

JOHN H. KNAPP  
FORT MADISON, IOWA  
DIARY, 1859

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Saturday, January 1, 1859

I hope this year may really prove a "Happy New Year." Took Dinner at Henry Van Reeds in Reading Pa. In the afternoon Vallie, Henry, Effie Will & I went out to Jno Van Reeds 4 miles in the country. Rec'd letter from Rev Morgan Edward

Sunday, January 2

Jacob Van Reed & Charles Evans came over to John's & the day passed away & Will & I did not as we expected get into Reading to Church It does not seem right to be away from church on the Sabbath

Monday, January 3

Jno Van Reed Will & I went into Reading & were there nearly all day. Took dinner & tea at Henry Van Reeds. Will & I made some calls. Wrote to Mr. Stout. Got one of my \$100 drfts cashed at the Union Bk.

Tuesday, January 4

Went with Jno Van Reed & Will Adams & Henry over to the flouring Mill in the Cacoosing which formerly belonged to Vallie's father now to Jno Van Reed. Made Jacob a call on our way back.

Wednesday, January 5

Remained at the house all day. Weather mild

Thursday, January 6

Will & I went to Reading to do some shopping &c. Called on Maggie Van Reed at Mr. Eckerts. I bought 200 fine oysters for \$1.00 & we had a fine dish of them on our return I was unwell – the rest could eat them Mailed a letter for Rev M Edward & one to I.H.D. A lovely mild day we have had

Friday, January 7

Kept close in doors to day on a/c of the weather. Rained last night & to day there is a heavy fog. Read & wrote part of the day

Saturday, January 8

Cold & windy. John V. R. Will & I went into Reading in the forenoon. After dinner I went out after Vallie Henry & Effie & servt. girl

Sunday, January 9

Went to Methodist Church in the morning. Catholic Church at 3 p.m. & Pres. Church in the evening

Monday, January 10

Monday Ther. 6 degrees below 0. Left for Philad at about 10 a.m.

Tuesday, January 11

Called on several friend K. S. & Co. & T BW & Co buy goods off in this City – on business matters Went with Mr Hurly (?) at 3 oclck p.m. to Fairmont dam to see the skating – Hundreds were out enjoying the amusement of skating. Wrote Capt Wilson Jesse L Cooley & Vallie

Wednesday, January 12

Left Philad. For NYork at 10 a.m. arrived safely & stopped at the Metropolitan Hotel Wrote to Vallie, R B Hatch & Kate E Field.

Thursday, January 13

Thursday called on Mr. Phelps & had a long talk about our business affairs. Called on Mr Young on some business viz settlement & extension of K.S. & Co's notes now due. Wrote T.B. Wilson in the evening. Felt sick took a bath & went to bed at 12 oclck p.m. Pd Phelps O & I 200\$ on a/c

Friday, January 14

Paid Wm Graydon & Co \$200 . Drew 50 \$ on one of my drfts from Com. Exch. Bk Negotiated with Geo Pomeroy for \$6000 for 6 mos. 12% int., for K & E. Wrote Mr Eaton & Capt Wilson Went in the evening to see Bavoards Panorama of the Holy Land & see es (?)of Dr. Truchin(?) of Jerusalem

Saturday, January 15

Paid Fellows & Co \$100 on a/c. Called on Babcock & Co. Durbrow Winne(?)& Co & Lee Murphy & Avery &c. Left New York at 3 ½ p.m. on Erie road to go up & spend Sabbath with friends at Oxford. Wrote to John & Geo Douglass. Arrived at Oxford Orange(?) Co. 6 ½ p.m. Found cousin Josiah at Depot & rode home with him.

Sunday, January 16

Staid all night at Cousin Josiah Lulz's. He brought me in a sleigh this morning to Uncle Wick's. In the p.m. took me to Chester to see Aunt Betsy Lockwood. Stopping on the way back at Madison Seely's. Staid all night Sunday night at Uncle Wicks.

Monday, January 17

Came to N.York in the 8 oclck train. Met Levi Lockwood in the cars. Called on Mr. Pomeroy & also went to his house in the evening. Spent the evening there. Negotiated for a loan of \$30,000 on years Wrote K & E.

Tuesday, January 18

Completed preliminaries with Mr Pomeroy. Wrote to Mr. Stout. K.S. & Co at Mill also to Jno Douglass. Mailed letter to Mother & to Esq Eno. Called on several business men

Wrote Gregory & Co Albany ordering 50 Gaug Second(?) Got 50\$ drft cashed – being after bk hours – it was done by Mr. Phelps

Wednesday, January 19

Left New York at 8 a.m. for Philad arrived in P- at 12 oclk M. Called on Moore Henzy & Co, Barcroft Beaner & Co. M Williamson & Co. Abbot Johne &c &c Bot set furs for Vallie \$40 Left for Reading at 4.30 p.m. Expenses of trip to New York for K.S. & Co. \$43.72.

Thursday, January 20

Wrote to Capt. Wilson, Geo. P. Eaton Kate Field

Friday, January 21

Commenced writing up my a/c of Lumber business for past season of 1858. They are much behind.

Saturday, January 22

Will Henry & I went to Rolling Mill near Schuylkill Bridge. Wrote there until dinner time.

Sunday, January 23

Went to Church at the Ger. Reformed Church in the forenoon Rev Gemhart(?) preached. Took a long walk in the afternoon for exercise with Henry Van Reed & Will.

Monday, January 24

Visited the cotton Factory of Mep Bill & Eckert & the Iron Furnace of Mip Eckert Nail factory &C. Will & Henry were with me.

Tuesday, January 25

We all went out to John Van Reeds.

Wednesday, January 26

Wrote letters, worked at my a/c's – took a walk to the top of the Hill

Thursday, January 27

Will & I went to Reading Rained hard all the way out & all night

Friday, January 28

In the country. Posting up books writing letters & c

Saturday, January 29

John Van Reed Nill Adams & I went to Reading. Very bad roads. I rode out part of the way with Jacob V.R. Vallie complaining of chill I got some medicine for her. Sent Drft of \$6,000 6 m/d K.S. Co on T.B.W.& Co. from K & E for Disct(?) He having written & agreed to Disct it 12 % (?) 6 mos dated Feb 1<sup>st</sup>.

Sunday, January 30

Jacob Van Reed & John Evans & Jacob's children made a visit. I do not approve of Sabbath visiting. Am sorry I could not go to Church Vallie was up some to day. Commenced weaning our little Effie.

Monday, January 31

Vallie has some fever & kept her bed most of the day. I wrote to Jno. H. Douglass, I. M. Beck, H. L. Stout, Geo Pomoroy. Went into Reading. Took supper with John Van Reed at John Evans on the way home. Rec'd letter from Capt. Wilson

Tuesday, February 1

Having a bad time with a boil on my right cheek & have considerable nervous sick headache Vallie is not any better apparently. Effie is very good

Wednesday, February 2

Sent W. P. Lewton (?) a/c comment (?) & enclosed drft on Corn(?) Exch Bk NYork \$5426 drawn by K & E from myself for \$200 & endorsed by me to I Eaton(?)

Thursday, February 3

Rec'd letter from Geo Pomeroy (?) returning \$6000 acct (?) sent him

Friday, February 4

Wrote to Pomeroy sending \$3000 acof(?) of TBW & Co. 5<sup>th</sup> Feb. 6 (?) for Disct. Wrote Geo P. Eaton & Jonas.

Saturday, February 5

Went into Reading with John & Will. Recd two letters from Mr. Stout via N.Y. & one from Capt Wilson. Mr Gibbs & B.H. Buckingham Wrote Mr. Stout BHB H.D Orinsbee Norton Iiwctt (?) & Co. & c

Sunday, February 6

Snowed – We remained in the country all day

Monday, February 7

Will, Henry & I took a sleigh ride in the afternoon over to Jacob Van Reeds - Sleighing very poor.

Tuesday, February 8

Went into Reading in the afternoon Took Henry with me Read letters from Stout, R. B. Hatch & G Pomeroy Got by books balanced.

Wednesday, February 9

Will & I made some paddles & had some recreation in paddling a boat about on the Mill pond. Recd letter from Mr B H Buckingham

Thursday, February 10

Will Vallie & I went into Reading. Gave Vallie one of my 50\$ drfts & got one of 100\$ cashed at Farmers Bk Reading. Left Reading for our Mills at Menomonie Wis. in the evening stopped at Robesonia with Mr Ferguson over night. Vallie & Will went out again to JnoVan Reeds

Friday, February 11

Walked with Mr. Ferguson up to the Furnace. At 10.30 a.m. left for Harrisburg arrived at H 12.30 Laid over there till 830 PM in order to take the express train for Pittsburgh

Saturday, February 12

Arrived in Pittsburgh 630 A.M. Took cars at 7 oclck via Ft Wayne for Chicago

Sunday, February 13

Arrived in Chicago 7.30 A.M. Mr. Eaton came to the Richmond House and invited me to go up to Mr. Wm Stringer (?) & stay there over the Sabbath. I did so

Monday, February 14

Mr. Stout arrived from Dubuque this morning. I went again to the Richmond House.

Tuesday, February 15

Mr Stout Mr Buckingham & self started for Menomonie via Milwaukee &c Left Chicago at 9 am Henry Anderson accompanied us as far as Black River Falls Left Milwaukee at 6.15 pm.

Wednesday, February 16

Arrived Sparta on the La Crosse RR at 7 oclck A.M. having been detained several hours by the breaking of an axle. Took the stage at 9 oclck. Dined at Black River Falls, 28 Miles Supper at Beef River 35 miles from the falls

Thursday, February 17

Arrived at Menomonie at 9 oclck a.m. to Breakfast Found all well & business going on well -- Have rode 115 Miles in sleigh & back from Sparta to this place in last 24 hours

Friday, February 18

Mr Stout Mr B H Buckingham & myself started in sleigh with Capt Wilson to visit the logging camps in the Pinery. Went up on the East side of the Menomonie & reached Quarters Camp on Lake Shetake before dark traveled 52 miles.

Saturday, February 19

Left for the camps on the main Red Cedar River on Menomonie. Went to Harringtons 8 Miles & Grovers 9 miles put up our horses & walked up to Myers Camp 2 miles & came back to Grovers & staid all night. They have cut large quantities of logs & good ones

Sunday, February 20

I did not want to be out on Sabbath but as we had a prospect of getting to a more comfortable place by traveling about 25 miles we did so & went to a camp belonging to ourselves & bossed by M. E. Jones Found comfortable quarters there & plenty to eat

Monday, February 21

Went up to see the logs put in by Jones. They are by far the largest & best I have seen. Left for the Mill about 9.20 drove to the farm on Hay River for dinner 20 miles & 10 to the Mill by 7 ½ oclk to supper 36 miles

Tuesday, February 22

We went with Mr Tainter in his fine sleigh to Dunnville. Staid all night at Tainter House

Wednesday, February 23

Settled with W. Plewtson (?) We started at 10 oclk for Read's Landing drove to Dead Lake in 2 hours & two miles below there met Thos Wilson & his wife coming up so we turned around & came back. Arrived at the Mill at 7 oclk PM having rode to day 47 miles.

Thursday, February 24

We expected to get off for the places of our abode I for Reading Pa but could not get through our business in time to leave & think now we will stay until Monday

Friday, February 25

Busy at the Mill all day. Stopping at Mr Bullards

Saturday, February 26

Mr. Stout Mr Buckingham Mr Tainter & I left the Mill for Reads Ldg at 10 oclk a.m in Mr Tainters sleigh. Thos Wilson his wife & Mrs Larem went down in a two horse buggy, sleighing poor Arrived at Reads Ldg about 6 oclk P.M.

Sunday, February 27

Went to church at Wabasha with Thos & his wife in Tainters sleigh. Rev. Andrews preached in the Congregational Church a small building created this fall. Then midnight stage came along & Mr Stout Mr B & I took passage for LaCrosse

Monday, February 28

Took breakfast at Winona Dinner at Loaches(?) Arrived at LaCrosse (75 miles) at 5 oclk p.m.

Tuesday, March 1

Arrived in Milwaukee at 11.45 am having left LaCrosse at 12.45 this morning. Bot of Bradley & Metcalf 3 doz mens boots & ordered ship to Menomonie via Sparta Paid Draft on N.Y. 100\$ Cz 26\$ for them Recd from (or prin.?) of 1.50 on Dft. Arrived in Chicago at 6.40 pm gave Mr Stout 20\$ to buy \_\_\_(?)

Wednesday, March 2

Left Chicago at 6 oclck A.M. on the Pittsburgh Ft Wayne & Chicago R.R. Met with Gov Grimes in the cars. He is going to Washington to take his seat in the U.S. Senate for the first time

Thursday, March 3

When within 6 miles of Pitts one of the truck axles of the Locomotive broke & detained us so that we did not make the connection with the 1 oclck fast train for Harrisburgh. Left in the 6 am train arriving at Harrisburgh at 5.30 pm Stopped at U.S Hotel

Friday, March 4

Left Harrisburgh at 5 A.M. Stopped at Robesonia at 8.20 a.m. Found my family at Mr Fergusons & all well Expense of self & B H Buckingham to Wisconsin & return \$154.33

Saturday, March 5

At Robesonia. Visited this Furnace

Sunday, March 6

At Robesonia. Will & I walked over to Dr. Gournants (?)

Monday, March 7

Went up on the hill back of the Furnace & had a fine view of the Lebanon Valley Called on Mr. Robeson Left for Reading at 4.30 pm Rec'd letter from B H Buckingham saying we should have the loan of 30,000\$ for 3 years @ 12% from Geo Pomoroy on my sending our Notes & necessary papers for security

Tuesday, March 8

In Reading

Wednesday, March 9

Rec'd. Deed of trust from Mr Stout Had them acknowledged & sent to BH Buckingham Wrote Mr Stout

Thursday, March 10

Rec'd Memorandum from the Mill.

Friday, March 11

We went out to Johnston Reeds returned in the evening

Saturday, March 12

Got Drft for \$100 cashed Took Vallie Harriet Van Reed & the children out riding visited the Cemetery

Sunday, March 13

In the forenoon went to M. E. Church

Monday, March 14

Vallie accompanied me to Philadelphia. I spent the day with her assisting in shopping. Vallie returned to Reading on 4.30 train

Tuesday, March 15

Bought goods of Lind Bro & Co

Wednesday, March 16

Note given for K. S. & Co to Albot Johner & Co 12 Mos amt -- \$590.55 Also D Do (?) for T. B. Woless (?) Amt 12 Mos \$786.77 Bought goods of Albot Johner(?) & Co.

Thursday, March 17

Wrote to T. B. W & Co K. S. & Co. Dana Fairar (?) & Hyde & R Blake & Son Buying Goods to day of Moore(?) Henszey(?) & Co

Friday, March 18

Bought Goods of Williamson & Co for T. B. W & Co. & K.S. & Co Also of Kelgers(?) Wilson & Co. Rec'd Telegram from B H Buckingham saying he sent Drft to day from Chicago.

Saturday, March 19

Got drft. of \$100 cashed. Pd for sewing machine for French \$26.56 & boots for D(?) – Price 10.00 Hak (?) for self 10\$ Bill at St Lawrence 15\$ RR. & Hack \$225 Came up to Reading in 4.30 pm train

Sunday, March 20

Will Henry V.R. & I went to Baptist Church this A.M. Attended Pres. Church in the evening.

Monday, March 21

Waiting for Dft of \$30000 from Chicago. Met R W. Allbright of Ft M—He took tea with us at Henry V.R—

Tuesday, March 22

No Drft arrived yet Wrote several letters.

Wednesday, March 23

Still waiting. Will Vallie Henry Effie & I went out to Jno & Wm Van Reeds in the afternoon.

Thursday, March 24

Returned to Reading this morning at 9 a.m. Found letter containing drft had arrived. Left for Phila. At 9 ¾ A M. Mailed letter containing dft to Corn(?) Ex Bk NY & wrote also to G Pomeroy, Esq. N.Y. collected bills. Pd Wilstock(?) & Co bill for T.B. W & Co. \$44.80.

Friday, March 25

Gave drft \$3425 to A Jay & Son for acct F B Wilson & Co a/c 80\$ & ck recd for Bal \$119.54 Recd dispatch this P.M. saying drft was paid I commenced making settlements with the various firms we are dealing with. Wrote to B. H. Buckingham, H. L. Stout, sent them dft on N.Y. for \$5,000

Saturday, March 26

Settled with several firms. Bought Bill Queensavour(?) for K. S. & Co T B W & Co of Boyd & Stroud Paid bill Leather to Chambers & Cattell \$97.90. Met Vallie at Depot at Noon & went in the afternoon to see to Jackson(?). We returned to Reading arriving at 8 oclk P.M.

Sunday, March 27

In Reading. Attended Lutheran Church

Monday, March 28

Henry & I left Reading for N. York at 9.43 a.m. Arrived in N.Y. at 7 pm Stopped at Metropolitan Hotel

Tuesday, March 29

My birthday. Thirty four years old to day. Years fly on apace. I have manifold blessings to be thankful for. Paid A Young & Hoagler (?) \$3000 Babcock & Co \$1600.36 Phelps Omnibus & Jordan \$2,500. Wrote to Vallie.

Wednesday, March 30

Bought Bill clothing for T.B. W & Co & K.S. & Co of Arch Young & Houglan(?)

Thursday, March 31

Took Henry over to Brooklyn to stay at Mr Ormshie's during the day—Bought Bill Henderson of Harton Jawett(?) & Co. Took tea at Mr Ormshie's in Brooklyn & spent the evening there.

Friday, April 1

Bought Bills Boots & shoes for both our firms of Lyman Sears, & Co 3 Barclay St. Made arrangements for shipping by N.Y Central south. Western 4 Co all Raid to Dunleith Fort to Reads Ldg through from N.Y. 161 127 113 84 ? pr 100 lbs In H Wilgus (?) Apt No. 9 Aster House

Saturday, April 2

We left N.Y. in the 8 A.M. Boston Exp train – arrived at West Brookfield at 2 ½ P.M. Took stage for Ware at 5 ½ P.M. Arrived at 7 P.M. & found our friends well.

Sunday, April 3

Went to Church in the forenoon Rev Perkins preached. In the evening went to Monthly Concert & prayer meeting at the Cong. Chapel. Called on Mrs. Nethwell (?) with Kate

Monday, April 4

Left Ware at 7 A.M. for Boston arrived 11 ½ a.m. Stopped at the Revere House

Pd Dana Fairen & Hyde \$1,000

“ A Strong & Hayward & Co. \$450.

“ Potter Mute White & Bayley \$769.28

Took tea with Mr. Warren (of DF & H) in Chelsea.

Pd Conant Eldon & Woods 1.56

Tuesday, April 5

Left Boston for Ware at 8.30 A.M. Arrived at W 12 ½ oclck.

Wednesday, April 6

Henry & I left Ware for N.Y. at 9 A.M. by Stage to Palmer 10 miles & cars via Springfield Hartford New Haven &c Arrived in N.Y. 5 p.m. Put up at the Metropolitan Hotel.

Thursday, April 7

Collected bills. Paid Fellows & Co Amt bal note & int \$308.57 Paid Lee Murphy & Avery Amt of K. S. & Co note & int. \$363.87 Drew on K & E's a/c W Corn Ex Bank for traveling Expenses \$150 Left for Philad. At 6 P.M. arrived at 10 P.M. Stopped at St Lawrence Hotel. Pd Phelps O & I bal on note \$169.16

Friday, April 8

Left Philad at 7.30 a.m. arrived in Reading 10 A.M. Lent R Schoemaker & Co Philad. 200\$ to apply on K.S. & Co Note (ck on N.Y.) Busy packing & getting ready for start home to-morrow.

Saturday, April 9

EL. Trip to N.Y. & Boston for 16.50 & return \$43.50 Started at 7 P.M. on our journey West. Stopped at Wm Ferguson's (Robesonia) to spend Sabbath. Henry & Harriet came along to R—with us

Sunday, April 10

At Robesonia. Mr. Ferguson is a very pleasant place to visit

Monday, April 11

Start with \$132.40 & K & E's ck on Corn Ex Bk for \$200. Left Robesonia at 10.44 & arrived at Altoona 6.35 stopped at the Logan Hotel

Tuesday, April 12

Took cars of R.R.R. at 8.15 & arrived in Pittsburgh 1245—Left at 1.15 on P.? Ft M & Chicago RR Get to Crestilans (?) 12 P.M. being 4 hours behind times Could get no rooms at Hotel so we went back to the cars again & rode in the sleeping car from there to Chicago.

Wednesday, April 13

Effie was sick yesterday Better to day Arrived at Chicago 3 P.M. Stopped at the Richmond House.

Thursday, April 14

Left Chicago at 7.45 A.M. Arrived in Burlington at 8 P.M. very windy all day so that cars could not make time

Friday, April 15

The gale was so heavy all night the Packet did not come down this morning. We got off on the Ben Campbell at 2 ½ P.M. for home where we arrived about 5 P.M. Bal cash 50.50 & ck of \$200. Ex home 82.90 of which 38.50 is to be chgd to K. S. & Co.

Wednesday, April 20

Wrote to T.BW & Co & Capt Wilson Sent Wm McCully & Co K & E Drft #5424 Amt \$200 to apply on a/c K.S. & Co. Bought 30 Bbls Mess Pork H Cattersode (?) @ 16\$ for Bbl. Paid Bal. on Notes of K.S. & Co given to P. I. Patton & Co Mch 8<sup>th</sup> 1858 for 458.63 Bal & int in \$313.95 which K & E recd Tweedy Bros Drft fw as they have this note

Thursday, April 21

Out of the \$30000 Recd. From Pomeroy I have paid 26002.10 to date inclusive Leaving \$3,997.90.

Friday, April 22

According to my a/c I have paid out on my freight a/c while East from funds I took with me \$657.71 which I think is fully 100\$ more than I can a/c for & think the 100\$ must have been paid for K.S. & Co.

Saturday, April 23

Left home at 9 oclk for St Louis via Strmr Keokuk to Montrose R.R. to Keokuk & Strmr "Quincy" for St Louis – Left K at 12 oclk M.– Fare to St Louis - \$4.50

Sunday, April 24

Arrived St. Louis 9 oclk A.M. Stopped at Binnomors(?) Hotel Went to Episcopal Church with Mr. Hatch

Monday, April 25

Bot Nails Iron &c Went up to Raft – Saw several Dealers in lumber Could not make any sales

Tuesday, April 26

Sold K & E Drft on NY \$5904 to Jn H Barksdale(?) & Co @ 1 ½ ? in Cy(?) – amt \$2500 Bought Bill Groceries for T BW & Co of Greely & Gale & for K S & Co of D A January & Co. Saw several lumber dealers

Wednesday, April 27

Bought bill sundries of Cuppler & Manton (or Mauston?)

Saturday, April 30

Saturday 3.45 P.M. Will started up Wisconsin River via P.R.R to Jefferson City & boat above that point to sell or make engagements for lumber

Sunday, May 1

Went to Pres. Church Cor. 13<sup>th</sup> St & Lucas place in the forenoon. Wrote Kate Field. Rained—

Monday, May 2

Completed by business in St Louis Engaged 300 M. ft. Plank Road lumber to Judge Brotherton @ 12\$ per M & 50 M ft fencing @ 14\$. Left St Louis on the City of Louisiana at 5 P.M. Rained hard this afternoon

Tuesday, May 3

Mississippi high & banks in many places overflowed. It has been high since opening of Navigation. Trees look green & everything coming forward rapidly. Rained hard this forenoon & a terrific storm of rain & hail about 5 P.M. Arrived Keokuk 4 PM & at 1 ½ a.m. Wednesday aft then on City Belle

Wednesday, May 4

Arrived at home 5 oclk AM found all well. Found Raft No. 1 run by W B Newcomb here unloading shingles

Thursday, May 5

Engaged R. H. Heath Esq to attend to selling lumber on the river for K.S. & Co. at 40\$ per month & Ex of traveling & board paid.

Friday, May 6

Balance in Bk House of K & E belonging to K. S & Co \$1421.50

IHK owes Iowa (?) 467.30

Cr.B. I. S. Knapp 200.

267.30

Left home at 9 ½ P.M. in Alhambra. Got on the "Wausau" at Keokuk about 1 oclk night Cash took with me 51.30 Fare to Quincy per Strm Wausau 4.50

Saturday, May 7

Left Keokuk at 8 oclk A.M. per Strm Wausaw. Arrived in Quincy at 12 oclk. M. Stopped at the Quincy House. Met Mr. S Nelson Stillwater there. Went around to the various lumber yards & engaged some laths.

Sunday, May 8

Went to Church in the forenoon at the Congregational & in the Evening to the Baptist.  
Mr Lewis Express agent went with me. Wrote to Vallie – Weather very warm

Monday, May 9

In Quincy all day – Learned in the evening that my raft was at Hannibal.

Tuesday, May 10

Left Quincy 7 ½ A.M. for Hannibal. Bill at Quincy House \$6, omnibus 25 c ex to & at Hannibal 1\$ Left H- on board Hannibal City Raft had left this morning before I arrived—

Wednesday, May 11

Arrived in St Louis

Thursday, May 12

Engaged to bring 100<sup>th</sup> ft. flooring @ 19\$ from yard in Ft. Madison & deliver at St. Louis to Jas Leithy Co for which they are to pay me ½ cash on delivery Note 90 days for bal – Also 50<sup>th</sup> joist (?) at Horse Creek at 12\$ per M to same parties at ½ down ½ 60 days.

Friday, May 13

Yesterday settled with Parks & Audrey Co for 106,912 ft. lumber @ 12\$. Rec'd cash \$441.47 & Note 90 days \$641.47 200\$ having been paid to Hatch – 10 Adams Expenses trip up Missouri & Ex to date as per his a/c \$62.20

Saturday, May 14

Engaged 100 M ft. joist to Mr. Rippen & Co @ 12\$ per M. Got our note for \$2100 Disc'd by W. H. Barksdale & Co 90 days @ 8% -- Amt disct \$43.87-- Ch Sent H. L. Stout by Am Ex. Ch?. \$1,000 Ch?. Sent K.S. & Co. by S. B. "Wm L. Ewing" to Reads Landing \$1,000 Ch. River rising rapidly—

Monday, May 16

Got Van Horn to measure to Jos Luthy(?) & Co. River about on a stand Heavy rain last night Took contract for sawing 600 M ft. lumber for a horse R.R. on Broadway St Louis – Made the engagement with W. M. McPherson & Col. D. H. Armstrong & Hudson E. Bridge Price 12 \$ per M. size 5 x 6 7 or 14 ft long & 5 x 7 16-20-or 24 ft long—

Tuesday, May 17

Bought of John J. Roe & Co 5 casks Bacon shoulders @ 7 ¾ c per lb., amt. of bill \$385.30. Gave Adams CK for 60\$ for Ex. Settled with W.B. Newcomb in full for running raft No. 1. Wrote to Capt Wilson & to K. S. & Co ordering R.R. lumber sawed. Left St Louis at 5 p.m. in "Warsaw."

Wednesday, May 18

Saw Fuller & Ammidson (?) of Hannibal & Bermeson Carol & Co of Quincy in regard to lumber

Thursday, May 19

Sent John H Douglass to Quincy to pay off Pilot of Raft No. 2.

Friday, May 20

Writing up lumber yard books

Saturday, May 21

Commenced loading Barge "Lilly" with lumber for St Louis

Sunday, May 22

Vallie and I attended the Baptist Church

Monday, May 23

Loading boat

Tuesday, May 24

Loading boat. An unusually heavy wind & rain storm came up at 6 ½ p.m. & lasted one hour.

Wednesday, May 25

Loading boat. Settled with Jim Haggerty for running raft No. 2 Wrote Mr. Stout Mr. Heath & Mr. Hatch

Thursday, May 26

In attendance in the Court to day having been summoned as Juror. Wrote to Will Adams. Rained hard.

Saturday, May 28

Finished loading barge Put on in all 100,166 ft lumber & 80 Laths. The stmr "Canada" took her in tow at 12 oclk night.

Monday, May 30

Moved down stairs & we will try how our sitting room will answer our purpose as a sleeping room. Rec'd several letters. Wrote to Heath. Paid C. S. Curtis (?) 159.29 for Drft on me from Mill. Date & Sept 11<sup>th</sup> 58, 8 Mos. –

Tuesday, May 31

Assisted about home laying down carpets &c &c. Read letter from Capt Wilson. Wrote to Hotel to see about Plank Road lumber &c.

Wednesday, June 1

Mr. Hatch came up.

Thursday, June 2

Wrote Capt Wilson.

Friday, June 3

Raft No. 3 arrived – 17 days out. Put off 199,250 shingles. Bal of shingles & all lath go on Lath go to Quincy—

Saturday, June 4

Raft No. 3 left here at 7 a.m.

Monday, June 6

Hatch started to St Louis

Wednesday, June 7

Had first green pear for this season, strawberries very large – very abundant Measure one to day 1 1/8 inch in diameter. Paid for envelopes for K. S. & Co. 35 cents.

Thursday, June 8

Very busy writing up a/c's for Annual Statement

Sunday, June 12

Communion day at the Pres Church

Monday, June 13

Settled with Heath. He returned. Recd letter from Hatch & also from I Riley asking price for filling bill lumber. Sent contract & order of Fuller & Alumi down also of Cruikshank & son of Hannibal to the Mill per I. Hale to be filled—

Saturday, June 18

Saturday, 18<sup>th</sup> Hatch returned Vallie, Effie, Mother Henry & I went with Jonas & Mary & little Carrie on a visit to Williams where I have not been before since last Oct or Nov.

Monday, June 20

After about two weeks writing up books & a/c with assistance John Douglass have finally got through bal. sheet made out a/c already to transmit to the mill

Wednesday, June 22

Mother Vallie & I Almeda John & Geo & their wives visited at Jona's today being the first time for me in 7 or 8 weeks.

Thursday, June 23

Mr. Hatch & Will started down river to look after our lumber at Quincy & Alton. Wrote to Mr. Stout R. H. Heath & Seawitt (?) & Mason

Friday, June 24

Wrote to Thos. B. Wilson R. B. Hatch R. H. Heath Kate C Field S. B. French

Saturday, June 25

Visited Empire Lodge No. 31 first time in several months. Pd. Dues 4\$.

Sunday, June 26

Went to Baptist Church twice & also to Bible class.

Monday, June 27

Shipped 67 bags G. A. Salt & 79 T. I. Salt on the Strmr "W. L. Ewing" @ 25 & 15 cents per 500/C ft to Reads Ldg. Recd visit from Mr. Jno & C Phelps of N.Y. Hottest day this season up to date

Tuesday, June 28

Very heavy rain in the night the heaviest rains that has fallen in this country in many years—overflowed our garden

Wednesday, June 29

Wrote Heath to go & see men in Hannibal. Cooler weather in consequence of the heavy rain last night

Thursday, June 30

Commenced getting ice of Smith to pay him ½ cent per lb & 10 lbs. to be delivered every other day. Adam Engert commenced building dam in hollow back of vineyard I am to pay him 15\$ for doing the work Rec'd letters from Mill & Reads Ldg

Friday, July 1

Sabbath School Celebration Pic. Nic &c over the river, 500 persons went over the ferry to the Pic. Nic. Heath returned from Quincy.

Saturday, July 2

Very hot & oppressive. Atmosphere damp. Wrote to Hatch & to Adams.

Sunday, July 3

Heard Mr. Mitchell of Davenport preach at Pres Church

Monday, July 4

Bot & ship lot of Ag tools per Strm Denmark. Sent K. S. & Co. Menomonie by same boat 500\$ Ch.—The Germans had a celebration on Rev. I. A. Clark (?) Two fine companions came from Burlington. Wrote several business letters.

Tuesday, July 5

Worked in the Garden

Wednesday, July 6

Wrote to Will to Ludlow & Co. I. B. Price Custis & Hiles & to the Mill. Sent 500\$ to K. S. & Co. per Strmr Northern & shipped them on same boat one Atkins raking reaping machine. Cost \$110.50 Got door yard mowed.

Saturday, July 9

Geo Archer arrived with raft No. 6 about 8 1/2 p.m. Left at Ft. M. – 1 crib 12 x 82 – 12 deep (?) 32 ¼ M shingles – Is to start to Judges Landing & St. Louis immediately.

Sunday, July 10

Went to Pres Church (?) Taught a class in S. School Attended Bible class.

Monday, July 11

Haggerty with raft No. 5 got here yesterday evening at 4 o'clk. Left 30 cribs

27 – 16 x 32 -14 courses deep (?)

1 “ “ 16 “ “

1 “ “ 17 “ “

1 12 x 32 18 “ “

1021 bundles pickets 24 M shingles

Raft left for St Louis at 6 p.m. Wrote 8 letters this afternoon. Shipped 104 ½ Bbl Pork for W. L. Ewing to Reads Ldg

Tuesday, July 12

Weather still remains very hot. Had a company of some 15 to 20 of our friends to supper with us. Mr. Bullard was among the number. Had a pleasant visit all together.

Wednesday, July 13

Hot weather Thermometer 94 degrees

Thursday, July 14

Left home at 3.20 pm on stmr Northerner for St Louis Arrived Quincy about 9 ½ p.m.

Friday, July 15

Arrived in St Louis 1 ½ p.m. about 22 hours out form home Bought bill (in part at least) furniture for Thos. Wilson of Sequit & Mason, amt Bill \$212.95

Saturday, July 16

Went up to lumber landing at Bremen & Upper Fluy(?). Down to Gass north & many other places Wrote K & E Jno D – Vallie & T. B. Wilson. Very hot day & worked hard & accomplished considerable. Bot wall border for Capt Wilson sent per Denmark Pd. Bill for same 1.75.

Sunday, July 17

Went to Baptist Church in the morning & heard a good sermon from Luke 22:46. In the evening Mr. Hatch Will & I went to Pres. Church Cor 9<sup>th</sup> & Locust. Wrote to Vallie.

Monday, July 18

Went to see Wm Valle in regard to lumber \_\_\_\_\_ - also Col D. H. Armstrong. Bought & paid for stove (of Samuel Rodgers?) for Strm Chippewa Falls. Cost 95\$ to be shipped per Northerner. Sick to day from excessive heat poor nights rest & bilious diarrhaea.

Tuesday, July 19

Paid James Haggerty for measuring 58 cribs 16 x 32

15 courses deep = & 38 cribs 16 x 32

14 courses deep = gross 717,824 16 x 32

Less 12% 86138 = 1,31.686

Pickets 19,100 to Quincy & St Louis

Laths 209500

Gross amt remaining \$1,157.18

Less 15% 172.67 - 978.51

Pd by cash from packet 160

Pd by ck on W.H.B. & Co. 818.50 - 978.50

Pd Hatch on W.H.B. Co. 65\$

Wednesday, July 20

Loaned I. T. Drme(?) 25\$ Loaned Dr. H H Beals \$11

Thursday, July 21

Had nine notes on different persons in St Louis disc'td at State Savings Institution Nett proceeds \$4,692.63 Ch Paid Hatch 250\$ Hotel \$15.40 Ck on K & E a/c with W H B & Co 5000\$ for drft on Chicago for 5000\$ Dep 4000\$ to Cr K.S. & Co Left St Louis 5 ½ P.M. for home on strm Metropolitan.

Friday, July 22

On board Metropolitan.

Saturday, July 23

Arrived Ft. Madison at 9 ¼ A.M. Found all well.

Thursday, July 28

Went to Burlington with Mr. Eaton. He went on to Chicago & I returned about 12 p.m. home on "Northerner."

Monday, August 1

Settled with R. H. Heath. Allowed him 120\$ for his salary to date nearly 3 mos.

Tuesday, August 2

Rec'd letter from Will ordering note of Overall & Boy (?) Also letter from Wm.(or Mr.?) Hatch. Mr. Brunelle arrived bringing intelligence from Menomonie Rec'd schedule of Raft No. 8.

Wednesday, August 3

Wrote to Mr. Hatch & sent statement of lumber in raft No. 8.

Thursday, August 4

Wrote Will, The Bank Commissioners of State Bk of Iowa Myers Smith of Oskaloosa & Stone of Muscatine arrived & there being his applications for a Branch here & ours the only one ready for examination & proceeded same evening to examine us. Counted the Recds \$33,500 & found all right.

Friday, August 5

Meps Smith & Stone completed their examination of our organization or Branch satisfactorily to themselves & the Directors. Wrote to Will Recd letter from Mr. Stout.

Sunday, August 7

Went to Pres Ch in forenoon & to hear Rev Morgan Edwards at Court House in the evening Had an interesting Bible class in the afternoon Weather Warm Thermometer 90 degrees

Monday, August 8

Archer arrived with Raft No. 8 this morning—

Tuesday, August 9

John H. Douglass went to Hannibal to attend the selling of part of raft No. 8 for me

Wednesday, August 10

To day the decision will be made at Iowa City whether we get a Bk Charter here or not—  
Weather very hot.

Thursday, August 11

At home & in the Bkg House all day. Ther. 90 degrees in the shade at 2 p.m.

Friday, August 12

Hotter to day than yesterday Ther. at 10 ½ PM 84 degrees in up stairs front room-80 degrees in down stairs back room.

Saturday, August 13

Geo P. Eaton Jos M Beck Judge Viele returned from Iowa City to day bringing welcome intelligence that our organization has succeeded in obtaining the Charter for Branch St. Bank at this place. Paid Adam English 10\$, Paid Amborn & Broffin I. H. D. 6\$

Monday, August 15

John Douglass returned from Hannibal in the night having sold 38 cribs lumber to Mip Fuller & Ammidonn(?) ath 10\$ in the water & all the laths 351 @ 1.65 on the raft.

Wednesday, August 17

Very hot. Ther. 93 degrees in the shade. Dry & very dusty.

Thursday, August 18

Rec'd schedule of Raft No. 9. which left Nelson's landing 13 unit(?) man by Jim Haggerty Sent Hatch a copy of same Weather cooler. Ther 72 to 80 degrees.

Friday, August 19

Rec'd dispatch from Mr. Stout saying Raft No. 9. would be at Muscatine on to day or to morrow. Dispatch dated 17<sup>th</sup>

Saturday, August 20

About 11 ½ oclk P.M. my dear Vallie gave birth to a son. A fine fellow weighing about 9 ½ lbs. Our Heavenly Father has been very kind towards us & answered our prayers fully.

Sunday, August 21

Vallie and baby doing well. Did not go out to church today. Heard from Will to day by letter from Mr Hatch & thanks be to our Heavenly Father he is improving & will soon be out, he thinks

Monday, August 22

Rec'd two letters from Will quite a heat. He is much better & getting about again St Louis is a hard place for a stranger to be sick in. Wrote Mr Hatch & commenced one to Capt Wilson. Set out one bed of strawberry plants & played music good deal besides.

Tuesday, August 23

Weather very cool 67 degrees. Set out 4 beds strawberry plants – 1st bed – McAvoy Superior & Lg Early Scarlet ? ? ? ??? . Gave Miss Martin 3\$.

Thursday, August 25

Sent draft to Jno. I. Roe & Co. St Louis for amt due them \$427.04 Pd Oculator (?) Bal due on note of 300\$. Amt to be cr to yard 56.33

Friday, August 26

Raft No. 9 run by Haggerty arrived at Noon – Left 4 cribs culls 12 x 32 - 1 crib 12 x 32 12 deep Fencing & Boards – 2 cribs Yellow pine flooring 79\$ cull shingles. Will arrived from St Louis this morning. Will mother & I took dinner at Alemeda's. Mr. & Mrs. Little & Mr & Mrs. Harper were there.

Saturday, August 27

Sent Dr'ft. for 1530\$ to Geo Pomeroy N.Y. to take up K. S. & Co. Note due Sept 1<sup>st</sup>— 200 drft to P. I. Parton & Co Phila & 250.43 drft on Aucimabe(?) to Wm McCally & Pittsburgh & also sent drft on W. H. B & Co for 479.50 to Scaint & Masone St Louis.

Tuesday, August 30  
Vallie set up some

Wednesday, August 31

Vallie pretty smart to day Mother somewhat sick this A.M. Mr. Wm Sturgis & wife's Sister bro & Mr. Lawrence came to town last evening & spent the day here in Ft M. looking around. Like the place well. Pd Mrs. Hadd(?) bill \$6.80 Gave 2\$ towards a church in Dallas.

Thursday, September 1

Windy. Rec'd letter from Mr. Stout saying Raft No. 10 would leave evening 30<sup>th</sup> from Dubuque Paid Mr Conrad(?) Parmer my bill \$8.09 Rode out to Jonas in the afternoon

Friday, September 2

Cool. At 7 A.M. Ther 55 degrees Geo & I went up on the bluff on my building spot & examined things at a distance with my "Telescope"

Saturday, September 3

Sent drft to (?) & Painter for \$808.13

Dr to Babcock & Co \$549.01

Exch on the above 2 ½% 33.92

Pd M Comos(?) Note & int. 994.20

Pd Cash 923.18

Lumber yd a/cs 71.02 994.20

Sunday, September 4

Staid at home with Vallie while the remainder of our family went to Church Heard Rev Morgan Edwards preach in the evening

Monday, September 5

Left home for Muscatine in the Henry Clay at 10 a.m. to meet Raft No. 10.

Tuesday, September 6

Arrived at Muscatine at 3 A.M. Found raft had passed. Saw Mr. Hatch & Mr. Stein in regard to lumber No lumber wanted in Muscatine. Visited Hushers Mill. Left for home On "Fanny Harris" (?) at 2 P.M. River low – grounded two or three times

Wednesday, September 7

Got home at 3 A.M. Raft No 10 run by A S Martin got in this morning & left at noon

Thursday, September 8

Left home at 11 ½ A.M. on "Ben Campbell." Waited for the cars at Montrose 6 hours. Left Keokuk at 11 PM on the "Northern Light"

Friday, September 9

Arrived at Quincy at 3 oclck A.M. Tried all day to sell lumber – did not succeed Raft not arriving yet Wrote to Capt Wilson & H. L. Stout Rained pretty hard this forenoon. Have a good room No. 13 at the Quincy House

Saturday, September 10

Left Quincy at 8 oclck on the “Fannie” & came down to Hannibal. Tried to effect sale of my raft before its arrival but could not. The Raft was in sight of Quincy coming down when I left there but has not arrived here yet

Sunday, September 11

Last night was forced to leave my room at the “Planters House” by the bed bugs being so very bad. Got another room about one oclck P.M. & tried to sleep more. Took a walk this morning & went to Church in the forenoon. Took a nap after dinner. Went to Pres Church in the evng.

Monday, September 12

No raft of K.S. & Co in sight yet. I learn the raft Martin is running in aground above Mason City Will came up to day per Strm Post Boy – So I have company now

Tuesday, September 13

Raft came down at last & landed above town. Sold Fuller & Ammidonn (?) 150.130 ft. @ 10\$ 30500 shingles @ \$2.50 78,300 laths @ \$17.00. 300 pickets at 1\$ per 100 – Whole sale ? to \$17 \$3.66 1/2 cash 1/2 4 mos.

Wednesday, September 14

Closed up matters with Ft. & A. Paid A. S. Martin my raft pilot 206\$. Will Adams \$10. Hotel Bill \$6.00 Left Hannibal at noon on the “Warsaw”. Arrived at Keokuk at 9 oclck. No cars to go round the rapids to night Remained on board. J.W. Albright & I rooming together.

Thursday, September 15

Left K- 6 1/2 A.M. – Cars to Montrose “Kate Cassell” to Ft M—arrived about 10 oclck A.M – Found all well at home except dear little Effie – she has been sick more or less for ten days & we cannot tell what is the cause – perhaps teething. Rec’d many letters

Friday, September 16

Wrote letters & c Rec’d the Goods Memorandums

Saturday, September 17

Getting ready to head East. Did shopping for Vallie.

Sunday, September 18

Cold & rainy. Heard Mr. Taylor preach

Monday, September 19

Getting ready to start East & to St Louis. Cold & rainy

Tuesday, September 20

Made a contract for K & E with the committee on the part of the City of Ft M. to keep good (?) & circulate & give Cr to the Ft. Madison City (?) (11000\$) for 2 years from 1<sup>st</sup> Jany 1860 or from now until 1<sup>st</sup> Jany 1862. Left home at 3 oclck P.M. Jonas took me to Montrose Took cars at 6 PM for K & Die Venison (?)for St L

Wednesday, September 21

“Die Venison” (?) is a fine new Boat of large size. This new 2<sup>nd</sup> trip. We left Keokuk at 6 ½ A.M.

Thursday, September 22

Arrived in St. Louis 5 ½ A.M. Stopped at Barnumes(?) I find Lumber dull(?) sale & money very tight

Friday, September 23

Have been looking after financial matters to day & find money as scarce or scarce then during the Panic of 1857. Exchanged scarce & high Dep 200\$ C at W. H. B. & Co Amt collected of Judge Buthaton (?) Drew Ck from K & E for 1000 C? which I had placed to their Cr.

Saturday, September 24

D A. January & Co. Disct & D. H. Armstrong R. R. Co Note \$892.24 @ 10% B. F. Amt Disct \$12.38. Exchanged several notes I held against St Louis Lumber Dealers for W H Barkdales & Co. time drft in N.Y. Exch ¾ %

Sunday, September 25

Went to Pres Church on 8<sup>th</sup> & Locust Sts in the evening

Monday, September 26

Will & I went out to the Fair Ground of St. Louis Ag & Mech. Operations. I entered 6 bottles Catawba(?) juice of my own raising Rained hard in the early part of the day – Military parade fine stock &c the order of the day. Left for N. York at 2 p.m.

Tuesday, September 27

Arrived at Cincinnati 7.15 a.m. Left 8.45 via Steubenville route for Pittsburgh. Was delayed near Pittsburgh by freight train being off the track -- Arrived there about 2 oclck at night.

Wednesday, September 28

Left Pittsburgh in the 3 A.M. mail train for Philad. Arrived in Philad. 5 p.m.

Thursday, September 29

Paid A. Dimond & Co Amt Note \$270.38. Went out to the state fair at Powelton. It is nothing to compare with the fair in St. Louis

Friday, September 30

Paid Boyd & Stroud 163.83 \$ Paid P. I. Patten Balance on Note. T. B.W & Co & K. S. & Co Bal \$298.25 Bought Bill Notions Lind Bro & Co. Hats & Caps of Hendersen Southmand(?) & Co. Left Philadelphia for N. York at 6 P.M.

Saturday, October 1

Bought Bill of clothing of A. Young & Co. – Left some notes (on lumbermen in St. Louis) at the Corn Exchg Bk to be disctd by the Bk if the paper prices satisfactory on inquiry—

Sunday, October 2

Went with C. Jordan to church in Brooklyn & heard Rev. Henry Ward Beecher preach an excellent sermon In the evening went to hear Rev Chapin & was not so well pleased—

Monday, October 3

Pd. Phelps Ormslen & Jordan Bal on all a/c \$104.71—Bought Balance of clothing. A bill of Boots & choes(?) of Lyman Sears & Co for K.S. & Co & T.B.W & Co.

Tuesday, October 4

Bought bill Hardwares of Kohn & Jewett. Deposited ck of Babcock & Co (rec'd for Bal of their drft of W H B & Co 659.15 after paying Babcock & Co notes \$555.23 due Nov 1<sup>st</sup>) at Corn Exch Bk & 600\$ time drft due 21 Nov. to be disctd by said Bank – Paid Fellows & Co \$228.25 amt we owed them

Wednesday, October 5

Bought Bills Dry Goods for K.S. & Co. & T. B. Wilson & Co today of Graydon McCreevy & Co. Left NYork at 6 p.m. Arrived in Philad. 10 P.M.

Thursday, October 6

Left Philad at 7.30 A.M. arrived in Reading Pa at 10 am – Called to see friends there & left R- at 6.00 P.M. Arrived in Harrisburgh at 8.25 P.M. Stopped at U. S. Hotel First frost of the season came last night – Morning very cool & frosty

Friday, October 7

Took the 3.10 A.M. Express train on P.R.R. Arrived in Pittsburgh about noon. Left there soon after on the Pittsburgh Ft. Wayne & Chicago R.R. Weather very fine.

Saturday, October 9

Arrived at Chicago 8.30 AM & left at 8.45 on the Burlington Road – Arrived in Burlington at 6.30 P.M. – Considerable political excitement here – was introduced to Wm

Kirkwood who is the Republican Candidate for Governor. I think he will be elected. Left on Strm Ben Campbell for home at 11 oclck P.M.

Sunday, October 10

Arrived at home in Ft. Madison about 2 a.m. Found all well Vallie & I went to Pres. Church in the forenoon & I went to Baptist church in the evening. Twenty four years ago to day I with the other members of my fathers family (except Bro William) came to Fort Madison – all the way by land in our own conveyance from NYork State

Monday, October 11

Raft No. 11 came down. We had the shingles that was on it 62 ¼ We put off at Fort M-- & took on board 100 bundles of pickets. It pulled out at 3 ½ P.M.

Wednesday, October 12

Intended starting for St Louis but could not get off. Attended meeting of the Board of Directors Branch Bk of the State Bk of Iowa. Adjourned to meet tomorrow P.M.

Thursday, October 13

Busy getting business arranged so that I can leave home in a few days & go to St. Louis. Board of Bk Directors met at 3 ½ P.M. Wm Eaton & I concluded a sale of our Banking House &c to the Branch at this place. Bank to go into operation next Monday.

Friday, October 14

Signed & sent deed of 3 acres land at our Mills (Menomonie Dunn Co Wis.) to Mrs. Angelina Wilson. Also signed deed to Banking House &c of K & E to Branch Bk-- Left home at 4 p.m for St Louis. Rode in carriage 3 ½ miles below town--then got on Construction train & went by Rail Road to Keokuk.

Saturday, October 15

Left Keokuk at 6 ½ AM for St Louis. Left Quincy at about 2 ½ p.m. Passed our Raft No. 11. about 8 miles below Quincy – laying by for wind.

Sunday, October 16

Went to Second Baptist Church in the morning & heard Rev Galusha Anderson preach Rained in the evening & I did not go out

Monday, October 17

Bought Bill of Iron & Nails of Read & Markham Bill Drugs Paints &c of Baward & Co. Stationery of Lt A Carr. Stoves &c of Bridge Beach & Co – Sundries of Cupples & Marston &c &c Wrote to Vallie John Douglass Wm. Gibbs, K.S. & Co & T B Wilson & Co & Mr Stout

Tuesday, October 18

Gathered up bills. Sold 150 M ft Lumber to V Reiss & Son at 12\$ Payments equivalent to ½ down & ½ 4 mos. Gave Hatch checks for 725\$ to pay pilot with & c

Wednesday, October 19

Settled a/cs gathered \_\_\_\_\_(?) goods. Got note from St Louis R. R. Company for part the lumber we are delivering Amt Note \$2558.59. Sent W. J. Ager Drft on Henry G. Smith Memphis to Bk West Tennessee for Acpt & collection. Left St Louis 4 PM on Warsaw

Thursday, October 20

Saw Raft No 11 lying at Louisiana Will is there to attend to it Arrived Keokuk 10 P.M.

Friday, October 21

Left K. 7 oclk AM via cars to Montrose & Strm Addia to Ft Madison

Saturday, October 22

Not well – had intended to start to Oquawka to meet Raft run by Martin Kate Field came about midnight to pay us a visit

Sunday, October 23

Went to church but still feeling sick – Bad cold bones aching &c &c.

Wednesday, November 9

Have been sick for over two weeks. Am getting pretty well again.

Thursday, November 10

Mild Indian summer weather still continues. It is about 6 weeks now since it commenced Altogether a very fine fall – unusually so

Friday, November 11

Have got strong enough to begin to attend to business Geo. Douglas & I went in buggy to Burlington. Weather mild & pleasant. Turned cold before we got to Burlington

Saturday, November 12

When I awoke this morning found it very cold & wintry. Snow 2 inches deep & altogether a disagreeable & very sudden change. Could do no business so Geo & I returned to Ft. M. in the afternoon & had a very cold ride—

Sunday, November 13

Thermometer this morning 20 degrees above O.

Monday, November 14

Weather has moderated

Tuesday, November 15

Kate Field left for Muscatine

Wednesday, November 16

Settled with John D. Lockwood paying him Bal due on K.S. & Co Note to Dr. Claypoole \$2,500.00 Gave note dated 17th inst 4 Mos to Williamson Co. Philad. 500\$ to apply on an old note & 500\$ on note of \$2154 due 19 Mch 1860

Thursday, November 17

Measured 5 cribs lumber paid for handling same 1\$ Bought a fine carp Wild turkey killed over the river Price 50 cents higher 14 lbs. gross

Friday, November 18

Jonas came down & took Vallie Henry -our little baby Willie & I – together with his wife & Libby over to Williams on a visit. Fine Indian summer day – I hunted some – killed two quails-

Saturday, November 19

Fine day. Altogether the finest fall we have had in many years. John Douglas returned from Hannibal having completed the delivery of raft No. 14 which fills the contract with Fuller & Ammidonn(?)

Sunday, November 20

Went to hear Rev. G. J. Johnson at Boust(?) House this morning which is the place of meeting of the Baptist congregation

Monday, November 21

Had John H. Douglas & wife Douglas Norwood & Almeda to dine with us upon the Wild Turkey.

Tuesday, November 22

Getting ready to start to St. Louis – Pleasant day-

Wednesday, November 23

Left in the cars at 9 a.m. for K- en route for St. Louis Arrived at Keokuk 12 We must wait until to morrow morning for a boat to go down Stopped at the Billings House Cool raw day.

Thursday, November 24

Left K- at 6 ½ a.m. on the Stmr “Warsaw” Fare to St Louis 4\$ - weather rainy-

Friday, November 25

Weather this morning mild & showery – windy almost to amount to a gale this PM Arrived in St Louis 10 o’clk P.M. Stopped at Baumann’s (?) St Louis Hotel as usual.

Saturday, November 26

Settled with D A January Co They disct’d several notes amtg to \$3392.90 less disc \$49.84 = \$3,343.06 Paid Bal their a/c in cash \$502.82; Amt their bill \$3,845.88.

Sunday, November 27  
Went to Church twice

Monday, November 28  
Busy trying to sell lumber.

Tuesday, November 29  
Gave ck on State surveying for 235\$ Bought drft on NY for 225 \$ Exch 35 cents Had John C. Phelps remit same – to ? deposited to Cr K & E at Corn Ex Bk Bot also drft for 50\$ on N.Y. for a communication of H. D. Ormsbee. Deposited 275\$ ch at W H B & Co Ch \$250 Ch on State \_\_\_\_\_ ?

Wednesday, November 30  
Sold V. Reis & Son 150 ft lumber @ 12\$ ½ cash ½ 4 mos. To be measured B Reise 50 M ft boards ½ cash ½ 90 days- Wright & Maddox 150 No ft engaged yesterday Deposited 300\$ Ch Wed. on a/c Strm Chippewa Falls at @ H B & Co. Engaged 50<sup>th</sup> ft to Wm Morrison.

Thursday, December 1  
Stormy day – rain in the morning. Sleet in the evening Wrote to Vallie & John, Mr. Stout & Mr. French.

Friday, December 2  
Very cold. Sleighing good Can do nothing while the weather continues thus Dealer will not purchase or do anything when the weather is bad

Saturday, December 3  
Checked on State Savings a/c 40\$ Cz Purchased Articles for Vallie & self. Under clothing. Forks for ourselves & Mrs R & c

Sunday, December 4  
Will & I went to hear Dr Anderson this morning & Rev Brooks this evening Dr A preached from Phil 4 Chap 4 V. We called on Wm Gray's family & took tea with them.

Monday, December 5  
Thawing rapidly. Misting all day. Collected 633\$ of V. Reip & son being balance due on lumber. Deposited 613\$ Bf (?) at W H Barksdale & Co Wrote to H L Stout Thos Wilson Geo P. Eaton

Wednesday, December 7  
Very cold Ther. below zero collected 200\$ of Plank Road Co. on a/c & Dep same at W. H. Barksdale & Co Took up K.S. & Co. Note of \$1,000

Thursday, December 8  
This is Thanksgiving day in Missouri. Attended church at 2<sup>nd</sup> Pres. Ch. in the forenoon & heard a good discourse by Rev Brookes.

Friday, December 9

Measured some lumber this forenoon. Have 600 ft. to sell yet. Weather moderate & thawing

Saturday, December 10

Mild weather – To work at the lumber

Sunday, December 11

Heard Rev. Brooks at 2<sup>nd</sup> Pres. Church in the forenoon & in the evening heard Mip Sprague a spiritualist preach or rather lecture at Mercantile Library Hall.

Monday, December 12

At the Lumber. Wet & muddy sloppy thawing weather. The boards are so frozen together that we have to pry them apart with a hand spike in order to maneuver them. Rec'd letter from Eaton.

Wednesday, December 14

Saw Mr. Barksdale & gave new note \$5,000 dated 13 Dec 4 months on a/c K & E. Went out & tried to sell more lumber today But little success

Thursday, December 15

Checked on H W B & Co. 24\$ cz Wrote Mr. Eaton & Capt Wilson Recd letters from Vallie & John

Saturday, December 17

We finished the measuring & delivery of several lots of lumber.

Sunday, December 18

Wrote to H Enos & his brother Wm Enos.

Monday, December 19

Settled with B Reis V. Reis & Son Wm Morrison. D. T. Wright & Co & St Louis R.R. Co for amt. Lumber got by each.--

Tuesday, December 20

Wrote to I. G. Macky Getting ready to start home tomorrow.

Wednesday, December 21

Mr Hatch & I left St Louis at 6.15 A.M. via Alton St Louis & Chicago R.R. Ice so heavy in River that it took 1 ½ hours to get across the River at St Louis. Arrived at Peoria Junction at 5 P.M.

Thursday, December 22

Left Peoria Junction at 4 A.M. Arrived Peoria at 6:45 left at 7 a.m. & at Burlington 1 P.M. Hired a carriage to bring us to Ft. M for 6 \$ & left B. immediately after getting our dinner. Very cold weather—Got home at 6 ½ P.M. Glad to get home again after over 4 weeks absence

Friday, December 23

Mip Pond is very sick at our house with inflammation of the lungs—Effie is still very much troubled with sores on her hands, face & limbs

Saturday, December 24

Many kept this day as their Christmas – Vallie & I took dinner at Dr. Rineharts

Sunday, December 25

Went to hear Mr. Taylor He preached 1 ½ hours & I was much wearied The church has been repaired—Frescoed, seats lowered – Gallery taken down &c &c It is now a very pleasant church

Monday, December 26

At home – Many persons kept to day as Christmas

Saturday, December 31

The old year goes out quietly & coldly – I have much very much to be thankful for. God has truly blessed me during this past year Special blessings have been ? ? in answer to prayers. May I live more to Christ for the coming year if my Father spares my life. The week the year closes & I believe I am at peace with all my fellow man & at peace with my Maker. Thanks to Him who rules all things