pleast. day.

Friday 15th Augt.- Mg fair & pleast: Mer: about 62 at Sunrise- about 84 at Noon- a fair pleasant day- putting up Hay.

Saturday 16th- Mg fair & airy- Mer- 82 at 10 O'Clk:- the day and pleasant, being airy, tho' the Mer. was pretty well up-

Sunday 17th- A cloudy day, and very warm- No preaching in our Church- preaching in the Methodist & N.S. churches Morning & after-noon- I did not leave the house however at all to day not feeling well at all- I have not Recovered my usual Strength.

Monday 18th- Morning cool, airy & cloudy- Mer: 65 at 10 O'Clk: the day cloudy, but cool and pleasant- Mer. not above 68 to day. Some time yesterday a Mr. Cook of St. Charles, who keeps a grogery at the ferry opposite St. Ch: Shot a Man in the Street, & Killed him- they were in a fight, that grew out of a quarrel originating in the goggery- such is the Story as told to me.

Tuesday 19th- Mg Cloudy & cool- Mer. 65 at 8 O'clk: a light fall of Rain early, before day.- Mer: about 74 at Noon- day cloudy-

Wednesday 20th- Mg fair tho' hazy- Mer: 70 at 8 O'Clock- 78 Noon the day fair and pleasant throughout-

Thursday 21^l- Mg fair and pleasant- Mer: 68 at 7 O'Clock- Died last night of Cholera in St. Charles, Mr. Charlotte Weidner wife of Mr. Jos. A. Weidner of the firm of Gauss & Weidner- leaving 3 little children-

Friday 22^d- Mg fair & pleast. Mer: abt. 64 at Sunrise (Some Rain last evening)- the day fair and pleasant- Another woman (Mrs. Margt. Oigkamp) died yesterday of cholera in St. Charles- (taken at the funeral of Mrs. Weidner)

Saturday 23^d Augt. 1851- Mg fair and pleasant- Mer: 66 at S. Rise the day continued fair and pleasant throughout- wrote to Keith and Woods St. Louis by Mr. Drake, and by Mr. D. Sent them \$48.76, in full for a Bill of Bibles I ordered in May last for our Bible Society- I also gave Mr. Drake Money to pay my Insurance for this year in the “St. Louis Home mutual Insurance Company-“ and also to pay Tarver & Risk my Subscript. For the Western Journal for 1851- I have Mr. Drake \$70 in all, in Paper.

Sunday 24th- A fair pleast. Mg. Mer: abt. 66 at Sunrise – 82 at Noon quite warm to day, but fair, and pleasant in-doors- No preaching in our Church to day- Mr. Gallaher and his brother from Illinois have beenholding Meetings in the New School Church, as I am informed, Since Thursday- with what effect I o not know.

Monday 25th- The morning fair and Calm- Mer: 75 at 8 O’Clock another fair day- Mer. up to 85 about Noon quite Sultry.

Tuesday 26th- Morning cloudy and airy- Mer: 60 at 6 O’Clk: Rained about Midnight for two hours or more, moderately- Mer: about 68 at Noon- a dark Cloudy day- I purchased 3 of Colton’s Maps to day from his Agent, Mr. J.W. Dana, Vizt.- Map of the World \$4- May of the United States \$6 –Map of Missouri \$- Cost in all \$12.- these are all newly published and very handsome Maps-

Wednesday 27th- Mg fair, airy and very pleasant- Mer: 60 at S. Rise- 74 at Noon, fair, airy & pleast.- the day very pleasant throughout- Missouri in fine Boating order- many Boats passing up and down- The County is Sitting this week; Since Monday.

Thursday 28th August 1851- Mg not quite fair, but cool and pleasant Mer: 70 at 8 O'Clk Revd. James Gallaher & his brother, from Illinois, have been holding a "protected Meeting" for nearly a week past, in the New School Church in St. Charles- there being no Services at all in our Ch: during the absence of Mr. Ruggles, (more than Six Weeks) and the Methodist quarterly meeting having been postponed, Seemed to afford Mr. Gallaher a favorable opportunity for effecting Some good- what has been the Result of his efforts I know not- but fear it is not of any considerable amount. Mer. 80 at Noon- 75 at SunSet- the day turned out to be a fair one; quite airy and pleasant-

Friday 29th- The Morning fair, airy and pleasant- Mer: 68 at Sunrise- 82 at Noon- the day fair and airy; and uncommonly pleasant- The Quarterly Meetings of the Methodist Ch: Commenced in St. Charles tomorrow.

Saturday 30th- Morning fair and pleasant- Mer: 68 at S. Rise- I Recd. By the Mail this Mg from Mr. Drake Receipts from Keith & woods- Mr. Farver & Home Mutual insurance Co. Amt. in all to \$68.56, and \$1.45 Change, being in fill of the \$70 mentioned last Saturday P. 49- Mer. 80 at home **** and S**eling SunSet ***** or Cloudy

Sunday 31^t- Morning fair Calmand Sultry- Mer. 75 at 8 O'Clk: 84 at Noon- Mr. Smith preached in our Church this Morning- the attendance pretty good- very good, considering that protracted meetings are being held in the Methodist & New School Churches- Mr. Smith's

Sermon addressed chiefly to Mothers- (2d. Kings 4th Ch: 8th to 37th. V.) was of course very good-
Showry afternoon- Sultry- Mer. 78 at SunSet.

Linden-Wood Monday 1st September 1851.- The Mornng fair and pelasant- Mer: 70 at
Sunrise- 85 at Noon- fair and Sultry- Filed & Settled the Accts. of Admn. Of Mrs. Easton for the
year ending this day.

Tuesday 2^d.- Morning fair and pleasant- Mer: 68 at Sunrise.- 86 at Noon- a fair Sunny hot
day- went to town again to day on Some business- The County Court is Still in Session.

Wednesday 3rd.-Mg fair & calm- foggy on the low grounds along the River- Mer: 70 at
Sunrise- 86 at Noon airy and Sultry- Filed & Settled the Accts. of Admn. Of Mrs. Easton for the
year ending this day.

Thursday 4th.- Morning fair Sunny & Sultry- Mer. 72 at Sunrise- Mr. Ruggles Returned
here last Night from his visit to Mermont he was absent 8 weeks last Monday- Mer: 88 at Noon,
fair and Sunny- the day very hot and oppressive- Note- On last Saturday, 30th. Ult°. I Remitted to
Joseph Hyde Eaqr. Asst. Treasr. Of the American Bible Society New York, L. A. Benoist's Dft:
or check on Corning & C°. of N. Yk. For \$529,44- - and this day I Remitted to Mr. Hyde a Dft:
from Same to Same for \$529.55- Making in all \$1058.99- being on Acct. of a Bequest of Thos.
Lindsay Senr. Decd. To the A. B. Society in the Second Article of his last Will- both
Remittances by Mail-

Friday 5th.- Mg fair & bright- Mer: abt 74 at Sunrise- 90 at noon- fair and Sultry-
Somewhat airy- Great abundance of fine peaches at L. W. now

Saturday 6th- The morning fair and airy- Mer: 72 at Sunrise- 90 at Noon- 84 at SunSet- Another very warm, hot, day- tho' there was pretty brisk flow of Air 'till near Sundown when it ceased, and was exceedingly close Sultry.

Sunday 7th Septemr. '51- The Morning fair & airy- Mer: 72 at S: R- 90 at Noon- coll(sic) and pleasant after 4 p.m:-Mr. Ruggles preached in our Ch: Mg and Night- I did not attend either, being kept at home- the attendance was but Small I understand- cool & pleasant at Night.

Monday 8th- Morning fair- Mer: 70 at Sunrise- 89 at Noon- a Hot day. Capt Langdon C. Easton of the U. S. Army arrived here today from New Mexico, via Ft. Leavenworth- he brought with him the Remains of his Wife who died in Sta. Fee in July 1850 leaving three children, one a few days old another abt. A year old, & the other a boy abt. 8 yrs. old by her former marriage with Lt. Porter Son of Com: David Porter- these children 2 girls & a boy arrived in good health, after a journey over the plains of abt. 35 days- the mortal Remains of their Mother, by her dying Request, were interred this afternoon in our family burying place here at Linden Wood.-

Tuesday 9th- Morning fair & airy- Mer: 84 at 10 O'Clk: 84 at Noon- 76 at Sunset- quite airy and pleasant all day-

Wednesday 10th- Morning a little hazy- cool and pleasant & fair- Mer: 73 at 8 O'Clk: 84 at Noon- quite a heavy fall of Rain occurred at One O'Clk: and continued nearly an hour. Soon after the Rain the Mer: fell to about 75, and we had a pleasant breeze thro' the Night-

Thursday 11th- Mg hazy or cloudy- Mer: 74 at 8 O'Clk: airy and pleasant- 84 at Noon- a Smart Shower, of abt. 10 Minutes, between 2 & 3 O'Clock. The day very warm, and Somewhat

hazy- My Due Bill for \$30 that I gave to L.W. Salisbury for a pump, payable in 30 days from 5th, Augt. (See page 45) I paid, & destroyed to day- it had been transferred to Mr. N. C. Orear-

Friday 12th Mg fair and bright & airy- the Mer. 84 at 9 O'Clk: 88 at Noon- the day fair, Sunny, and exceedingly Sultry and unpleasant-

Saturday 13th- Mg fair & close- Mer: 82 at 8 O'Clk: 91 at Noon- fair- 84 at SunSet fair & close- Mer: 82 at 8 O'Clk: 91 at Noon- fair- 84 at SunSet fair & Calm and oppressively Sultry-

Sunday 14th- The morning cloudy & airy- Mer: abt. 70 at Sunrise- 70 at Noon, cloudy & cool- Very good attendance this morning at our church to hear Mr. Ruggles preach- After noon he preached down in the prairie at the School House near Mr. McKnight's- the brisk east wind that has prevailed all the day, has So cooled the atmosphere, that I find it quite agreeable now at SunSet to Sit by a good fire- Cloudy at Night-

Monday 15th- Mg fair & calm- Mer: 52 at Sunrise- A fair, cool, pleasant day. I Spent the most of it in Town- The voters of the Several townships of the County Court Shall Subscribe liberally for making of Plank Roads in the county or not?—In this township the assent was given unanimously- I purchased one of Henry & C^o's. improved Wheat and grain Drill, from Dr, McIlhinny the Agt.- price \$80- of which I paid \$20 cash, and gave my Note for \$60 payable in 12 Months on Certain Conditions- Henry C Easton is to pay half the cost of the Drill, & we are to use it turn about.

Tuesday 16th- Mg fair & pleast. Mer. 53 at 6 O'Clk: 74 at Noon fair & pleast. the day fair and pleasant throughout- Spent the after noon 'till SunSet in town attending to Some business with the "St. Charles College", which however I was unable to Complete-

Wednesday 17th Septemr. 1851- The Morning fair & pleasant- Mer. abt. 60 at Sunrise- 75 at Noon- a cloudy ugly day- I attended Mr. Ruggle's lecture after Night at the Church- abt. 25 persons were present- the lecture was quite interesting –

Thursday 18th- The morning fair & pleasant- Mer: 72 at 9 O'Clock- a fair pleasant day- Boats pass up or down daily, tho' the River is getting low

Friday 19th- Mg fair cool and pleasant- Mer: 64 at Sunrise- 78 at Noon- another fair and pleasant day- Cloudy near Night-

The Election of last Monday, Resulted in an affirmative Response (by a large majority) to the question propounded to the Voters of the County St. Charles by the County Court, whether the Court Shall Subscribe Stock under the general Plank Road law? &c.- Only a Small portion of the people voted however- enough tho' to decide the question authoritatively-

Saturday 20th- Mg fair & bright- Mer. 64 at Sunrise- 78 Noon another fair pleasant day- I forwarded a Communication to day, per Mail to the New Yk: Tribune for publication, on the Subject of the Negro Race, and Negro Slavery; principally extracts from Jefferson's Notes on Virginia.- 14 Octo-

Sunday 21st- The Morning fair, cool & pleast.- Mer: 64 at Sunrise. The day quite fair, and tho' warm and very dusty out, was pleasant enough in doors- Mr. Ruggles preached in our Ch: Morning & Night- (and afternoon to the Negroes).- Attendance good each time- A good Rain would be very acceptable at this time-

Monday 22^d. Septemr. '51- Morning fair & pleast. Mer: 66 at S. Rise- 85 at Noon, fair & close- The County Court Sitsto day (adjourned Session) At the "Election" on last Monday, only

992 Votes were Cast in all the County 588 affirmative- 404 Negative- affirmative Majority 184- there are about 1400 voters in the County I believe-

Tuesday 23^d- Mg Cloudy & calm- Mer: 67 at S. Rise- 78 at Noon- began to Rain, moderately, abt. 11 and contend 'till near night- a Soft Refreshing Shower, which was needed very much- I Received to day a communication from my Cousin Mark Hopkins Sibley of Canandaigua New Yk: all about family Genealogy- Cooler towards the night-

Wednesday 24th- Mg fair cool & pleast.- Mer: 53 at Sunrise 45 Noon- the day cool and pleasant- not entirely fair all day- fair at Night-

Thursday 25th- Mg fair & calm- Mer. 47 at Sunrise= fires very pleasant. Spent the day, nearly all, down in the prairie at Mr. Watson's and at a prayer Meeting at School house near McKnight's- there were about 20 persons present- the day was Cool and pleasant.

Friday 26th- Mg Cloudy, Raw and cool- Mer: 54 at Sunrise an hour's Rain from 10 to 11- wen to town again on Some business which I accomplished- Bought and paid for two large two horse plows for \$20- Cold wind after Noon-

Saturday 27th- Mg fair & airy- Mer. 46 at Sunrise- the day quite fair and pleasant, throughout- at 2 p. m. there was Service in our church- a preparatory lecture for the Communion appointed to be observed on tomorrow morning- pretty good attendance-

Sunday 28th Septemr. '51- The morning fair and calm & pleasant- fires very comfortable- Mer. 40 at Sunrise- the day fair and pleasant. Mr. Smith preached this Morning- pretty good attendance- at abt. 10 O'Clk the Celebration of the Lord's Supper was duly observed agreeably to appointment, and was participated in by as large a Number of our own Members as usual. There were services at the Same time in the Methodist and New School Churches, So very few

members of either joined with us- The day was Rather chilly and I have for some time past felt indisposed- I had Scarcely got home abt. 3½ O'Clk: before I had a pretty hard Ague- went to bed, between blankets, and Remained all Night very uncomfortable-

Monday 29th- A fair pleasant day again- lay in bed till near Night taking tonics 9c. to keep off the Ague- I had another Slight Chill, and Some fever, & was quite unwell all day long- went to bed at Nine- and slept pretty well-

Tuesday 30th- I Remained abed between blankets with woolen Socks on, 'till near Night- no chill to day- Some looseness of the bowels ever Since Sunday night- feel better to day- hope I Shall not have to take any medicine-

There was pretty Smart White frost on Sunday morning in the low places- None at Linden Wood- Baltimore and another hand commenced plowing for Wheat on yesterday-

Linden- Wood Wednesday 1^t. October 1851- Mer. 75 at Noon- Day fair and pleast.- I did not get up from bed 'till about 11 O'Clock: feel weak and feverish- fine pleasant day- I feel Rather better.

Thursday 2^d- Mer. 74 at 10 O'Clk: when I rose from bed, not feeling as well as on yesterday- Mr. Charles D. Drake's family, (Mrs. D. 2 children and Servant Girl) left L. W. this morning for St. Louis- they have been here Since the 7th. of May last.- My wheat land is So dry and hard, that it breaks up badly and with difficulty- hard work Baltimore Says, for horses and Oxen- There is no help for it however, it must be done- We had another fair pleasant day-

Friday 3^d- Mg fair and pleast.- Mer. 60 at 9 O'Clk: at which time got up and dressed- I did not Rest well last Night, and feel badly this morning- another fair pleasant day- Gathering our Winter apples- The Crop is very light this year.

Saturday 4th- Mg fair & airy- Mer: 52 at 9 O'Clock:- I feel much better this morning- Rested pretty well last Night- Wrote to Revd. Jos. Templeton Edr. & Proprir. St. Louis Presbyterian Requesting "to cease sending me his paper 'till I further direct it sent to me, which may not be long hence, or most probably never again"- My Subscription is all paid up to the 9th. Inst: as p Mr. T's Receipt on file- My Subscn. To this Journal, under its various titles, commenced with its first Number under Chamberlain & Julian- I Stop it now, because it is managed So carelessly and inefficiently- Mer: 64 at Noon, fair and airy- considerable Sickness, in St. Charles and neighborhood-

Sunday 5th October 1851- A Raw chilly day- Mer. 68 at Noon- fair and airy, and Somewhat hazy- I attended the morning Service in our ch: Mr. Ruggles preached pretty good attendance- After noon at 3 O'Clk Mr. R. preached in the Prairie- The River is getting quite low.

Monday 6th- Mg fair & pleast.- Mer. 64 at 10 O'Clk:

Tuesday 28th Contind. indisposition has kept me 'till now, from this diary- I am now much better, and Regaining appetite and Strength- The weather has been generally cool and pleast- Some very hard frosts ice &c. Scarcely any Rain, not enough to wet the ground ½ inch- it is So dry that I cannot get in my wheat Crop, not over half of it is yet in- To day and yesterday I wrote a long letter, 5 pages "To Professor Edwards A. Park, of the Theological Seminary Andover Massts. In Reply to his letter to me of the 11th. inst. making Some inquiry abot my Mother's descendants &c.- I ansd. Him very fully- He is writing a Memoir of my Grandfather Samual Hopkins D. D. Note. Mr. N. B. Barron & Mrs. Griffith were marrd. This evening in our Church, by Revd. Mr. Ruggles, in presence of Some fifty or Sixty Witnesses—Raining at 7 p.m.

Wednesday 29th- It Rained all night, and continues briskly this morning 'till 11 O'Clock- this Rain is truly a great favour- Our well and Cistern had gone dry for two weeks past, as had those of nearly all our Neighbours.

Thursday 30th- Mg fair & bright and pleast.- Mer. 58 at 9 O'Clk: the day mild and pleast.- wrote to Wm. T. Sibley prince Edwd. Ct. House Va-

Friday 31st- Morning fair & pleast.- Mer: 50 at 8 O'Clk:- a fair pleasant day All "out of doors" begins to look wintry- the forest Trees are Rapidly Shedding their foliage- many of them are already quite bare-

Linden- Wood Saturday 1st. November 1851

Mg fair & pleast. Mer: 55 at Sunrise- Mrs. Sibley went to St. Louis to day, for a Visit of two weeks- with her brother Capt. Easton- a fine pleast. day.

Sunday 2^d- A Raw chilly, cloudy day- feeling quite unwell, I kept me Room all day- Mr. Ruggles preached in the Church this Morning in the prairie after noon-

Monday 3^d- Mg fair, airy and chilly- Mer: 43 at Nine O'Clk: the day fair but windy and chilly- I have not been able to be about much Since Saturday- I then over exerted myself trying to fix the well; and have felt the worse for it ever Since- I have not much appetite.

Tuesday 4th- Morning bright and fair & airy- Mer: 47 at 9 O'Clock a fair day but windy & unpleast. out, and quite Cool- The little daughter of Henry C. & Mary Easton (Louisa abt. 15 Ms. Old) died this afternoon of Some brain affection- She has taken Sick last Saturday-

Wednesday 5th- Mg dark & cloudy and windy wind from N. West. Mer: 38 at 8 O'Clk:- Much boisterous wind last Night- A very Raw, cold day Mer: not above 39- After noon the

burial of little Ludy, H. C. Easton's little daughter, took place at 1. W- Some 20 persons attending-

Thursday 6th- Mg fair, calm & frosty- Mer: 28 at Sunrise- a very bright pleasant day-
Baltimore Still Sowing Wheat-

Friday 7th- Mg cloudy and Raw- Mer. 34 at Sunrise- the day proves fair, after 8 O'Clk:
and very pleasant-

Saturday 8th- Mg Calm & Cloudy- Mer: 44 at S. R- Commenced Raining at about 3 p:m-
and Contind. Raining & Sleetng till late-

Sunday 9th. Novr. '51- There is abt. 5 Inches of Snow on the ground this morning & the
Trees Shrubbery &c. all covered with wet Snow- Still cloudy all day- The Mer: not above 36 or
below 34- I did not go in to Ch:- More than half of the Snow gone before night freezing a little at
9 p.m.

Monday 10th- Mg fair & Sunny- Mer. 32 at Sunrise- thawing in the Sun at 8-37 at Noon-
fair thawing- the Snow very nearly all gone- clouding up again at 3p.m.- Mer:-- at SunSet- last
night about Midnight, I Suffered an attack of Neuralgia- I had been entirely clear of it Since
August 1850- its Recurrence is probably owing to my late debility, and aguish propensities-

Wednesday 26th To day I prepared the Accts of Thos. Lindsay's Estate for Settlemt. with
the County Court, now is Session, and handed them to Mr. Dick to present and Settle: not being
able myself to attend in person- This Settlemt. by Some mistake, was demanded by the Court, as
due- But in fact our Regular Annual Settlemt. is not due 'till the next February term-

Sunday 30th- From the 10th to the 15th I was a good deal troubled with Spasms of Neuralgia- Since Saturday the 15th. at Night; I have used Remedies, Tonics, and have not felt any more of it, further than Some Slight Symptoms- But I have been an invalid all the while- The weather this Month has been changeable & unpleasant. Falls of Snow have occurred 3 times & a good deal of Rain- Baltimore has finished Seeding Wheat on Saturday last-

Linden- Wood Monday 1^t. December 1851- I am Still an invalid- tho' not actually Suffering any of the Spasms of neuralgia – yet as the disease exists in my System, and my usual Strength is far from being Restored, and as debility is one exciting cause of Spasms of that painful malady; I continue daily the use of tonics (thrice a day) and purpose to do So for Some time to come: and to pay more attention than formerly to my bodily health in other Respects- Note- on 22^d. Ult^o. I wrote to prof: Park of Andover enclosing him Some Original letters of Dr. Saml. Hopkins &c. abt. The 25th wrote to Gales & Seaton enclosing them copies of two letters that I addressed to Senator Douglass & Underwood, in Relation to the Mormons, together with a printed pamphlet on the Same Subject, published by order of the Missouri Legislature in the year – I Requested G & S. to publish my letters in the National Intelligencer, unless they should consider it objectionable- About the Same mail, I wrote to Horace Greeley Edr. Of the N. Yk: Tribune, Reminding him of my Commn. of 20th Septemr. (See Page 54)- and desiring him to Return it to me immediately by Mail at my cost; unless he intends to give it a place in the Tribune- On or about the 15th Ult: wrote to Eliza Lee-

Tuesday 9th- Raining & Sleeting in the morning & after Night- Abt. The 1^t. I wrote to Mark H. Sibley & Derrick Sibley- and about the 4th wrote to Capt: Nathaniel Sibley of Sutton Massts.- And on the 6th. I wrote to Margaret Sibley- Thus far in this month, the weather has been

variable, tho' quite mild for Season- In truth, we have had no Winter weather here as yet- tho'
Some unpleas. Days-

Wednesday 10th. Decem. 1851.- Mg dark & cloudy- every thing out of doors covered
with Sleet ice- Much Rain fell last Night- Mer: at noon to day 34-

Saturday 13th- A very Cold day- Mer: 10 at 8 A. M: below 24 all day- the day Raw and
cloudy- More Moderate after Nightfall- Wind from S°. E-

Sunday 14th- Another cloudy dark day- wind from N°. W. – fitful Sprinkles of Rain &
Snow, and high wind- I Stay'd at home all day.

Monday 15th- An exceedingly cold ugly day- Mer 4 at Sunrise an not above 4 above Zero
at any time during the day- Ice in the River-

Tuesday 16th- the day fair and very Cold- Mer: at Zero at S. Rise- 8 at Noon- - about 4 at
SunSet- keen North wind-

Wednesday 17th- Morning fair, keen N°. Wind- Mer: at S. Rise- 10 at Noon- 10 at
SunSet- fair day- No mail to day from St. Louis- River very full of floating Ice-

Thursday 18th- Mg fair and Calm- Mer. 10 at Sunrise- 24 Noon 22 SunSet- a fair pleasant
day- No Mail to day from St. Louis- the River very full of floating Ice-

Friday 19th- Morning fair & windy Mer: 20 at Sunrise- brisk wind from South westd.- 32
at Noon Clouding up- windy- wrote to Charles D. Drake about my Bogga debt- And to Origen
Sibley of Blakely Alabama, enclosing Genealogy of the Sibleys &c.- 30 at SunSet- the day very
windy & blustry, and till late at Night

Saturday 20th- Mg fair & calm- Mer: 16 at Sunrise-

Sunday 21^t- An ugly Snowy day & pretty cold-

Monday 22^d. Decr. '51- Tuesday 23^d. two cold days- Moderating towards Night of Tuesday- Much Ice in the Missouri-

Wednesday 24th- A very mild, fair pleasant day-

Thursday 25th (Christmas So called)- Dined at Rev: Mr. Smith's with a Small party of friends- The day Cloudy, dark and damp, but not cold- We Spent it very pleasantly however, by a cheerful fireside, and had a most excellent Dinner: worthy of the day and of our Hostess- 'till to day I had not been twenty yards from the House, Since the 10th. of November- I have not in face, been out Side of "the big gate" before, Since the 6th. of last October-

I have not been very Sick either; and yet have labored under a prostration of my System, weakness, loss of appetite, for much of the time- For a month past, my appetite has been good enough; but my usual bodily Strength is not Restored as yet; tho' I am Recovering it Slowly- I am daily taking tonics, with the view chiefly, of keeping off the Neuralgia; and have, by that means, as I Suppose, been Relieved from it Since about the 15th. of November- My last attendance at Church was on Sabboth the 5th day of October-

Friday 26th- Another very ugly unpleas. day, tho' not very cold-

Saturday 27th- Much Rain fell last night and this morning- There was Service to day in our church, preparatory to the Communion appointed for tomorrow- I did not attend- the day was Raw & unpleas.

Mr. Willaim Douglass Died to day abt 1 p.m: at his Residence in St. Charles- He had been Suffering for the past 4 Months from an incurable affection of the bladder

Sunday 28th Decemr. 1851- More Rain last night- the Morning cloudy and mild- fair and Noon- Mer: then at 50----- The Communion in our Church took place after-noon to day- there were not as many in attendance as usual at our Communion Seasons- the ground is extremely wet and muddy, and Several Members are Sick and Some from home- I did not attend, or leave the House to day-

Monday 29th- The Morning fair and Calm and pleasant- Mer: 50 at 8 O'Clk:- 60 at Noon- Cloudy- At 11 O'Clock to day, the Mortal Remains of Mr. Willaim Douglass were consigned to the Grave, in the burying place of the 1^t. Presn. Church, at Linden Wood, attended by a large number of people from St. Charles- Mr. D was a Member of our Church, Since his Confinemt., and believed to have died a Sincere believer in Jesus Christ, an humble, penitent Christian- the day unpleast.- Heavy Rain with lightning in the evening-

Tuesday 30th- Mg. Cloudy, dark & chilly- Mer. 30 at Sunrise- a great deal of Rain fell last Night- very heavily for Some hours- Mer:28 at Noon, cloudy and cold- very Cloudy at Night-

Wednesday 31^t- Mg Cloudy and Calm- Mer: 24 at Sunrise- 28 at Noon- Cloudy and Raw and unpleasant- 28 S. Set Still cloudy and Lourcing-

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The morning cloudy, Calm, dark and lousing- Mer: 30 at S. Rise- and about the Same all day; cloudy dark and Raw and calm- We had a Small party of friends to dine with us to day- to wit- Mr. S. S. Watson & Mrs. Watson- Mr. & Mrs. Dick- Mr. & Mrs. Johns- Mrs. Smith- Mr. & Mrs. Alderson- Mr. & Mrs. H. C. Easton- Mr. Smith was Sick and could not come out- Mr. & Mrs. Barron invited but could not come- We Spent the day quite pleasantly—To day I executed,

(Signed, Sealed, declared & published) my Last Will and Testament, and had it Witnessed in due form, by Messrs. Isaac A. Dick- B. A. Alderson- Saml. S. Watson- John & Henry E. Ruggles-#

Friday 2^d- Mg Cloudy & calm & dark- Mer: 30 at Sunrise- thawing a little about Noon- the day cloudy & unpleas.

Saturday 3^d- Mg fair & frosty, very heavy White frost- Mer: 24 at Sunrise- 34 at Noon- a pleasant day overhead but very Muddy & unpleasant underfoot-

Sunday 4th- A Cloudy unpleasant day- Mer: from 30 to 40- Rainy towards Night, and at Night commenced Snowing- I did not go out all to day-

Monday 5th- A Stormy, Snowy Morning- Mer: 30 S. B- 22 at Noon, Stormy Northerly wind- does not Snow now- the Snow on the ground is about 2 inches deep only- it is dry and hard- A very wintry day this throughout- Cloudy, dark, Windy- cold and unpleasant-

Tuesday 6th January 1851- Morning Cloudy, dark & airy- Mer: 16 at 8 O'Clk:- 18 at Noon- A cloudy ugly day throughout- a light fall of Snow after Sundown- Baltimore killed Eight of the fatted Hogs to day, of good Size and in fine Order-

April 15th. Recent events and unforeseen circumstances have induced me to Revoke and destroy the Will above Referred to, with the intention of adopting one more Suitable to circumstances- C. C. S.

Wednesday 7th- Mg Cloudy & dark and calm- Mer: 18 at S. Rise 26 at Noon, Calm, clearing off- 24 SunSet cloudy again-

Thursday 8th- Mg Cloudy- Snowing off & on, lightly nearly all day- Mer: Ranged from 24 to 30- Cloudy at Night-

Friday 9th- Morning Cloudy & calm- Mer: from 25 to 30- Some Snow fall after noon- the day Cloudy and dark-

Saturday 17th- Morning Cloudy- Snowing Briskly- Snowed during the Night- Mer: to day Ranged from 24 to 34—

Sunday 11th- Another very cold day- the Mer: Ranging from 8 to 15- I went not out- Snow about 5 inches deep-

Monday 12th- Mg Cloudy- Mer: 2 at S. Rise not above 10 all day- there is much Sickness about- the consequences of the Severe weather, imprudent exposure &c.- the Influenza prevails to Some considerable extent, in and around St. Charles-

Tuesday 13th- Mg fair & Calm- Mer: at Zero at sunrise- 24 at Noon fair, calm, and Sunny- Ice Running in the River at St. Charles So as to prevent any Crossing to day- So we have no Mail to day from Eastward-

Wednesday 14th- Mg fair & calm- Mer: 20 at S. R- 40 Noon fair Calm- the day pelegant- no Crossing the River yet- no Mail to day-

Thursday 15th January 1852- Mg Cloudy & Calm- Mer. 32 S. R- 36 at Noon- 32 at SunSet- heavy clouds westerly the Snow has gone off considerably yesterday & to day, but Still covers the ground.

Friday 16th- Mg fair- Mer: 30 at Sunrise- airy at 9 O'Clk: Raw and chilly, growing cloudy- No Mail from below yesterday- 36 at Noon- fair- the day turned out quite pleasant.-

Saturday 17th- Mg Cloudy & dark- Mer: 20 at Sunrise- North wind- the Ice gave way at St. Charles yesterday, and we had the mail over-

Sunday 18th- Mer: at Zero at S. Rise- 6 at Noon- Zero at S. Set- the latter part of the day cloudy- a very Cold day-

Monday 19th- Mg fair and Calm- Mer: 14 below Zero at Sunrise- 8 below at Noon- More moderate towards Night.

Tuesday 20th- A tolerably good day- Mer: from 2. To 20. The Missouri blocked up with Ice at Saint Charles a Strong Bridge, on which people are crossing, horses, Cattle, Hogs and Carriages-

Wednesday 21^t- Snowing lightly during the Morning- the Mercury Ranging from 14 to 24-

Thursday 22^d- A fair day- Mer: 2 at Sunrise- 22 Noon

Friday 23^d- a pleasant day- Mer: Ranging from 20 to 35- thawing a little- getting Ice from the River yesterday and to day- the ice very solid and good- Afternoon I went to Town for an hour or two on Some business with Mr. Krekel Notary public-

Saturday 24th January 1852- Morning fair calm & pleasant- Mer: 24 at Sunrise- 44 at Noon- Wrote to Rufus Sibley, under this date, and enclosed him a Power of Atty. Authorizing him to Represent me in the Successions of Capt. P. F. Kimball, and Helena Kimball- Enclosed my letter to B. B. Lee Esq. Atty. at Law New Orleans- to whom I also wrote- Copies of the whole, on file- The package to Mr. Lee, put in the P. Office to day- prepaid 6 Cts.-

Sunday 25th- Morning dark and drizzly – Mer: Ranged from 34 to 38- very Sloppy and muddy- I stayed at home.

Monday 26th- Morning fair & frosty- Mer: 26 at Sunrise- 38 at Noon- fair Calm & Sunny- 32 at SunSet- fair & pleast.

Tuesday 27th- Mg fair & frosty- Mer: 26 at Sunrise- 46 at Noon- fair and Sunny- Some Snow & ice yet on the ground- River Still closed.

Wednesday 28th- Mg fair & calm & pleast.- Mer: 38 S. R- 58 Noon- 55 S. Set

Thursday 29th- Mg fair, calm and pleast.- Mer: 45 SR- 63 Noon- 58 S. Set. An infant daughter of Mr. Andrew King died, yesterday, and was buried to day at Linden Wood- the child was about 4 Months old- The Snow all gone-

Friday 30th- Mg fair & calm- Mer. 50 at Sunrise- 60 Noon- 57 SunSet- Baltimore killed 3 more of the fatted Hogs to day- in all, with those killed on the 6th. making 11- for our own family use-

Saturday 31st- Mg Cloudy- Mer: 38 at S. R- Rainlast Night- The Ice bridge at St. Charles gave way yesterday, and went off- an ugly day-

I Recd. A letter to day from Robt. Sevier of Ray Co. dated 22^d. Inst: announging the death of his wife, my Niece, Ann H. Sevier on the Morning of the 20th. after an illness of ten days-

Linden- Wood Sunday 1st February 1852- Mg cloudy & unpleast. Mer: Ranged to day from 28 to 38- exceedingly Muddy in the Roads- I did not go out- Some Stir in Methodist Church- their quarterly meetings commenced on friday- there is considerable excitement among them

Monday 2nd- Mg Cloudy and dark- Mer: 25 at Sunrise- 38 at Noon fair, Calm, and Sunny- about 34 at SunSet-

Tuesday 3^d- Mg fair Calm & pleast.- Mer: 34 S R- 57 Noon- 53 S Set fair and pleasant weather- but very muddy underfoot-

Wednesday 4th- Mg fair and pleast.- Mer: 38 at Sunrise- 50 at Noon Somewhat cloudy- the day fair and pleasant 'till near night. Note- On Monday I wrote to Robt. Sevier and Margaret Sibley-

Thursday 5th- A Rainy Morning, Calm & Soft: Mer 40 at S. Rise- 45 at Noon- Rainy- Wrote to Rufus Sibley- Rainy after Night with thunder- The Meetings in the Methodist Church Still go on-

Friday 6th- Mg Cloudy & Wet- Mer: 42 at Sunrise Airy- 52 at Noon- fair and windy- the day turned out quite pleasant-

Saturday 7th- Mg fair & calm- Mer: 34 at Sunrise- about 46 Noon- a pleast. Day- Muddy- Roads bad- frost nearly all out of the ground. Boats are beginning to Run up and down the Missouri-

Sunday 8th- A pleasant day- Mer: from 34 to 46 to day- I did not go out- preaching in Our Church and at the Methodist Church- The Methodist Meetings are Still continued day and night, and are conducted with much Zeal, and no little of the usual fervor attending Such protracted meetings-

Monday 9th February 1852- The morning fair and pleasant- Calm Mer: 30 at Sunrise- 50 at Noon fair, Sunny and pleast.- but muddy.

Tuesday 10th- A very windy unpleas. day- Mer: from 40 to 56-

Monday 16th- A windy day- Mer: from 40 to 60- Since last tuesday I have been indisposed- Am better now- the weather changeable and unpleas., but not very Cold at any time- Some Rain- Boats frequently passing up the Missouri- the Elpasso, has made a trip to Weston, and Returned to St. Louis nearly a week ago- The Methodist meetings have now closed, yesterday, they Commenced on the 1^l. inst. And were generally well attended, and with much excitement at times- About ten persons have been added to M. Ch: mostly young people- Three others are believed to be under Serious Conviction of Sin, but have no yet connected with any Church—To day Mr. Ruggles commenced a Series of Meetings in our Ch: (for prayer at 4 p.m: preaching at Night) Mr. Smith preachd.

Tuesday 17th- Mg fair & Calm- Mer: abt. 26 at Sunrise- 34 at Noon- freezing at Sunset- the day quite pleasant tho' pretty cool-

Wednesday 18th- Mg fair & frosty Mer: 25 at Sunrise- Calm & pleasant- another pleast. Day, as yesterday- At our ch: prayer Meeting at 4 p.m: and preaching at Night, by Mr. Ruggles.- pretty good attendance at both- A Female prayer Meeting, was also Commenced to day at 3 p. m: at Mrs. N. B. Barrons- to be contined [sic] at Stated times

Thursday 19th- Mg fair but Raw & airy- Mer: at Sunrise abt. 28- at Noon and at SunSet 36- a dark ugly day- prayer Meeting at 4 p.m at the Church.

Friday 20th. Feby. 1852- Mg cloudy and dark wet- Rain and Sleet last Night and this Morning- quite Calm- Mer: 34 at Noon, dark calm and drizzly- we had another dark misty day- very damp unpleasant & unwholesome out- The Services in our Ch: are Still continued-

Meetings for prayer everyday at 4 p.m: and preaching every other Night- Mr. Smith preached to night-

Saturday 21st- the morning cloudy, dark, calm and misty- Mer: abt. 34 at Sunrise- 38 at Noon- weather the Same, very damo and even Misty and drizzly- & So on 'till Night.

Sunday 22^d- Mg. Cloudy & Calm- Mer: abt. 36 at Sunrise- 42 at 11- about 46- 42 at 11- about 46 at Noon- Commenced a Slow drizzling Rain about SunSet- Mr. Ruggles preached this Morning in our shurch, and afternoon down in the prairie- good attendance at both places, I am informed.

Monday 23rd- Mg fair & airy Mer: 42 at 10 O'Clock- 46 at Noon- a very pleasant day in-doors and out-doors- Revd. Saml. B. Smith left home this morning for a gaunt eastward to visit his Relatives in Maryland and Pennsylvania, and for the benefit of health- For more than a year past Mr. S. has been out of health – He will probably Return home Some time in April, if not Sooner.

Tuesday 24th- Mg fair & pleasant- Mer: about 46 at Sunrise- 66 at Noon fair and pleasant- 56 at Sunset, windy from the North- appears to be clouding up- the day has been like a Spring-day- I fear that the Peaches are all killed in the bud, but am not Certain- Febry has thus far been mild-

Wednesday 25th Febuary 1852- The Morning fair and frosty- Mer: 28 at Sunrise- a little Rain fell last night- very little- the day hazy, Raw and unpleasant- Mer: not above 36- freezing at SunSet.

Thursday 26th- the morning hazy, Raw and Chilly- Mer. 25 S.Rise- 36 at Noon- very cloudy & dark after Night- Rev. Mr. Mcpheters is here from St. Louis assisting Mr. Ruggles is

his Meetings- he preach'd last Night and the Night before in our Church attendance pretty good- The prayer Meetings are Still continued every afternoon at the Church; but are not very well attended, except by females- quite a number of our members, and others, are Sick & do not go out-

Friday 27th- The Morning cloudy, Raw, Calm and chilly; I felt quite unwell, and did not Rise 'till 11 O'Clock- the Mercury at 12 Stood at about 38- the day Contind. Cloudy and Chilly- Mr. Mcpheeters preached this evening, and after night, in our church- attendance very good at Night- Rainy at Bed time-

Saturday 28th- Snowing and blowing this Morning 'till about 11- then cleared off bright & Sunny but Still windy- The Snow lies about 3 inches deep on the ground- Mer. 24 at Noon- 18 at SunSet.

Sunday 29th The last Night was very cold- froze very hard- the day fair and quite pleasant after 11 O'Clock- Revd. Mr. Harbeson preach'd yesterday in Our Ch: mr. McPheeters preached to day, and also Mr. Harbeson- very good attendance- the afternoon Prayer Meetings are Still contend.- Some feeling appears to be growing in the Church and Congregation- Hope it may increase & prosper-

Linden- Wood Monday 1^t. March 1852- the morning fair, calm, Sunny and pleasnat- the Mer: 40 at 9 O'Clk Snow nearly gone off- Sent a Letter to the P. Office to day for my brother Rt. H. Sibley of Alexandria Louisiana via New Orleans (dated to day) enclosing Genealogy &c. of the Sibleys- Mer. 52 at Noon- fair & airy- a fine pleast. day, but the wind Rose, with black clouds westward, about SunSet, and contin'd Stormy and Cold throughout the Night.

Tuesday 2^d- Mg Cold Raw Cloudy & freezing- Mer: 26 at 11 O'Clk: 32 at Noon- 32 at SunSet- the day as the Morning-

Wednesday 3^d- The morning fair, Calm and quite pleasant- Mer 30 at Sunrise- 46 at noon, fair and pleasant- Cloudy just at bed time- Continued warm.

Thursday 4th- Mg Wet and Rainy- Mer. 40 at 8 O'Clock; Since One O'Clk: this morning an immense deal of Rain has fallen- 47 at Noon; Still Raining moderately – a damp ugly day out- Mer: 53 at S. Set- Cloudy & misty-

Friday 5th- Mg Cloudy & calm- Mer: 40 at Sunrise- 44 at noon, Still cloudy and Calm- Roads & Streets muddy & bad a little daughter of Mr. John Orrick's aged 3 years, named Mary S- died to day in St. Charles-

Saturday 6th- Mg Cloudy & calm- Mer: 34 at Sunrise- Rain last night Mer 38 Noon, Still cloudy and Calm- the day Contind. Cloudy throughout- Louis Barada of St. Charles, Died this morning- aged abt. 60- an Old inhabitant- much, and deservedly esteemed.

Monday 8th March 1852- The Morning fair and pleasant- Mer: 56 at Sunrise- Yesterday, Sunday, was a cloudy damp day- I did not 56 at Sunrise- Yesterday, Sunday, was a cloudy damp day- I did not go out- the Mer: Ranged from 34 to 44- At Noon to day the Mer: Stood at 72- a little hazy & airy- About 66 at SunSet- windy.

Tuesday 9th- Mg fair & windy- Mer. 40 at Sunrise- a pleasant day- Mer: up to about 45.

Wednesday 10th- Morning fair and frosty, calm & pleasant day- Mer: up to about 45.

Thursday 11th- Morning Cloudy & windy: Mer: 40 at S. Rise- Raining at 8 O'Clk: wind from Southd.- 52 at Noon, Cloudy and wet- Wrote to Thos. L. Anderson of Palmyra, on business- the day Cloudy and wet, Raining occasionally-

Friday 12th- Morning Rainy, dark & calm- Mer: 54 S. R- much Rain fell last Night- 60 at Noon- Cloudy & dark- a Rainy day throughout off & on-

Saturday 13th- The morning Cloudy, dark, Calm and Raining- Mer 60 at O'Clk: Much Rain fell last Night & this morning. Several warly things are looking green- Weeping willows, and Gooseberries, and Some bulbous flowers nearly out in bloom- Mer. 62 Noon- Showry nearly all the day- cleared off after night.

Sunday 14th Mg fair and windy- Mer: 50 at 8 O'Clock- 62 Noon, fair & Windy- I attended the (morning) Service to day for the first time Since the 5th of last October.- good attendance- the day quite pleasant except the wind.

Monday 15th March 1852- Mg fair & Calm- Mer. 42 at 8 O'Clock.- 62 Noon- A very fine pleasant day- the river on the Rise- Vegetation is advancing Rapidly- many things unusually early- Persian Iris in bloom yesterday- 10 days earlier than usual.

Tuesday 16th- Mg Cloudy & airy- Mer: about 50 at Sunrise- Rain Showers, with Some Hail, and thunder, from 9 O'Clk: till near Moon at intervals- and also near Night Some heavy Showers- At 4 p.m. wind from Norht and growing quite cold.

Wednesday 17th- Mg fair & frosty & icy & airy- Mer: 20 at Sunrise- 28 at Noon, and all day after Noon till night when it turned Still colder- quite wintry again- Some forward things will Suffer.

Thursday 18th- Mg fair & freezing- Mer: 20 at Sunrise- airy- a right cold winter day, but fair & pleasant- tho' Rather windy.

Friday 19th- The Morning fair & airy- Mercury 20 at 8 O'Clock- about 28 at Noon- 22 at SunSet- a Cold freezing day; but fair.

Saturday 20th- Morning fair and Calm- Mer: 20 at Sunrise- Mer: not above 34 to day- Wintry weather

Sunday 21st- A Cloudy, Raw, windy ugly day- I did not go out anywhere- Mer: Ranged from 24 to 34-

Monday 22^d- Morning cloudy & windy- Mer: at S. R. abt. 30- 46 at noon Still Cloudy & blustery- 48 at SunSet, Calm & Cloudy- very heavy Clouds Rising in the Northwest- The wheat Crops are greatly injured by the Winter freezing and Thawing-

Tuesday 23rd March 1852- Morning fair and airy- Mer: about 34 at Sunrise- Under date 22d. I wrote to Tarver & Cobbof St. Louis Proprs. Of the Western Journal, directing the discontinuance of my Subscription, my year being out and all paid up- Also wrote to Thomas Rainey Ed. & prpr. Of " The Western Review" Cincinnati, directing to Send me the "Review" two years, commencing with the last November Number- the back numbers to be Sent me- I enclosed a \$2. Indiana note and 5 Cts. Postage Stamps, to pay in advance the two year Subscription; and prepay at Cincinnati the Postage on the 5 Numbers Viz: Novr. Decr. Jany. Feb. & March- the distance between St. Charles & Cincinnati being under 500 Miles (not over 400 as nearly as I can find out) and 1 Ct. postage Chargeable on each Number-

Wednesday 24th- Mg fair and pleast.- Mer: abt. 48 at Sunrise- Mr. Saml. D. South & Wife & Son, and Capt. L. C. Easton, arrd. At L. W. yesterday afternoon, from St. Louis, for a Short

visit- 62 at Noon- fair & pleast. quite airy- the late “cold Snap” had nipped many forward things-
The Weeping Willows So green and pretty 2 weeks ago, are now brown as if they had been
scorched by fire-

Thursday 25th- Mg fair and windy, wind from S^o., Mer: 50 at Sunrise- After Breakfast
our visitors left L. W. for St. Louis- Mer: 80 at Noon- 75 at SunSet, Calm and Hazy- the day
Really Sultry-

Friday 26th- Morning dark and cloudy and windy- Mer: 50 at Sunrise- 53 Noon fair,
windy- Coller towards Night- cloudy and windy at bed time- wrote to Robt. Servier.

Saturday 27th March 1852- Mg Cloudy & airy- Mer: 40 S. R- 60 at Noon- fair, Calm and
pleasant- Mr. Ruggles gave a lecture 2 p.m. as preparatory to Communion tomorrow in our
Church.

Sunday 28th- Mg Stormy- Hail, Rain, wind, thunder- Mer: 40 S. R- cleared off again abut
Noon, mild and pleasant- I went in to church at 2 p.m: to participate in the Communion, which
was attended by most of Our Members- 5 new Members were Received on Confession Vizt.-
Mrs. Narcissa King wife of A. King, Henry C. Easton- Rutherford Douglass- and two Daughters
of Mrs. Machett- Several children were also Baptised, (all the new members were Baptised)
among them the little daughter of Capt. Langdon C. Easton, now 20 Months old, now in charge
of Mrs. Sibley- we call this child Bettie- but She was baptised Elizabeth Lloyd, after her mother,
who died in Sts. Fe in July 1850, five days after Bettie, was born- the wife of a solider, of the
Garrison of Sts. Fe, having lost her own infant just about the time of Mrs. Easton’s death, took
the infant Bettie to nurse, and had her in charge ‘till their arrival at L. Wood in Septmr. Last (See

p. 52) Mrs Drysdale, the Nurse, proved to be a most faithful foster-mother- entitling herself to the gratitude and Respect of all interested.

All the Services this afternoon, were discharged by Mr. Ruggles with much Solemnity and effect, as I should Judge. The Congregation in attendance, was quite numerous.-

Monday 29th March 1852- Mg fair & windy- Mer: 60 at Sunrise- I observe Some Plum trees in bloom this morning- 75 Noon- fair- windy- Night Sultry-

Tuesday 30th- Morning cloudy and windy- a thunder Shower last night late- Mer: abt. 60 at Sunrise- 58 at Noon- windy Died in St. Louis on Sunday 28th at 10 A. M. Rev. Wm. S. Potts D. D. in the 48th year of his age- long the beloved Pastor of the 2^d. Presn. Church of St. Louis- He leaves a Vacancy in the Church- in the 2^d. Presn. Ch: and in Community, that Cannot be Soon filled as the place was filled by him- as Christian- Minister- Pastor, Gentleman and friend-

Wednesday 31st- Morning fair, Calm & frosty- Mer: 31 at S. Rise- 48 at Noon, windy and chilly- fair & Sunny—Red buds beginning to bloom vegetation- gardening &c. Much put pack by the Cold Snap that we have had- All the Peaches are killed, I think, at L. W- and I fear Some of the early apples and Pears may be killed also-

With the close of this day, the Seventieth year of my life is completed- A Calm Retrospect of the past year, Since 1st. April 1851 See p. 18- impresses on my mind a deep Sense of the goodness of god towards me and mine- and on my Conscience the full Conviction how little I have, any Sense, merited any of the numerous favours So kindly manifested towards me-

Linden- Wood Thursday 1st April 1852- the morning cloudy, Raw & airy- Mer: 32 at Sunrise- 40 Noon- cloudy and chilly- Note this morning at about 15 Minutes after One O'Clock, I entered upon the Seventy-first year of my mortal existence- I now begin to experience, within

the last year, Some of the infirmities attendant on old Age, tho' not yet in any considerable degree- My Sight & hearing are but little impaired- but my bodily Strength and vigour Seem to be Some- what Relaxing- this may, in part, be the effect of the Sickness that I had last fall, of which I am not yet by any means cured- Still, I am Certainly becoming more and more infirm of Body, from the effects of advancing Age- However all this may be, Sure I am that God hath dealt with me thro' the past year, as well as thro' all my past life, in great mercy and kindness- Spiritually, I do hope, more than ever before- temporally without any diminution of former allowances of Comfort and abundance- Altogether, I may truly Say- and I do Say, "my Cup Runneth over"- O Lord give me grace, to Respond with becoming gratitude to thee for all they favours So largely conferred on thy unworthy Servant, my family and household- and constrain me to live out my earthly pilgrimage consistently with obligations of love and duty to thee, and consistently with what I well know to be for my true happiness here & forever- I humbly ask this My Father, for my Redeemer's Sake-

Geo. C. Sibley-

Friday 2^d April 1852- Mornign fair & frosty- Calm & pleasant- Mer: 32 at Sunrise- 52 at Noon- fair- Sunny- Calm & pleasant- a very pleasant day throughout- Cooler at night- wind Shifting-

Saturday 3^d- Morning windy and Raw- fair- Mer. abt. 36 at Sunrise- Capt. Easton came up from St. Louis yesterday after-noon, on business, and Returned again to day- a pleasant day-

Sunday 4th- A very windy boisterous Night, was the last- it is Still So this morning, and quite cool- no Services in our church to day- Mr. Ruggles being absent at Boonville- the day mostly Rainy and unpleasant out- Raw wer and Chilly-

Monday 5th- Morning windy wet and Cold- Raining blowing and Snowing- very unpleasant- 35 at Noon, blowing and Showing from the North; Snow of course melts as it falls- cloudy and dark- an uncomfortable day throughout- ground very wet.

Tuesday 6th- Morning fair- calm- Mer: about 34 at Sunrise- about 50 at Noon- the day quite a pleasant one- near Sundown Clouds arose in the Northwest, dark and threatening-

Wednesday 7th- The Morning Rainy- dark- Calm- unpleasant Mer: about 40 at Sunrise- 48 at 12- Cloudy- dark- Wet- Calm- Chilly-

Thursday 8th- Morning cloudy & calm- Mer: 36 at Sunrise- the Roads and Steets are all very Muddy, and in bed order- Boats are continually passing up and down the River; which is now in good boating order- a very fair, calm, pleasant day- all hands out pre-paring for Gardening- the ground not yet in very good order.

Friday 9th April 1852- the Morning fair, but a little hazy- calm- Mer: about 38 at Sunrise- the day fair & pleasant, tho' windy, 'till about 3 p.m. when commenced to Rain, in gusty showers-

Saturday 10th- Morning blustry and Cloudy- Mer: 48 S. Rise- an ugly unpleasant day throughout- Mer: about 60 at Noon.

Sunday 11th- Morning fair- Calm and pleasant- Mer: 50 at S. Rise 64 at Noon- fair- calm & pleasant- Mr. Ruggles is Still absent- Mr. Hill, from St. Louis, preached to day in our Ch:- I did not attend- my bowels are disordered- There was very good attendance I learn, to hear Mr. H- the day pleast.- Mer. 50 at SunSet- Some Scattering clouds-

Monday 12th- Morning Rather Raw & chilly- Calm- hazy- Mer: 48 at S. Rise- 64 at Noon, fair, Calm, Sunny & pleast.- a very pleasant day throughout- Pears in Bloom- Apples blooming- Not a Peach blossom to be Seen at L. W- many of the old Peach Trees are killed outright- The River is now pretty full, in very good Boating Order- Two Boats have been blown up lately, One at St. Louis, called Glencoe- the Other, Saluda, at Lexington on Missouri- both attended with loss of many lives- of much property, and of the Boats-

Tuesday 13th- Morning, fair airy, and pleast.- Mer: about 48 at Sunrise- 74 at Noon- fair windy- a fine growing day- Vegetation is advancing pretty fast- My Wheat Crops appear much more promising than I had at all expected, Some two weeks ago-

Wednesday 14th- The partially fair and pleasant- Some Rain last Night- Revd. Mr. Smith got home on last Monday- Fire quite pleasant all day to day-

Thursday 15th April 1852- The morning fair- calm and pleasant- Mer: 40 at Sunrise- Mr. Ruggles Returned home last night, from his trip to Boonville and St. Louis- Mer: 62 at Noon, fair and Calm- Apple Orchard blooming pretty full- Sowing Oats- On Yesterday I purchased from Millingtons a ten Arpent Lot that lays adjoining my L. W. tract on the S°. Easterly corner next to St. Charles, for which I paid them \$600 Cash in hand & took their Deed &c.- After noon I went to Town on some business, for a Short time (the last time I was there before, was 23rd. of January, nearly 3 Months ago- I have only been to St. Charles twice Since early in last October-) This day has been uncommonly pleasant throughout-

Friday 16th The day wet and windy and chilly 'till noon, unpleasant throughout- Mer: between 50 & 54-

Saturday 17th- A fine fair, pleasant Morning- fresh air from the N. W Mer: abt. 48 at Sunrise- The ground getting in good Order for Gardening &c. 52 Noon- cloudy- Raw & Rough N. W. wind- Unpleasant out.-

Sunday 18th- Morning fair & airy- Mer: 50 at 9 O'Clk:- 56 at 12. I Stayed at home all day, not feeling fit to go out- Mr. Ruggles preached in our Church, in the Morning, and in the Prairie after-noon-

Monday 19th- Morning hazy & Raw- Mer: 46 at Sunrise- an unpleas. day- chilly N°. wind- mostly cloudy- Mer: not above 54-

Tuesday 20th- Morning fair- blustry N°. W. wind- chilly & unpleas. Mar: 45 at S. R.- Baltimore commencing plowing the front field for Corn- the day very windy and unpleasant-

Wednesday 21^t. April 1852- Morning cloudy, dark and windy- Mer: abt. 40 at Sunrise- Another Raw, chilly, unpleasant-

Thursday 22^d- The morning fair & airy- Mer: about 45 at S. Rise- the day proved a very pleasant one throughout- The farmers are now generally busy preparing to put their Corn Crops- ground in good Order.

Friday 23^d- Morning fair, but a little hazy- Mer: about 46 at Sun rise- the day generally fair- east wind- Mer: 56 at Sunrise- a light fall of Rain during the last Night- quite acceptable for the Gardens- Mer: 58 at 2 p.m: Raining Steadily and gently Since about 10½ O'Clock- and Continued 'till near Night- fair at 10 p.m-

Sunday 25th- Morning fair and pleasant- Mer: abt. 60 at Sunrise- I went to Church in the forenoon- congregation pretty numerous the day Rather warm and Sultry, and cloudy at times.

Monday 26th- Morning Cloudy and Raw- Mer: at 8 O'Clk: 50- a cloudy dark day Mer:
not above 50- light drizzling just at Sun Set-

Tuesday 27th- Mg fair & pleasant- Mer: 39 at Sunrise- a very pleasant day, fair & Sunny-
Mer: up to about 50 at Noon-

Wednesday 28th- Mg Airy and hazy- Mer: up to about 50 at Sunrise- 72 Noon, fair airy-
the day quite pleast.- vegetation advances Rapidly now-

Thursday 29th- Mg Cloudy & airy- Mer. abt. 56 S. R- Sowed Some Alfalfa, chilian
Clover Seed, on a bed near the office window- See Am: Farmer Vol: 9- Page 392 75 Noon- fair-
S°. Wind- abt. The Same at SunSet- very Sultry

Friday 30th Mg Cloudy & windy & Sultry- Mer: 70 at 7½ O'Clk:- 78 Noon- very windy
day-

Linden- Wood Saturday 1st May 1852- The morning fair and pleasant- Mer: 46 at
Sunrise- 80 at noon, Calm, fair and Sunny- The Snow Balls (Guelder Roses) are now as large as
turkey eggs and turning White- Rose Buds are forming- Apple trees have nearly all Shed off
their Blossoms- Forest trees are generally looking green- Rather dry at present.

Sunday 2^d- Morning fair & airy- Mer: about 60 at Sunrise- 84 at Noon likely for Rain- I
attended Ch: this Morning- pretty good attendance of the Ch: & Congregation- Mr. Ruggles
announced his Resignation of Pastoral charge of Our Ch: to take effect in June next, on acct. of
his declining health and Strength.- After 2 p.m. commenced Show, Rain- windy- increased more
and more 'till bed time- very Black clouds.

Monday 3^d- The morning very wet- Much Rain fell last night and this morning, with much wind and thunder- Mer: about 60 at Sunrise. Note- The English Hawthorn in bloom- English Walnut leafing out- Calicanthus blooming- Lindens about half leafed out- Elms looking green- Gooseberries half the Size of peas- Currants Setting fruit- Peas 6 or 8 inches high- Lettuce as large as ½ dollar- Asparagus plenty for ten days past- Strawberries in full bloom & Shedding— Mer: 68 at Noon- nearly fair, soft air- very pleast.- the ground thoroughly Soaked, every thing growing fast- the day cloudy and for the most part damp- No Rain however after 10 O'Clk:

Tuesday 4th- Mg Cloudy- Mer: 52 at Sunrise- airy- 70 at Noon, airy and pleasant and fair- A pleasant day tho' Rather windy. Miss Nubil was married at 7 O'Clk: this evening by Mr. Ruggles, at Mr. Andrew's in St. Charles to Mr. (left blank) of St. Louis

Wednesday 5th May '52- Mg Windy hazy- Mer: 59 at Sunrise- The day Rather windy Raw and not very fair- Mer: up to about 65- Baltimore planting the front field in corn to day- I had the cow Shed taken down entirely; it was put up in Summer of 1838- the Roofing almost entirely Rotten, and the whole out Repair and useless-

Thursday 6th- Morning dark and wet- Raining- Mer: abt. 60 at S. Rise- cleared off, partially, at Noon, and turned pleasant before Night- Still cloudy.

Friday 7th- Morning fair and calm- Mer: 60 at Sunrise- 76 Noon the day fair & pleasant- The front field, abt. 10½ acres, planted in Corn-

Saturday 8th- Morning fair, calm and pleasant- Mer. 60 at S. Rise- about 74 at Noon- flying Rain Clouds near Night- Rain after 8 p.m:-

Sunday 9th- A cloudy, dark, Rainy morning- Mer: 60 at Sunrise- 64 at Noon very cloudy & Raining a little- Cloudy & wet all day. But few people at Church- I did not go in- fair at Night fall-

Monday 10th- Mg fair, calm & pleast.- Mer: 54 at Sunrise- The Circuit Court which was to have commenced to day in St. Charles- has been put off on account of the Sickness of Judge Wells, who is not able to attend. Mer: 72 at Noon- calm- flying clouds- no Rain to day- cloudy at Night.

Tuesday 11th- Morning Rainy And Dark- Calm- Mer: 60 at Sunrise- 75 Noon- clearing off pleasant- it was Showry 'till about 10 O'Clk:

Wednesday 12th- Morning fair, Sunny, Calm, pleast. Mer: at S. R- 60-76 at Noon- the day fair, Calm and Sultry-

Thursday 13th- Mg Cloudy & airy- Some Rain last Night- Mer. 64 at S. R- Rainy nearly all the day, Sometimes heavily, with thunder.

Friday 14th May '52- Morning cloudy & airy- Mer: 50 at 6 O'Clock- 72 at Noon, cloudy & airy- Roses beginning to bloom.

Saturday 15th- Morning fair and Calm & pleast.- Mer: 50 at S. R. the day a little hazy but very pleasant- Mer: up to about 72-

Sunday 16th- The morning Rather cloudy, but airy and pleasant. Mer: about 56 at Sunrise- Heavy Rains again last Night.-

“ 72 Noon- 56 S. Set- the day cloudy & Raw- attended Church- quite a full congregation- the Church Members present held a meeting after the Services, in reference to Mr. Ruggles

Resignation- proposed to him to take a few months Recreation &c.- He promised to consider that proposal, and let the Ch: know ere long his final determination-

Monday 17th- Morning fair & airy & Raw Mer: 46 at Sunrise- the day continued cool and pleasant throughout.

Tuesday 18th- Morning fair & calm- heavy dew. Mer. 45 at S. Rise Died at St. Louis on last Saturday, the 15th. Mrs. Jane Douglass, Relict of S. H. Douglass- formerly Jane Rossiter- aged about years- a very pleasant day- vegetation Rapidly progressing- Rivers high & Rising.

Wednesday 19th- Mg fair and windy & chilly- Mer: 46 at Sunrise- 60 at Noon- Airy flying clouds- The day proved very fair & pleasant-

Thursday 20th- Morning fair, Calm and pleasant- Mer: 43 at S. Rise- 64 Noon- fair & pleast.- I have not yet Recd. The “ Western Review” that I ordered 22^d. March last (See. p:76) and to day wrote to Mr. Rainey, the Edr. About it &c.—there was heavy frost down in the prairie this Morning- also on the 17th- No Sign pf any at L. W.

Friday 21^t May '52- Morning cloudy & chilly- Mer: 50 at S. Rise- 60 at Noon, Raining a little- cloudy & calm- a cloudy day Showry at times

Saturday 22^d- Mg Cloudy & dark- Mer: 54 Sunrise- Showry- Roses in bloom Several dasy past- Strawberries Ripe- 72 at Noon, Sultry- clearing off – The River is again on the Rise- cloudy at Sunset.

Sunday 23^d- Morning Calm and Cloudy- Mer: 58 at S. Rise- a very pleasant day- Many people at our Church this morning- Mr. Ruggles announced his determination to give up his Pastoral charge this day two weeks, and Return to the East immediately.

Monday 24th- Morning fair, Sunny and airy- Mer: 58 at S. R. about 74 at Noon- Some clouds- appearance of Rain at Sundown.

Tuesday 25th- Morning fair & Sultry- Mer: 60 at Sunrise- calm- cloudy and Showry at 9 O'Clk: & So contend. all day, warm & Sultry & calm. Spent the day down at Mr. Watson's in the Prairie-

Wednesday 26th- Morning calm, Sultry & hazy- Mer: at S. Rise 68. 82 at Noon- Sultry- flying clouds all the Morning- calm- Showry all the afternoon nearly- considerable Rain has fallen to day-

Thursday 27th- Morning Calm Cloudy- Mer: 62 at S. Rise- 80 at Noon- Sultry- flying clouds- At about 3½ P. M: we had a violent Rain Storm, with wind- it contend. nearly an hour, and damaged our young Crops Somewhat- at SunSet, Still Cloudy, and unsettled.

Friday 28th- Morning calm & clear- Mer: 62 at Sunrise- 84 at Noon- calm- Sultry- flying clouds- The day was fair and exceeding warm- very little flow of air-

Saturday 29th May '52- Mg fair, Calm, Sunny, Sultry- Mer. 75 at 8 O'Clk: - 86 at Noon- Airy- Clouds flying- The day fair Sunny and very warm.

Sunday 30th- Morning fair & airy- Mer: 70 at 8 O'Clk:- 78 at Noon, fair and airy- Revd. Mr. Thompson from Hancock County Illinois (a Scotchman and Missionary Baptist) preached in Our Church this Morning and at Night- attendance good- preaching very elowuent, Rich and evangelical- Seldom have I ever heard better- Mr. Ruggles preached in the prairie.

Monday 31^l- The morning fair & airy- Mer. 62 at Sunrise- 83 at Noon- airy- Sunny and hot- 78 at SunSet- Calm, fair, & Sultry-

The green Crops at L.W. and neighborhood, are generally promising What Wheat Stood pretty well thro' the winter is doing well. The Meadows are uncommonly thrifty- the young Corn Crops are doing well- Oats very well- early potatoes and most garden Stuff quite as well as is common- Some things better- the ground is in good Order, especially on the Ridges- The Missouri is in very good Order, especially on the Ridges- The Missouri is in very good Boating Order, and many Boats pass up & down almost daily-

Some very warm days have been experienced in this month- On the 1^t. the Mer. Was 80- 2^d. 84- 27th. 80- 28th. 84- 29th. 86- 31^t 83- (On March 25th. 80-)

Vegetation generally appears unusually Rich at this time- The forest and other trees, Shrubs fields & Gardens are all Richly & fully clothed.

Linden- Wood Tuesday 1^t. June 1852- The morning fair, airy & Sunny. Mer. At Sunrise about 66- 87 at Noon, airy, fair- white clouds- Spent the afternoon, 'till near bed time at Mr. Smith's- The evening quite fair and pleasant- very bright Moon- light- Sultry tho' the Night-

Wednesday 2^d.- Mg fair & airy- Mer. abt. 70 at Sunrise- 90 at Noon fully- fair and airy- very oppressive out of the air or breeze- 86 at 4 p:m 82 6½ p:m: 80 at 7½ p.m: or SunSet- clear & calm and Sultry-

Thursday 3^d.- Morning fair & airy- Mer: about 70 at Sunrise- 91 at 10½- 88 at Noon- 88 at 2 p:m: clouding up in the west- Rain from ½ past 2 to near 3 with heavy wind- Mer. 70 at 3- 60 at SunSet- Fire quite comfortable- Rainy till late at Night- high wind with the Rain.

Friday 4th.- Morning fair and Calm- Mer 50 at Sunrise- 66 at Noon- fair- brisk air from Northwd.- cool and pleasant-a very pleast. Day fire pleasant- particularly at Night- Mer: at SunSet about 54-

Saturday 5th- Morning fair and calm- Mer: 48 at Sunrise- 70 at Noon fair and Airy and pleasant- a very pleasant day- at 3p.m. Mr. Smith preached a preparatory Sermon, in Reference to the Communion appointed for tomorrow in Our Ch:- not many persons in attendance.

After the Sermon & Services, a Church Meeting was held for the purpose of appointing a Comm. To lay before the Presbytery (which is to meet here next thursday) the acquiescence of the Church in the dissolution of the Pastoral connection with Mr. Ruggles- and they appointed me their Commissioner, with instructions &c.- At this meeting Mr. Ruggles acted Chairmen or Moderator- and Mr. Johns as Clerk-

Sunday 6th June 1852- The Morning Rather hazy & Raw- Mer: 56 at S. R- the day tolerably fair and pleasant 'till abt. 4 O'Clk: when a heavy Rain commenced and continued 'till after night- Our Church Services to day were as follows- Mr. Ruggles preached in the morning to unusually large Congregation- At 2½ p.m: the celebration of the Lord's Supper was duly observed according to appointment- Mr. Ruggles and Mr. Smith officiating- a large number of Communicants participated.

Monday 7th Mg Cloudy dark- every thing dripping wet- Mer: about 58 at Sunrise- After early breakfast Mrs. Sibley Started for St. Louis, for a Short visit, in Ruensi's Omnibus- Mr. Ruggles & Mr. Parks went down also- Mer: 75 at Noon, partially clear- but at about 4 p. m: began to Rain pretty heavily again- a wet afternoon-

Tuesday 8th- Mg partially fair & airy- Mer: 48 at Sunrise- fires agreeable- 65 at Noon- Airy & cool- flying clouds- No Rain to day but partly cloudy, and quite cool and airy all day- My front field of Corn & Wheat look well.

Wednesday 9th- Mg fair & windy & cool- Mer: about 54 at S. Rise- 68 at Noon, fair and windy- no Rain to day- a pleasant day-

Thursday 10th- Morning fair and Calm- Mer: 48 at Sunrise- very heavy dew- 69 at Noon- fair and pleasant- a pleasant day- Mrs. Sibley Returned from St. Louis- At 8 p.m: a Special Session of the Presy. of St. Louis met in Our Ch: to dissolve Mr. Ruggles' connection &c. Present Revd. Messrs. Watson- Smith- Abbott & Ruggles & N. B. Barron Elder- Mr. Watson preached- abt. 50 persons present- the presy. Then Organized and Completed the business for which they were called together- Mr. Ruggles left L. W- for Boonville on his way via Hannibal Galena Minnesota &c. to Vermont.

Friday 11th June '52- The Morning fair and pleasant- Mer. abt. 50 at S. R. Mr. Ruggles took a Boat early this Morning at St. Charles- He intends to go to Boonville, where his Sister Resides, thence across to Hannibal- thence up to Minnesota Terry.- thence by the lake Route to N. Yk: and Vermont.

I Spent the forenoon in Town on business- I paid as follows- Kemper's Blk: Smith Bill \$13.10- Orear's Bill for Advertising \$15- Christy on postage acct. \$2.50- Brunnell for Lime \$2½- Shoes & Ink \$4.65- Nails \$5- in all \$42.75- \$15 of which for Est. of A. A. Easton- a pleast. Day

Saturday 12th- Morning fair & airy- Mer. 50 at Sunrise- 82 at Noon fair and airy- the day fair and very warm- good for clean Corn Crops-

Sunday 13th- Mg fair, hazy & airy- Mer: about 66 at Sunrise- 84 at Noon- 84 at 3 p:m- No preaching in our church to day- I did not go from home- 82 at 5 p.m- 80 at SunSet- an oppressively warm day-

Monday 14th- Morning fair & bright & airy- Mercury at 67 at Sunrise- 85 at Noon- fair and airy- The day airy & pleast. Indoors.

Tuesday 15th- Morning fair airy & pleast. tho' the Mer. at S. Rise was at 68- 84 at Noon, fair but a little hazy- Airy- Another hot day out of doors.

Wednesday 16th- Morning fair and Airy- Mer: abt. 65 at Sunrise- 87 at Noon- breezy flying clouds Northwd. Tolerably pleast. in the open passage- clouding up from Northwd. Just at Night- (Showry about Noon)-

Thursday 17th- Morning cloudy- heavy Rain last Night- Mer: 68 at S. Rise- 82 at Noon- 76 at 3 p.m- Rain, Rain, Rain all the day off and on, in many very heavy Showers- Scarcely any out door work done- every thing Soaking wet- Rather bad for the Wheat-

Friday 18th- Morning dark, Cloudy wet and Rainy- Mer: abt. 70 at S. R- 78 at Noon- partially fair- Showry nearly all forenoon- fair at Night-

Saturday 19th- The morning fair and pleasant- Mer: about 66 at S. Rise- 86 at None- fair & Sultry- Clouds appear to be Rising in the North- Calm. Slight Showers just at S. Set, of very Short Continuance.

Sunday 20th- Mg fair but a little hazy- Mer: 80 at 9 O'Clk: (When I got up) not feeling well I did not attend Ch: to day- Mr. Smith preached in the Morning by Appt. of Presbytery- the attendance as I am told, was not as large as usual—Mer: 83 at Noon- and a little cloudy- I am weak and fevering nearly all day-

Monday 21st- Mg fair & airy- early this morning as I awoke out of a Sound Sleep, I was attacked with a Severe Stroke of Tic Doloro, the first and only one Since 15th. Of Novemr.- tho' I

have been occasionally troubled with those twitching Symptoms that belong to the disease. For Some 2 or 3 weeks past I have felt more and more debilitated, which is doubtless the main cause of the present attack, tho' it may be in Some measure owing to the partiall discontinuance of the tonics that I have been using ever Since Novem.- to day I commence the Use of Dr. Rose's Nervous Cordial, a bottle of which I Recd. On Saturday from Capt. Easton now in Washington City- This Cordail its inventor Dr. Rose, Says will not only Relieve, but cure Tic doloro, Neuralgia &c. We Shall See how it will affect my case, for I propose o give it a fair trial, to the extent of one bottle at the least—Mer: at 2 p.m. 86 fair and airy- very heavy Rain after Night- with heavy thunder.

Tuesday 22d. June 1852- The morning cloudy early, and cool and airy- the ground is very wet- Wheat Ripening Slowly- Corn & Oats doing very well- Mer: about 74 at 10 O'Clk: when I Rose from bed, not being very well- Mer. About 74 at 2. P.m. partially fair & Sultry.

Wednesday 23rd- Rain nearly all the last night, and nearly all this day- very damp and Chilly- fires very pleasant- I did not leave my bed 'till about 3 p.m- A very violent attack of my disease, tic doloro 3 Sever Shocks in quick Succession, just before 9½ O'Clk: hurt me badly- I lay in bed and took guanine-

Thursday 24th

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Thursday March 29th 1855- My diary has been discontinued from 24th. June '52, owing to Severe affliction of Neuralgia, by which I was entirely prostrated and disabled, unyil about the beginning of Septembr. Last, Since which time I have been exempt from any Serious attack of my painful Malady; and have been constantly and Steadily Regaining flesh and Strength- I think

my present partial Restoration and gradual improvement. May be fairly attributed to the efficacy of Homeopathic Remedies that I have adopted and used for the last two years

I now take up this Vol: to appropriate the Remainder of it chiefly to the concern, (Origin & Progress &c.) of The "Linden-Wood Female College", Commencing on Page 95.

Linden-Wood Monday 2^d. April 1855.- The morning Rough and chilly Mer: 34 at 9 A.M- Somewhat cloudy- Yesterday was Communion day in our Ch: the Services were conducted by Mr. McCalla, and were Solemn and imposing- About the usual number of communicants participated- We had imposing- About the usual number of communicants participated- We had Service in the forenoon and at Night also- Also on the Saturday previous-

Yesterday was my birth day, the commencement. Of the 74th. year of my earthly existence (See pages 18 and 79)- for the two last years '53 & '54, I have been for the greater part of the time disabled and debilitated by Neuralgia, and confined to the House & my Room- But it pleased the lord to deal very mercifully with me all the while, blessed be His Holy name- and I am now entering upon a New year of my pilgrimage, in much better bodily health- I do feel very conscious tho' that I am Spiritually very, very deficient- May the Lord my Saviour and my God take me into His keeping and guide and direct me in the Right way in His Strength, and for His Mercy's Sake- If it be His will that I Shall live another year. or any part of a year, May He keep me in the way everlasting- If he Shall terminate my pilgrimage before the expiration of this my 74th year- May I in any event be able thro' His grace to meet His Providences Concerning me, with becoming Reverance and gratitude- Ever feeling deeply & humbly, the every Mercy, whether great or Small, comparatively, is very far more than ever I have or can (deserved) or deserve- Most humbly do I Submit to Him all my interests temporal and eternal.

Geo: C. Sibley-

Tuesday 3^d. April '55- The Mg Rough & unpleasant- Mer: 40 at 9 A.M. This is an uncommonly late and backward Spring- Scarcely an early flower has peeped out, (The Iris, a Solitary one, appeared on the 30th. Ult^o) and not a fruit blossom has appeared yet- In '51, See p.16, Plums and peaches were in full bloom, as also many flowers, on the 24th. March- In 1852, it is noted, that about the 12th. of March, the Yellow and Weeping Willows were quite green (howbeit, they were Sorely nipped 10 days after, and looked as if Scorched by fire)- At this time those trees appear much as they did months ago.-

I now proceed with "L. W. F. College" concerar- Early in January our Church engaged The Rev. Wm. L. McCalla as Stated Supply for a year: and promised him a Certain Salary of \$600, and a House Rent free for his family- To obviate may difficulty Respecting a house (for Rents in St. Ch: were very high, and in fact no Suitable house was to be had, I offered to furnish Suddt. Accommodations at L. Wood, to go on My Subscription- (The Rooms offered would Rent in St. Charles for at least \$200 P Ann:.) My offer was at once accepted, and Mr. McC. Soon took possession and moved his family up from St. Louis-

Not Long after Mr. McCalla had got Settled at L. W- he Suggested to Several Gentlemen who were anxious for the immediate opening here of a Female School; that with a little exertion, and my permission and cooperation, a School might be opened for both day Schollars and Boarders; as a preparatory Commencement of our long Contemplated "Linden Wood Female College"- and at the Same time volunteered his Services to do all in his power to promote and carry out the proposed object- The Subject was faintly explained, and Submitted to Mrs. Sibley & myself; and finally after mature Consideration agreed to unanimously (Mr. Johns- Mr. Alderson- Mr. Watson Mr. McCalls- Mrs. Sibley & myself) as follows- The School Should be opened on

the first Monday, 5th. of March- to be conducted as nearly as practicable on the principles Set forth in the 3^d. Article of My Will, See page 98 &c.; to be managed as to terms and financial matters, by Messer. Watson- Alderson & Johns, in quality of trustees- Mr. and Mrs. McCalla to undertake the Boarding depart.- Mr. McC offered to teach Latin & French Gratuitously- But was not to exercise any control over the School; he disclaiming any wish to interfere in that matter- It was understood that my Wife and I consented to this arrangement. Only as a beginning of our favorite College Scheme, and as a Means of promoting that Object; expressly Stipulating, that nothing Shd. Be done- undertaken or done, the premises, inconsistent with our pledges to the Directors of the College; and that whenever the Board of Directors Shall think fit to assume their legitimate authority, all Should at once be given up to them- Such is the material Substance of the arrangement.- It was not put in writing I believe- being intended as a Mere Verbal understanding- The prospect was deemed favorable, as the demand for a good school was certainly urgent- The “Trustees” Settled the terms of tuition, board &c. at as low Rates as it was thought could be afforded- when all this was fixed and determined, printed Circulars were put forth, and the public notified thro’ Several Newspapers-

Miss Isabella Gibson, then engaged temporarily teaching at Kirkwood near St. Louis, was engaged to take charge of the School on Salary of \$400 for the Session of 10 Months besides her Board &c.- Accordingly on Monday Morning the 5th. March the School did open, inclement as was the weather, with attendance of 21 Scholars, 3 of whom are boarders (daughters of Dr. McIlhinny) Since then the Number has increased to 32, in attendance to day Six of whom are boarders- And Several others are expected Soon-

The daily Sessions are opened & closed with Singing, Scripture Reading and Prayer—
Miss Gibson is a Native of Scotland; her father is a Presbyterian Minister, O. S. Residing 7

Settled in Otis Messts.- She was Nine years old, She Says, When She came to America- has been teaching about Six years, and is well Recommended- So far gives Satisfaction-

This unexpected Success and progress, makes it obligatory on me (and other friends of the casue also), to put forth fresh and vigorous exertions to provide larger and better accommodations for the School- Indeed the effort Should be promptly made to put up one of the permanent College Buildings- which may easily be done before the 1^t. of December next, if Set about immediately, as already Stated page 104-

I propose very Soon to put this effort on foot, in Some form or other: the thing now most pressing, is to Secure \$3000 additional to the present Subscription &c.- The day hazy and mild- Mer: 60 Noon.

Wednesday 4th April '55.- Mg. ahzy & Clam- Mer: 50 at 8 A. N: Commenced early gardening on Monday- Vegetation is now commencing is earnest- Buds Swelling- grass looking green &c.- examined Some Peaches buds, now advancing Rapidly, and am Satisfied that So far they have escaped, and now promise an abundant Crop of Peaches- Mer. 65 at Noon.

Thursday 5th- The Mg Cloudy & Calm- Mer: 47 at 8 a. m. Mer: 55 at Noon- a Rough unpleasant day-

Friday 6th- Mg cloudy & calm- Mer. 38 at 8- 48 Noon-

Saturday 7th- Mg fair & airy- Mer- 36 at 8- wind Rises at 10- Mer. abt. 54 at Noon- cloudy near Nightfall

Sunday 8th- Mg Rainy- Calm and Mild- I did not go to church- the day contend. Cloudy & calm, with light Showers-

Monday 9th- Morning fair- Calm and pleasr.- Mer. 44 at 8 a.m. 60 at Noon- pleast. day-
42 Schollars in attendance to day-

Tuesday 10th- Mg fair & airy- Mer: 36 at 8 a.m.- wind from the Northward- Mer: 50 at
Noon- preparing ground Garden Seeds &c.- pleast. day.

Wednesday 11th- Mg fair & pleast.- Mer: 42 at 8 a.m. 64 at Noon- fine day

Thursday 12th- Mg fair & pleast.- Mer. 48 at 8 a.m. Somewhat windy- Mer. 68 at Noon-
Rain would be very acceptable.

Friday 13th- Mg Cloudy & calm- Mer. 54 at 8 a.m.- 82 at Noon very Sultry, Calm &
Sunny at Noon- Vegetation advances Rapidly.

Saturday 14th- Mg fresh & cloudy- Mer. 62 at 8 a.m.- A Storm of wind and Rain last
night considerable damage by the wind in the vicinity- Rain at 2 p.m. Cooler- Mer. 60 at Noon-

Sunday 15th April 1855- Mg Cloudy & airy- Mer 50 at Sunrise heavy Rain last Night-
attended Mr. McCalla's preaching this morning pretty good attendance- fair and bright at Noon-
Mer. 62 at Noon. Peach Trees just blooming- a very pleast. day- Mr. McCalla went down to the
prairie to preach in the afternoon, and with the intent to preach at Night in our Ch: Mr. John Boal
from Cincinnati, preached this afternoon in the New School Church-

Monday 16th- Mg Cloudy & damp & Calm- Mer. 56 at 8 a.m: Several New Schollars
entered the School this morning.- The Roads are getting good: and the Missouri is in pretty good
order for Boats. The Wheat Crops are unusually promising at this time generally- Corn and
Forage extremely Scarce- Many Cattle have died of Starvation- But the late fine weather and
Soaking Rains have Started the grass; So that there will Soon be good and abundants pasturage-

Mer: 70 at Noon. 78 at 4 p.m- Airy & pleast. at SunSet- Peaches & Plums are now in full bloom- Hyacinths, and Some other flowers blooming-

Tuesday 17th- The Mg fair & airy- Mer: 66 at 6 a.m- Mrs. Sibley Set out at 7 O'Clk: for St. Louis in the Omnibus, to make her Spring visit to her Relatives and for other purposes- She will endeavor to obtain Some further aid to the L. W. F. College- Mer. 87 Noon- very brisk flow of air, else the heat would have been extremely oppressive- the atmosphere very clear "cloudless- Mer: 84 at SunSet- Orchards and Some forest trees beginning to look green- The Dwarf Magnolia just blooming- Gooseberries in bloom-

Wednesday 18th. April '55- Mg fair & Sultry- Mer. 70 at 6 a.m: South wind Rises at 8, very fresh and pleasant.- the Snow-ball bushes leafing out, leaves about as large as a Cent piece- Red Buds bloomed out last Night- Mer. 89 at Noon- at Sunset- brisk breeze- fair & bright day-

Thursday 19th- Mg cloudy & calm- a dash of Rain last Night, For a moment only,- Mer: 71 at 6 a.m- close and Sultry- Mer: 78 at Noon- Still Rather Cloudy- The Lindens are yet without a green bud- Elms getting green- I wrote this Morning a few lines to Mrs. Sibley- very heavy deluging, Rain after Noon without wind however- Some Hail Stones fell with the Rain- Mer: after the Rain 63-

Friday 20th- Mg fair Calm & pleast.- Mer. 50 at 6- fire pleasant in the morning- About 10 grafted Pear trees of nearly as many kinds (French varieties chiefly) which were Carefully planted out in the Garden- I observe this Mornng that they are all doing well- Six of them are leafing out- one is blooming- To day Baltimore planted out, in the garden very carefully, the following- Sent up from St. Louis by Mrs. Sibley- to wit

2 pines (white I Suppose) east Side of the big walk in the flower garden-

10 pears, diff'tl Sorts, near the paling, east Side of the vegetable garden-

6 cherries diff't. Sorts, along the paling west Side of the vegetable garden-

Pears and Apples are blooming out Now- Many of the forest Trees are looking green- the weather is very fine- all nature looks gay and beautiful- To day I addressed a long Note to Mr. S. S. Watson- on the Subject of the "L. W. F. College- urging Some immediate action &c.-

Sunday 22d.- Mg fair and pleasant- Mer: 54 at 6- 70 at Noon-went to Church- pretty good attendance- Mr. McCalla lectured on the 24th Chapter of Isaiah- very bright, airy and pleasant at Noon- at Night I also attended church- Mr. McC. Preached a Most impressive Sermon from 1st. Corinthians 24th. Verse- Not very many in attendance.

Monday 23^d- Mg fair & pleast- Mer. 50 at 6- 79 at 4 p.m.- Mr. & Mrs. McCalla went to St. Louis to day in the Omnibus- Suffering from a bad Cold in my head- fire quite pleast. this morning- Lilacs just blooming out. Lindens Still apparently lifeless, the buds Slightly Swelling- Snow Falls about the Size of a 25 Ct. piece- forest trees quite greening all around-

Tuesday 24th- Mg hazy & airy Mer. 63 at 6- very Slight Shower last Night with Some thunder.- The day very warm- Mer. 80 at 4^{1/2}p.m:

Wednesday 25th- Mg hazy or Smoky, but fair & airy- Mer: 72 at 6 a.m: Spring has fairly opened- The Lindens are this morning Showing Signs of life Sprinkled with Some Scattering green twigs- One tulip has bloomed out. Mrs. & Mrs. Dick Spent part of the day with us- Mr. & Mrs. McCalla Returned from St. Louis per Omnibus- Mer. at 2 p.m- 87- brisk flow of air however- the day oppressive- hazy or Smoky-

Thursday 26th- Morning airy, cloudy- Mer. at 6- 67 – 55 at 10- brisk Northern breeze-
The Lindens are all quite green this Morning- at Nightfall we found fires quite agreeable- Mer
about -50 at Sunset- Still cloudy and airy-

L. W. 27th. April '55- morning fair & calm- Mer: 44 at Sunrise- fire almost necessary-
Mer: 66 to 70 in course of the day- fire in the evening- Asparagus getting plenty- the weather fair
and pleasant- ground in fine order for ploughing and planting- the Missouri is Rather too low for
navigation.

Saturday 28th- The morning fair, Sunny; and pleasant- Mer: 54 at Sunrose- Calm- every
thing grows Rapidly- Mercury as high as 78 in course of the day- the Surface of the ground
hereabout, is very dry for a few inches, but a little deeper there is moisture enough- Some
Showers would be very acceptable.

Sunday 29th- The Morning hazy and cloudy & airy- Mer. 64 at 6 a.m. Some heavy black
Clouds northwardly—went to church this Morning not many persons in attendance- Mr.
McCalla's lecture was from the twenty-fifth Chapter of Isaiah, and was very interesting
Afternoon he preached in the prairie; and again at Night in the Church: I attended- his text was
from 17th. Ch. Jeremiah 9th. V.- "The heart of Man is deceitful above all things, and desperately
wicked- who can know it?"- there were very few present- The discourse was Exceedingly able
and eloquent: Mer. 80 at 4 p.m.

Monday 30th- The Mg fair & airy Mer. 68 at 6 a.m- Humming Birds- Wrens- & Cat birds
are Come- No Be-wees or Blue birds yet, or Martins Mer. 86 at Noon- fine fresh breeze from the
West.- Mer. 88 at 4 p.m.- brisk air-

Tuesday 1^t. May 1855- Morning Calm and Rather cloudy- Mer: 68 at 6a.m- 72 at 9- very Sultry- Snow balls about the Size of large hen eggs- Some of them beginning to turn white- Lindens advancg. Very fast in their foliage- nearly all the forest trees in full green- The Apples- Pears- Peaches- Plums- Red buds, have Shed their bloom –Quinces and Cherries now in full bloom- Honey Suckles blooming-

This Morning I ventured to leave off my heavy flannel over Shirt- Mer. 70 at Noon- Calm- Raining Sweetly- thanks, thanks to the lord. Mer. 70 at SunSet- a very pleasant day-

Wednesday 2^d.- Mg Calm & Cloudy- Mer. 65 at 6 a.m- all nature around is luxuriantly green, flourishing and beautiful- Purple flag Lillies in bloom this Morning- Lilacs out of bloom- Dwf: Magnolias Still blooming, Since 17th. Ult^o.- Mer. 70 at Noon- Some- what cloudy- a Son of Judge Frayser, died at Mr. Yosti's yesterday, Supposed of Cholera, he was ill a few days only- he was (blank) years of age- a Student at the St. Charles College.

Thursday 3^d.- Mg Calm & Rainy- Mer. 54 at 6 a.m- gentle Rain- drizzly off & on nearly all the day- fire in the parlour all day and at Night- quite pleast.- Mer: abt. 54 all day-

Friday 4th.- Morning cloudy & calm- Mer. 52 at 6 a.m- fire pleast,- Some rain during the Night- all very Seasonable- for the Gardens & growing Crops- Mer. 65 at Noon- fair. Mrs. Sibley Returned home to day from St. Louis and Palmyra- There is Cholera about 'tis Said- but not bad

Saturday 5th. May '55.- The morning bright and airy- Mer' 50 at 6 a.m.- the day Remarkably pleasant; fair & calm neither too warm or too cool- There was a Picnic at L. Wood an very pleasant day the young ones had of it; there were about 80 besides grown persons- it was a PicNic in all Respects.

Sunday 6th- A fair pleast. morning- Mer: Ranged from 56 to 70- attended Ch: forenoon- Dark Clouds at Nightfall, and drizzling Rain; which kept me from attending at Night.

Monday 7th- Mg fair, airy & pleast.- Mer. 54 at 6 a.m.- about 65 at Noon- 50 at SunSet- growing cooler- the day windy, Raw and unpleast.- Fire quite agreeable at Night-

Tuesday 8th- Morning fair and airy- Mer: 34 at Sunrise- Frost in the low places- Some of the gardening at L. W. damaged- Mer; 56 at Noon- 50 S. Set- day fair and airy- pleast. out- Mrs. Sheffield & family, one Son & two daughters, arrived to day at L. W. from phila.- Mr. & Mrs. Smith departed from L. W. to day- they came here about the (blank) of March from Lewistown Illinois- we kept fire in the parlour all the day-

Wednesday 9th- Morning fair airy & pleast.- Mer. 34 at S. Rise frost again in the low grounds- wrote to Revd. Wm. McLain Secy. of the Am. Col. Soc & enclosed him \$23 for use of the Soc:- Fire all day- Mer: 62 at Noon- fair & pleast. out in the Sun- pleast. in by the fires- there are now 45 Scholars attending School at L. W. pretty Regularly- Mer. 50 at SunSet- fair and pleasant-

Thursday 10th May 1855.- The morning fair and bright, and airy- mer. 42 at Sunrise- 68 at Noon- 58 at Sunset- fires pleast. at Night- the Missouri River is Still very low, at St. Charles-

Several deaths in and near St. Charles Recently, Said to be from Cholera-

Friday 11th- Morning fair, Calm & bright- Mer. 44 at Sunrise- fires finished planting the Millington Lot (lo Arps.) in Corn to day- in good order- Mer: 72 at Noon- 57 at SunSet- a very pleasant day.

Saturday 12th- Morning fair, Calm & bright- Mer: 46 at S. Rise. Mer. 80 at 2 p.m- 70 at Sunset- the day fair and pleasant.-

Sunday 13th- The Morning Calm and Cloudy- Mer. 60 at 6 a.m. Mrs. Betty A. Dick, wife of Isaac A. Dick, Died yesterday morning, at his Residence in the prairie below St. Charles, very Suddenly, leaving an infant abt. 8 Months old, and five other Children- Her Remains were interred in the Presbyterian burying ground at Linden Wood, this afternoon- a large number of people attended at Mr. Dick's House, & at the grave- Mr. McCalla preached in the Church- I did not leave home to day, except to go to the grave yard- Mer. 75 Noon- 65- S.S- Cloudy all day-

Monday 14th- Mg Cloudy & Calm, & Showry- Mer. 60 at 6 a.m. 70 at Noon- Cleared off at 11 a.m- there Seems to be need of Rain.

Tuesday 15th- Mg Cloudy & airy- Mer. about 60 at Sunrise- 75 to 78 from 12 to 3- 70 at SunSet- the afternoon cloudy & dark The School at L. W. is increasing and prospering under the tuition of Miss Gibson and Mrs. Sheffield-

Wednesday 16th May- The Morning fresh and fair- Mer. 60 at S. Rise fine Refreshing Rain last Night, with Some thunder- a blessing for which we Should be very thankful—Our Cistern were all empty, we had to haul water from the Missouri on Saturday- Mer: 78 at Noon Sultry- flying Rain clouds- Cool & fair at S. Set- Mer. then at 60.-

Thursday 17th- Morning cloudy and dark- Mer. 50 at 6 a.m. heavy Rain during the night with heavy thunder—54 at Noon Still Cloudy and damp- Roses abundant and in variety- Mer. 50 at SunSet- fine pleast.- a dark, damp, cloudy day- fine for the garden & field.

Friday 18th- The morning cloudy & airy- Mer. 50 S. R- fire very comfortable- the Mer Ranged from 50 to 65- the day Cloudy, threat. Rain.

Saturday 19th- Mg fair and bright- Mer. abt. 50 at S. R- fire pleasant- a very pleast. day- Mer. Ranged from 50 to 74- fine fresh air all day-

Sunday 20th Another fine day, Same as yesterday- attended Church morning and night- pretty good attendance in the morning- very few at Night-

Monday 21st- Mg fair and airy- Mer. 64 at Six O'Clk: a.m. 86 at Noon, fair & airy & pleasant- 90 at 4 p.m: airy and fair.

The 13 year Locusts are now Coming up from the ground in great numbers- In my "Common place Book N^o. 2" – date 7 May 1842 it is noted that the Locusts appeared on the 1st May, & on p. 179-21th. June: tis Stated that they contd. till about the 15th June- We had them in may 1829 'till Sometime in June- And in May 1868, this visitation may be expected again to occur.- We Shall probably have them 'till about 4th. July.-

Linden- Wood 22^d. May 1855- Mg fair and airy- Mer. 75 at 7 a.m- 92 at Noon, fair & airy- Strawberries ripe and good- Green Peas to day- The Cirvuit Court (Judge Wells) Commenced yesterday Mg. in St. Charles.

The following from the Laconics of M. de Lemannais- "Whenever a party Struggles openly against the Government, & gains Strength in the Combat, it will at last infallibly triumph"- "Woman is a flower whose perfume is exhaled only in the Shade"-

The mercury was up to 94 at 5 p.m.- 86 at SunSet- cloudy in the North, turning a little cooler-

Wednesday 23^d.- Mg Cloudy & airy- Mer. about 65 at Sunrise- Some heavy gusts of wind last Night from Northward- Mer. 85 Noon clouding off Southwardly- Mer: abt. 65 at SunSet- cleared off very bright moonlight- Sweet and pleasant air-

Thursday 24th- The Morning cloudy & airy- Mer: abt. 60 at S. R. 65 at Noon- Still cloudy, Slight Sprinkle of Rain- A Soaking Rain much needed, as we think- Mer. abt. 60 at S.Set- fair-

Friday 25th The Morning cloudy & dark: Mer. abt. 52 at S. Rise- 65 at Noon, Still cloudy- The St. Charles College, teachers & Schollars, have a Pic-nic to day in a grove on Dr. Powell's land, to which Mrs. Sibley- Mr. McCalla & nearly all the L. W. School have gone- The day is quite cool enough, but Rather too airy, dark and dreary- There is also a party of Some kind given to the Public School in Saint Charles by Mr. Henderson, the teacher & others- after SunSet- the day cloudy- Showry just at Night- fires pleasant after Sundown-

Saturday 26th May 1855.- The morning very cloudy and dark- Some Rain thro' the Night- Mer: about 65 at 5 a.m. – At 7½ a.m. Commenced to Rain; and Continued (Sometimes very hard) 'till after 10 whenit ceased; but did not clear off- Mer. at 12. 64- cloudy- Fire useful & pleast. all day- cloudy & chilly all the day & at Night.

Sunday 27th- Mg Rainy- Much Rain last night- Mer. to day from 56 to 65- a dark damp cloudy day- did not go out from home- quite fair at Night- very Muddy

Monday 28th Mg Cloudy & Calm- Mer. abt. 60 at S. Rise- 75 Noon Rather cloudy- no Rain to day- but quite pleasant- the Locusts are becoming very noisy-

Tuesday 29th—Morning fair, Calm and pleast.- mer. 60 at S. Rise- 76 at Noon- Heavy Rain a little after Night-fall-

Wednesday 30th- Morning Airy and Showry- Much Rain fell during the Night and this morning- the earth, hereabout, is Completely Soaked- all good for the Crops So far- Mer. abt. 66 at 7 a.m- 75 at Noon, partially fair- Just before SunSet, a very, very heavy Rain Set in which Continued off & on 'till late at Night- No lightning, thunder or wind.

Thursday 31st- The morning Cloudy wet & Calm- Mer. abt. 64 at S. Rise The Govr. Of Missouri having appointe this as a day of "Thanksgiving and prayer"- it was duly observed in St. Charles- At our Church we had a very interesting and pleasant meeting at 11 a.m.- in which Dr. Anderson, of the College, Mr. Sutro Same, Revd. Mr. Fenton of the Methodist Ch: participated with Mr. McCalla our pastor.- The Rest og the day I Spent at Mr. King's in Town- It began to Rain very hard at 1½ and Contind. off & on 'till near Night The River is on the Rise Steadily- We had fires at night-

Linden- Wood Friday 1^t. June 1855.- Morning very Cloudy, wet and airy- wind from the Morth- Mer. abt. 54 at S. R—Fires pleast.- Mer. 56 at Noon- a cloudy, dark, Raw unpleasnt day- no Rain- Mer. not above 56-

Saturday 2^d- Morning cloudy & dark, Raw & ugly- Mer. abt. 50 at S. Rise- Some Rain last Night- another Raw unpleasnt. day- A man by the name of Anderson, manager of the ferry boat, was killed to day in a fight with an old man by name of Patterson, both having families-

Sunday 3^d- A fair pleast. morning- a chilly Raw day after 11 O'Clk: not feeling well, I lay in bed 'till after noon- I did not go in to church the Mer. has Ranged between 50 & 60- Fires allday-

Monday 4th- Mg fair, airy & cool- Mer. abt. 50 at Sunrise- another Raw unpleasant day- Raining at bed time.

Tuesday 5th- Another unpleasant damp day- Rain at night- Mer. not aboe 60 to day or yesterday.

Wednesday 6th- A Eainy day throughout- Commenced Raing. At 8 P.M. last evening & Contind. 'till agter Nine to Night.

Thursday 7th- fair this morning- Showry after noon- the ground completely Soaked- Mer. 66 at Noon- the Locusts do not flourish very well in this Month So far- tho' they are Still very noisy at intervals, when not Raining-

Friday 8th Saturday 9th Sunday 10th- very much out of order, from a bad cold, with cough Since the 2^d the weather generally unpleast.- on Saturday the mer. was at 83- Sunday I kept in- fires pleast. nearly all the tiem this Mo:

Linden- Wood Monday 11th. June 1855- Mg fair and airy & chilly out- a Smart Shower after- Noon- Mer: not above 70.

Tuesday 12th- Rather a pleasant day- quite fair and Airy- Mer. Ranged from 60 to 72 to day- It appears that Patterson, who killed Anderson on the 2^d. Inst., has been dischared from

arrest, on the ground that committed the Act in Self- defence: the evidence of which was very Clear and Conclusive-

Wednesday 13th- A fair pleast. Morning- Mer. about 65 at S. R. 70 at 11- 70 at Noon- The Missouri is now is good boating order, and nearly over its banks opposite St. Charles- Mer. 68 S. Set.

Thursday 14th- The Morning airy, fair & chilly in the open air- Mer. abt. 65 at 7 a.m- 68 at Noon- Still airy & fair-

Friday 15th- Mg Cloudy & airy- wind from Southward- west- fair & Sunny & Pleast. at Noon- Mer: 76- Locusts continue to come up. Many are dying off, having finished their allotted Course- the females depositing their eggs in the tender twigs of the trees, which Soon wither and drop off- the females die as Soon as they finish laying their eggs- a very warm day after Noon- at 4p.m. the Mer. Rose to 84- airy and pleasant at SunSet- the Night close and Sultry.

Saturday 16th- The morning fair, airy and pleasant, in the Shade. Mer: 84 at 10 A. M:- fine weather for the Crops, which I learn are generally very promising- The Wheat fields generally look well, and are just beginning to turn yellow- Potatoes very promising- Gardens flourishing, Apples & Peaches grow finely- also pears- Mer: 90 after 3 p.m.

Linden –Wood Sunday 17th June 1855- The Morning fair and Sultry- Mer: abt. 75 at Sunrise- 80 at 11- 94 at 3 p.m.- Airy at SunSet & cooler. I attended Ch: in the Morning- good attendance- did not go out at Night.

Monday 18th- Cloudy at S.R. & airy- fair and bright and breezy at 10 O'Clk: MEr. abt. 70 at 7- 90 at Noon- airy & pleast. in the Shade- House flies not come yet any number- Raspberries

Ripening for a week past, and are very abundant in our garden- It is generally healthy hereabout-
Wheat Harvesting has commenced Some days Since, tho' not generally. Much will be Cut this
week: but more next week – Mer. 90 at 3 p.m.

Tuesday 19th- Mg Cloudy 'till 10- Airy & pleast. tho the mer. was 80 at 9- fine
Refreshing Shower at abt. #p.M- Cobler afterwards.

Wednesday 20th- Cloudy in the early morning- Mer. 84 Noon.

Thursday 21^t The morning cloudy and airy & pleast.-Mer: 78 at 10 a.m. 83 Noon: Clsoe
& Sultry- Sat: 23^d.- day very warm-

Sunday 24th- day very warm- Spent the day in town- attended Ch: Morning, after- Noon
& Night- (after noon at the N. S. Ch.) to hear a young Mr. Ward.

Monday 25th- Tuesday 26- Wed: 27- Thursday 28- Friday 29th- these days very hot- Mer:
Ranging from 76 to 94- a fine Rain on Thursday- Wheat Harvest going on finely- Locusts all
done Since 25th- very little damage done.

Saturday 30th- Hot day- School at L. W- goes well- Dr. McIlhinney took his 3 daughters
on the 21^t- the eldest a Stubborn Catholic, and had become much dissatisfied- their Removal all
the better, I think-

Linden- Wood Sunday 1^t. July 1855- A fine, cool, fair pleasant day- but I felt too much
indisposed to leave home to attend church, & Staid in the house.

Monday 2^d.- Morning airy & pleasant- House flies are now abundant have been for
Several days past- Some Musquetoos tho' not many Mer: at Noon 82- getting warmer- A

meeting of the board of Directors of the L. W. F. College was by appt. to have been held to day;
but it failed, only two members (Watson & Johns) attending Adjourned to the 5th. (Thursday)

Tuesday 3rd- a pleasant fair Morning – Mer: up to 90 at Noonday-

Wednesday 4th- Mg fair, airy & pleast.- hot in the Sun- Mer: 80 at 11 a.m. the Locusts are
fast disappearing- they have done very little damage hereabout.- I here Suspend my diary, on
account of frequent interruptions of Neuralgia-

May 1856\

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May 1856- Note- Revd. Mr. McCalla Suddenly gave up the Charge of our Church in October last, and left St. Charles- but his family Remained at L. Wood 'till Sometimes in Decemr. Last- the School has been Contind. Under Miss Gibson- Mrs. Sheffield and Mrs. Durfee- the boarders are now in Charge of Mrs. Durfee- the School is Small- only about 20 Schollars in all- Since the Removal of Mr. McCalla and family, harmony & good feeling have prevailed-

In Feby. Renewed efforts were made to Commence building the L. W. F. College, but the effort Soon died; and there appeared to be no prospect of any thing being done towards it- Mr. I. O. Sawyer a popular architect of St. Louis, did at the instance of Rev. Dr. Rice, furnish a plan & Specifications for a Commodious & handsome Building, which after Some alterations, was approved and adopted- But the building committee declined making any Contract, for the Reason that the bids were all, as they decided, too high and beyond their disposable or Reliable means- And So they let the matter drop; and manifested no further intention to proceed- In this emergency I resolved that the long cherished project shd. Not thus be abandoned- It was ascertained on Carful enquiry that the Building proposed by Mr. Sawyer would Require about \$14,000 to out it up and finish it complete- not over \$10,000 of that Sum had been Secured- To obtain the Balance, or as much of it as possible, Mrs. Sibley undertook to Solicit the Churches and friends of female education at St. Louis, but with Rather indifferent Success- Not discouraged however, Mr. S & I Still pursued our object, and fully intend to pursue it, 'till it is accomplished- And the prospect now (10th. May) is, that the enterprise will Mainly, if not

entirely depend on our almost unaided exertion and influence- The object is with us very dear and we trust with the help of the Lord to accomplish it-

May 22^d- After no little negotiation and delay an offer has been made by a Reliable and Responsible Builder of St. Louis, to put up the Building agreeably to the plans & Specifications of Mr. Sawyer- And this is the only offer that we can Rely on- the price is high, but not considered exorbitant (See opposite page)-

24th.- The proposal of Bigelow & Soh has been duly considered & accepted, and they are authorized to Commence operations immediately-

JUNE 3^d- Bigelow & Son- Commenced the excavation this Morning-

22^d. May- After no little negotiation and delay an offer has been made by a Reliable and Responsible Builder of St. Louis, to put up the Building agreeably to the plans & Specifications of Mr. Sawyer- And this is the only offer that we can Rely on- the price is High, but not considered exorbitant (See opposite page)-

St. Louis May 22^d. 1856.

To the Building Committee of the Linden- Wood Female College St. Charles- We propose to build the Linden- Wood Female College, according to the plans elevations and Specifications Submitted (& hereunto annex'd) and to furnish all the Materials and labour for Said Building, for the Sum of Thirteen thousand and eight- hundred dollars (413,800) to be paid as follows- to wit-

\$850 when the Rough Stone work is completed- Pd.

\$600 when the 1^t. floor of Joists is laid- Pd.

\$1200 when the 2^d. floor of Joists is laid- Pd.

\$1200 when the 3^d. floor of Joists is laid- Pd.

\$1200 when the 4th. floor of Joists is laid- Pd.

\$1200 when the framing of Roof is Sheated- Pd.

\$1200 when the Roof is Sheated & cornice finished- Pd.

\$400 when the Observatory is enclosed.

\$1000 When all the floors are laid-

\$1000 when the buildg. Is Ready for plaistering

\$900 when 1^t. coat plaistg is on the lath.

\$500 when 1^t. & 2^d. coat plaistg is on walls & lath.

\$400 when all the plaistg is finished.

\$500 when finish of doors, windows &c. is up.

\$500 when doors & windows are hung & glased

\$1150 when the building is finished & delivered

\$13800

(Security given if Required)

Respectfully Submitted

Jotham Bigelow & Son

R. Holmes & Co. (as Security)

We the undersigned, Building committee of the Linden- Wood Female College Do accept and agree to the above proposals of Jotham Bigelow & Son for Building Said College, and will pay to Said Bige-low & Son, the Several Sums of Money named above as they fall due Respectively- Amounting in all to Thirteen thousand and eight hundred dollars-

Signed Geo. C. Sibley Chairman

S. S. Watson

B. A. Alderon

G. C. S. was put on the Com. 4th July- Dr. Rice absent- The Specifications Referred to on the preceding page, are Correctly Copied (also the drawings) pages 127 to 133-

Specifications

Specifications of Work and Materials for a Building designed for the Linden- Wood Female College near St. Charles Missouri-

The Drawings accompanying these Specifications Show the Size of the Building, and of the different apartments; height of Stories- also the arrangement of the Stairs, Windows, Doors &c.-

Excavation.- The Basement to be Nine feet in the clear, and the excavation to be 10 ft. below the lower edge of the joists of the principal floor, So as to allow One foot for joists or Sleepers- there will be trenches one foot deep, for the foundation of the Walls- The trenches for the outside walls to be 3 ft. wide, for inside walls 2 ft. wide- All necessary excavations to be done and the Superfluous earth to be Removed to Such place or places as may be Selected-

Stone Work: The foundations of outside walls to be one foot by 3 feet- for the inside walls 1 ft. by 2 ft. to be laid with large flat Stones, well bedded in good lime Mortar- the outside wall to be of Stone 22 inches thick, and carried up to the Surface of the ground, and finished at the top with a Hammer dressed Range Course 8 inches thick- the Stone walls to be built So as to be flush with the Brick wall on the inside- the offset to be on the Outside under the Range Course- the Stone work to be done with the best quality of building lime Stone, laid in Morter made of the best Lime and coarse Sand or gravel---

Brickwork.- The outside walls of the building from the Stone work to the Roof, also the inside partition walls, as Shown by the drawings, to be of the best quality of hard burned Brick- there will be dead arches turned over all the openings throughout the Building- the flues to be well parged, and to have Sheet Iron Collars & caps from each Room- the external Surface of the outside walls, also the chimneys, to be faced with Red Brick, with the joints neatly pointed- the Morter for the Brick-work to be made of unslacked lime and clean coarse Sand- the Brick work to be done in a workmanship manner-

Cut Stone Work- The water table around the building to be 8 inches in the face, Resting 5 inches on the wall- there will be Stone caps & Sills to all the windows & doors in the outside walls, as Shown on the Drawings- (the Steps to the main entrance as Shown on the plan E. Elevation, to be of Sound durable Wood) Window Sills 5 x 9 Inches caps 4x10 in: Door Sills 8 in. thick by the width of the walls- All the Stone work to be dressed in a neat & workmanlike Manner-

Carpenters Work- All the Timber used in the Building to be of the best quality of Oak- Pine or Poplar- the Joists to Rest on the Walls not less than 4 inches- Joists for the Basement floor to be 2 inches by 10 in: principal floor 2x6 in: Secound floor 2x13in: third floor 2x12in: Ceiling for 5 T G 2x6 in:- The tie Beams for Roof 6 x 10 inches truss braces 6x8 in: King posts 6 x 12 in: Purlines 6 x 8 in: Strutt braces 4 x 6 In: back Rafters 3 x 5 in: Wall plates 3x8 in: Lintles 4 x4 inches- Brackets for Comics 2 x 12 inches: Bridging 1½ x2½ in: All the Joists to be cambered and framed in the best manner- All Joists & Studs in partitions to be placed not more than 16 inches apart from center to center- There will be two Rows of Bridging, to the principal, 2^d & 3^d. floors- (there will be a 9 in, brick wall under under the center of the Basement floor)- The Roof to be a principal Roof, framed in the most approved Style- The King post to be

fastened to the tie beam the Iron Straps of ½ in: Iron with Suitable Keys- Heel bolts to truss braces to be of One inch Round iron- The Roof to be tight Sheather in the best manner, & covered in the very best manner with the best quality of Slate.—The Cornice to be a Box Cornice- the Brackets to be cut of the proper Shape, So as to Receive a Sunk Gutter, to be lined to Receive the tin- Cornice to project two feet four Inches the face of the wall- the hips of the Roof to be covered with 5/8 Saddle boards- There will be 14 in: valley tine behind the Chimneys- The Observatory to be built as Shown by the drawings- the Cornice to have 18 inches projection- and to be of the Same pattern as the Main Cornice- The Roof of Observatory to be covered with best tin- The Sash to be hung with 3½ in: Butte & to be finished with Suitable fastenings- there will be Suitable Stairs leading from 3^d. floor to the floor of the Observatory- The Observatory to be finished complete in every particular- The Basement & principal Story Window frames to be Box frames, with Suitable beads, Stops &c.- the Sash throughout the building to be Ovalo 1½ in thick- all in the Box frames to be hung in the usual manner—The Floors of the Basement Story & the Halls of the principal Story to be of Yellow Pine – all other floors to be good White, all to be dressed not more than Six inches wide, laid Straight joint & Secret nailed in every joint- The Stairs to be of a Continued Rail Stair with four bearers; Steps & Risers of Yellow pine Steps 1 1/8 in thick- Risers 7/8 in: with Scotia & Nosen Returned on ends of Steps- Steps & Risers grooved together & glued up- Hand Rails 3 ¼ in: by 2 in: Banisters 1 ¾ in: Square at the Base- all to be of Cherry- Banisters to be turned—Newil Posts to be 8 in: at base- turned with Miter caps-

There will be plain brackets on the ends of the Steps- There will be a flight of Steps from the back door to the ground, in Rear of the Building to be of easy Rise and tread- The DOOR at the main entrance to be finished as Shown by the Drawings, with Side lights & transom

complete- All Door frames to be made of two inch lumber- the inside door frames to be Rebated on both edges- there will be transoms over all the doors- those in the Basement to be 8 in: wide- principal Story 12 in wide 2^d. & 3^d. Stories 10 in: Wide- there will be plain jambs to all windows, tongued into the frames- The finish to windows and doors in Basement to be plain 4 inch pilasters 7/8 in: thick, with 5 inch heads 1 1/8 in thick- Doors & Windows of the principal Story to be finished with 7 inch pilasters, the heads finished with neat Cornices with 3 inch projection- The pilasters at doors to finish on Sub: plinths- The Doors & windows in the 2^d. & 3^d; Stories to be finished with 3½ inch band moulding- The finish to all windows to Rest on Stools with 4 inch faecia- the faecia in the principal Story to have a Moulding under the Stool- The Base in principal Story to be a moulded Base 11 inches high, moulding 2½ in:- all the other Bases to be plain beveled bases 6in: wide All Bases to be tongued in a Strip on the floor and housed into plinths- The Base in all the Halls to be Same as that in principal Story- All doors in the principal Story to be 1 ¾ in: thick and moulded- all to be 3 ft: by 7½ ft: except the front door- all the other doors to be plain, 1½ in: thick – 2 ft: 10 by 7ft:- All the doors to be hung and the fastenings put on- There will be double joists under all partitions- Also all trommers to fire places to be double- There will be corner Strips put up to all external Angles--- there will be grounds put up for Base and inside finish in the principal Story- All mantles to be Cox Mantles- Pilasters 7 inch by 2½ in: Shelf 9 inch by 1 ¾ in: Bed mould under cap- plinths & caps to pilaster- All lathing to be done with best Sawed pine lath, and the different apartments throughout the Building, uncluding Halls, Stairways &c. to be plaistered three Coats of Brown Morter and one of White- All inside finish, Base c. to be put up after the plaistering is finished- and the plaistering is to be finished to the floor with the Brown Morter- The Morter for the plaistering to be made of unslacked lime & clean Coarse Sand-

Hardware- The 1 $\frac{3}{4}$ Inch doors to be hung with 4 in: Butt Hinges all other floors with 3 $\frac{1}{2}$ in: butt hinges- the doors in the principal Story will have mortice lock with night latch attached, with white knobs and plated furniture- All others to have Six inch Rim locks and brown knobs- there will a Bell to the front entrance- the pull to be the quality as the furniture to front door lock—All Locks, Hinges and fastenings to be of the best quality American Manufacture, and all nails, hardware & Iron work necessary to complete the Building to be furnished of the best quality.

Tin Work- The Gutters at the eaves to be at least Six inches wide at the top, and conductors to be 3 $\frac{1}{2}$ in: diameter- All to be made of double Cross tin, well Soldered & put together in the best manner.

Painting & Glazing—All the windows to be glazed with the best quality of Pittsburgh Class- and all wood work that is usually painted to have three heavy Coats of paint- to Say, two Coats of the best American White Lead & boiled oil, and finished with a third coat of such Colours as may be Selected & approved- the Doors in the principal Story to be grained in imitation of Oak- all the other painting to be plain Colours.

The Cistern- There will be a Cistern to contain not less than two hundred Barrels, to be built in a very Substantial manner, and to be properly lined with the best quality of water proof cement.

The Plumbing Work—There will be a Suitable force pump for Supplying Tank for Bath-Room, wash Room &c. Said Tank to contain not less than 250 Gallons, and to be lined with heavy lead- Also the Bath tub to be lined with lead- All necessary work and materials for the completion of all the Plumbing to be of the best quality- The Building in every particular to be

complete- all the materials to be of the best quality, and all the work to be done in the most workmanlike manner-

Plumbing Work additional- to wit- In the Kitchen to have a 40 Gallon Copper Boiler & heater in Stove to be Supplied with water by 5/8 inch pipe- Also one Sink lined with lead, & Supplied with hot & cold water by 5/8 in: pipe & 5/8 in bib cocks- Also in Bath Room, in 2^d. Story to have one Bath-tub lined with lead, and Supplied with hot & cold water by 5/8 in: pipes & bibb cocks. With 1¼ in: Standing & waste pile leading to the yard- Also one 13 inch Marble wash-Basin Supplied with hot and cold by ½ inch pipe & upright brass basin cock, & brass plug and complug, and one inch waste leading to waste pipe of Bath- Also one inch lead pipe leading to Kitchen & washroom from Tank- & 5/8 inch Bibb Cocks—Also, to lay the Gas pipes necessary for the Halls & large Rooms in the principal Story- The Hall in the principal Story to have openings in pipe to Receive two burners- the other two Halls to have each one opening in pipe- Each Room to have one opening in the pipe to Recive burners.-

(Note by Mrs. Sibley- Mr. Biglow promises to Shelve closets as may be desired without making any extra charge-)

Note 2^d. Augt. '56- It is agreed by the Building Comm: that the narrow passage between the Wash Room & Kitchen (as originally planned) Shall be thrown into the Kitchen- thus dispensing with one partition wall, Door &c.- Also that Copper Gutters Shall be put up instead of tin Gutters- Also that the finishing casing of the windows in the principal Story, Shall be down to the floor- Also that all the chimneys Chall be capped with Stone caps--- Dec.- Also- that the flooring of the cellar be left out-

July 4th 1856

July 4th 1856 The Board of Directors of the L. W. F. College Met at L. W. this morning pursuant to appt. and adjourmt- Present- S. S. Wastson- Presd-.- Rev: S. J. P. Anderson- Andrew King and John Jay Johns Secy. Pro: tem: G. C. Sibley & Mary E. Sibley came before the Board and offered their Quit Claim Deed to 120 Acres of land for use of the college, (as per Copy of Sid Deed pages 136-137-138-139 & 140)- which was Read and carfully examined; and on motion of Dr. Anderson, was unanimously accepted by the board- A pic-nic Celebration of the day being in progress under the Shades of L. W. the Board took Recess to join the Crowd &c. and allow the large company assembled to witness the presentation of said Deed to the College with Suitable explanations (by G. C. S)- After this was done, Mr, Asa Overall Read the “ Declaration of Independence” with great propriety- and Judge Krum of St. Louis, delivered an address- and then the crowd gathered at S°. E, Corner of the New building , and I laid the Corner Stone with Some Remarks and the Ceremony concluded with a very Solemn and Most appropriate prayer to Almighty God for his blessing on the undertaking, by Dr. Anderson- After Noon- The Board Met again- and on Motion of Dr. Anderson it was ordered that the Prest. Execute a deed of Lease for Life, to G. C. Sibley & wife, in presence of the Board &c,- which was all done in due form, and the deed delivered &c.- for Correct Copy of which Deed of Lease See page 146- (The Deed is on file)-

July 4th 1856

Quit Claim Deed

Whereas- By an Act of the General Assembly of Missouri approved the 24th. February 1853, the “Linden-Wood Female College” was incorporated- located at Linden-Wood in the County of St. Charles, and placed under the care Supervision and controul (virtually) of the Presbytery of St. Louis, of the Old School branch of the Presbyterian Church in the United states of America- And Whereas, the Presbytery have accepted the Charter of Said College, and have assumed the Care and Supervision thereof, and have adopted the following outline of the Plan- System- Principles Objects and purposes to be observed and pursued in the establishment and government of the Said College- Namely- The Lindenwold Female College is to be set up and established on a large liberal plan, and on a lasting formation- to consist of Primary- High- and Normal Schools- with a Domestic and Boarding Department connected therewith- It is to Supply (at as low charges as practicable) ample facilities for Female Education, in the best Sense and meaning of the term- (the proper development and cultivation of the intellectual Moral and Physical faculties)- It is to present a School or Schools wherein female youth given in baptism to the Redeemer (not excluding others) may be properly educated, and qualified for the important duties of Christian mothers and School teachers- Wherein the Holy Bible shall always have a prominent place, and be a permanent class book.- In which the whole course of instruction and Discipline Shall be based on the Religion of Jesus Christ as held and taught in the Confession of Faith and Catechisma of the Presbyterian Church in the United States of America as adopted by the General Assembly of Said Church in the year 1821- In fine, to Supply Schools adapted to qualify the pupils not only to enjoy the Rational pleasures of life as accountable beings, but to become enlightened accomplished and useful Members of Society; to discharge with ease and

grace, the peculiar duties of the Sex in all their various Relations- Also So to convey and adapt instruction, appropriately, as to give a decidedly National bias to the youthful mind--- And Whereas The Directory of the Said College have taken Suitable measure for putting up one of the Principal Edifices thereof, which is now in progress of erection- Wherefore, the undersigned in view of the premises; have executed and delivered the following Deed of Conveyance- to wit-

This Quit Claim Deed, made and entered into by and between George Champlain Sibley and Mary Easton Sibley his Wife, of the First part, and the "Linden-Wood" Female College, of the Second part, all of the County of St. Charles in the State of Missouri, Witnesseth- That the Said party of the First part, for in Consideration of their earnest desire to aid in the endowment and in promoting the objects and purposes of Said College, as above Set forth; and of ten dollars to them paid by the Said party of the Second part, the Receipt of Which is hereby confessed, Have Remised, Released and Quitted Claim and by these presents Do Remise, Released and Quitted Claim and by these presents Do Remise, Release and forever Quit Claim unto Said Linden-Wood Female College, the following described tract or parcel of land, Situate in the Said

County of St. Charles westerly od and near to the City of St. Charles- to wit Beginning at the South-West corner of the So called, "Prairie Haut Fields", Two hundred and thirty-nine (239) Poles to a Stone – Thence North 57°. East, Eighty one poles and threefourths of a Pole ($81 \frac{3}{4}$) to a Stone near westerly line of the land of one Whitney. Thence with Said line, and the westerly line of land formerly Millington's South 33°. East, Two hundred and thirty nine (239) Poles to a Conner Stone near a public Road- Thence South 57°. West near Road Eighty one Poles and three fourths of a Pole ($81 \frac{3}{4}$) to the Beginning. The above described Metes and bounds, embrace an Area of 121 4790/4840 Acres; and include One Acre and a half conveyed by Said Sibley & wife to the First Presbyterian Church of St. Charles, for a "Burying place" by Deed dated 27th.

January 1853- they also include 2370 Square yards taken off of the S^o. W. corner for use of a public Road- Deducting the above named A Acre and a half and the 2370 Sq. yards, now of which is intended to be conveyed by this instrument; there Remains One hundred and twenty Acres all of which is intended to be conveyed by this Deed (See the Annex'd Plat)- Which Said One hundred and twenty Acres, the Said George C. Sibley and Mary E. Sibley his wife, do hereby convey unto the Said Linden- Wood Female College as aforesaid- To Have and to Hold the Same, with all the Rights, privileges and appurtenances thereunto belonging, or in any manner appertaining, unto the Said College forever.

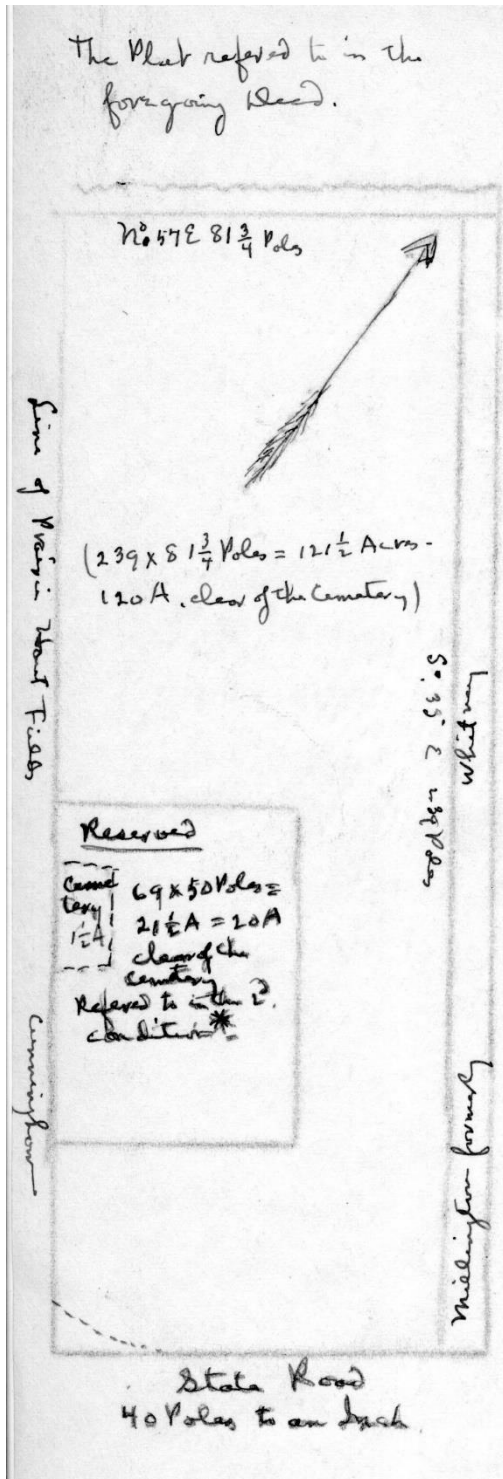
In making this Deed, which is in its nature and design a Donation the Said George C. Sibley and Mary E. Sibley his wife, declare it to be their intention to convey the land herein described, to the Said College with a Title Sufficient in law- Yet they consider and believe it to be their duty as well as their Right, to annex to this Deed the following Conditions, on the faithful compliance with which on the part of the party of the Second part, must always depend the perpetuity of the title herein conveyed--- First, The One Hundred and twenty Acres of land conveyed by this Deed, with all its Rents, Revenues and Avails Howsoever accruing, Shall never in any manner or under any pretence whatever, either in whole or in part, be diverted or alienated from proper benefit, Service and behoof of the College aforesaid- Provided however, that no Deed of Lease that the Directory of Said College may execute in favour of Said Sibley and Wife Shall in any of its provisions be deemed inconsistent with, or any infraction of this condition—
Second condition By Reference to the Plat* annex'd it will be Seen that a Lot of twenty Acres (net), part of the 120 Acres decribed above, has been Marked, "Reserved", and Set apart- Now it is the purpose pf this condition that the 26 Acre Lot designated in the Plat opposite, Shall always be Reserved from Sale or lease (except as provided in the first condition in favour Sibley & wife)

and shall be kept and maintained entire and without diminution- for the Sole and exclusive use and accommodation of the aforesaid College,for Gardens- Orchards- Groves- Recreation Grounds &c. and always to Secure Ample Space around the Buildings of the College free from intrusion and the annoyance of the too close proximity of Neighbors- So to promote the health and comfort of the too close proximity of Neighbors- So to promote the health and comfort of the inmates of the Institution- Third condition- Whenever the Directory of Said College Shall in their discretion deem it expedient to Sell or Lease any portion or portions of the land herein conveyed, that it not Reserved, they Shall in every Such case, insert in every Deed a Strict prohibition against the Setting up or allowing of any Drinking or Gambling House- Garden or Booth for Gambling or furnishing intoxicating drinks- or of any disorderly establishment whatever- All Such nuisances and all others to be guarded against, forbidden and excluded from premises as far as may be practicable- any infraction of the Three foregoing conditions or either of them Shall work the forfeiture of the title conveyed in this Deed- Provided that no act or omission of mere inadvertence (So proved to be) Shall be deemed an infraction- but only Such as can be proved to be deliberately designed and intended- or of gross & palpable neglect-

In Witness Whereof the Said George Champlin Sibley and Mary Easton Sibley his Wife, Have hereunto Set their hands and affixed their Seals, at Linden- Wood this Fourth of July in the year of Jesus Christ our Lord, one thousand eight Hundred and fifty Six- (1856)

Signed Geo C. Sibley Seal

Signed Mary E. Sibley Seal



Note- the foregoing Deed (original) was duly and fully acknowledged, before the Deputy of Ben Emmons Jur. Clk: of the Circuit Court of St. Charles County Mr. R. F. Kennedy on the day of the date and filed for Record Same day-

A correct Copy of the Deed was deposited in the cavity of the corner Stone (the S^o. E. Corner) of the 1st. College Building, on the Same day (4th July 1856)-

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The Deed was executed in presence pf the Board of Directors, and delivered in the presence of a large concourse of People of both Sexes, assembled at L. W. to celebrate the day- The Board after-wards met together and passed the following- "On motion of Dr. S. J. P. Anderson and it was so ordered that the Quit Claim Deed presented by Geo. C. Sibley & Wifeto the 120 Acres of Linden Wood Female College be and hereby is, accepted by this Board- And the President, S. S. Watson, is hereby authorized & directed to execute a Life Lease of the Said 20 Acres to Geo. C. Sibley and Wife jointly and Successively, with the exception of twelve Acres Set apart for the present use of the College aforesaid. The President Mr. S. S. Watson Signed Said Lease in the presence of the Board, acknowledged the Same in duo, from, and delivered it to Maj. G. C. Sibley"-

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The members of the Board present on this occasion S. S. Watson Prest.- REvd. S. J. P. Anderson- Vice Prest. Revd. S. B. Mcpheeters- Benj. A. Alderson-

Andrew King, and John Jay Johns Secy pro. Tem-

Linden- Wood friday July 4th 1856

To The Revd. Presbytery of St. Louis-

In a Commn. that Mrs. Sibley & I addressed to your Revd. Body dated 11th. March 1853, in Relation to the establishment of a Female College at Linden- Wood; and in Reference to our express'd and Sincere desire to aid in accomplishing that object; at that time and 'till Recently, we were under mistaken impressions as to the best method of investing the College with the Right of property in the worldly State that we proposed to devote to it; and under that impression it was made dependent on the provisions of an article in my "last Will" and testament, which I executed ,in good faith, on the 11th. March '53 and an authenticated copy of Said article accompanied my communication of that date already Referred to above- to all which I now ask leave to call the attention of your Revd. Body-

Mrs. Sibley and I have over been averse to the too common practice among good people of "holding on" to the end of their lives to their worldly estates which they intend to give to the aid of good and proper public objects after their decease, to be Secured by Will: which instuments are always liable more or less to be misinterpreted, or mislaid, or disputed and Set aside; and the purpose of the dying Man defeated- Now altho' my beloved Wife and I cannot approve of Such a Coarse, which we are very Sure is in general, indefensible; Yet we are aware that there are Sometimes, worthy exceptions- And we would claim our own case as an exception- We have to day executed and delivered to the Directors of the Linden- Wood Female College, our Quit Claim Deed to the 120 acres of land promised in our Communication of 11th. March 1853—And the Board of Directors have, on this day also, executed and delivered to us their Deed of Lease, Securing to us the uninterrupted occupancy and use of our much loved Home,

during the Remnant of our earthly pilgrim- age- (the Quit Claim Deed, and Copy of the Deed of Lease will be found on file with the Records of the Board of Directors)-

Now altho' the Quit Claim Deed divests us of our legal title to the 120 acres of land promised in my Will, (and So far Supersedes the Will) by the terms of the Lease, my Wife & I are allowed to "hold on" to the premises (except 12 Acres) during our Natural lives- We asked this privilege of the Directory, because we are Reluctant to change our Residence, and because we believe that our continued occupancy will prove beneficial to the property, and afford us much better opportunities of Rendering Service occasionally to the College Our wish from the first has been, to transfer this land to the College by Deed, instead of leaving the title thereto dependent on the many contingencies of my Will- So far as the publick is interested in the College it is certain that all doubt and uncertainty that may (very naturally have arisen in Some minds, touching the Certainty of legal title to the property ever being in the College, will now be entirely Removed; and many it may be hoped will act more confidently and liberally hereafter, in behalf of the L. W. F. College, than they wore disposed to do heretofore-

In any event, my wife and myself now feel Relieved from every embarrassment and apprehension, as touching our poor effort to give efficient aid to the establishment that we have So much at heart- I may be allowed to State here (tho' entirely unknown to them) that Mr. Samuel S. Watson and Mary A. Watson his Wife have contributed efficient and available means, in land and Money, to the Amt of not less than \$5000, towards building the first principal College Edifice- Do I praise them for this? Not at all they believed it to be their duty- and instead of leaving its discharge to their Executors, they have done it themselves in person.

Very Respectfully

Yours in the Redeemer

George Champlin Sibley-

This Deed of Lease, made and entered into by and between the Directors of the “Linden Wood Female College” of the First part, and George Champlin Sibley and Mary Easton Sibley his wife of the Second part all of the County of St. Charles in the State of Missouri, Witnesseth, That Whereas the Said Sibley and Wife, Have on this day (previously to the execution of this Deed) Signed, Sealed and delivered their Quit Claim Deed to the Said Directors (in Session as a Board duly Constituted) conveying to the Said College One Hundred and twenty Acres of Land, Situate in the county of St. Charles, near the City of St. Charles, near the City of St. Charles Bounded as follows- On the westerly Side by the Westerly line of the So called “Prairie Haut fields”- On the Northerly end by land belonging to Sibley- On the Easterly Side by land of one Whitney, and land of Sibley- And on the Southerly end by a State Road; Reference being had to the annex'd Plat, and to the Aforesaid Quit Claim Deed, for further description of Said land, and for other particulars touching the conveyance therof- And Whereas the Said Board of Directors for and behalf of Said Board of Directors for and behalf of Said College, in view of, and in consideration of the premises, and for a nominal Rent of One Dime per Annum, Have Leased, and by these presents Do Lease unto Said Sibley and Wife, jointly and Successively, One Hundred and eight Acres of the land conveyed by Said Sibley & wife to Said College by the Quit Claim Deed aforesaid being the whole of the tract thus conveyed, excepting a Lot of twelve Acres, which is Reserved for the present use and convenience of Said College, and is not included in this Lease- Said lot of 12 Acres is Situated on the westerly Side of the 120 Acres, and is Set apart, and parties to this Instrument, that in virtue thereof, the Said George C. Sibley & Mary E. Sibley are to Retain, and continue in the full possession, and uninterrupted use and enjoyment of the premises hereby leased, together with all the appurtenances to the Same

appertaining, for and during their natural lives Respectively; with all the Rights, privileges and immunities that they held, possessed, and enjoyed, in and over the same, previously to the present day: (excepting only, that they may not Sell any of Said land, nor Lease any part thereof, for any longer time than during the Continuance of this Lease- At the expiration of this Lease, the premises aforesaid and all appurtenances thereof, Shall Lessors, and be and Remain under their Controul agreeably to the terms and conditions of the Quit Claim Deed aforesaid, as therein fully Set forth- In Witness whereof Samuel S. Watson President of the Board of Directors of the Linden- Wood Female College, in the presence, and with the concurrence this Fourth day of July, in the year of Our Lord Jesus Christ, One thousand eight hundred and Fifty Six (1856)

(Signed triplicates) S. S. Watson Seal

A correct Copy, or triplicate, of the foregoing Deed was deposited, with a Copy of the Quit Claim Deed, in the Zinc Box placed in the cavity of the So. E. Corner Stone &c. in the which ere put many other things. See page 160 for a Correct List of the Articles deposited in S^o. E. corner &c.

This Deed of Lease made and entered into by and between George Champlin Sibley and Mary Easton Sibley his Wife, of the First part, and The Linden-Wood Female College of the Second part, all of the Country of St. Charles in the State of Missouri Witnesseth: That whereas the Said party of the Second part, did, on the 4th. day of July 1856, by the Directors thereof then in Session in their Corporate capacity, execute & deliver to Said Sibley & Wife, their Deed of Lease, conveying to them jointly and Successively, for and during their natural lives Respectively, the full possession and uninterrupted use & enjoyment of Certain 108 Acres of Land; together with all the appurtenances thereof into belonging, with all the Rights, privileges

& enjoyed in and over the Same previously to the Said 4th. day of July 1856 (with one exception, which is Specified in Said Deed)- The Said 108 Acres of Land is part of a tract of 120 Acres Situate on the “Prairie Huat”, westerly of and near of and near the city of St. Charles, well known as the “Linden-Wood tract”, which the Said Sibley and Wife conveyed to the Linden Wood Female College by their Deed of Quit Claim Deed, and to the aforementioned Deed of lease (a Duplicate of which is on file in the office of St. Charles Book E N^o. 2-page 157- to which Quit Claim Deed, and to the aforementioned Deed of Lease (a Duplicate of which is on file in the Office of the Directors of Said College) and also to the Plat hereunto appended, Reference Is hereby especially made for any further description of the 108 Acres of land or other information touching the Same-

And Whereas said Sibley & Wife of the first part, for Reasons to themselves Satisfactory, and for and in consideration of the Covenants Stipulations and engagements made by the Said party of the Second part, as herein after written; Have Leased, and by these Presents Do Lease, unto the Said Linden Wood Female College, all of the 108 Acres of land mentioned & Referred to in the foregoing lines, with all the appurtenances thereunto belonging, for & during the Natural lives Respectively of the Said Sibley & Wife of the First part, To Have & to Hold the Same as aforesaid, unto the Said Linden- Wood Female College, for and during the period above written, which period is to begin and date from the 15th. day of August 1858, Subject however to the terms, Rents, provision & Reservations herein after Specified and fully Set forth.

The Premises hereby Leased, are Grounded on the westerly Side partly by a twelve Acre Lot belonging to the Linden Wood Female College, and partly by the Westerly boundary line of the “Prairie Haut Fields”- on the Northerly end by land belonging to Sibley, And Southerly by a public Road- embracing all the improvements therein-

The Rent- its payment &c. The party of the Second part engages hereby, to bay unto the party of the First part for the Rent of the presises hereby leased, Eight Hundred Dollars per Annum, in Quarterly payments, until the Fifteenth day of August, eighteen hundred and Sixty three (1863), at which time and at the end of every five years there- after during the period of this lease, there Shall be based farming or other purposes; and if the Said land and improvements for farming or other purposes; and if the Said parties cannot agree upon the yearly Rent on any Such Readjustment they may Refer the Same to disinterested persons chosen by themselves in the usual way; and the Rent thus fixed on Shall be and continue for the five years- Should the Said party of the Second part, ever Sell or otherwise dispose of any part or portion of the 108 Acres of land hereby leased, they Shall nevertheless be held bound to pay to the party of the first part the full amount of the \$800 per annum for the five years commencing on the 15th day of August 1858, and for every term of five years thereafter during the period of this lease, the Rent on the whole 108 Acres, at the Rate to be agreed on and fixed as above provided, irrespective of any Sales or leases that they, the party of the Second part may make at any time after the date of this instrument- The payments of Rent under this Lease, will fall due hereafter on the 15th days November- February- May and August- the first payment will fall due on the 15th day of November 1858-

The Said Linden Wood Female College, party of the Second part, in its corporate capacity, by the President of the Board of Directors thereof, or other Officer of Said Board as Principal- and A. V. C. Sohenck as Security, Do hereby promise and Covenant, to and with the Said Sibley and Wife, party of the First part, that they will paySaid Rent of \$800 Annually, in quarter yearly payments as is above Stipulated and provided, during the first five years of this Lease, if Said parties of the first part, or either of them, Shall So long live, and thereafter Said

party of the Second part as principal, and Such Security as may be then given and approved, Shall continue to pay as aforesaid, Such Rents as Shall be agreed upon in the manner herein before provided; Said payments to be made promptly and faithfully as they fall due, quarterly, during the period & continuance of this Lease- Sale or Lease of a part of the leased premises.

Sibley & Wife, party of the first part, hereby agree & consent, that the Directors of the Said Linden Wood Female College, of the Second part, in their corporate capacity, may at any time after the date hereof, Sell and convey in fee Simple, or lease for a term of years, certain Small lots of ground Situate on the Southerly end of the Said 108 Acres; which lots, Nine in number, are designated and Numbered one-two- three- four- six- eight- ten- twelve- fourteen- on the Plat hereunto annex'd for Reference; and are to be disposed of in every case, in Reference to, and in conformity with the Street divisions as located and laid down on the Plat above Referred to- And the Said Directors in behalf of Said College, of the Second part, may also Sell and convey as aforesaid the lot of ground Numbered 15 on Said Plat, containing 20 Acres, Situate on the Northerly end and extremity of the premises hereby leased.

Reservations. John E. Stonebraker holds a Lease from Sibley of the first part, for a part of the premises herein before described as will appear by Reference to Said Lease; the term of which will not expire until the 15th day of August 1859, being one year Subsequent to the commencement of this Lease- Now it is agreed & understood by the parties hereto, that the party of the Second part takes the Said premises, the 108 Acres, Subject to the lease and occupancy thereof as held by Said Stonebraker, the Said party of the Second part being hereby authorized to collect and Receive from Stonebraker the Rents payable by him as they fall due, for the last year of his Said Lease; or otherwise to arrange & Settle the matter on Such terms as all the parties interested may agree upon- It is also agreed between the parties hereto, that Said Sibley & Wife

Reserve to themselves the Right, the first term of this Lease, to take annually from the Gardens of the Homestead, and the Small Orchard adjoining: One-fourth part of the fruit therein: to Say Apples and Pears- Peaches- ~~Cherries- Grapes & Small berries-~~ and also for the

~~Expunged by party of the first part~~

Years 1858 & 1859 to cut & take Asparagus- All which they may gather and take away at Such times as to them may be convenient- And also they may Remove and take away Such Shrubbery, Small trees and plants as they desire, during the Spring & Autumn of the present year of 1858—
Repairs and Insurance- It is agreed that the lessees are to keep leased property in good Repair in all particulars, and at their own expense; except in cases of dilapidation from time and use (ordinary wear and tear) when materials for all Such Repairs, are to be furnished at the lessor's expense- But the work of Repairing is in all cases to be done at the expense, & under the direction of the Lessees-

There is now at this date Insurance of the Buildings hereby Leased under a Policy of the Home-Mutual, Fire & Marine Insurance Company of St. Louis Missouri (N^o. 8238) for the Sum of \$2400- including \$400 for furniture- This Policy will expire on the 3^d day of January 1860- It is hereby agreed, that Sibley & Wife Shall pay all the assessment taxes under the Said Policy during its continuance; and that the party of the Second part Shall keep the buildings insured thereafter, and at their own proper expense-

Inasmuch as these Leased premises will eventually Revert to the Linden Wood Female College, Subject wholly to their ownership and controul; it is hereby provided and agreed, that all valuable & permanent Building Improvements that may hereafter during the term of this lease, be made on the premises in connection with the Said College Schools, Shall inure exclusively to

the benefit thereof , and Shall not be taken into account in estimating the value of the premises her by leased, at any future Readjustment for fixing the Annual Rent.

In Witness whereof, the Several parties to this Instument do hereto Subscribe their Names, and affix their Seal at Linden Wood in presence of the Board of Directorsof Said College, then in Session this Nineteenth day of April in the year of our lord One thousand eight hundred and Fifty eight- Signed Duplicates.

George C. Sibley

Mary E. Sibley

Mr. John Jay Johns- President of the
Board of Directors of the L. W. F.
College

A. V. C. Schenck- as Security-

See page 182 for the Plat Referred to in the foregoing

List of Articles deposited in the Cavity of the Corner Stone Referred to Page 148-----

---- July 4th. 1856-

#1 The “Missouri Gazette” N^o. 3, Vol:1-26 July 1808- Joseph Charles ed. And proprietor (16 by 24 inches, open) this was the first Newspaper ever published or printed west of the Mississippi River-

#2 The “Tri-weekly Missouri Republican” 27 June ’56 (32X56 In: open) grown out of the Old Missouri Gazzette-

3 The “St. Louis Intelligencer” of 1^t. July ’56.

4 The “St. Charles Reveille”- of 28 June ’56-

#5 The “Presbyterian” of Philadelphia- of 21^t.June ’56-

#6 The “St. Louis Presbyterian” of 29th. May ’56-

#7 The “New York Observer” of 5th. June ’56-

#8 The Santa Fe new Mexo. Gazette of 3^d.May ’56-

#9 The “African Repository” for January ’56

#10 The “Bible Society Record” for Febuary ’56

#11 Annual Report Missouri State Colonization Society for 1853.

12 Copy of the act of Incorporation of the Linden Wood Female College,

#13 Copy of a School Circular (1842) With Picture of Linden Wood

14 Copy of a School Circular (1856)- preparatory School at L. Wood

#15 Copy Quit Claim Deed- G. C. Sibley & Wife to L. W. F. College 4 July ’56

#16 Copy Deed of Lease L. W. F. College to G. C. Sibley & Wife- 4 July ’56

#17 A Paper giving a brief History of L. W. F. College- Lists of the Directors & officers- Names of Contributors & Sums Contributed &c. &c.- to 4 July ’56-

- #18 Polyglot Bible- printed in 1831- a handsome Morocco bound Book-
- #19 Confession of Faith Presn. Church- 1^t. edition printed in 1821-
- #20 The Foreign Missionary for June '56- a pamphlet of 32 pages
- #21 The 7th. Census of the U. States (1850) a pamphlet of 70 pages, with Map U.S.
- 21 The "Sunday School Visitor" for September 1855.
- #22 The North Missouri Rail Road Circular- Frieight tariff &c. 1856.
- #23 "Farewell to Linden- Wood- by Mrs. Hannah Jane Watson- 8 May 1850.
- #24 "Farewell to Linden Wood"- by Mrs. Elinor Sheffield- 1^t March 1856.
- #25 "Cedar Pyramid" a Lythograph print by B. A. Alderson-

Those Marked # were furnished & put in by G. C. S. & M. E. Sibley all the others
by J.J. Johns & B. A. Alderson-

The above were packed in a Zinc Box 7 Inches Square. Which was well Secured from damp by thick Canvas glued on, and covered with 5 Coats of Water proof paint- The Box thus prepared was then placed in the Cavity of the Corner Stone (the S^o. E. corner under the hammered Range Stone fronting Eastward)- completely bedded in & covered with plaister of Paris- the top Stone then carefully placed & laid in Strong Line & Sand Morter- and the first course of Brick laid thereon in my presence-

G. C. Sibley

Note- The formality of laying the Corner Stone took place on the 4th. day of July, as Noted page 135, but the Zinc Box was not permanently placed in the Cavity 'till the Brick Masons commenced work, which was not 'till after the Middle of July.

G. C. S.-

Elma, 24th Jan. 1859

To Mr. John Jay Johns President of the

Board of Directors Linden Wood F. College

Sir,

For the information of your Board, I avail myself of this occasion to notify you as follows—On the 15th. day of the present month of January 1859, I evacuated So much of the old mansion at Linden- Wood as was necessary to conform to the terms of the Lease that was executed on the 19th, day of April 1858- Mr. Schenck has Since my Removal, taken possession of a part of the Released premises;- with your concurrence, I presume-

As to my Rent- I here quote from the Lease Deed- “The payments of Rent under this lease will fall due hereafter, on the 15th days of November- Feby- May & August- the first payment will fall due on the 15th. day of Novem. 1858”- (the quarterly dues are \$200) Not being able to Remove from the Mansion & appurtenances till the 15th. Inst (the only part of the leased premises that I Retained after the 15th. Augt. Last, & that agreeably to a verbal understanding) I do not claim any other Rent from the 15th. Augt. To 15th. Jany, than what I Settle with Stonebraker for under his lease from me with one exception, which I will advert to presently. But I now Notify you that I shall claim from your Board on the 15th. of Feby. Next \$16.66 over & above the \$150 that Mr. Stonebraker will Settle with me, and from that day forward (15th. Prox.) I shall claim under your covenanted promise, contd. In the Deed of Lease, “promptly & faithfully as they fall due” the Quarterly paymt of \$200 irrespective of any Sales or leases that yr. Board may make, or have Made- Your Sale of 20 Acres to Mr. Watson, has the effect to abstract about

12 Acres from the field Stonebraker leased from me, for which he, Stonebraker charges me at the Rate if \$5 per acre, and deducts that Amt. from his Rent & this I also claim from the Board; for in conformity with the terms of the Lease my Rent may not be impaired by any Sales or lease the Directory may Make- I make this communn. That the Directory & all concerned, may be well advised, So that no misunderstanding may hereafter arise &c.

Respectfully Yr. Obt. Svt.

Geo. C. Sibley

Elm-24th. January 1859-

24yj Feb. 1859.

To Mr. John Jay Johns- Pres. Board of Directors L. W. F. College-

Sir-

Our conference on the 15th. inst. Did not Result in any thing definite- the committee appeared to think it Right & Reasonable to absolve the Directory entirely from all obligation to pay me any Rent upon my claims as Set forth in my Note to the President of the 24th upon my claims as Set forth in my Note to the President of the 24th Ult^o. Founded on their covenanted promise contained in the Deed of lease of 19th. April last, (which Note & lease please Refer to) The ground taken by committee to justify the non paymt. Of Rent to me, is that your tenant with whom I have nothing to do in that capacity, Refuses to pay you, or to take the premises that that my Removal placed at your disposal, excepting Such part only as he has present use for, and which he claims, as I understand, to have Rented Separately and apart from the Lease of 19th. April- The operation of this derangement as the committee would Settle it, is Simply this- to throw on me the Whole loss and inconvenience for time indefinite- Perhaps your Tenant may find it convenient & desirable to occupy the whole of the premises alluded to after the 1^l. Sept. next- Perhaps not- who can tell?- Meanwhile must I Retain & take care of the vacant Rooms &c, and deal them out to your Order, or your Tenant, as they may from time to time be Required? Or Shall I try to make my Rent out of them from temporary tenants as best I may? Such a course might perhaps prove Rather inconsistent with the proper School accommodation- If there is any thing in Right Reason to authorize the Saddling on me all this trouble in Right Reason to authorize the saddling on me all this trouble & Responsibility, and to delay paymt. Of my quarterly Rent, as incidental to a dependence on the uncertainty of the Board's manner of disposing of the property leased to them, I Submit- If not- not- I Stand by that Document So long

as it Remains a law to the parties thereby bound, and must Require it to be observed & carried out in good faith by all concerned.

As to the Rent agreed on between Mr. Schenck & Mrs. Sibley for Such of the Rooms as are now in his occupancy, it may be Settled either with Me or the Directory, and will go towards my quarterly Rent, when paid to me- I find myself in a very unpleasant position in Respect of the matter, So placed by no fault or default of mine- It is well Remembered that in Repeated instances, I stated to your board (pending the proposition emanating from the Board) for my Wife & I to give up to your our home for better accommodation of the college, that we could not & would not Stipulate any time for our Removal from L. W—We might perhaps have been excused if we had lingered & lingered Somewhat longer than necessary, at the place where we had Spent 30 years of our pilgrimage So happily- But we did not linger- We moved away “as Soon as we Could”- and we never promised anymore, nor was any More, nor was any More ever expected of us by any one, I am Sure-

It is Severely painful to me to write it; but I may as well Say to the Directors that if they feel disposed to abrogate the Lease, I will not interpose any impediment- But I do not by any means, propose it- Elma 24th. Feby. 1859.

Respectfully- G. C. Sibley

Note- Messrs. Johns, Watson & Alderson, were appointed by the Board of Directors a Committee (alluded to in the above Note) to confer with me in reference to my Note (See pages 180-1) of the 24th. Jany. last- But nothing definite was decided on. G. C. S.

Elma 3^d June 1859

To Mr. John Jay Johns

Prest. Board of Directors

Linden-Wood Female

Sir- A Report has Reached me indirectly, and in no tangible form, to the effect, That the Board of Directors of the L. Wood F. College have Sold, conditionally, another large portion of the college endowment land, for the purpose of paying certain Debts contracted by the College, for Out Buildings & the incidental expenses &c. Can this be true? I hope not- Already has too much of that property been frittered away to Severe purposes quite foreign to the object originally intended, exclusively to be aided thereby; and entirely inconsistent with the tenure by which the property is held by the College- The Devise was not made, or ever for a Moment intended to be made, to build, but to "aid in the Endowment", thereby to promote one of the main objects of the Institution, as Set forth in the Deed of transfer; to wit: to Reduce the charges for tuition &c. as low as practicable, the legitimate effect of an Endowment- All that has been or may be hereafter Received from the Sale or lease of any portion of the land Deeded to the College; Should be in good faith and Scrupulously funded for the Endowment- If any of it has been or may be used for any other purpose whatever, it Should be Refunded with Interest- The property Should be husbanded with judicious care, for the Sole object of aiding & increasing the Endowment- any perversion or alienation of this fund, or any part of it from that object, may work the forfeiture of your title, and the consequent loss of the whole property- this ought to be carefully guarded against- If the Directory has indeed bargained away any more of the College Endowment land, than the Lots designated on your Plat for Sale or lease (which I Regret that I ever Sanctioned) its transfer would be, in my Judgment, in violation of an express condition of the Deed under which

you hold, and will manifestly imperil your title- Of course I could not concur in it, but be much more disposed in view of the premises, to protest against it, as injudicious & unsafe-

The following quotations may Serve further to place this matter in its Right position-
First- from my letter of 5th. Jany. 1853 to the Revd. J. S. P. Anderson of St. Louis- “This Bequest tho’ only now partially available, in aid of an Endowmnet fund, increased most probably 50 p Cent: on its estimated present value”- (The above has Reference to the 3^d. Article the Will)—
Second- From the 3^d. Article of my Will above alluded to- “Now therefore, in consideration of the premises, I do hereby Will and Bequest unto the Linden- Wood Female College, To aid in the permanent endowment thereof, and no other &c.- Third- From the Deed of 4th. July 1856 (Superseding the 3rd. Article the Will)- “In Consideration of their earnest desire to aid in the endowment &c.” – In full accordance with the above quotations, and for the express purpose of making assurance doubly Sure, in Securing their object- the First Condition of the Deed Sets forth that the 120 Acres of land conveyed by the Deed “with all its Rents, Revenues, and avails, howsoever accruing, Shall never in any manner, or under any pretence whatever, either in whole or in part, be diverted or alienated form the proper benefit, Service or behoof of the College aforesaid”-

It were needless for me to write any thing further here on the Subject- Most Respectfully

Yr. Mo. Obt. Svt

Elma 3^d. June 1859

Geo. C. Sibley

The word as has been omitted between College & aforesaid, in the Deed as it was executed- In the Original Dft: it was "College as aforesaid" which better expresses the full meaning of the Deed.

Mr. Watson & not Mr. Johns was the Prest. As I learned after this was written & Sent

Sept. 1, 1859

Be it known to all concerned- that I George C. Sibley of the County of St. Charles in the State of Missouri, being fully authorized thereunto, Have determined to Emancipate my Servant Baltimore, now about 47 years old, and well known in Said County- Therefore I DO hereby Emancipate, Set free, and forever Release Said Baltimore from all claims whatsoever, by which I have hitherto lawfully and Rightfully held him in bonds of Servitude- And I do by this Instrument, fully intend to make Said Baltimore “as fully and perfectly free, as if he had been born free”; as in conformity with an Act of the Genl. Assembly of the State of Missouri, 2nd. Article, Approved 5th. March 1845-

[Baltimore was born a Slave in Kentucky- He is honest and well disposed, and capable of Supporting himself Reputably & usefully and I trust will continue to do So- If I were not well convinced of this he Should not “go out free” with my Consent; firmly believing as I do and ever have, that with Rare exceptions, the best position for the Negro Race, in these States, for their own good, is that of domestic Slavery and Strict Subordination to the White race.]- In Witness Whereof I have hereunto Set my hand and Seal at Elma, near the City of St. Charles, this First day of Septemt. A. D. 1859-

In the presence of

Geo. C. Sibley

SEAL

A paper of Similar import & Same Date prepared for Rachel the wife of Baltimore-
Omitting the Note in brackets-

(Copy)

St. Louis, June 7, 1863

In Mary E. Easton's hand.

The Committee appointed by the Board of Directors of Linden Wood Female College to examine unto & report the financial condition & management of the funds & property of said institution saw fit to appoint me a Sub Committee to take charge of the Books, Statements, accounts & vouchers submitted by the Secretary & President of the Institution and to examine & arrange the accounts so as to abridge the labors of the Committee. I have endeavored to carry out the wishes of the Committee altho' it involved great labor as the returns will show. The statement of accts. as rendered by the Secretary as by him taken from the Books & Records of the Institution for the last seven or eight years contained no dates of day, month or year of any transaction. Upon the first sight of the papers I would have given up the investigation in despair & indeed I felt totally incompetent to the elucidation of such accts. but fortunately a gentleman more familiar with accounts consented to aid me, & has bestowed weeks of labor upon the unreasonable delay on my part in making this return to you. I could not get the information from the Clerks Office at St. Charles in reference to the incumbrances upon The Linden Wood Property & when I got it, it was not what I asked for or wanted. That information must yet be obtained; & I hope The Committee will have better success than I had, altho' I had three agents employed to remind the Clerk every few days of the necessity of furnishing the paper- The following explanations & remarks made by the gentleman who consented to aid me in this matter-

“The papers handed me purporting to show the past management & present condition of the affairs of the institution are of 3 papers Mrkd. Schedule A.B.C.” but which I have changed to “Schedule X. Y. Z.” to distinguish them from “Settlements made between the College & its creditors, which had also been Mkd. A.B.C. &c. These 3 Schedules (now Mkd. X. Y. Z.) were

accompanied by a number of Settlements or accounts rendered by persons to the Institution, some of which accounts are receipted in full, some in part, others unreceipted. Some appear to have been settled by note, some by Warrents, & some by payt. In cask; without in Some instances the Account showing how it was settled or wether settled at all or not. These Settlements or “accounts” are Mrkd. B. C. CC D. D. F. G. H. I. J. K. L. M. N. NN. O. P & the vouchers belonging to each settlement I have assorted & markd B1. B2 & C1 C2 & D1 D2 &c.- The above papers with a few miscellaneous memorandums, - A Book purporting to contain a record of the proceedings of the Board of Directors kept by the Secy. & a Cash book kept by the Treasurer, in which no item of Cash recd. Or paid out since I think about Jany. 1858 is entered, Are the data from which I have endeavored by proper arrangement & classification to make out a clear & accurate statement of the financial management & condition of the Institution. This I have found it utterly impossible to do, but hope that my labors; (in pointing out some of the apparent errors, & in arranging & marking the Settlements & Vouchers (for convenience & reference) will save the Committee Some labor, & perhaps lead to explanations from Directors & a more definite idea of the condition of the Institution.

The papers Mkd. Schedule A “(alias X)” rendered by the Secy. purpots to give a list of the Receipts or Assests of the Institution shewing total of \$23,838. From the record book & other papers it appears this paper omits the following sums Recd. in cash or made available in payt. of debts; to wit-

Andrew Kings Subscription-----\$100

Ben Emmons “----- \$100

Caleb Rice-----\$100 ---- 100

A. Aldersons \$500 less \$200-----300

J. J. Johns (in same way as last----300

James Gallagher \$100 less \$50-----50

In same way

Isaac A. Dick Subscription----- 300

Fred A. Roland----- 25

A. V. C. Schenck----- 150

Wm. Dean----- 100

A. V. C Schenck additional---- 50

S. S. Watson from Sale of 20 69/

Acres land \$100 per

Acres \$2069, less \$2000— 69

Rents of Schenck----- 1558.29

Which must be charged as assets, since rents paid Sibley is Charged among expenditures Making total omission in Schedule “A, alias X” of assets \$3207.29.

I have endeavored to state this part of the acct. correctly by paper marked “Assets L. W. F.

College-

The paper rendered by the Secretary Mkd. “Schedule B” alias “Y” purports to give a list of the “Expenditures” from some date not stated, to some date not stated. There is no book or Ledger in which these accounts of Expenditures have been kept, at least none has been shown to

me, but the statement seems to be made up from loose” Bills on Statements of accounts rendered from time to time by persons to whom the College became indebted, “Receipts, Orders &c.- These are brought to the order of their occurrence- The 4th. 5, & 10th. Items (the only ones having any date affixed) are put nearly together, tho’ occurring on “Oct. 26/58- the next June- 1862 & the 10th, Some time in 1861-2 The result is, of course great confusion & some error- The whole bill in some cases being charged in full as rendered on final Settlement with credit & then each separate Rect. For payt. made during the progress of the work the acct. again charged & the receipt referred to as a voucher e.g. The item which I have marked 41 charges Cash paid Geo. A. Chrisman (paving&c.) \$366.26 & refers ro vouchers markd. X (see paper mrkd. G. A. Christmas Settlement markd. N, which on examination will be found to be a statement of the items of Chrisman’s Bill- The vouchers enclosed in the Bill show how it was paid & yet each one of these vouchers are again charged in the Schedule (See items 25, 26, 31, 34,48,48½, & 68½)- Again the full amt. of Bigelow & for notes returned- The gross inaccuracy of this Schedule will appear from the fact that it purports to show that money to the amt. of \$31583.20 has been paid out, while the Schedule of assets rendered by the secretary Markd. (A. alias X) only admits including loans & every thing else \$23838.02 as the total amount of assets in other words, addording to those two Schedules, the College has paid out \$7745.18 more than it ever received either by borrowing or otherwise. This it must be conceded is a rare & difficult feat to perform. This error might occur in various ways 1st. By omitting a part of the assets recd.-

2nd. By charging twice as paid, the same Bills, once in gross again in separate items-

3rd. By charging Bills as paid which still remain unpaid- We have already seen 1st. that a large amount of the assets Recd. were omitted in the Statement of asses- 2nd. that the same Bills were charged in gross & again in Separate items, and by reference to the 3rd. paper rendered by the

Secretary Mkd. Schedule C “alias Z”, purporting to give a list of the debts due by the College we will find 3rd. that the following Bills which are charged in the Schedule B alias Y of expenses

(2) “Settlements & accts. rendered without receipt or only receipted in part- Some appear to have been settled by note- Some by warrant, Some by cash without in some instances the acct. showing how it was settled or whether it was settled at all-“ Explanation Majr. Sibley was chairman of the building Committee & would often pay out money without its passing through the hands of the Treasurer- So it was in the case of others The Treasurer did not disburse all the money & hence the accts. of S. S. Watson & allowed their correctness”- (Note by Mrs. Sibley- the Reader of the above slander upon Majr. Sibley is referred to page 162-163-164 of this book & the copy of a note to Mr. Brooks on the subject)

(3) “The Cash-Book Kept by the Treasurer shows no item of Cash received or paid out since Jany. 1858-“ Explanation- There has been no Cash to receive or pay out by the Treasurer Whatever cash has been received or paid out passed thro’ the hands of Mr. Watson & the Board has endorsed his acct. as correct-

(4th) “The paper marked Schedule A alias X omits certain sums recd. in Cash or made available in payment of debts- Explanation – A portion of these seems has never been paid in meeting indebtedness, & the Board has passed upon all the accts. & allowed them- Dick’s subscription explained page 45 Secy. Book- Johns pp 37, 42, 48, 44- Alderson pp.42,47 Schencks rents were paid to Maj. Sibley

(5) Schedule B alias Y purports to give a list of the Expenditures from some date not stated, to some date not stated” Expla. Dates are found on the vouchers- There is no book or ledger. The statement of the sec. was made without reference to dates & this accounts for the long intervals

between the three dates- Marked Oct. 26/58- June 1862 & another 1861-2 Chrismans bill is
received 1^t as several items were presented & paid & 2nd. A rect. In fullis given when the bill
presented in as "paid" are still due.

Schedule B alias Y

Item

76	pid E. Gaylord & Son -----	\$72.47
96	" Allen & Thopson-----	97.25
75	" Overall & Brothers-----	900.94
78	" A. V. C. Schenck-----	488.
86	" " " " " -----	165.
81	" " " " " -----	80.
94	" " " " " -----	1000.

Schedule C alias Z

4	Judt. favor E. Gaylord & Son-----	\$72.47
5	" " Allen & T. was of-----	148.40
6	due Watson amt. ad. By him to pay	

Overall-----908.45

7. Judt. favr Schenck based on warrant

487.99

On Warrant 10 for ----- 165.

“ ” 12----- 80

719.92

8 Judt. favor Overall----- 808.67

& of Van Court----- 343.67

1142.09

Based on warrants No 17, 18, 19, 20, 21, 22, 23, issued to Schenck-

The 1st. 2nd. & 3rd. items of Schedule C (alias Z) are balances due Watson for money advanced or loaned by him to College with 10% interest up to the date of his different settlements- And in passing I will remark here that in these cases the College seems to have been charged with 10% int. on all money advanced for the College, up to date of Settlement when a not or warrant was given for the principal & interest which was also made to bear 10% interest, thus making the College pay compound interest, whilst no interest has anywhere been allowed to the College on the large amounts of money recd. From loans & subscriptions- All the amts. Advanced by Mr. Watson & not charged as repaid to him should be added to the assets as repaid to him should be added to the assets as well as to liabilities- The list of assets (tendered by the secy. Mkd. A) has an item of \$1500 , loan from Watson but I can not tell whether this is a

separate loan of that amt.- or wheaather it is intended to cover the items of money advanced & charged in Watson's settlements; if the former, it should appear in the list of liabilities or debts owing by the College- Schedule C alias Z) unless it has been repaid, in which case it should have been charged in the Expenditures paid (Sched. B. alias Y) I understand the Judgt. Favor of Hogh has been entered Satisfied on the records having been paid, it should be done so also with Morgner Ex.- I have made out a statement of all "Expenditures" of the Institution from the beginning as shown by the Settlements Mkd. B. C. &c- The vouchers, Records &c. -giving the dates whenever I could ascertain them from the vouchers or books Stating the "Settlements" in the alphabetical order in which they are marked- referring in such item to the vouchers and arranging all the vouchers under their respective settlements. This paper is Mrkd "Expenditures" Linden W. F. College" & is intended to embrace all expenditures paid or unpaid- I have also endeavored to make out a Statement of the amt. actually paid on Expenses, so far as is shown by the vouchers & receipts (See markd. The Board of Directors in acct. L. W. F. College) Ordinarily this account would be made out in the name of "The Treasurer in acct &c. but in this case Treasurer seems to have recd. Or paid out but a small portion of the funds his acct ceasing Jan 1858, the payments & I suppose collections since that time being made sometimes by one & sometimes by anotherof the members of the board- I have therefore made out the acct. in the name of the board- I charge them with the amt. of assets (see paper mkd. Assets L. W. F. College) made available, & then credit them with such items taken from the list of Expenditures (See Expen. L. W. F. College) as appears from the Settlements & vouchers to have been actually paid omitting of course such as were only settled by notes or warrants- The result is as follows

Total Amt. Assets available-----\$27,045.31

“ “ “ paid out as appears from vouchers 23,975.52

Remainder of assets not acctd. For----- 3,069.79

The principal upon which the acct. is stated is unquestionably the correct one, but there may be many items of Expenditures paid that do not appear so from the vouchers & which would tend to account for the above assets- The Board of Directors having personal knowledge of such as are paid will be able no doubt to point them out- The Schedule C (alias Z) rendered by the Secy. Fixes the total amt. of debts owing the College at \$7835.26 As you have been unable to procure from the records at St. Charles a correct acct of the Judgts. Executions, conveyances under Deed of Trust & Sheriff Sales concerning the property & as Schedule B alias Y nor the Settlements A. B. C. &c not the vouchers show what debts have been settled by note Warrants I have no Data from which to make out a list of debts owing by the College, nor am I able to state whether the Institution has any property which has not been Sold under Execution.

Respectfully &c.

Archibald Gamble

Sub Com.

Memoranda- Explanations made by committee in answer to Sub-Committees Report- by
Rev. Mr. Brooks-

- 1) Statement of accounts &c. have no dates. Secy. Says the original papers have dates but in making a statement he did not think it necessary to mention them.

Geo. C. Sibley

Elma April 15, 1859

To Re

Rev. S. K. Sneed

Rev. S. K. Sneed- Dr. Sir- I beg leave to offer the following Suggestions, as in Referances to the Raising of funds for the present use of the Linden Wood Female College-

I may probably be urged by Some to whom application will be made For aid to pay off debts & put up additional Buildings, that the land ownedby the College Should first be made available for Such purposes- In order to correct this erroneous impression, and counteract its injurious effects; that the land, nor any portion of it, can be used in any for any such purpose, consistently with the express terms of the Deed by which it was conveyed to the College- the intention of the Donation is, “to Supply at as low charges as predicable,” ample facilities for female education &c.- It certainly never entered into the minds of the donors for a Moment, to place their gift upon any other footing, than to constitute the Neuclus for an Endowment Fund; Not a dollar of which can be used for any other purpose whatever, without violation of the first condition of the Deed.-

Most Respectfully, Yr. Mo. Obt. Svt. Geo. C. Sibley-

Elma 15. April 1859

Note Mr. Sneed is acting under the appt. of Board of Directors of the L. W. F. College as their Agent to Solicit funds to pay debts &c.- & is also Sanctioned and commended by the Presbytery of St. Louis-

Subscriptions & Contributions to The Linden-Wood Female College.

One Hundred Dollar Subscriptions

Names of Subscribers	No. of shares	Sums Promised	Notes
Samuel S. Watson	St. Charles 50	\$5000.00	all paid
John Jay Johns	“ 5	500.00	\$200 paid
Ben A. Alderson	“ 5	500.00	\$200 paid
Joseph Charless	St. Louis 4	400.00	all paid
W. W. S. Gilman	New York 3	300.00	all paid
John O’Fallon	St. Louis 2	200.00	all paid
L. E. Powell	St. Charles 2	200.00	
Andrew King	“ “ 1	100.00	
Ben Emmons Jr.	“ “ 1	100.00	
James Lindsay Jr.	“ “ 1	100.00	
Caleb Rice	2 “ 1	100.00	
N. C. Orear	“ “ 1	100.00	
John W. Redmon	“ “ 1-	100.00	
James Gullaher Jr.	“ “ 1	100.00	paid \$50.

Arnold Krekle	“	“	1	100.00	paid
John Atkinson	“	“	1	100.00	paid
Thos. J. Payne	“	“Co.1		100.00	paid
F. M. & T. J. Robbins	“	“ “	1	100.00	paid
Rev. Saml. B. Smith	“	“	1	100.00	paid
Rev. J. N. Gilbreath	“	Louis Co.	1	100.00	paid
James H. Lucas	“	“	<u>1</u>	<u>100.00</u>	paid
	Carried forward---	85		8500.00	
Henry Barron	St. Louis		1	100.00	paid
J. B. Brant	“	“	1	100.00	paid
Charles Gibson	“	“	1	100.00	paid
John D. Coalter	“	“	1	100.00	paid
James E. Yeastman	St. Louis		1	100.00	paid
Archibald Gamble	“	“	1	100.00	paid
W. Riely	“	“	1	100.00	paid
Bradford M. C. Durfee	N. York		1	100.00	paid
Langdon C. Easton	U.S. Army		1	100.00	paid

John T. Chappell	St. Louis	1	100.00	paid
Gerorge L. Lackland	“ “ Co	1	100.00	
Charles D. Drake	“ “ “	1	100.00	paid
John Sigerson & Bro	St. Louis	1	100.00	paid
Hamilton R. Gamble	“ “	1	100.00	paid
Wm. Dean	“ “	1	100.00	paid
J. Whitehill	“ “	1	100.00	paid to Bigelow
Charles Semple	St. Louis Co.	1	100.00	paid
Joseph F. Fenton	“ “ “	1	100.00	paid
Isaac A. Dick	St. Charles	3	300.00	paid
Carried Forwd. -----			107	10,725.00
John B. Sarpy	St. Louis	\$50.		paid
John S. Thompson	“ “	50		paid
Revd. H. J. Coe	“ “	50		paid
Revd. S. B. Mcpheeter	“	50		paid
Revd. S. J. P. Anderson	“	50		paid

F. Watkins	“	“	50	paid
R. H. Cole	“	“	50	paid
Mrs. George Collier, widow			50	paid
Thomas E. Tutt	“	“	50	paid
L. A. Benoist	“	“	50	paid
D. A. January	“	“	50	paid
Henry Shaw	“	“	50	paid
Willaim Russel	“	“	50	paid
David Rankin	“	“	50	paid
Mrs. Sears, widow	St. Louis		50	paid
Lackland, Hinkle & Tanner	“	“	50	paid
Saml. Copp Junr	“	“	50	paid
Edwd. C. Cunningham	“	Charles	50	paid
Daniel Griffith	“	“	50	paid
Ezra Overall	2	“	50	paid
R. H. Overall	“	“	25	paid
Asa A. Overall	“	“	25	paid

E. L. Wenty	“	“	40	paid
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Carried Forward-----\$11805.00

Brought Forward \$11805.00

Clover & Richardson	St. Louis		40	paid
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Eliza A. Overall	St. Charles		25	paid
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Louis Bissell	St. Louis Co.		50	paid
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Edwin D. Bevitt M.D.	St. Charles		25	paid
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J. F. Riggs	“	“	25	paid
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Henry Schrens M. D.	“	“	25	paid
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Fredk. W. Rowland	“	“	Co. 25	paid
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B. W. Rogers M. D.	“	“	25	paid
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John Paule	“	“	25	paid
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Franklin A. Dick	St. Louis		25	paid
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Glasgow & Bro	“	“	25	paid
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James S. Watson	“	“	25	paid
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Wm. M. Morrison	“	“	25	paid
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Robert Holmes	“	“	25	paid
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Edwin M. Ryland	“	“	25	paid
W. S. Glanville	“	“	25	paid
Henry T. Blow	“	“	25	paid
Eugena Jaccard	“	“	25	paid
Isaac H. Sturgeon	“	“	25	paid
Louis Dent U.S. Army	St. Louis		25	paid
R. K. Woods	St. Louis		25	paid
Geo P. Plant	“	“	25	paid
Wm. T. Christy	“	“	<u>25</u>	paid
	Forward		12430.	
	Brot. Forward		12430	
Sullivan Blood	St. Louis		25	paid
Abner Bartlett	N. York		25	paid
Abner Cunningham	St. Charles		25	paid
Mrs. Wyllis King	St. Louis		25	paid
David Nicholson	“	“	20	paid
Nathan Ranney	“	“	20	paid

Thomas West	“	“	20	paid
Robert Campbell	“	“	20	paid
Chas. Kribben	“	“	20	paid
John Simonds	“	“	20	paid
Mrs. H. N. Davis	“	“	20	paid
Milton P. Cayce			25	paid
A.C. Edwards	“	“	30	paid
Wm. C. Clark	“	“	50	paid to Bigelow
Albert Pearce	“	“	15	paid
Mrs. Walter Carr	“	“	10	paid
J. Brown	“	“	10	paid
Major H. Turner	“	“	10	paid
Charles L. Hunt	“	“	10	paid
Robinson Dugan	“	Charles	15	paid
Wm. K. Dugan	“	“	10	paid
Geo. A. Kilinger	“	“	10	paid
Robert Holmes	“	Louis	10	paid

Forward \$12875.00

Brought Forward-----\$12875

Mrs. S. Cuddy	St. Louis	10	paid to Bigelow
John Whitehill	“ “	10	paid to Bigelow
Mr. Peck	“ “	10	paid to Bigelow
H. A. Prout M. D.	“ “	10	paid
Graham L. Hughes	“ “	10	paid
Alexis Mudd	“ “	10	paid
Mrs. H. D. Bishop	“ “	10	paid
J. Wilson	“ “	10	paid
A. Hamilton	“ “	10	paid
J. S. Smith	“ “	10	paid
A. T. Weidle	“ “	10	paid
Hon: F. P Blair	“ “	5	paid
Nathl. Paschall	“ “	5	paid
J. Forbes \$5- N. B. Thayer \$5	“	10	paid
A Leitch \$5- J. Bates \$5	“	10	paid
B. H. Batte \$5- Mr. Spaulding	“	10	paid

Persons names not given	“		7.50	paid
Dr. Geo Silver, Dentist	“	“	5	paid
Proceeds of Dr. Baird's Lecture	”		31.	paid
John Pourie (in Bricks)			25	paid
Archd. Gamble (lot in St. Louis)			300	
	Forwd-----		\$13393.50	
	Brot. Forward		\$13393.50	
Mrs, Charles Gibson	St. Louis		5.	paid
Mrs. S. B. Gamble	“	“	5	paid
Annie H. Gamble	“	“	5	paid
Mrs. A-----	“	“	5	paid
Charles R. Hall	“	“	5	paid
R. K. Woods 2 ^d . Subscn	“	“	5	paid
Wm. M. Morrison 2 ^d . Subsc.			\$5.00	paid
Mrs. Balmer	St. Louis		5.00	paid
Mrs. B A. Hill	“	“	5.00	paid
Mrs. Wm. C. Carr	“	“	5.00	paid

Mrs. H. T. Darrah	“	“	5.00	paid
Mrs. Murphy	“	“	5.00	paid
Mrs. Genl. Kearney, widow		“	5.00	paid
Wm. Renshaw	“	“	5.00	paid
Mrs. J. O. Sawyer	“	“	5.00	paid
Wm. H. Sawyer	“	“	5.00	paid
Mrs. C. D. McDowell	“	“	5.00	paid
Mr. McNeil	“	“	5.00	paid
Mrs. J. B. Brant	“	“	5.00	paid
Mrs. J. B. Brant	“	“	5.00	paid
Mrs. N. L. Rice	“	“	<u>5.00</u>	paid
			\$13494.50	
Amt. Brot. Forward			\$13494.50	
Revd. Wm. H. Parks	“	“	5.00	paid
Mr. Dyer	“	“	5.00	paid
Mrs. Saml. Perry, widow		“	5.00	paid
Mr. Gay, Senr.	“	“	5.00	paid

Mrs. Wilgus	“	“	5.00	paid
James S. Wilgus	“	“	5.00	paid
L. D. Baker	“	“	5.00	paid
Geo. Johnson M. D.	“	“	5.00	paid
Mrs. Beverly Allen, widow	“		5.00	paid
M. Kennett	“	“	5.00	paid

Total Amt. Subscriptions 1st. Sept. '57-----\$13544.50

Amt. paid in & made available-----11239.50

Amt. not paid in----- 2305.00

Amt. not due 1st. Sept. '57-----\$1000.00

Lot not yet available----- 300.00----- 1300.00

Balance due-- 1005.00