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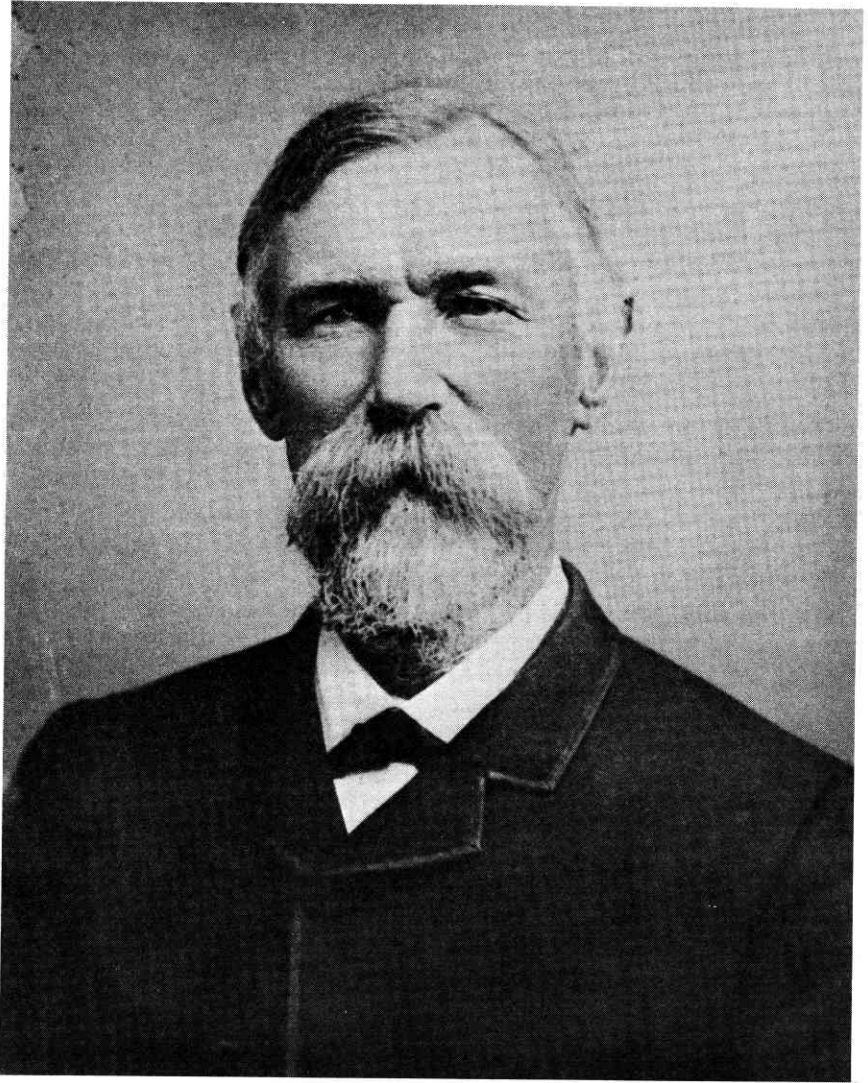
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The Reverend Littleberry James Haley

THE REVEREND L. J. HALEY'S DIARY

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Mineral, Virginia

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1878

Jan. 1, 1878. I am at Home. Company visiting and on business coming and going all day. Mrs. Turner and Mrs. Atkinson come over and spend the day. The boys bring a load from the farm and also drive down the cattle.

Jan. 3. I attend an oyster supper at Freds. Hall given by the Masons, a subscription supper. We have a pretty good time. Got a letter from Dickinson and Chewing to the effect that Mr. Ernst has backed out from the purchase of my place and is on Ohio to move his goods back to that state.

Jan. 4. Get up early in the morning and find it snowing. The snow has fallen some 4 or 5 inches. I go to Louisa C.H. to see Mr. Winston in connexion with the matter of Mr. Ernsts backing our from his land trade. The weather is quite cold. Get back on the evening train. Chewing spends night at my house.

Jan. 5. Go to see Mr. Ernst at Mr. Carpenters. I have a long talk with him and learn from him — that while he bought my place in his own name he bought for a home for himself and mother. He told me that she was going to pay for the place, that she had brought on the money to make the first payment and it was deposited in Bank, that she had arranged at home to have certain bonds due her made payable to her in a way to make the deferred payments on the place and that was to pay for the place as a home for herself and for him. I tried to bring him to a compromise but could not and left him without coming to any satisfactory conclusions.

Jan. 6. It is very cold and I am very unwell. I spend the day at home. It is my day at Bethany but the weather is so cold that I imagine nobody is there.

Jan. 7. Still very cold. Thermometer about 0°. Go up to Mr. Carpenters. From there to my old place and meet Mr. Ernst again. He positively refuses to come to any terms with regard to his late purchase and forces me to take legal steps or let him go free. Advised in this matter by my agents in Richmond. I expect at once to proceed to attach all his property that I can find in this state and so hold it until this case can be decided. I dined today in company with Mr. Ernst at Mr. Poindexter's. The weather is very cold. A fine ice spell. . .

Jan. 12. I go by Freds Hall and order Mr. Turner to attach Mr. Ernsts goods. These goods are in the Depot and Mr. Turner as special constable attaches them today. I attend my appointment at Trinity and preach from Elj. 2:18. I spend the night at John Quisenberrys. A very pleasant time. . .

Jan. 18. I am about home. Engage with George Nelson. 60 dollars in money and 4th interest in tobacco crop, not to exceed 4 acres. . .

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Jan. 22. Go to Buckners. See Mr. Moss about school at Pottiesville. Mr. M. agreed to confer with Dr. Cooke in regard to the location of the school. It can hardly be started the present year. The weather is pleasant. . .

Jan. 25. I go in company with Dr. Geo. H. Cooke to Quisenberrys saw mill and get about 350 feet of plank. From there we go up to Mrs. Boxleys and then come by Mr. Carpenters. At Mrs. B.'s I visit daughters school and at Mr. Carpenters I see Mr. Ernst and have a talk with him on our land transaction and difficulty. It was to no profit. Get in the rain and very wet. . .

Jan. 30. Go up to the marriage of Alpheus Chewning and Kate Carpenter. They were married at Elk Creek, Dr. Chas. and A. E. Dickinson officiating. Weather quite cold and rough. This night is a very rough one. . .

Feb. 2. Get to Bethany. Find no congregation. I go to Bro. Chas. Flippos and get dinner and go to see Bro. J. D. Coleman. He has had a very severe attack of paralysis and is from all accounts completely prostrated. His family seem to labor under the hope that he is much better. I saw his daughter, Mrs. DeJarnette, return to Chas. F.'s and Capt. W. Flippo came over and spent the evening. He is quite chatty.

Feb. 3. At Bethany. Small congregation. Preach with good degree of [?] from Ga. 6:10 and then I go to applewood and spend the night. See Mrs. A. and Fanny who is staying with Mrs. A. I find them all well.

Feb. 4. Leaving Mrs. A.'s I go to Capt. C. T. Smiths and spend the day. He has an interesting school at his house taught by Miss Mousy Taylor. I met with his teacher, an old acquaintance of mine and with her and the girls and Capt. C. T. S.'s family I spent a few hours quite pleasantly. Return home and to what traveling! It would be difficult for the roads to be more sloppy and muddy. It is in the night when I get home. The weather clear and cool.

Feb. 5. I write a letter today to my agents Messrs. D. and C. and notify them of my intention to withdraw the attachment I hold on Mr. Ernsts furniture and to turn the matter over to them entirely. I advise them not to attach unless there is a reasonable probability of subjecting the property so attached to the claims. I state to them my willingness to bear any necessary expense in prosecuting the Ernst party to make them comply with their contract of purchase, provided such expense shall be paid out of what ever is realized from such suit. But all responsibility in such action must be assumed by them. For I did not propose to assume it myself. This letter I read to Capt. Dickinson and mailed today for Richmond. . .

Feb. 7. Rent my old place to Mr. P. Rent it to him for \$75, payable on 25th Decr. The wheat crop on the place, that is about 6 bushels seeds, Mr. P agrees to take and save it and after returning me the seed to give me one half the crop and he to take one half, the seed being first deducted and turned over to me as follows: If there are sixty bushels or more, I am to take out 6 bushels for seed; if 50 I am to take out 4; if 40, 3; if 30, 2; if 20, 1; if less than 20, I do not take any seed, but simply divide in one half. Mr. P. also agrees to take care of the place, keep up the fences,

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yard, garden, orchard, and cultivate the place so as to save it from washes and injury as best he may.

Feb. 13. Start early. Go to see Alpheus Chewning at his fathers and have a talk with him about Mr. Ernst and our land trade. I then visited Hensons school, Saunders. Lovings and found them all in good working condition. I dine in company with Dr. Wills at Dr. Dickinsons. I was pleased to find the Dr.'s family so cheerful. Poor Charley, he seems to be hopelessly blind. I return with Dr. Wills.

Feb. 14. I go to Louisa C.H. I meet Alpheus Chewning at Mr. Winstons office. We decide to withdraw the attachment from Ernsts property. I dine at the Tavern and get a most excellent dinner. Come home in the rain. . .

Feb. 20. Go to see Mrs. Kupers school. See Mrs. Boxley and daughter and return home. . .

Mar. 5. Go to Richmond and meet with old Mr. Frank Ernst and seek to effect a compromise with him in the proceedings begun against his son, Mr. A. H. Ernst, the purchaser of my old place. We succeeded in coming to terms and I am heartily glad to be relieved of any further worry in the matter. I visit, while in Richmond, the legislature, meeting with our county delegates and spending a few pleasant moments with them, also Dr. Ruffners office in the Capitol. I meet with a number of my old friends in Richmond and leaving in the evening get home about sundown or 6:30 p.m.

Mar. 8. Sowing oats and grass seed. The weather is very fine. In the afternoon wife and self go to see Miss Garlands. Find Miss Becca quite unwell. We spend a very pleasant time with them. . .

Mar. 11. I go to Louisa Court. . .

Mar. 12. Very heavy rain the past night. I am suffering with a very bad cough. It must be whooping cough. Though I have had the whooping cough once in my life. My children however have it at this time and I am suffering very much as they are. . .

Mar. 13. I get home at night and find all my little fellows suffering with the whooping cough. . .

Mar. 17. At Hopeful. . . Dine and spend the night at Tom Waldrops. I coughed so much tonight that I did not go to sleep until about 3 o.c. in the morning. What an unpleasant night I spent. I believe I have the whooping cough!

Mar. 19. Visit Miss Sue Paynes school. Dine at Mrs. Cosbys and get home about 3 o.c. in the morning. Find the children still suffering very much from whooping cough.

Mar. 20. In the afternoon I go to Freds. Hall and take the train and go up to Meltons. Spend the night with Manly Allen. He is teaching the school at Forest Hill and is doing remarkably well.

Mar. 21. I visit John Quarles school at Coonby Town. Doing well. I examined his school pretty thoroughly. From this place I go to Gordonsville and dine with Capt. Jno. W. Christmas. I then take the cars and come to Louisa C.H. I find Circuit Court in session and quite a number of people at the Court House. I go up to Dr. Cowherds and spend the night.

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Mar. 22. Borrowing a horse from Dr. C. I go over to Mr. M. T. Goochs and spend a short time in calling on his family. I then visit Mrs. Mollie Goochs school and find it quite reduced in numbers. Then I go to Mrs. Raynes school. She is doing only tolerably well. Then I return to Louisa Court House and taking the train return home in the evening. Nothing of special interest on this trip. . .

Mar. 24. At South Anna. . . A beautiful present from Miss M. C. Shelton today. A pair of gold cuff buttons. It turns very cold this evening. It is very windy. Great apprehension is felt for the fruit. It turns quite cold before and during the night. . .

Mar. 26. I find the children still but little improved in the whooping cough. My little boy John has it quite bad. I have it considerably myself. The weather is very cold. Considerable frost this morning and great destruction of the peach crop.

Mar. 27. At Home. The weather pleasant. Preparing my apple bed. Mrs. Allen visits us.

Mar. 28. In my garden. Plant garden seeds. Corn in the garden. Potatoes etc. A pleasant visit from Mrs. Allen. The weather is a little cool but pleasant. . .

Mar. 30 and 31. At Home. I am suffering quite severely from a 2nd attack of whooping cough. Five of my little boys have had it and are now, thanks to a merciful providence, getting well. Johns case has been much more severe than any of the others and it is a joy to our hearts to see the little fellow getting over it. Strange to say, I have myself had a genuine attack of this most disagreeable malady.

Apr. 1. At Home. Weather cool, but fine for farming purposes. I am running two double plows. Plant potatoes. . .

Apr. 8. Spend the forenoon at Applewood. Buy 8 barrels of corn from Mr. Watkins — \$20,000. Get home just before night. Clara performed finely to the buggy. . .

Apr. 15. I go into Louisa. Dined at H. Hiters. Miss Nicy Goodwins school a success. Louisa C.H. Attend to some business and return home. . .

Apr. 18. I take train and visit Trevilians and Miss Elliots school. Night at Dr. Mays.

Apr. 19. I walk from Trevilians to C.H. It was a warm and beautiful day. I meet Mr. A. J. Chewing at the Court House and submit by agreement a case of difference between us to Judge Lane. This difference grew out of the adjustment entered into between Ernst and myself. Mr. Chewing and myself disagreed as to the amount he was entitled to services. We submitted the case to Judge Lane and await his decision. Came home on the down train. . .

Apr. 21. At Hopeful. Fine congregation. Gal. 6:10. I dine at Mrs. Isbells and attend meeting in the afternoon at the "Wayside". A very fine congregation. I spend the night at Martin Waldrops. I get a very flattering letter today from Mt. Olivet Church inviting me to become their pastor. I can't say just yet what I may do.

Apr. 22. Easter Monday. I got home. The weather is lovely. The young folks are stirring round generally and seem to be having a fine time.

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Apr. 23. Visit Mrs. Dickinsons school. It is very small. I advise her to close. I go to Freds. Hall. Planting corn. We have a very fine rain to-night and we needed it quite badly. . .

Apr. 26. I attend the commencement of Messrs. John and Frank Richardsons school. Exercises at an arbor and they were of much interest in the community. Many speeches were made and a fine dinner was served and everything passed off most pleasantly. This has been a fine school and a complete success. Night at Charles Harris.

Apr. 27. At South Anna. Sat. meeting, not many out. Considerable stir in the church on account of dancing. Many young members reported to the church for dancing. Some of the old brethren in favor of dealing with harshly. Clerk of the church was ordered to write to the young folks and request them to come before the church and explain. . .

May 1. At Home. Setting out potato slips. Set out about 3000. The finest bed I ever had. . .

May 5. At Bethany. Very rainy morning. The night previous I spend at E. C. Catlett's. Come by and see old brother Cropp. . .

May 6. Dined at John Longs. In company with Mrs. Stuart. Come over Louisa and spend night at Mr. Poindexters. They seem to be getting on well at my old home. . .

May 21. At Home. My riding mare gets seriously hurt, receives I suppose a kick from a horse in the pasture.

May 22. Clara is no better.

May 24. Visit Dr. Vests school and get the corn home from Dr. Davis. Claras leg proves to be broken. I suspend her and have but little hope of her recovery.

May 25. Dispose of my tobacco to Geo. Waddy. 5 and 2 over. \$36. This day we unite by letter with the Little River Church. Myself, wife, Nanny, Fanny, Willie, Haley, Pastor Samuel Harris received us. Bro. Harris came home with us and spent the night. A messenger comes after me to go and preach the funeral of Mrs. Elizabeth McCally of Spotsylvania Co., Va.

May 26. Go to the funeral of Mrs. McCally. It was a long and disagreeable ride, 25 miles. Get to the McCally place at 1½ p.m. Preach the funeral from Roms. 8:17. Spend the night with the family. Find them very much distressed. Miss Ella McCally is in very bad health. I fear she will not live long.

May 27. Get home. Clara is no better.

May 28. I go down to Richmond today on my way to the Genl. Asso. in Portsmouth. The girls also go down to Richmond shopping. We meet with a great many friends and acquaintances. I spend the night with Harvey Hatcher. Go over to see Wm. Russell Jones and meet with his family.

May 29. Start for Portsmouth. We go down on the Ariel. A very pleasant steamer. Quite a crowd go down with us and we have a most delightful trip to Norfolk and Old Point and Portsmouth. Getting to Portsmouth I am assigned to Dr. G. W. Maupin. A more delightful and comfortable home I never enjoyed in connexion with my visits to the

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Genl. Asso. Va. McCown, H. Theo. Ellyson, and young Kemper, preacher at Lynchburg Va. We had a most elegant time. Col. Potts and his wife from Petersburg stayed with us and Dr. Maupin and his family made us just as welcome and as pleasant as it was possible to be. The old Dr. was not a member of any church. His wife and family are Episcopalians. Long shall I remember my pleasant visit to this place. We had a very pleasant session of the Genl. Assoc. See minutes of 78.

June 3. Leave Portsmouth on the steamer Hampton and go down to Old Point and Hampton. Young bro. Frank Boston meets us at the wharf and does the hospitable (?). In this company we have Wm. E. Hatcher, J. W. McCown, H. Petty, S. C. Boston, Dr. L. R. Chiles, and myself. Hatcher delivers his address to the Hampton people. Pretty good turn out.

June 4. We charter a sailboat and go out into Hampton Roads fishing and sailing. A grand old time we had. Hatcher and myself had a slight attack of seasickness and we were very successful in catching fish. Coming off the water we dined at Col. Tabbs, and in the afternoon, by the politness of Genl. Armstrong, of the Hampton Normal School, who came over to Col. Tabbs after us, we visited the Normal School of Hampton. Genl. Armstrong was very polite and attentive to us. He inspired us as being a very clever and pleasant gentleman and as possessing rare qualifications for his office. In connexion with his Institute he has a very large and fine farm. Gardens, workshops, fine cattle, horses, hogs and machinery. The rooms look beautiful and comfortable. The Lecture rooms and halls are finely arranged. Very commodious and thoroughly well adapted to the work. From the Institute we go to the Soldiers Home, one of the most beautiful places I ever beheld, the flowers, the evergreens, the shrubbery. The beautiful buildings, O everything to strike the fancy and attract the eye. I am sure it is the most beautiful place I ever saw. Then we go to Old Point and Fortress Monroe and return to Hampton. A young gentleman by the name of Gillis took us around in his wagon on this trip and we returned him a vote of thanks which he certainly deserved, such was his politness and kindness.

June 5. We take our leave of Hampton at an early hour. We go to Old Point and taking the Ariel at 7 a.m. we reach Richmond at 5 o.c. p.m. I take tea in Richmond with Wm. R. Jones and then taking the Express on the C. and O. R. R. I reach home at 12:30 a.m. of the 6th June. I am grateful to say I find all well except my poor mare Clara. I fear there is no hope for her. She drags her broken leg and really I think there is no hope of her recovery. . .

June 11, 13. At home endeavoring to have my farm put in order. Willy goes up to the old place to have our sheep sheared. . .

June 16. Go to the Hopeful neighborhood, spend the day at A.H.A.'s. Baptize Miss Carrie Saunders in the afternoon at Johnsons Mill. I am taken quite sick with something like the cholera morbus. I spend the night at Mr. James Wests.

June 18. Setting tobacco. . . My old Charley horse gets badly hurt, so badly hurt that he can't get up or down. He fell over a pile of rails. . .

June 22. I go to South Anna. Have the usual Saturday meeting. The

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great question of dancing was up for discussion and it was decided to postpone the matter until the next meeting. I go to Tom Harris and get dinner and spend the night. . .

June 26. Plowing. Throwing dirt to corn. Mrs. Kuper and Miss Tyler visit us on yesterday. Quite entertaining ladies. My two horses Charley and Clara do not seem to improve much. I send a draft for \$25 to Dickinson and Chewning.

June 27. Went with Dr. Cooke up to Mr. Harris (Tom) to see him on a matter of business. Saw old sister Harris and she was looking very feeble. We had a slight shower of rain.

June 28. This day I have looked over Dr. Ruffners circulars of June 12th and 20th and I have also read letters and circulars from various publishing houses and written to most of them about their books. There is now great competition in regard to text books. I have today written to Dr. Wills and Dr. Ruffner and I propose at a very early date to enter upon the great work of text books. Weather very warm. Getting dry.

June 29, 30. I go to South Anna to attend the Ministers and Deacons meeting. We opened session on Sat. 12 m. Dr. Quarles, I. N. May, A. W. Graves, Saml. Harris and others present. The meeting was one of unusual interest. Many excellent essays, addresses etc. were delivered. Sermon was preached by A. W. Graves and it was a good sermon. Sunday afternoon was a S. S. mass meeting and it was a complete success. . .

July 5. I go to Caroline. Wife goes with me and we stop at Dr. Davis and get dinner and in the afternoon we go down to Applewood. Find Mrs. A. and Mr. Luck quite well. . .

July 7. At Bethany. Quite a good congregation. Preached Eph. 4:1 Made a S. S. address also. Dined at Geo. P. Goodloes and in the afternoon I came on by bro. Tom Smiths and get my wife and child and come on home. We get home at about 10 o.c. in night. Moon shines brightly. . .

July 15. Spend the day at Mrs. Boxleys (J. C.) in company with Dr. B. Call on Mrs. Maupon and also in Mr. Poindexter at my old place and return home late in evening. . .

July 23, 24. At Home, I finish working my truck patches. Weather had greatly modified. We are having cool nights. . .

July 24. I go to South Anna. Pretty good turn out. We attend to the usual church business. Subject of dancing and other things pretty fully considered. The pastor and deacons and clerk of the church appointed to look after the discipline of the church. . . Hugh Goodwin proposes to go to college to study for the ministry. I spend the night at bro. R. Carpenters.

July 28. All day meeting at South Anna. I preach in the morning and afternoon to large congregations. Weather very warm. I go by bro. Harris and spend the night at Mrs. Sims.

July 29. Rainy day. I get home. Have a tolerable view of the Eclipse of the sun. It was published to be a total eclipse, but it was not, only about half of the sun was obscured or covered. What fine growing weather. I sow turnips. . .

July 31-Aug. 2. Examining textbooks. Looking after the farm, etc. Dr. Lewis Pendleton calls to see John who has the diphtheria. His case

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seems to be a mild one. In a few days he was well again. We simply mopped with solution of caustic and applied spirit of turpentine externally. Miss Garlands came over to see us on business.

Aug. 3. I attend S. S. Convention at the Wayside. There was a very large crowd and quite an interesting and lively time. Good dinner and everything passed off pleasantly. I spend the night at bro. Tom. Waldrops.

Aug. 4. I visit Olivet and preach to a very large congregation from Math. 21:28. Had a very delightful time. This church has recently extended a call to me to preach to them. It is probable I may become the pastor of this church. . .

Aug. 7. At Home. Bro. Sizer arrives from Bethany and seems to have had a very pleasant time. . .

Aug. 8. I go to Louisa C.H. . . This teachers meeting was opened by the County Supt. in Court House. He invited the attention of teachers to several matters. First the textbook question was considered and books belonging to the different series exhibited and their merits referred to. He also invited attention to the different methods of teaching, the Alphabet, Word, Sentence, Phonic and Phonetic, and while not recommending any peculiar method, urged the teachers to study the different methods and use such experiments in introducing them into the schools as may seem to be wise and prudent. . .

Aug. 10. Went down in the neighborhood of Trinity. Gum carried me down and as we passed Col. Garrett McGehees, we found quite a crowd gathered there to attend his funeral and burial. . . During the services at his funeral the floor of his sitting room broke in and caused quite an excitement. No one was seriously hurt, tho many badly scared. . .

Aug. 12. When I get to Freds. Hall, I find a large number of persons assembled at Mr. Billy Richardsons on the occasion of the burial of his son Willy G. Richardson. He was accidentally killed by the Express on C. and O. R.R. Sunday morning (11th). Poor fellow, he was a good boy, beloved by all. He was so moral, upright and kind and unselfish. He was buried at his mother's old residence near Fork meeting house. Quite a crowd accompanied his body to its last resting place. He was buried beneath the branches of a beautiful Walnut Tree near the house in which I presume his mother was born. This was truly a sad, sad death. The Miss Coats return home with us and spend the night. . .

Aug. 14. Primary elections. Vote for F. V. Winston for Congress.

Aug. 15. Finish my annual report and send it to Richmond. Now I am ready for my protracted meetings. . .

Aug. 17. I leave for Hopeful. . .

Aug. 25. At Bethany. Fine congregations. The meeting was greatly blessed. In all 24 additions. . .

Sept. 1. I get home today and find all well.

Sept. 2. I leave for the Goshen Asso. by way of Dr. Cooke's buggy. . .

Sept. 3-5. Goshen Association, Gordonsville, Va. We have a very excellent session. Many visitors from abroad and much people. Spend one night at Peyton Cowherds and one at Christmas and return home Thursday evening. E.G.B. comes with me. . .

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Sept. 10. Go up to Charlottesville. Dined with Wm. H. Williams. Spent a very pleasant time with Bro. W. and family. Dr. J. B. Hawthorne was present. He is a very eloquent minister from Atlanta Alabama. In the evening I go out to Mr. James Harts 9 miles from Charlottesville and spend a pleasant night with him and family. . .

Sept. 11. Marry Mr. M. G. Anderson and Miss Molly Anderson at Mr. Harts 11 o.c. a.m. \$15.00. Returning to Charlottesville in company with the bridal company. We take the cars and return home. This was a very pleasant trip. Mr. Hart has some excellent land on his farm on Island Creek and seems to be getting on well. He has a very interesting family. This portion of Albemarle is very rough and broken and I can't say that it impressed me very favorably. Met Dr. and Mrs. Jeter on the train.

Sept. 12. Much rain, very damaging to the fodder and tobacco. It is so windy. . .

Sept. 18. I go up to my old place and rent it out to Mr. Poindexter. I rent the place for \$75 and tax for the year 1879.

Sept. 19. Cutting tobacco and very busy.

Sept. 20. Very busy and much company. . .

Sept. 27. I am summoned to Caroline to preach the funeral of Mr. Phil Samuel. I get to Applewood. I am accompanied by Mr. John Walkins.

Sept. 28. Funeral of Phil Samuel of Caroline, 68 years old. Prominent citizen of Caroline. He died trusting in Jesus Christ to save him. He was a man of the world. But a citizen highly respected. He leaves a very interesting family. Quite a congregation gathered at his funeral and burial. Dined at Applewood and spent a pleasant night at Capt. Smiths.

Oct. 1. Get home and preach at Little River. Bro. Harris spends the night with us.

Oct. 2. At Home. Maj. Clendon and wife. . .

Oct. 7. I came by to see Miss Ella McCalley. She is quite low with cancer. It proved to be a rainy day and I did not get away until the next day. . .

Oct. 14. At Court. A very busy day. Genl. Jos. E. Johnston and Col. Newman canvassing for the Congressional election addressed the people and many other spoke. Politics running pretty high. Night at Mr. Winstons.

Oct. 15. Court House Board meets and I reorganize the schools. . .

Oct. 21. Spend the day at Mrs. Fanny Hopes. This old lady is quite old and feeble and is, I think, the victim of too much medicine. I get home. Commence to seed

Oct. 24. Doing nothing special. At home. Everything covered with wet. Take a hunt at night and catch nothing.

Oct. 28. About Home. Looking after my wheat seeding.

Oct. 29. I attend the funeral of old Mrs. Clendon, about 80 years old. She was an English lady and the mother of George and Benj. Clendon. Her husband, a very old man, still survives. John Stewart and his family come over, expecting to go to the fair. It, however, commences to rain and rains all night and considerably into the following day.

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Oct. 30. I fix up my stables in the old Distillery. Send off the Minutes of Goshen Asso. for 1878.

Oct. 31. I go up to Elk Creek neighborhood and to Mrs. Boxleys. Examine Mrs. Kate Carpenter and she is appointed to take charge of the colored school at Centreville. I return in the evening and spend a very pleasant evening with wife and daughter at Mr. F. Holladays.

Nov. 1. I raise my corn house and get it ready to put corn in it.

Nov. 2. Go to Bethany. Few out. Night at Applewood. Mrs. A. determines to break up. . .

Nov. 5. Election day. Genl. Joseph E. Johnston received my vote. He was elected by 2000 majority to Congress. He was opposed by W. W. Newman, a man of very ordinary talents. He is the advocate of more Greenbacks and an expanded currency. . .

Nov. 6. Spend the day at Furnace and return to the Furnace at night after preaching. What a nice lady is Mrs. McClung and her father old Mr. Jordan is such a nice old gentleman. They belong to the Presbyterian Church. Dr. Dillard spent the night also at the Furnace. . .

Nov. 7. Dr. Boxleys in afternoon. What a sad wreck this man has made of himself! He was promising, well to do, raised by an excellent father and mother, well educated, was a deacon in Elk Creek Church, married an excellent lady, Miss Fenton Mansfield, by whom he came into possession of a very fine Estate and now he seems to be a total wreck. I fear from all I can hear of him he is a confirmed drunkard. His poor wife and children are indeed to be pitied. He went with me to church tonight and seemed to be entirely sober. But by tomorrow he will probably be intoxicated again. . .

Nov. 11. About neighborhood. Lucas to his school. Much crowd. Return home at night. Went up with Dr. Cooke in his buggy. . .

Nov. 16. Lecture and festival at Little River. Lecture by Prof. H. H. Harris on Joppa and Jerusalem. Very good. Attendance small. Proceeds of the day bout 60\$. At Home at night. Much company. Young Herrings, Manlius Goodwin, Wm. Boxley, Mrs. Allen. . .

Nov. 23. I go to South Anna and find a very small crowd. The house is being shingled by a Mr. Lewis. I go up and spend the night with Ned Wash. He is a very fine farmer and a very industrious man. . .

Nov. 25. I go to Caroline County. Mrs. H. also goes. We go in a two horse wagon. We get to Applewood about dark.

Nov. 26. Mrs. Allen has a sale of personal property at Applewood. The sale was a very small one. Cloudy day. Things sold very well.

Nov. 27. A closely rainy day. Capt. Welch comes over to Applewood. But the weather is so bad that no goods are delivered today.

Nov. 28. Delivering articles purchased at the sale, drawing bonds, etc.

Nov. 29. Mr. R. H. Dunn purchased Applewood at \$960. We send two loads of things to Louisa. . .

Dec. 2. Load two wagons and get ready to return to Louisa.

Dec. 3. We come to Louisa with 3 wagon loads and get home late at night. We brought two cows fastened around their necks and hitched to the hind part of the wagon. The distance is over 20 miles and they made

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the trip quite *handsomely*.

Dec. 4. At Home making preparations to kill my pork. The weather is quite cool.

Dec. 5. Kill hogs. Eleven. About 1500 lbs. Kill also a beef. Old George. He was in fine order and makes a fine beef. Get through about night.

Dec. 6. Have to go to Caroline. Make out a deed for Applewood, conveying the property from Mrs. Allen to Mr. Dunn. There seems now some difficulty in getting a deed from Mr. W. T. Chandler, Comr. of Court who sold the land to Mrs. Allen. He is acting very strangely about it. We have paid him every cent and complied in full with the terms of the sale. There is something I imagine at the bottom of Chandlers conduct. I cannot tell just now, but it will develop.

Dec. 7. Return home. Long and tiresome trip. Send my monthly report to Richmond. . .

Dec. 12. Measuring up and housing rent corn. In all I get from Mr. Parrishs crop upwards of 50 barrels. It is not good corn. . .

Dec. 16. I go down to Thos. F. Waldrops. Get to the Wayside at 12 m. Proceed to organize a new church. The name of Woodland is given to the new organization. Organized with 16 members. Thos. F. Waldrop and Burnham Davis made deacons. I read 12 chapter of Rom. and after a lecture to the brethren on the nature, duties, authority of churches and other things I proceeded to give to them the right hand of fellowship and to organize them into a new church. Everything passed off solemnly and pleasantly. I went home with brother Davis and dined and then returned to Tom Waldrops and spent the night.

Dec. 19. At Home getting my winter wood.

Dec. 20. Attending to my correspondence. I have had to write this morning some 8 or 10 letters. A low chunk of a negro calling himself John Jones and saying he belonged formerly to Mr. John Tullok came in here this morning. I have put him to getting wood. I know nothing of him. He is however suspicious. Circular from Dr. Ruffner. Apportioning 25 cents per head of school population. Louisa 6,029 population — \$1507.25. . .

Dec. 22. Bad day. I did not go to South Anna. I'm sorry I did not, as it cleared off in the morning and turned out to be a very pretty day. We have company. Very cold.

Dec. 25. Preach at Trinity. 15th anniversary. . .

Dec. 28. At Home. Willy is taken quite sick and I am required to stay at home to attend to the stock. Intensely cold.

Dec. 29. At Home. Willy is quite sick.

Dec. 30, 31. At home. Nothing unusual. Another year closes. A year of trial, of anxiety, of labor and I fear of little progress in any direction. I have endeavored to discharge my duty to my God and my fellow man, but I feel sensible of the fact that I have come very short of doing all that I might have done. God helping me, I will try to be more faithful and earnest in the future.

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