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The purpose of this study is to present a cross-section of plantation life in West Feliciana parish, Louisiana, one hundred years ago, as reflected in the plantation diary of Bennet H. Barrow. Barrow was a typical planter of the region and a careful study of his diary will enable the reader to draw a fairly accurate picture of economic and social life in that felicitous land drained by the waters of Thompson's creek and Big Bayou Sara. The bringing to light of this rare, though commonplace plantation document, with an analytic introduction, explanatory footnotes, and an appendix and glossary of related materials, is a definite contribution to the source literature of the ante-bellum South. This work has been preceded by the labors of U. B. Phillips, John Spencer Bassett, Franklin L. Riley, Abigail Curlee, and others, in the field of plantation source studies, but whereas in the main their work concerned letters, business papers, overseer's reports, or brief plantation accounts, this project presents a complete plantation diary replete with details of all phases of agricultural economy on a Louisiana plantation.

The study begins with a brief explanatory account of West Feliciana parish. Early exploration, topography, soil, and climate, early settlement, economic development, growth of the towns of St. Francisville and Bayou Sara, internal developments and improvements, and the growth of a distinct social and cultural life, are among the topics treated in a brief introduction to the parish, an introduction which
enables the reader to acclimate himself and to acquire a working knowledge of the locale of Highland plantation. He is enabled to visualize the country from the rolling Tunica hills in the northwest part of the parish to the pine flats on its eastern borders. The names Bayou Sara, Thompson's creek, and Radcliff's Lake, localize themselves in this mind-picture, thereby facilitating an imaginary journey up the waters of Little Bayou Sara creek to the rich bottoms and timbered lands of Highland plantation.

The introduction analyzes in a brief sketch the planter's life at the plantation during the 1830's and 1840's. It opens with an account of the emigration of the Barrow family to Louisiana during the late years of the eighteenth century, a long and tedious journey from the worn-out lands of North Carolina to the Feliciana frontier. The elder Barrow built with foresight and left his son a plantation already well in cultivation and an adequate labor supply, a heritage which the son subsequently augmented with purchases of both land and slaves. Plantation finance follows with an account of the cost of land acquisitions, the relations of the planter with his various factors and bankers; a summary of his endorsements and personal loans to neighborhood agriculturists. As the production of a staple crop was the purpose of the plantation system this aspect is treated at more length. The problems of general routine employed much of the planter's time, especially when the services of overseers were not used, and the year's work varied from planting time in the early Spring to the Winter work of wood cutting and the repair of buildings and equipment. These operations brought the Master of Highland both joy and sorrow, though often he was tempted to move elsewhere. In
the end he was won by the good work of his negroes, the pleasing location, or the flattering recognition of neighboring planters who in more than one instance when viewing his crop said that they had "seen no crop at all to compare with it." A section is devoted to machinery and improvements, for Barrow was prudent enough to follow the trends of the times in mechanized agriculture, to fertilize and rotate his crops, and to keep his outbuildings in good condition. As the backbone of the economic system of the South was its black slaves the inhabitants of Barrow's quarter are not neglected. His attitude toward that "peculiar institution," his purchases, the births and deaths among his "black folk," and the organization of his gangs, reveals some the planter's problems. The punishments meted out to refractory slaves for poor work or violation of his "Rules," the discarding of the overseer system, problems of diet, sanitation, general health, marriage, religion, and perhaps most interesting of all, his system of gifts of money, clothing, trinkets, and holidays and dinners, — all are outlined in this word-picture of slave life.

In addition to economic interests Barrow's social and sporting activities claim their share of attention. The plantation regime offered much in the way of social life which has disappeared with modern mechanized American life since the Civil War period. Hunting and fishing excursions, parties and dances of all varieties, musicals, driving and horseback riding, added to the natural zest of living in that semi-feudalistic Feliciana atmosphere as if of old England. At one period in his career, Barrow was a racing enthusiast and "Josh Bell," "Fanny
Bell," and other horses that were of Louisiana, if not of national importance, receive their just share of attention. As the diary contains much personal material not usually found in such plantation records a section is devoted to a discussion of Barrow's personal life; his travels, his opinions on the political subjects of the day, his cultural attainments, and his religious views. After all Barrow was but one of many Southern planters and in most respects he was very similar to the majority of his economic group.

Following this introduction appears the "Plantation Diary of Ben-net H. Barrow," a section of some three hundred pages, carefully copied and edited with scattering explanatory footnotes. Some editorial liberties have been taken but on the whole the editor made an attempt to reproduce the document as nearly the original as was possible. Words are left misspelled, punctuation is noticeable by its absence or misuse, but the whole has been cut into intelligible phrases and sections by the use of spaces. Following the diary is a lengthly appendix and glossary of supplementary material which explains many topics and terms to the reader, and which will enable him to complete the picture of Barrow's career as a Louisiana planter. The whole project has been, in the main, one of careful editing, organization, and explanation. The result is a source study of ante-bellum plantation life, the significance of which is apparent to the student of Southern history.

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The present editorial project is not an attempt to bring to light the record of an unusual or exceptional Southern agriculturist, or one who made significant contributions to American or Southern agriculture, but merely to reflect the social and economic life in West Feliciana Parish, Louisiana, as recorded by a planter of that region during two decades of the ante-bellum period. Bennet H. Barrow was typical of his time, his locale, and his station in the plantation regime. He planted, he bought land, he engaged in sports, and he watched with careful eye the inhabitants of his quarter. He is not to be compared with the noted agriculturists the South has produced. But he religiously kept a plantation diary in which he recorded the work of the plantation, the events of the day, and even his most private thoughts. The diary, as a source for the study of the social and economic life of the ante-bellum South, has a value difficult to overestimate. During the past decade and a half several projects of this nature have been completed but until the whole section south of Mason and Dixon's Line is systematically covered the true picture of that glamourous period of Southern history will not be painted.
The diary has been very carefully copied and it is believed that it has been as correctly reproduced as has been possible under the circumstances, for the lack of punctuation, the peculiarities of spelling, the individual style of penmanship, and the usual ravages of time upon a century-old document have made many places almost impossible of decipherization. In the preparation of the manuscript for publication the editor has taken liberties which should be explained to the reader. In order to save the time and preserve the patience of the reader the material has been systematically rearranged. The daily entries have been placed chronologically with uniform datings, the incomplete marginal totalings of cotton pickings has been deleted, and the planter's tabulations and plantation rules have been relegated to the Appendix. Capitalization, punctuation, and spelling have been left practically unchanged for the peculiarities of that time are of much significance to the present-day student of American social history. But to clarify the meaning and to facilitate a more rapid reading the material has been divided into phases and sentences by the insertion of spaces. Discrepancies have been observed in the diary particularly with regard to finances but no attempt has been made to correct such errors. The whole has been footnoted but sparsely. There is no means of identifying many of the planters mentioned; fields or cuts have been have been impossible of location, and the exact relationship of the writer to numerous members of the Barrow clan is a task impossible of solution. In brief, an attempt has been
made to make the diary readable without changing its original character and without detracting from its usefulness as a rare document of historical significance.

No one engaged in historical research does his work alone and during the preparation of this editorial project many friends have lent generously of themselves. First, my sincere thanks to Mrs. Wade Noland, Bains, Louisiana, a descendant of Bennet H. Barrow and the present owner of his plantation record, for permission to edit the diary. To many friends in the Florida parishes of Louisiana and in southwest Mississippi my most sincere gratitude, but in particular to Mrs. D. I. Norwood, Highland plantation, Bains, Louisiana; Miss Louise Butler, The Cottage, Bains, Louisiana; Mrs. L. P. Connor, Natchez, Mississippi; and to Mr. George Lester, Waverly plantation, Bains Louisiana, for the use of their excellent plantation collections and for their assistance in many phases of the work. Mr. Elrie Robinson, editor of the St. Francisville Democrat, St. Francisville, Louisiana, has lent freely of his excellent contemporary West Feliciana newspaper collection. Mr. James A. McMillen, Hill Memorial Library, Louisiana State University, and Mr. Robert J. Usher, Howard Memorial Library, New Orleans, Louisiana, have given liberally of their time and the materials at their disposal. To Professors Walter Prichard, W. H. Stephenson, and E. Merton Coulter, of the History faculty, Louisiana State University, my deepest gratitude for their encouragement, direction, constructive
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INTRODUCTION
The Parish of West Feliciana

The parish of West Feliciana lies to the east of the Mississippi River just south of the thirty-first parallel in the northwest corner of that section known as the Florida parishes of Louisiana. Local legend informs one that it was Ponce de Leon who first visited the land and gave it the romantic and euphonyous name of **Neuva Feliciana**, "in recognition of its salubrity of climate, beautiful variety of forest, its clear waters and fertile soil." It is further recounted that De Soto gazed upon its magnificent bluffs as he lay dying at the mouth of the Red River, and that Tonti, companion of La Salle, who lived for some time with the Houma Indians, was the first white man to live in the region.

Three distinct types of topography are displayed in the region. Progressing eastward from the Mississippi, narrow alluvial flats are first encountered which soon give way to bluff lands that are thought to be composed of glacial rock-flour, carried in ages past by the greatly strengthened streams from the melting ice of the glaciers in the north. These formations are, therefore, post-glacial and are so even textured

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1 For an interesting account of the parish see Louise Butler, "West Feliciana, a Glimpse of its History," in *Louisiana Historical Quarterly*, vol. VII, pp. 90-120 (Jan., 1924).
and homogeneous in character as to enable them to resist the ordinary processes of weathering but so friable as to yield very rapidly to sediment-laden running water. In the northwest corner of the parish the Tunica hills rise several hundred feet above the level of the modern alluvium and the bold expanses of the bluffs gave one visitor the opportunity to compare their beauty to the Alps of Switzerland. To the eastward lie the pine hills. Here is found a topography developed in a former geologic age and ushered into the present era without essential change, as only a thin veneer of sediment has been deposited shrouding but not concealing the true nature of the land. The two major streams of the parish, Thompson's creek and Bayou Sara, head beyond the thirty-first parallel in Mississippi and flow with gentle fall in a southwesterly direction. Minor water courses cut the region into many sections while the steep, youthful, V-shaped valleys of the Tunica hills change with slight perception to gradual slopes of pine hills.

The soil of the parish is generally good, being in most parts an intermingling of brown loam with fine clay loam of indeterminate depth. On the slopes a mixture of loam and calcareous silts produces an excellent soil. The climate is generally very mild. During the late fall and winter northwest winds occasionally bring frosts but severe winters are a rar-

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2 T. W. Poole, *Some Late Words about Louisiana* (New Orleans, 1891), p. 90.
ity. As a general rule there is less heat and more moisture during the summer months than in similar latitudes to the eastward. Rainfall occurs chiefly between December and August, the dry months being February and April with May punctuated by light showers. Nights are cool during the months of July and August, the Gulf breeze contributing materially to the lower temperature. The combination of good soil, sulubrious climate and a plenteous rainfall has given the region a flora hardly equaled anywhere in the South. Numerous magnolias, sweet gums, cherrys, elms, locusts, hickorys and beeches dot the slopes, shrubs and grasses blanket the earth, the whole producing a landscape much boasted of by Felicianians. The happy union of topography and climate resulted in an extremely healthful

region which was in direct contrast to other sections of Louisiana where "Yellow Jack" held sway at various seasons of the year, a condition not overlooked by land speculators in their advertising of numerous holdings. William Darby, who wrote one of the early descriptions of the region, summarized, "This parish is certainly one of the most favoured spots in Louisiana. The land is generally good; some is of the first rate, and but little sterile. The water and timber excellent. The natural productions have been noticed in our general view of West Florida. . . . Unlike those on the alluvial borders of the rivers, the settlements in this parish are scattered over the country as in the Mississippi territory. The farms are many of them of large extent. Though some other articles are often produced and sent to market, cotton may be viewed as the great staple; it is made here of excellent quality."

West Feliciana was settled very early in the colonial period of Louisiana. The first whites are generally supposed to have settled near the Tunica Indians about 1712 or 1713 and to have almost immediately begun the cultivation of cotton, which had been introduced into Louisiana some years before. Settlement progressed slowly during the decades of French occu-

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4 Baton Rouge Gazette, August 31, 1833; Louisiana Churchman, August 29, 1833; Louisiana Journal, August 20, 1825; Niles' Weekly Register (Baltimore), May 14, 1831; Phoenix (St. Francisville), September 7, 1833.
5 William Darby, A Geographical Description of the State of Louisiana (New York, 1817), p. 95, passim.
6 Butler, loc. cit., p. 93.
pation. After Great Britain secured control of the Floridas by the Treaty of Paris of 1763, an effort was made by the Board of Trade to attract settlers to the region by advertisements in the London Gazette and in 1764 a circular was issued by Governor George Johnstone to tempt prospective inhabitants. By 1766 a colony from North Carolina had made the long and tedious coastal sea voyage and had settled somewhere between Baton Rouge and Natchez. After Spain became the owner of the territory Americans were permitted to receive grants of land and Anglo-Saxon emigration and settlement began. Many came from Virginia and North Carolina and from other sections of the South, until by the time the United States acquired complete title to the territory the greater percentage of the population was already American, though as late as 1828 tax rolls were published in both French and English to meet the needs of the French inhabitants. By 1820 the parish was past the frontier stage and the best lands had been acquired by those great landholders who within the decade were to control, as did the feudal lords of medieval Europe, the destinies of the region.

9 Louisiana Journal, June 21, 1828.
The most important period of emigration and settlement came between 1800 and 1830. The last Spanish census gave the district of Baton Rouge, which included "all the settlements between the Iberville and the line of demarcation," a total population of 1513 of whom 539 were slaves, yet twenty years later the parish of New Feliciana, which was divided in 1824 into the two parishes of East and West Feliciana, boasted a total population of 12,730 of whom 7,164 were slaves. From 1820 to 1850 the white population remained fairly stationary being 2,019 in 1830, 2,064 in 1840, and 2,473 in 1850; while the slave inhabitants grew from 6,345 in 1830, to 8,755 in 1840 and 10,666 by the middle of the century.

Until the 1840's the parish was essentially a cotton producing region. At the beginning of that decade approximately one-fifth of the 200,000 acres of land in the parish were in cultivation, but by 1850 nearly two-fifths of the total acreage was being tilled, the production in that year running well over 40,000 bales of 400 pounds each. By 1850 many of the planters had turned to the cultivation of sugar cane with a proportionate decline in the production of cotton, the production of sugar reaching more than 4,750 hogsheads while cotton fell to a little more than 18,000 bales. Though cotton and sugar were the staples of the region other agricultural

10 Topographical and Statistical Account of the Province of Louisiana (Baltimore, 1803), Appendix.
11 Amos W. Bell, The State Register (Baton Rouge, 1855), pp. 128-129.
12 Ibid.
products were of importance. More than 360,000 bushels of corn were produced in 1850, 8,000 pounds of rice found home consumption or foreign market, and nearly 400,000 gallons of molasses were produced by direct manufacture or as a by-product of the sugar industry. In the same year the livestock of the parish was valued at nearly $400,000, an estimate which included horses, asses, mules, "milch" cows, work oxen, other cattle, sheep and swine. Farm implements and machinery were estimated as having a value of more than $323,000, while the total figure for real and personal property reached $8,156,000, a valuation much higher than any of the other rural sections of the state except the so-called "sugar" parishes.

West Feliciana had one urban center, the twin villages of St. Francisville and Bayou Sara. The former was the parish seat and was situated on a high eminence overlooking the Mississippi just south of the mouth of Bayou Sara creek; while the latter nestled at the foot of the bluff, the entrepot of the parish and a river port of great importance. These cities were of outstanding commercial significance to the agriculturists of the region as was well illustrated by the editor.

of the *Louisiana Journal* (St. Francisville) when, in 1825, he wrote, "between three and four thousand teams traverse our streets annually, bringing to our landing the produce of the finest cotton growing country upon earth, and carrying there-from the products of the states of Virginia, Pennsylvania, Ohio, Kentucky, Tennessee, Indiana, Illinois, and Missouri. We ourselves are lost in wonder that the growth of our village does not keep pace with our commerce." Bayou Sara was a thriving Mississippi River port during the whole of the pre-Civil War period, and though statistics showing the tonnage shipped are not available, its commercial significance cannot be under-estimated. The river front thronged with wharves, warehouses and commission merchants. Great steamboats were constantly tied up, loading and unloading both freight and passengers and each edition of the newspapers printed advertisements regarding the attractive features of the "Belle Creole," "Bayou Sara," "Rainbow," "Brilliant," "Persian," and other carriers of the river.

During the whole ante-bellum period the editors of the local press were men of ability who never failed to grasp the opportunity to praise their towns, their parish and the region in general. As early as 1825 one editor wrote, "We can see no reason why St. Francisville should not, ere long, become one of the most wealthy and thriving towns on the Mississippi; - As a port, none in Louisiana commands a greater extent of back

14 *Louisiana Journal*, October 22, 1825.
territory; and surely, in no part of the state can a greater body of good land be found than is contained in this and the adjacent parishes, together with the lower parts of the state of Mississippi, all of which are dependent on the Bayou Sara landing for the shipment of their produce, and the procurement of the supplies necessary for the wants of their inhabitants."  

Internal developments and improvements came rapidly after 1820. The Police Jury, the governing body of the parish, planned good road systems, established and regulated ferries located at strategic locations on the Mississippi, and erected bridges over the many streams of the parish. Stage lines ran to Fort Hudson and Baton Rouge, to Clinton and Jackson, to Woodville and Natchez and in 1838 one such line advertised a "modern" post coach, drawn by four fine horses, to leave Bayou Sara and St. Francisville at nine o'clock each Monday, Wednesday and Friday morning thus "allowing passengers an opportunity to eat their breakfast before starting." In December, 1830, a meeting held at the Court House at St. Francisville resulted in the organization of the West Feliciana Railroad, which was incorporated by the state the following year. Books of subscription were opened in Woodville, Mississippi, in May, 1831, and by the end of the year the road was under construction. The twenty-four mile line to Woodville

15 Asylum (St. Francisville), January 29, 1825.
16 Bayou Sara Ledger, September 13, 1843; Code of Police (West Feliciana Parish, 1824), pp. 14-15; General Statement of the Statistics of the State of Louisiana . . . , p. 3; Louisiana Chronicle (St. Francisville and Bayou Sara), December 13, 1851; West Feliciana Parish, vol. II, p. 16.
17 Louisianian (St. Francisville), June 8, 1838.
was completed late in the decade and was of great service to the region though as late as 1849 Solon Robinson, who was a close observer, thought that the company had not yet learned "the secret connected with low freights."

By 1830 West Feliciana had developed into one of the richest parishes in the state and together with the southwest counties of Mississippi formed one of the richest regions south of Mason and Dixon's line. Here was found one of the finest examples of the traditional old plantation South; large plantations, an intelligent and cultured aristocracy, a gentry of sturdy stock, an important entrepot in Bayou Sara - St. Francisville, and a great wealth based upon the cultivation of cotton and sugar cane. Great plantation homes at Rosedown, Ellerslie, Afton, Highland, The Cottage, Waverly and other plantations boasted a hospitality typical of the Old South - one French traveller saying simply, "le voyageur est, presque chex tous, reçu avec regard." Timothy Flint, who travelled in the section, described the planters of Louisiana of whom those of West Feliciana were typical, as follows, "The opulent planters have many amiable traits of character. They are high-minded and hospitable, in an eminent degree. I have sojourned much among them,

18 Dunbar Rowland, loc. cit., p. 991; True Democrat, February 24, 1917.
and have never experienced a more frank, dignified, and easy hospitality. . . . This simple and noble hospitality seems to be a general trait among these planters, for I have not yet called at a single house, where it has not been exercised towards me." Life meant living, with a true sense of dignity, grace, and culture, during those romantic ante-bellum days in the parish of West Feliciana.

21 Timothy Flint, Recollections of the Last Ten Years, Passed in Occasional residences and Journevys in the Valley of the Mississipp[i], from Pittsburgh and the Missouri to the Gulf of Mexico, and from Florida to the Spanish Frontier; in A Series of Letters to the Rev. James Flint, of Salem, Massachusetts (Boston, 1826), p. 335.
The Development of a Plantation

Bennet H. Barrow was the youngest son of William Barrow who had migrated from North Carolina to Louisiana during those years immediately preceding the close of the eighteenth century. His father settled Locust Grove plantation on the waters of the Little Bayou Sara about twelve miles northwest of St. Francisville in the heart of the rolling cotton lands of Nueva Feliciana. At the boy's birth on October 21, 1811, the region was practically a wilderness on the frontier, though there was a scattering of plantations and settlements at strategic locations along the Mississippi. The territory was being rapidly settled, for the cotton planters of the eastern seaboard were beginning to realize that more cotton could be produced per acre in such western areas as the Felicianas than could be grown on the worn-out plantations of Virginia and the Carolinas. Within a decade all the best land was taken up and the golden era of the region began.

Young Bennet grew to manhood during this age of expansion. For the most part, his education was received at home under the guidance of private tutors; in 1823 he was taken to Wash-

22 Barrow Family Records, in the possession of Mrs. D. I. Norwood, Highland Plantation, Bains, Louisiana.
ington, D. C. for schooling, but his father's death forced the youth to return to his Louisiana Home. He grew up on the plantation, familiarized himself with the routine problems of plantation management, and before he was twenty his career as a planter began.

On December 16, 1830, when Barrow was but nineteen years of age, he was married to Emily Joor. To this union were born eight children, six of whom lived to maturity. Mrs. Barrow died on August 22, 1845, and the next year Barrow married her widowed sister, Mrs. Nancy Haile. Two children were born of this marriage, so that at Barrow's death on May

23 The Joor family was of Huguenot extraction, emigrating to Mississippi and Louisiana from South Carolina. The original "Jours" fled from France during an era of persecution and went first to Holland where they changed the spelling of the name to "Joor" or "Ioor." During the early years of the eighteenth century they came to South Carolina, where they rapidly acquired property in the colony and together with their relatives, the Delesselines and the Guinards, became typical of that French Huguenot aristocracy living in the proximity of Charleston. During the Revolution the family divided. Some remained loyal to the British government and received annuities during the course of the struggle; others, however, probably led by General Joseph Joor, sided with the colonies and fought with distinction during the whole of the War for Independence. Emily Joor was the daughter of Emily Richardson (descended from the Guinards and the Delesselines) and John Joor. Her father emigrated from Charleston to Woodville, Mississippi, during the early eighteen-hundreds, and became a planter. The bride was but fifteen years of age at the time of her marriage to Bennet H. Barrow. The above information was secured from the family records of the Joor family in the possession of Miss Harriet Joor, Lafayette, Louisiana, and Mrs. Bentley Nicholson, New Orleans, Louisiana; and from the manuscript "History of the Joor's," written by C. B. Joor in 1839.

24 See The Plantation Diary of Bennet H. Barrow, 1833-1846, August, 1845. Hereafter, citations to this diary will be made by date only.

29, 1854, he left a family of eight dependents.

From the time of his marriage until his death Barrow lived the life of a typical well-to-do West Feliciana planter. He bought and sold land, he grew cotton, he experimented with sugar cane, and he grew or produced most of the supplies required on a large plantation. He was constantly in debt, his indebtedness being greatly accentuated by the paying of numerous notes of his neighbors for whom he had signed as surety. He followed carefully, as did most planters, the political scene as it affected the interests of that aristocratic class. He was a sportsman, maintaining a racing stable and keeping packs of blooded dogs. He hunted deer and fox over the rolling hills near his home as well as the "black" who strayed from the shadow of the plantation quarters. He made numerous trips to New Orleans, to the races and to transact business with his factors. He had rather definite opinions on most topics of the day and in his Diary he gave vent to his feelings on numberless occasions. There is little that is strange or incomprehensible about his career as a Louisiana planter. He was typical of his age, his location, and his situation in life.

Locust Grove plantation was the home settlement of the Barrows in Louisiana. The plantation was settled sometime between 1795 and 1798 by his father, William Barrow, and the house erected prior to 1805. The father was a successful

26 Inventory Record, West Feliciana Parish, Louisiana, Vol. A, pp. 135-143. To be cited henceforth as Inventory Record.
planter; he had constantly added to his landed estates and his slaves had multiplied through natural increase and by numerous purchases. He made additions to his home and from time to time constructed outbuildings, stables, and otherwise improved his holdings. On his death he left a large legacy to his six children. His land totaled 7160 arpents, all but a few acres of which lay in Louisiana within a few miles of the original plantation. For purposes of administration the property was divided into six pieces and this made the settlement of the estate less troublesome than otherwise might have been the case. The total estate was inventoried at $214,930.83, which included personal property and 348 slaves. At the division of the estate, the "Home" place--"Locust Grove"--went to the youngest son, Bennet H. Barrow. The plantation totaled 1400 arpents of land and an appraisal at the time evaluated it at $25,918.

"Locust Grove" was the nucleus around which Bennet H. Barrow built his career as a planter of Old Louisiana. It was divided into three tracts: the "Holmes" tract consisting of 1000 arpents; the "Green" tract, of 240 arpents; and the "Bingeman" tract, of 160 arpents. He constantly bought land, and, though he was occasionally involved in a selling deal, his transactions tended to add to the sum total of his hold-

27 The arpent was an old French measure of land varying with the locality from .84 to 1.28 acres.
29 Ibid., p. 329.
ings. Full payment in cash was rare; the usual procedure called for approximately one third at the time of purchase, and the balance scattered over a given period of years. Thus he trusted his cotton crops and the gradual rise in the price of land to take care of his payments. He was a shrewd buyer and land was usually purchased at a "fair" price if not at a "bargain."

His first real estate transaction was the sale in 1833 of 600 acres of land and 16 negroes to one Micajah Courtney for the sum of $13,000, of which $7,000 was paid in cash and a mortgage taken for the balance. At the time, this was an excellent price for this particular tract, and Barrow later used the proceeds to buy land at advantageous prices. Two years afterwards, in a partnership transaction with his brother, William R. Barrow, he bought a block of 260 arpents for $6,000, one half of which was paid in cash. This purchase evidently was for speculative purposes, for, within four years, the land was sold to a Mr. M. E. Boyles for cash with a profit of $1,400. Early in 1836, negotiations were concluded whereby Barrow secured possession of 800 arpents of land known as the "Clark" place, the tract being purchased from Mrs. Elizabeth O'Connor, a widow living in Cincinnati, Ohio. The price was $4,000 with $1,600 paid in cash at the

31 Ibid., pp. 320-321.
33 Ibid., pp. 317-318.
time of purchase, the balance and interest to be paid within one year.

Two years later he acquired the "Gibson" place. This block was under the same enclosure as the "Home" place and bounded Barrow's original inheritance on the South. It was a very desirable addition to his plantation, which it increased by 650 acres. The sale price was arranged at $10,660, and Barrow agreed to pay $2,500 in cash and the balance in two notes; the first of $3,218 was due in twelve months and the second of $4,942 in twenty-four months. Three slaves were included in this transaction.

Five months after the purchase of the "Gibson" place, the so-called "Swamp" tract was bought by Barrow and a kinsman, Alexander Barrow, at the probate sale of Pamelia Flower. This acquisition was a relatively small one, totaling $3,000 for 150 arpents and though the land was at first held in partnership, by the time of Barrow's death in 1854 he had obtained title to the whole.

The largest single purchase made during Barrow's whole planting career was made in 1843 when he came into possession of approximately 1300 arpents of desirable land owned by his mother-in-law, Mrs. Emily Joor. The property was divided into three parcels: the "Garnhart" tract, the "Robinson" tract,

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34 Ibid., pp. 33-34.
and the "Smith" tract. The purchase price agreed upon was $22,550, of which $19,050 was paid in cash, the balance being secured by a note which was subsequently paid.

This ended Barrow's expansion for some years and it was not until the middle of the 1840's that he bought additional property. About this time he acquired, at a sheriff's sale, made at the suit of Mrs. Mary Ann Farrar and husband V. N. Norworthy, a small area which came to be known as the "Vidal" tract. In 1852 Barrow purchased his last block of real estate when he successfully negotiated for the "Kimplin" place, a tract of 401 arpents that bordered the "Clark" tract on the south. It is not recorded whether or not he paid $1600 cash for the land, but it can be supposed that he was not forced to resort to notes, for at this time his finances were in an excellent condition. At the time of his death Barrow held title to approximately 5000 arpents of land, which was appraised at $70,700, but this represented less than a half portion of the estate which totaled $157,251.75.

Barrow's real property was thus divided into six separate blocks: The "Home" place, including the "Gibson" property, contained approximately 2150 arpents; the "Clark" tract, 800 arpents; the "Swamp" tract, about 150 acres; the "Joer" place, including the "Garnerhart," "Robinson," and "Smith" tracts, approximately 1300 arpents; the "Vidal"

37 Inventory Record, Vol. G, pp. 135-143.
39 See compilation of appraisals in the inventory of the estate, Inventory Record, Vol. C, pp. 135-143.
place, 174 acres; and the "Kimplin" place, 401 acres. The "Clark" tract and the "Kimplin" tract joined, so Barrow threw the two together into one plantation, thus giving him four units for his planting operations. For the convenience of the slave gangs each was cut up into fields, as for instance "Penrice," "Race Track," "Upper Cut," and others. The exact amount of land he had in cultivation at any one time during the years from 1830 to 1854 cannot be accurately determined, for he was constantly shifting operations by clearing land and by letting certain fields to lie fallow. In 1841, a survey revealed that some 800 acres at the "Home" place were in cultivation. Much of the "Home" place was in rolling timber land, bordering Little Bayou Sara creek on the east side, but that portion in cultivation was divided between bottom land lying along the creek and upland which lay on the rolling hills. Rich was the land as the crops of cotton and corn indicate and constant efforts were made by rotation and other methods to increase its productivity.

40 Jan. 14, 1841.
Highland and High Finance

The story of the plantation South's financial system has already been told; its weakness throughout the antebellum era was one of the causes of the downfall of the Confederacy in the 1860's. Barrow faced the problems common throughout the Southland and he attempted to work out his salvation in much the same manner as did his brother agriculturists in other sections of this plantation area. In many ways he was careless and on some occasions the disastrous results of his negligence cast an impenetrable gloom about his inherent optimism. He managed not only his own financial affairs but, as was the common practice, also attended business conferences of "the family" and advised not only his relatives but his neighbors on the problems pursuant to a plantation regime. His integrity was evidently respected in the parish for on at least one occasion he was named "Tutor" or guardian of a minor. Land was a common extravagance and herein he was no exception. Money was constantly being borrowed from

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41 May 20, Sept. 5, 1845.
42 Aug. 16, 1842.
43 Inventory Record, Vol. A, pp. 252-256.
banks and private individuals, and at the same time was being loaned, though in much smaller quantities. Inasmuch as neighbors were also in need of financial assistance, it was necessary to act as surety for their notes on numerous occasions. And throughout the whole of his career, except when the price of cotton rose above the general price level, there was a constant protest against the conditions of the time, the antics of the politicians, or the insidious work of the British market.

It was not long after Barrow assumed the management of "Locust Grove" plantation that he began to give vent to his feelings. By 1838 he noted that "evry body [was] hard run for money" and that it was "all most impossible to raise one dollars. and that in shin plasters." Times did not improve in 1839 and by fall he had begun to place part of the blame on Andrew Jackson and his financial policy. The destruction of the United States Bank, he wrote, had caused a distribution of the revenue among the state banks and this resulted in a wave of speculation, not so much on the part of the people as on the part of the bankers. The next year, as he put it, "The times continue to get worse," though he now began to lay the cause to the "unsettled affairs of Euorope." A low mark was reached in 1842 when he wrote that money was as "high as 4 pr ct a month" and "scarce at

44 Jan. 2, 14, Mar. 3, 1838.
45 Nov. 6, 1839.
that," and admitted that the situation was "critical." But now he not only blamed the politicians and Europe but shouldered much of the responsibility himself, when he recorded that he had been too generous in "assisting What I thought my friends." Evidently 1843 brought some relief, for he had little to say regarding finance except that he was unable to hold his cotton until prices went higher. By 1844, times were much improved, conditions were better than they "have been in 4 or 5 years." On the first of January, 1845, he wrote that "The prospects of the cotton planter seems quite gloomy from the immense amount of cotton made," but by the middle of the year it was evident that a better day was at hand, as much good news was coming from Europe. The apprehension of war, in 1846, was a mirage to be feared but otherwise the planters were in better circumstances than they had been for many years, and Barrow was hopeful for the future.

Plantation management involved more than the mere production of cotton. The average planter was the business manager of a large enterprise and not the least of his problems was the sale of his staple crop, whether it was indigo, rice, cotton, tobacco, or sugar. As was customary through the South, the plantation of Bennet H. Barrow sold its staple through a factor. During the period under discussion, Barrow

48 Nov. 30, 1843.
49 Jan. 27, 1844.
50 Jan. 1, July 19, 1845.
51 Jan. 1, 1846.
was much concerned with the relations with his agents in New Orleans. From them supplies were secured; from them he negotiated loans, and to them each year went the cotton production of his acres. And from time to time, he complained of the prices paid for his cotton, of the charges placed on the articles secured, and on the general success of his business with particular houses.

As early as 1836 he complained of "very bad sale[s]," and continued to say that inasmuch as he had changed merchants, better luck had been anticipated. Within two years, owing to unsatisfactory transactions during 1837 and 1838, he again changed merchants. A cotton buyer named Warfield had that year launched his own company under the firm name of Finley and Company, and Barrow, after apparently investigating the new house, sent them his cotton. He remained with Finley and Company only one year. His accounts with them during 1839 show that in October he paid them a little over $5,000 for supplies bought. Despite the fact that from this month on he no longer allowed them to handle his cotton, he continued to do business with them, paying in July, 1840, an account of $3,275, though this may have been a balance due from previous years. On October 5, 1839, he changed to A. Ledoux and Company

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52 Sept. 28, 1836.
53 Oct. 6, 1838.
54 Oct. 31, 1838.
55 Oct. 5, 1839.
56 Barrow Accounts, Appendix IV, hereafter cited as Barrow Accts.
57 Ibid.
as they were reputed to be 'the best salesman in the city.'"

He was not disappointed, for, within three weeks he had received the account of their first sales, which brought three and one-fourth cents a pound more than Finloy and Company had been getting. But his satisfaction was evidently accentuated by the fact that Ledoux promised to have his name stamped in full on the bales, whereas his old factors had merely stamped them B. K. B.

Ledoux continued to handle his business until 1846, and the relations between factor and planter appear to have been pleasant. The company advanced him money, carried his account, advised him from time to time on the fluctuations of the British market, and it is certain that they were very liberal in carrying his account on more than one occasion. But by 1845 distrust, or at least curiosity, got the best of him, for in October he sent 5 bales to New Orleans through another planter "to test my Merchants," as he phrased it.

There is no way of checking accurately the prices which Barrow received for his cotton prior to 1838. In 1833, he recorded that cotton was selling in New Orleans at from sixteen to eighteen cents, but whether or not he sold his product at these figures cannot be determined. The price, according

58 Oct. 5, 1833. See also for the above commission merchants the New Orleans Price-Current and Commercial Intelligence, passim.
59 Oct. 26, 1839.
60 Oct. 12, 30, 1842; Nov. 5, 1843; Barrow Accts.
61 Oct. 18, 1845.
62 Oct. 9, 1833.
to his entry of March 31, 1836, was between fifteen and twenty-
two cents a pound, but it is again impossible to discover at
what prices his sales were made. The crop of 1836 was sold
at an average price of about twelve and one-half cents a
pound, although some sold as high as thirteen and one-fourth
cents. In 1839 and 1840, prices remained about the same,
the average the first mentioned year being about nine and three-
quarter cents. The first four years of the 1840's saw his
average sales price between four and one-half and ten cents,
the high level being reached in 1841 and the low figure in
1844. During 1845, the price remained about the same level,
ranging from six and five-eights to nine and one-eighth cents
a pound.

It is also impossible to check accurately the yearly sales
during the period between 1833 and 1846. Barrow's accounts did
not always agree with the entries in his Diary, and the totals
in some instances did not conform to the entries listed. It
is possible, then, to cite only his figures. From 1833 to 1836
no estimate can be given, but beginning in the latter year he
recorded that for a total of over 400 bales he received the
sum of $24,839.58. The next year his crop dropped off slight-
ly, amounting to $22,705.06. The crop of 1836 proved a high

63 Mar. 31, 1836; Jan. 4, 1837.
64 Feb. 6, 1839.
65 Nov. 27, 1838.
66 Appendix VI, 1839-1840.
67 Ibid., 1841-1844.
68 Ibid., 1845.
69 Jan. 30, 1837.
70 Feb. 6, 1839.
year, for sales declined steadily until 1845, after which followed a period of gain. In 1839 his sales totaled $19,722.42, in 1840, $17,565.16, and in 1841 about the same figure, $17,014.77. But prices as well as production decreased, and, the next year, only $9,619.92 was received. His crop of 1843 would have yielded somewhat over $12,000 but for the loss of 100 bales of cotton by fire, a total of nearly $5,000, which brought his receipts down to $7,274.16. In 1844, only $8,771.65 was received, but an upward trend came the next year when he marketed a crop for $10,176.49.

Barrow was usually in debt, despite the fact that he raised large crops of cotton and apparently ran his plantation with a great deal of foresight concerning the production of the supplies needed for the care and well-being of his slaves. As a matter of fact the evidence of his files and the parish records do not reveal that he was ever entirely out of debt from 1834 until his death twenty years later, though by 1854 he had terminated the most sizable obligations. The constant adding of real estate to his domain was the most important item, but the endorsement of neighbors' notes caused distressing financial reverses. Apparently his credit with banks and private individuals was excellent.

71 Apr. 12, 1840; Appendix VI, 1839.
72 Appendix VI, 1840.
73 Ibid., 1841.
74 Ibid., 1842.
75 Ibid., 1843.
76 Ibid., 1844.
77 Ibid., 1845.
78 Inventory Record, Vol. G, pp. 140-143.
Only once was an endorsement protested, and his failure to secure certain loans was, from the evidence available, not generally due to the nature of the risk. The Sheriff's Transfer Book, of the parish records, does not reveal that he ever failed to pay off mortgages when due or to make successful arrangements to have loans extended.

Barrow's plantation operations and his purchases of land led to financial dealings of a rather extensive nature. He usually borrowed from banks, securing his loans principally from the Bank of Louisiana through its branch at St. Francisville, the New Orleans Canal and Banking Company, and the Citizens Bank, the last two of New Orleans. Occasionally paper was secured from the Carrolton Bank or the Union Bank, but on the whole he preferred to deal with institutions large enough to carry his loans for long periods. From the sources available it is not possible to give the exact amount of his borrowings, but a rather modest estimate for the period from 1834 to 1846 would indicate that he secured advances of more than $50,000, part of which, no doubt, was in the refinancing of old loans. Ordinarily he gave mortgages on one or more of his plantations, together with their slaves and equipment.

79 Jan. 14, 1840.
80 The Sheriff's Transfer Record, West Feliciana Parish, Louisiana, Vols. I and II, do not reveal that Barrow ever failed to pay his mortgages when due or to make arrangements to extend the loan.
During the early years of his planting experience he borrowed money in quantities just sufficient to handle his immediate needs, but in 1845, he funded his total indebtedness and secured a loan of $24,000 from the Bank of Louisiana. Prior to this time, he had attempted to secure large loans from Europe or from Kentucky banks, but, for reasons unknown, they failed to materialize. With the exception of $4,000, secured by a new loan, the note of 1845 was repaid the following year. Thereafter Barrow borrowed in amounts sufficient to handle all his obligations. In 1849, $25,000 was secured from his New Orleans factor, A. Ledoux and Company, payable within twelve months. This amount was refinanced the next year through A. Miltenberger and Company of New Orleans. By 1851, however, Kelly Conyngham and Company were holding his notes for $34,000.

Not all of Barrow's financial dealings were with banks or banking companies. Some small loans were secured from time to time from merchants or neighbors who were more fortunate than he in having cash on hand. Perhaps his most interesting transaction was with Daniel Turnbull of Rosedown plantation, who was a brother-in-law and one of the wealthiest planters of the region. In 1837, $7,000 was borrowed by

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83 Jan. 1, 1845.
84 Apr. 16, May 30, Dec. 16, 1843; Feb. 6, 1844.
88 Mortgage Record, Vol. III, p. 611; Barrow Accts., passim.
Barrow, who wished to re-1 an at least part of the total to his mother-in-law, Mrs. Joor. Three years later, Turnbull, without warning, owing no doubt to the stringency of the times, called for his money. Barrow had been "very unfortunate" that year and was at the time "pressed for money." He could not account for his creditor's action and noted in his Diary that his conduct was "most illiberal to make the least of it," and that, as far as he was concerned, their neighborly relations were at an end. The loan could not be settled that year, but in March, 1841, it was paid in full, to the amount of $7,980, which included unpaid interest. Several months later he made a note in his Diary concerning his unneighborly neighbor: "Saw Mr. Turnbull yesterday the only Independent man to be met - Fat & pockets full of money."

Barrow's financial negotiations had a credit side as well as a debit. During the years from 1837 to 1846, he loaned money to the approximate total of $25,000. All of these loans were to members of his family. In 1837, he loaned his father-in-law between $600 and $1,000. Within a year he recorded that his mother-in-law owed him over $13,000, a debt which he collected in 1843 by taking title to a plantation. He loaned his brother-in-law, John Mayrant, var-

89 Mar. 11, 1840. 90 Barrow Accts. 91 Oct. 5, 1842. 92 Barrow Accts. 93 Oct. 29, 1838; Feb. 24, 1843.
ious amounts during the period of the late 1830's, Mayrant simply drawing off Barrow's account. To a cousin, Albert G. Barrow, he loaned $3,000 in 1841, taking as security 340 acres of land and 12 slaves. After his second marriage in 1846, he loaned $6,000 to his wife, who had, by her first husband, William Haile, a rather large separate estate. The same year he loaned Peter H. Joor, nearly half as much. It is interesting to note that Barrow borrowed the money to make these loans.

It was Barrow's endorsing of his neighbors' notes, together with his own borrowings, that caused many of his monetary misfortunes. Even when times were hard and when his creditors were pressing, he came to the aid of friends who needed assistance. Sometime prior to August, 1839, he acted as security for one J. Desmont, an English physician who settled near St. Francisville and who gained his confidence by his "uncommonly gentlemanly manners - modesty and chastity." In that month Desmont left for parts unknown leaving Barrow to pay between $10,000 and $16,000. In November, of the same year, it was discovered that Desmont had forged Barrow's name as acceptor on a note for $200, which, after some persuasion by his relatives, Barrow paid in December. The incident made a deep impression on the young planter, for in

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Oct. 24, 1838.
Jan. 24, 1846.
Aug. 20, 1839.
Nov. 9, Dec. 19, 1839; Barrow Accts.
January, 1840, he remarked in his Diary, "This crop would have paid evry Dollar I owed - but owing to my Endorsing - Will take two more crops to clear me of Debt - never Endorse at any rate, for a man Extravagant & careless in buisness." But he was not through with the Britain, for in February, Desmont returned "contrary to all expectations." He soon called on the Master of Highland and satisfied him "in a great measure" of the reasons for his absence, but was not completely convincing of his honesty, for Barrow remarked, "I think him a rascal." In March, much to his chagrin, it was discovered Finley and Company of New Orleans had accepted a draft drawn by Desmont with Barrow's name attached; whereupon Barrow immediately called on the forger and ordered him to leave the country, a demand which was obeyed without delay. There is no later evidence to show that Desmont ever paid Barrow the debt.

Ignoring this disastrous incident, the philanthropic Mr. Barrow continued to endorse and apparently with little discretion. In March, 1840, he was forced to pay $1,350 as a consequence of endorsing for Morris Boyles, his stable trainer. The following February he paid a $3,000 note for George Joor, a relative of his wife. It is not known.

99 Jan. 21, 1840.
100 Feb. 4, 1840.
101 Feb. 12, Mar. 11, 1840.
102 Mar. 14, 1840.
103 Mar. 14, 17, 1840.
104 Barrow Accts.
105 Mar. 12, 1842; Barrow Accts.
whether or not he was ever reimbursed in cash, but in May, 1842, he accepted four negroes from Joor, for whom he allowed $2,000. In April of the same year he had an interesting experience with one Skillman. He endorsed Skillman's note, but soon found that it was not a new note but a renewal of an old one, whereupon he caused his name to be removed.

During the years 1842 and 1844, he endorsed for F. Routh, a neighboring planter, a commitment which cost him $1,300. Another of his neighboring planters, a Mr. Ratliff, secured his name about the same time and in 1845, he paid the Canal Bank $1,200. However, his propriety for endorsing did not reach its climax until six years later, at which time he certified his largest note, one for $40,000, issued by the Bank of Louisiana in favor of his kinsman, Bennet J. Barrow. That this relative enjoyed his complete confidence is evidenced by the fact that the next year Barrow gave him power of attorney, a confidence that was apparently justified, for, so far as the records show, the paper was paid without difficulty.

106 May 30, 1842.
107 Apr. 10, 1842.
108 Barrow Accts.
109 Barrow Accts.
Routine and Production

The operation of a large plantation presented problems not dissimilar to those facing the operator of a large manufacturing establishment. The production of staple crops was a major objective but there were a multiplicity of other tasks to be performed during a twelve month period. To maintain the efficiency of the establishment at high level required superior executive ability. Land had to be cleared to increase the acreage or to make up for land that was to lie fallow; the well-being of the slave population included such tasks as spinning, weaving and basket-making, repairing of quarters, and the production of foodstuffs. The problem of management of 150 black folk and the direction of three score field workers necessitated careful planning over the course of the entire season. In the solution of these problems Barrow was perhaps slightly more efficient than the average planter of his region. Little time was lost by the workers during the course of the year, for the completion of one task saw another immediately begun. When weather conditions prevented field work, spinning and weaving, sawing of lumber, repair of machinery

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For the complete list of Barrow slaves see Appendix II.
and buildings were attended to. A smooth, well-ordered ma-
chine was the goal of every planter but it was an ambition
which only a few ever achieved.

The fortnight following Yuletide saw the inauguration
of the year's operations. During January and February field
hands were busy with plowing. In the case of old cotton
land the middles were split with single plows, new ridges
were being thrown up which were subsequently leveled with har-
rows. If the land had previously been sown to oats, corn or
truck crops, moldboarded plows were used, an operation which
was followed by leveling and clod-breaking until the soil was
ready for seeding. In February or March the cotton was plan-
ted, apparently by hand, as there is no conclusive evidence
that machinery was ever used. The task was usually completed
by the first of April unless weather conditions caused delay.
Occasionally frost or wet weather necessitated a replanting
but this additional labor was ordinarily completed by the mid-
dle of the month. Once the plantings had sprouted and had
appeared above ground, cultivation began, and until the middle
of August the hands tended the growing cotton, corn, or other
crops. The cotton was first scraped or barred off with a
scraper, a horse-drawn tool, which brought the soft dark earth
away from the cotton plants. The ridges were leveled and at
the same time the weeds were killed. This job completed, the
cotton was moulded, the soil being moved again toward the plants.

112 For typical entries see Jan. 21, 1839 and Mar. 24, 1841.  
113 Apr. 6, 1840; Mar. 17, 1843.
The hoe gangs made their laugh on the remaining weeds and at the same operation thinned the cotton to the proper distances. The crop was alternately scraped, moulded, and hoed until laying-by time came during August.

With August began the harvest. Fodder was pulled from the standing corn, hay was cut and cured, and the long and constant drive to get the cotton out of the fields began. As cotton was the staple in West Feliciana other crops had to await rainy days or odd times for their harvesting. The maximum picking strength was thrown into the field, and as soon as the large white bags began to come in the trashings, sining, and pressing began. The picking season saw two fairly well defined gangs, disciplined and organized for their particular tasks, working with a smoothness that came only from years of practice and repetition. In September began the hauling of the cotton from the plantation to the landing places along the shores of the Mississippi. Ratliff's Landing, only a few miles distant, was the usual shipping point though at times cotton was shipped from Bayou Sara or St. Francisville. Rain usually appeared at this time to plague the planter and Barrow often complained, on one occasion writing, "Showery appearance of bad weather invariably the Case When I com'ce hauling Cotten." The

114 Apr. 30, 1840.
116 Aug. 18, 1843.
117 Oct. 23, 1837.
following year he lost considerable time from picking to work "the ford at Little Creek in G**s field," complaining that, "never com'ence hauling Cotten that it did'ent rain."

The harvesting season lasted until the end of the year and sometimes, if weather conditions were unfavorable, over into January.

The above recital does not complete the routine on Highland plantation. Between cotton operations, during inclement weather and at odd times, the master found many tasks for the slaves. The winter months immediately preceding the spring drive of planting, were occupied with cutting wood from the swamps, floating it out as far as possible and then hauling or dragging it to the wood lot near the slave quarters. Here much of it was cut for heating purposes. Some was sawed into lumber for great was the need thereof. From time to time new buildings were added to the little settlement around the "Big House": a new jail, a new hospital, or a new dance hall; and various out-buildings and slave cabins were repeatedly in need of repair. New floors for the gin and press houses were often necessary and scaffolding was placed in position to hold the future cotton pickings. The chimneys, both of the plantation home and the slave quarters, were checked each year and frequently re-

118 Sept. 22, 1838.
119 Aug. 15, 1844.
120 July 2, 1840; Dec. 8, 1841; June 14, Aug. 15, 19, 1844
quired repairs. Shingles were made from sawed chunks of cypress and posts and rails were split and sharpened for use around the stock lots or truck gardens. Machinery was examined at the end of each season and gins, presses, corn shellers, plows, hoes, and hooks were put in good condition.

Highland made a definite attempt at plantation self-sufficiency. The making of thread from the soft white product of the fields was a constant task for the spinners, who were assisted by pregnant women and those "sucklers" not yet ready for the fields. The weaving of cloth and the making of garments of many sizes and varieties continued throughout the entire year. To provide sustenance for the plantation, corn was planted and cultivated, potatoes were raised in large quantities, peas and pumpkins offered provender for both man and beast, and during the summer many a black shed tears of anguish as he hoed down the watermelon row. The small field of sugar cane was raised for domestic sweetening and cane never replaced cotton as the Barrow staple during the period under discussion. Hogs, cattle, sheep, horses and mules, and poultry received their share of attention though usually there were certain slaves delegated to these specific tasks. In the routine of the year's work there was little leisure time on Highland and when holidays were given they came as a reward for work faithfully accomplished and

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121 July 9, 1839; June 18, 1840.
122 Aug. 2, 1844.
123 Apr. 12, 1837; Oct. 18, 1838; June 13, 1840.
not because the slaves had worked themselves out of a job. That time never came.

Barrow's money crop was cotton. During the interim from 1833 to 1846 he depended upon the cotton boll for his financial security. Late in the 1840's he began to experiment with sugar cane with a view of eventually changing to its production but his acreage did not become large for his death in 1854 prevented its further development. From the records available it is impossible to determine exactly the average number of acres planted in cotton each season. Barrow made only scattered references to his total acreage. By the middle of February, 1840, he had 350 acres ploughed and before the beginning of the summer he had increased this amount to 500 acres. On June 15, 1843, he noted that he had 450 acres of "good" cotton and 150 acres of young "very inferior" cotton. On April 3, 1845, he recorded that he had 590 acres planted and on the following day prophesied that he would "make 755 Acres in cotton."

With this scanty information it is dangerous to attempt to strike a general average over the period, but the available figures seem to indicate that he usually planted or attempted to plant, the season permitting, at least 600 acres of the staple. It is also difficult to determine whether or not he usually purchased his seed. In only two years did he

124 Feb. 22, July 2, 1840.
125 June 15, 1843.
126 Apr. 3, 4, 1845.
record such purchases. The first mention was made in 1841 but it is not safe to assume that all the seed was bought, for in 1842 he spent almost twice as much for this item as in the preceding year.

The making of a good crop gave much satisfaction to the planter. Appreciatory comments of visitors or neighbors concerning his crop apparently made a favorable impression for many of their remarks were copied into his Diary. On June 12, 1842, he was visited by two friends, and Barrow recorded, "they have seen no crop at all to compare with it, from half Leg to waist high bolls & formed as well as can be for the season several grown Solos on a stalk. the 1st planting." The planter had a right to be proud of his broad acres, his well-disciplined gangs, his good stand of cotton or yield of bolls.

Making a cotton crop caused the planter much concern. Peas of many varieties plagued him; the season was frequently in conspiracy against the production of large quantities of the staple; and diseases of one type or another disturbed his equanimity. In May of 1838, Barrow wrote that the cutworms and bugs had materially injured his cotton but evidently he overestimated the damage for his yield increased by half a hundred bales over the previous twelve months.

The second year following he recorded in his Diary: "never

127 Apr. 1, 1841; Barrow Accts.
128 June 12, 1842.
129 May 31, 1838.
saw worse looking cotton. Wisted trash beat in it & stained cotton blown so as not able to trace the rows, worms eating all the leaves off." And at the same time he stated that from points south came reports to the effect that the "Catspeller has destroyed some crops & in the course of two nights." But no such plague was in evidence at Highland. There the year's production was better than 500 bales. The following year the rot attacked his stand. He wrote that he "never saw cotton rot as it has done in the ten days past, similar to rot 15 years ago. Should it prove to be the same, can't imagine what we will do." But again he was too pessimistic: in that year his production again topped the five hundred bale mark. In 1842 the rot visited him again, this time allied with "a small bug," and Barrow "never [saw] such destruction from rot in cotton." This year his melancholy predictions were justified for production decreased more than 100 bales. Apparently he was not troubled again until 1844 when lice, worms, and grasshoppers invaded the plantation and "literally ruined" 300 acres of the staple. Barrow was usually pessimistic about the depredations of weather and insects and his notations must be carefully checked with the harvest to determine the actual extent of

130 Sept. 4, 1840.
131 Appendix VI, 1840.
132 Sept. 8, 1841.
133 Appendix VI, 1841.
134 Sept. 22, 1842.
135 Appendix VI, 1842.
136 May 31, 1844.
damage.

The available records of Highland plantation give but scanty information as to the total cotton production for the years from 1833 to 1846. One must depend entirely upon Barrow's own estimations and upon the record of his cotton sales. His figures do not always agree and undoubtedly are at least partially incorrect. The first record of total production was entered on January 30, 1837, when he indicated, "Made in 1836 some few Bales over 400." The following year, on November 27, he estimated that about 455 bales would be made but his sales by February first saw an addition of 25 bales to this estimate. In 1839, according to his figures, the total sales of 530 bales were made, but, perhaps owing to the pest above recorded, that figure decreased by two score the following year. In 1841 production reached was 504 bales. Barrow's high year was 1842. In the accounts for that year he recorded that production was but 411 bales, but on April 7, 1843, he stated, "Six hundred and Ten Bales cottuen Pressed in No. . . . & three Epidemis on the plantation." The following year was his nadir for, owing to a disastrous fire which consumed 125 bales, his marketings totaled only 247 pressings. In 1844 he pro-

137 Jan. 30, 1837.
138 Nov. 27, 1838.
139 Appendix VI, 1839.
140 Ibid., 1840.
141 Ibid., 1841.
142 Ibid., 1842.
143 Ibid., 1843.
144 Appendix VI, 1844.

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duced 423 bales, a total which decreased by 60 bales the following year.

On one occasion Barrow reported that his hands were "determined to make a crop, if work can do it." He continued, "never saw hands work as well, have never said a word to them - feeling an interest, they look a head & see what is to be done." These were undoubtedly unusual occurrences. Sometimes the planter organized his negroes into two gangs and developed a competitive spirit between them; he laid wagers with certain hands that they would be beaten in total cotton pickings during the course of a week, a procedure which usually succeeded in producing the desired result. On the whole, during the course of the thirteen year period, the Highland workers appear to have performed perhaps a little above the general mean for West Feliciana. The production of his cotton in relation to the total number of his field hands cannot be definitely estimated for lack of accurate information as to the number of field hands used from year to year. In 1836 he had from 50 to 61 workers in the field. Three years later the average total was about the same, and the number evidently did not increase considerably during the years which followed, although by mus-

145 Appendix VI, 1844.
146 Ibid., 1845.
147 Apr. 16, 1840.
148 On Oct. 1, 1838, he wrote, "Bet Levi $10 that Betsy & Lize would each beat him 100 lbs., of Cotton this week."
149 Aug. 15, 22, 1836.
150 Sept. 26, 1839.
tering all forces as many as 70 pickers could be put in the field at one time. In 1839 the production was about 8 bales for each field hand, a figure which was subsequently increased with good cotton years to 10 bales.

Cotton picking time was a rush season on every plantation. It was highly desirable that the bolls be emptied of their wealth as soon as possible for adverse weather conditions lowered the quality of the product. Barrow usually began picking about the middle of August and continued until the crop was out of the field sometime during the late fall or early winter. Occasionally the season delayed him so that the fields were not cleared until early in the following year. The average daily pickings of the negroes varied greatly from time to time. During the season Barrow comments often on this subject, and on most occasions he is satisfied with the result of the day's work. At times reports came from neighboring planters of their total pickings but with only one exception, his workers had higher averages than those of nearby planters. One day in November, 1838, Barrow recorded that the average was 364½ pounds for 42 pickers. Four years later, on September 10, 1842, 69 pickers averaged 205 pounds, though it must be explained that there were 11 children in the gang and that the slaves as a whole were in a weakened condition due to a recent epi-

151 Jan. 29, 1839.  
152 Oct. 28, 1838.  
153 See Appendix V.
demis of scarlet fever and measles. That his pickers were considered above the average for the region is evidenced by the fact that in 1844 a neighboring overseer offered to wager him $700 that his 69 pickers could not pick 16,000 pounds of cotton in a day, but though the wager was accepted by Barrow the challenger decided to withdraw. There were times, however, when the hands did not pick to suit the master and whipings followed. On more than one occasion some black attempted to add to his weights by placing stones in his bags, attempts which if detected, usually resulted in whippings or in jail sentences.

Early in his planting career Barrow began to experiment with sugar cane. During this period when the product was not common in the Florida parishes he raised a "patch of cane" and apparently observed its reaction to certain weather conditions and to particular methods of cultivation. He had a small acreage as early as 1838, the product of which was used for home consumption. It was not until 1843, however, that his interest gained proportions worthy of mention. The last of January he noted, "planted 4 acres in sugar cane. 'Creole & Ribbon.'" Within a month he began to speculate in sugar futures, a financial risk which ended to his advantage. His crop of 1843 was harvested successfully though

154 Ibid.
155 Sept. 1, 4, 1844.
156 Sept. 1, Oct. 12, 1838.
157 Aug. 20, 1842.
158 Nov. 9, 1838.
159 Jan. 24, 1843.
160 Mar. 17, 28, 1843.
he worried considerably "for fear of ice," and on November 12, he "started all hands to cutting sugar cane." The following year he continued his experimentation, but did not attempt to change his staple from cotton to sugar until the early 1850's. At the beginning of that decade he began the change, but his death in 1854 came before the complete transition had been accomplished.

Highland plantation, during the period from 1833 to 1846 made a definite attempt at self-sufficiency. In addition to cotton and sugar cane other products of a less marketable value were produced at Highland, for the task of feeding nearly 200 slaves and large numbers of livestock was a sizable one. Corn was a much needed source of food for both man and beast. The yearly acreage varied with the needs of the plantation. In 1840 nearly 200 acres were devoted to the product, while by 1845 it was necessary to plant 300

161 Nov. 12, 1843.
162 May 27, July 22, Nov. 1, 1844.
163 Barrow's work was carried on by his two eldest sons, John and James J. Barrow. Upon his death they took over the management of the plantation and within a few years became among the largest sugar producers in the parish. Their crop of 1857-58 totaled 430 hogsheads. Two years later the crop remained about the same figure, but in 1861-62 James J. Barrow, who had taken over the management of Highland plantation, produced 650 hogsheads. At this time he was the second largest sugar producer in West Feliciana, being exceeded only by William R. Barrow, an uncle. During this period vacuum pans were used, but by 1870 he had made many improvements. He had a brick and slate roof sugar house and refined his sugar by steam train, vacuum, and centrifugal methods. See, F. A. Champomier, Statement of the Sugar Crop made in Louisiana in 1857-58, p. 3; Ibid., (1859-60), p. 3; Ibid., (1861-62), p. 3; L. Bouchereau, Statement of the Sugar and Rice Crops made in Louisiana in 1870-71, p. 5. 164 Mar. 4, 1840.
The production of garden truck and vegetables for use by the inhabitants of the "Big House" as well as by the slave population was given considerable attention on the Barrow homestead. Potatoes, of the Irish and sweet varieties, were planted in large quantities, the total acreage ordinarily averaging slightly under 10 acres. Some were planted
early in the spring for summer use, and during the hot summer months slips were again started for fall and winter consumption. During November or late in the preceding month, if weather conditions precluded their keeping longer in the ground, they were dug and "hilled" for use during the winter. Pumpkins, too, were planted between the corn hills about the time that the corn was laid by and when fall came were added to the larder of both planter and slave. Watermelons found a separate patch for their exclusive use and during the course of the hot summer weather the black became well acquainted with its tasty succulence. Tobacco was grown for home consumption for both the planter and his slaves had need thereof. Below the quarter stretched the orchards where grew peach, plum, and other fruit trees. And it may be supposed that many a black so charted his course back to his quarters after the day's work so that, by the mere outstretching of a hand, he could sample the juicy sweetness of the ripened fruit.

The livestock on Highland plantation might well be divided into two divisions; that which was used in the work of the plantation, and that which found use only in amusement or sports. Barrow was a racing enthusiast and kept a large stable, but the discussion of these interests will be reserved until later. As he used plows for cotton cultivation as much as possible a

174 July 15, 1839; Aug. 16, 1840.
175 Nov. 3, 1836; Nov. 9, 1838; Nov. 10, 1842; Oct. 13, Nov. 9, 1844.
176 Apr. 6, 1841; Oct. 23, 1845.
177 July 20, 1837; July 1, 1839; Apr. 6, 1841.
178 Aug. 31, 1843.
179 July 1, 1839; Feb. 23, 1840.
large number of horses and mules was needed. He strove constantly to improve the quality of his teams and wrote in 1845, "have the best plough teams I ever had." His work stock was apparently kept in good condition and mention of the fact is not unusual in his Diary. From time to time he purchased horses and mules until at his death he had over 30 head of work horses and over 40 head of mules. Oxen were used principally for getting timber and wood out of the swamp, and apparently Barrow never depended upon their labor for use in the fields, for at his death only 4 yoke were mentioned in the inventory of the estate. Cattle were raised chiefly for the use of the inhabitants of the "Birch House," and though Barrow occasionally bought blooded heifers and young bulls he made no great effort to build up the quality of his herd. A small herd of dairy cattle was kept but it never assumed large proportions. Occasionally, on holidays and during the Christmas season, the slaves were given a taste of fresh beef. In 1854 there were 160 head of cattle inventoried on the estate. Horses were raised in large numbers for home consumption. At times as high as 300 head were kept, but the total varied with the years. Barrow killed and put up as high as 60 hogs a year, smoking and salting

180 Feb. 5, 1845.
181 Nov. 22, 1847; Nov. 1, 1844; Barrow Accs.
182 See Appendix II.
183 Ibid.
184 Sept. 3, 1837; Dec. 22, 1843.
185 See Appendix II.
186 May 3, 1843.
187 Oct. 16, 24, 1842; Oct. 12, Nov. 30, 1845; Jan. 29, 1846.
the meat for winter use. His negroes, it can be assumed, usually received plenty of meat with their rations for only rarely did they steal pork from the store house or snatch slab-sided workers from the pens. The hogs were not blooded but were of a crossed breed. In the early 1840's an experiment was made with Berkshires but the new blood did not prove successful for Barrow wrote that he had changed his opinion of them owing to the fact that they were poor breeders and that the sows "Let the Buzzards Eat evry pig."

Mutton, too, offered a variation to both white and slave diet, and the Diary records that on one occasion a relative "sent for a Mutton for the wedding." In 1854 the inventory of the estate listed 49 head of sheep valued at $98. The usual fowls of the barnyard were raised in large numbers. Many no doubt found their way surreptitiously into the pots of the slaves and Barrow at one time recounted that "our pet Deer Eat off the heads of 12 East India geese."

188 Oct. 30, 1838.
189 May 2, Nov. 6, 1843.
190 May 23, 1844.
191 See Appendix II.
192 Apr. 17, 1838.
Machinery and Improvements

The effective management of a large plantation necessitated the use of much machinery and involved the direction of a great amount of mechanical work. At times slaves were assigned to these tasks and certain of the blacks became very efficient in the use of tools, but for the most part outside skilled labor was depended upon for complicated tasks such as the repair of gins and presses. The most common implement of cotton production was the hoe, and Barrow, like most planters, depended upon it for the making of his staple, though, whenever possible, ploughs were used to cultivate the cotton and to keep the rows free of weeds. From 15 to 25 ploughs were usually kept running during the season, and stopped only during inclement weather or when the cotton or corn became too tall for efficient cultivation. During the 1830's ploughs of local manufacture were purchased. The Simeon plow apparently stood up well under hard negro use, for Barrow commented that the plough was the best "ever put in the ground." The cost during the late 1830's was $7.00

193 It is interesting to note that the planter often depended upon his "Driver" to select the hoes purchased. See Apr. 1, 1840.
194 Apr. 9, 23, June 5, 1838; Feb. 15, 1839.
195 June 2, 1842.
196 Jan. 31, 1837.
each, and, during the season of 1839, Barrow purchased at least 15. By 1840, however, he had decided to experiment further for he bought "N° 3 red Yankey ploughs," and was well satisfied with them for a time. However, by 1843 he was again purchasing from Simeon of Laurel Hill. It cannot be determined where he purchased his other farm implements but it is assumed that most of them were bought locally. From time to time wagons were added to his equipment and carts were constructed on the plantation.

As early as the 1830's Barrow installed steam-driven gins at Highland. His first gins were of the Jones make and he was apparently well satisfied with them for a number of years. In 1841 he sent to South Carolina for two new Boatright gins and noted, after one had been set up and started during late summer, that it appeared "to Gin verry fast." Two weeks later he was still well pleased, for he wrote, "never saw as fine Gins as the two I rec'd. this fall from Carolina." He probably used this make until the middle of the decade. He also used steam-driven trashers for it was often necessary to precede the ginning of the cotton by running it through such a machine to remove foreign matter from the fine cotton threads. At one time in the early forties he had only one trasher running, a situation which slowed up the ginning process.

197 Feb. 4, 1639.
198 Jan. 27, 1840; Barrow Accts.
199 Barrow Accts.
200 Feb. 5, 1844.
201 Feb. 9, 1839.
202 Aug. 23, Sept. 9, 1841; Oct. 7, 1843.
203 Oct. 23, 1842.
Barrow pressed his own cotton. It is not known what make of press he used during his first decade as a planter, but in 1843 he installed an iron screw press of the Newell patent which did not come up to his expectations, though it was "much faster" than any he had used prior to this time. Although excellent care was taken of his trashers, gins, and presses, in 1843 a disastrous fire not only destroyed two of his gins but over 100 bales of cotton, a loss which he estimated at over $8,000.

In addition to the use of steam for cotton machinery, Barrow, in the late thirties, extended this form of power to other uses. His sawmill and his grinding mills were converted from horse-power to steam-power with a resulting increase in output. Great quantities of wood and timber were cut in the swamps on his lands, for great was the use thereof, not only for heating the negro quarters and the plantation home but for many building purposes. He used grinding mills to make meal for domestic use and to grind various grains for stock food. In addition, he did a great deal of work of this type for his neighbors; plantation economy involved elements of both self-sufficiency and co-operativeness.

In the care of the plantation machinery it was necessary that much blacksmithing be done. From the available records

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204 Sept. 15, 27; 1843.
205 Dec. 2, 1843.
206 Feb. 9, 1839.
207 Nov. 8, 1843; May 12, 20, 1844; Barrow Accts.
208 Mar. 9, 1840.
it can be concluded that Barrow did not possess a slave who
was a trained blacksmith, for though certain blacks were often
delegated to aid in repair work, there is no record of a single
major repair job being consigned to a slave. At times this in-
curred considerable expense, as was the case during the 1840's.
Until that year, Barrow depended upon various smiths to do this
work, but after that time he mentions the men by name, so they
must have been more or less permanently employed. In 1840
a smith named Barrow was paid $148.50 for work done, two
years later a "Blacksmith" received $116.00, in 1843 a col-
cored smith was employed at a cost of $1.50 per day, and the
following year "old" Dennis Bynes came to build running gear
for the gins and grinding mills. But Bynes did not remain
the year out nor did he do all the plantation work, for in his
accounts of that year Barrow recorded that he paid a "Mr. Herr-
rin" $99.00 for blacksmithing. In 1845 R. Chatham came to
work at a wage of $2 per day but was apparently laid off
when "old" Bynes returned to the plantation in September.
Much repair work was done by the smiths as gins, presses, and
trashers were kept in good running condition; carts and wagens
were equipped with new tires or new running gears; sheds, scraf-
folios, cribs, and other out-buildings were put in order, and

209 May 12, 1837; Apr. 9, 1838.
210 Barrow Accts.
211 Ibid.
212 July 26, 1843.
213 June 22, 1843; Jan. 6, 1844.
214 Barrow Accts.
215 Feb. 26, 1845.
216 Sept. 19, 1845.
at odd times when work was not pressing, wedges, axes, hoes, chains, and other common tools were placed in first class condition.

Breakdowns often necessitated sending to New Orleans for repairs. Heavy castings and intricate parts were ordered and work ceased until they arrived and the blacksmiths installed them. Large quantities of bagging, rope, and twine were required for the harvesting and marketing of the crop, and were an important part of the year's expenditure. In 1841 more than $1100 was spent for the purchase of bagging and rope. Occasionally the supplies failed to arrive on time and the baling and pressing of the cotton had to await their arrival.

Bennet H. Barrow was not a scientific planter. To be sure, he took agricultural journals and kept fairly well abreast of the times as far as planting was concerned, and occasionally made experiments. But he is not to be counted among those patrons of Ceres who were more interested in the improvements of crops or livestock than in the making of money. In this respect he is typical of those planters south of Mason and Dixon's Line. That he utilized the system of rotation of crops to increase or retain the fertility of his soils is fairly certain, but a complete rotation of all his fields

217 Oct. 7, 1839; Jan. 15, Feb. 14, Mar. 20, 1840; Nov. 1, 1843; Barrow Accts.
218 Oct. 2, 1840.
219 Apr. 7, 1841; Barrow Accts.
220 Sept. 11, 1832.
221 Feb. 13, 1839.
was impossible, as he planted many more acres to cotton than to all the rest of his crops combined. It is not recorded that he ever purchased guano or any other type of commercial fertilizer, but he did manure the fields of Highland and the vegetable garden was kept well supplied with the by-product of the poultry houses. In addition to these methods, he sometimes put the women to bringing the rich leafy mold from the timber tracts to scatter on the truck patches about the quarters. He was not usually very much interested in agricultural experiments, but, in a few instances, bestirred himself to the extent that some investigation was made. In 1837 he tried wrapping paper around ears of seed-corn, but the experiment evidently did not facilitate the shelling process. In riding about his fields, he had noticed that some two-ear stalks matured more quickly than others and that the fodder was not as heavy as on one-ear stalks. Therefore, to increase his yield, he planted a few rows of corn using the grains of the two-earred stalks. But he made no later comment as to whether or not the experiment was a success. He tried grafting pear, peach, and apple trees, but he was not sufficiently interested in horticulture to continue these experiments. During certain seasons his crops were raided by squirrels and raccoons, and he, therefore, tried vari-

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222 Feb. 17, 1846; Feb. 3, 1846.
223 Apr. 1, 1844.
224 Oct. 27, 1837.
225 Mar. 4, 1840.
226 Jan. 22, 1840.
ous methods of poisoning and trapping these pests. Corn and fish which had been treated with arsenic were used, and traps, in some instances, were utilized. But perhaps his most profitable experiment came in studying the hoeing habits of his field hands. He noticed that they chopped too rapidly and that they frequently used one side of the hoe. He therefore set about to increase their daily efficiency, and his efforts were well rewarded. "I am well paid for my trouble in teaching my small gang to Hoe, never saw such hoe hands as they are, two years ago took two on a row - now Enquel to a woman, in directing them to make a slow and sure lick in one place to cut the full width of the hoe every time, unless reminded of it they would stand and make 4 or 5 licks in one place, tire themselves and do no work, have several of these ones that work harder and do less work than any in the field."

227 Mar. 27, Apr. 13, 1838.
228 Apr. 16, 1840.
The Inhabitants of the Quarter

The thesis has been advanced that the most striking feature of southern life was not that a single staple product was the backbone of the agricultural class, but that the labor system utilized the use of black slaves. The plantation revolved around the slave quarter. Whether master or overseer was in charge made little difference, as it was to the owner’s advantage that the system of chattel slavery function as smoothly as possible. The treatment of slaves varied from north to south of the cotton kingdom and from planter to planter. Some masters were harsh and some were extremely lenient. Many slaves lived under bad housing conditions with little clothing and less substantial food; others were more fortunate in having owners who believed that it was good business to keep the black fairly well contented with the necessities of life. In the general treatment of the slave population of Highland, Barrow was perhaps above the average for his section of the Southland. In some respects, he was typical, but in others it seems to the writer that he gave the inhabitants of the quarter a much better opportunity for material comfort and happiness than was general. He was in the planting business for the sole purpose of making money.
and evidently believed that a contented black would work far better than one who was dissatisfied with his surroundings.

In his general outlook on the institution of slavery, Barrow is to be likened to most "Southrons." He read much about the abolition movement in the North and did not approve of the proposed course of action. He witnessed some amalgamation of blacks and whites in his own parish and this practice he condemned bitterly, doing all in his power to show his disapproval. He did not approve close association between the Anglo-Saxon and his slave, and, on more than one occasion, gave vent to his feelings in the matter.

On the other hand, he did not condone extreme cruelty to that underprivileged class, in one instance saying, "A meaner set than the Howells [neighbors] do not live - cruel & unjust in the extreme." Another instance is described graphically:

"Went to Town man tried for Whipping a negro to Death. Trial will continue till tomorrow - deserves death - Cleared!"

When certain of his old negroes died, he commented in his Diary on their worth above money, as exemplified by the death of "Old Orange" when he wrote, "A more perfect negro never lived, faithfull honest & purley religious, never knew him guilty of a wrong." And from time to time he praised the

\[229 \text{Aug. 3, 1840; Aug. 15, 1841; July 4, 1842.} \\
230 \text{On Mar. 20, 1840, he wrote, "Wash. Pennington repairing my Gin - the most perfect fool I know - stands & talks to the negroes &c., negroes no more respect him than a negro."} \\
231 \text{Sept. 15, 1840.} \\
232 \text{May 21, 1839.} \\
233 \text{Jan. 15, 1843.} \]
work or character of many of his other negroes. On more than one occasion he came to the rescue of some black who had been accused unjustly of some crime committed in the neighborhood, and in 1839 he came to the financial aid of "Jerry" who had had $4 in counterfeit money passed off on him. But at all times he was ready to condemn those who were not worthy of praise. His house boy, Jim, was termed "the meanest, dirtiest boy I ever had," L. Fill was one of the "most rascally boys" he ever owned, Darcas and Fanny were the "greatest shirks" in his possession, Dennis and Lewis were rascals of the first water, and B. Lucy was "the greatest rascal" but the "smartest negro of her age" that he had ever seen. Changes in conduct he noted with equal precise fairness. In 1840 Kiah and his wife, Luce, and little Hannah changed suddenly from being "careless & rascally" and became "the most anxious to please me, work well & brisk - & keep themselves verry cleanly." And there is little doubt that their good conduct was encouraged.

It is impossible to determine the exact number of slaves living at Highland plantation at any one time during the period from 1833 to 1846, as Barrow did not prepare a list of his slaves each year. On his death, however, in 1854, it is certain that there were 199 inhabitants of the quarters.

234 Sept. 29, 1839.
235 Dec. 25, 1839.
236 Jan. 24, 1838; May 21, Sept. 11, 29, Dec. 5, 1839; Apr. 8, 1840.
237 Apr. 8, 1840.
238 For the complete inventory of the slaves see Appendix II.
these slaves & belonged to the separate estate of his first wife, Emily Barrow, and 23 were the individual property of his second wife, Nancy Haile Barrow. Barrow, then, owned at the time of his death 168 slaves, representing his inheritance from his father, his purchases at various times, and the natural increase of the plantation. According to his chart between 1835 and 1846 there were 69 births on the plantation, but as 16 of the colored babies were either born dead or did not long survive, the increase during the period totaled only 53. The deaths during a slightly longer period, from 1831 to 1845, totaled 34. But the compilation is not accurately understood unless it is revealed that many of the deaths occurred between the ages of a week or ten days to six years. It is determined then, that the average number of slaves from year to year remained about the same, the only increase being accounted for in the few purchases that were made.

In 1834 Barrow, together with his brother, made an extended trip to Virginia to purchase slaves. They were just beginning to expand their planting operations following the death of their father, and more labor was needed. The purchases were made, but Barrow was evidently not pleased with the labor of his Virginia slaves for six years later he wrote, "I will never buy grown negroes from Va. - or upper Country. Small boys and girls may do, but grown ones are not worth as much - by at least one third as our creoles -

239 See Appendix VII.
240 See Appendix VIII.
one creole will pick as much as two of them." During the years following 1830, he purchased slaves only in small numbers. Occasionally he attended a sale of negroes but he seldom was tempted to bid. In 1840 he received a negro cock on trial, but it is not recorded that he ever made the purchase. In 1841 his accounts show that he paid $1,055 in New Orleans for slaves. Two years later he bought 7 young slaves from Henry Munson, and in 1850 he purchased from widow Groesbeck a slave named "Issaac," aged twenty-three years, for the sum of $800. But, though his purchases were few, his sales were even fewer in number, for there is reason to believe that during the entire period under consideration he sold only two slaves. In 1836 he sent B. Sam and Amy to New Orleans by a neighbor, Mr. Woodfolk, to be sold. He realized $1760 for the pair and recorded that they were "not worth $5."

The organization of slave labor on a large plantation was a problem of importance faced by all planters whether in the Old Dominion or in the Florida parishes of Louisiana. While the majority of southern planters used overseer to direct the slave gangs in the fields and to take care of the general organization of the plantation, this was by no means the universal practice. During the first seven or eight

241 Oct. 18, 1836.
242 Dec. 19, 1842.
243 Dec. 13, 1840.
244 Barrow Accts.
247 Dec. 16, 1836.
years of his planting career, Barrow apparently used the services of a white man to direct his agricultural operations, but by 1833 he had come to oppose the system and to depend entirely upon the services of a negro driver. In 1833, by the middle of October, he turned A. Fair off and began to oversee himself. In 1835 his overseer was N. H. Jackson, who only stayed on the plantation one year.

On January 19, 1837, he hired a Mr. Bailey as overseer at a salary of $500 per year, but the contract was not completed, for Barrow "fired" him the same day. It is not known who took Bailey's place, but the master was not satisfied with his services. In April, 3 acres of cotton had to be replanted because it was "neglected" by the overseer.

The same month the owner of Highland remarked, "my Overseer so good he is good for nothing," and six months later became so exasperated that he wrote, "more Whipping to do this Fall than all together in three years owing to my D mean Overseer - Never will have another unless I should be compelled to leave - they are a perfect nuisance." When cotton picking time came, Barrow noted that only an average of 200 pounds per day was being picked and that very trashy "under the eyes of my D. fool Overseer." From 1839 on until his

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249 June 29, 1836.
250 Jan. 19, 1837.
251 Apr. 17, 1837.
252 Apr. 26, 1837.
253 Oct. 2, 1837.
254 Oct. 4, 1837.
death Barrow evidently did not use an overseer but depended upon his own efforts and those of his driver to keep the organization moving. That he was satisfied with this plan is evidenced by an entry in his Diary on July 25, 1839, "I hope the time will come when every Overseer in the country will be compelled to adopt some other mode of making a living - they're a perfect nuisance cause of dissatisfaction among the negros - being more possessed of more brutal feelings - I make better crops than those who employ them."

In lieu of an overseer Barrow made use of a negro driver in his fields. For years Alfred held that responsibility and he usually filled the job with efficiency. On occasion Barrow was away for several weeks at a time and during his absence the plantation routine went on as usual, Alfred having many responsibilities. During his master's stay away from the plantation he was in charge of the whole establishment, never leaving until his return. At other times he not only had charge of the field gangs but made trips to town for certain supplies. But the driver had no authority to punish blacks for any reason whatsoever, and Barrow gave his reasons for this rule, "It is wrong to allow a driver to use any authority - but to report injustice to him the negroes in general - & yourself - negroes are not capable of self govern-

255 July 20, 1839.
256 Sept. 14, 1839; Mar. 28, 1843.
257 Apr. 1, 1840.
ment - want of discretion - judgment &c." He had, however, considerable authority over the field hands though on occasion when the hands did not pick enough cotton or the cotton picked was trashy Barrow whipped the driver along with the common hands.

The Barrow slaves were probably typical of the region but Barrow evidently thought that his workers were better than the average for he made numerous mention of their good qualities. Much of the credit probably should go to the master himself for he devised many ways to increase their labors. They were well fed and housed, they received gifts of money at Christmas time, they were divided into rival gangs at cotton picking time and the losing side gave dinners to the winners, and the individuals sometimes raced down the cotton row. In 1840 Barrow wrote, "My negroes have their name up in the neighbourhood for making more than any one else & they think whatever they do is better than any body Else"; keeping the workers in this mental frame of mind was an investment that paid good dividends. At times the neighbors doubted Barrow's statements as to the accomplishments of the cotton pickers, but though bets were made, it is not recorded that Barrow was ever the loser.

There were times when the work was not done well, when

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258 Aug. 6, 1839.
259 Oct. 22, 1839; Apr. 18, 1840.
260 Sept. 23, 1842.
261 Nov. 3, 1835; Aug. 25, 1839; Sept. 3, 9, 10, 11, 1842.
262 Oct. 15, 1840.
263 Sept. 1, 4, 1844.
very little was accomplished and when entries such as, "my hands worked very badly . . . general whipping," "Whipped every hand in the field this evening," appeared in the Diary. In other occasions the colored population got "very much out of gear" because of the neglect of the planter and he had to turn over a new leaf and begin "overseering in earnest."

The general health of the plantation was one of the most important items of the slave regime. The slave represented an investment, the profits of which were lost when sickness appeared and the investment itself was lost when death came to cast an icy hand over the quarter. From the numerous entries in his Diary regarding sickness it would appear that Barrow's slaves were a sickly lot. A closer scrutiny, however, would seem to show this was not the case but that the master provided medical attention on every necessary occasion. Some years he contracted with physicians to care for the health of the plantation but usually he called them only when needed and paid them at the end of the year for the calls made. The yearly medical bills were ordinarily sizable ones and they show the extreme care which Barrow took to preserve the health of the little community. The medical bill for 1838-39 was comparatively small, if Barrow's figures are to be trusted, amounting to only £69.18. The following year the amount nearly quadrupled, the expenditure reaching a total of £233.25, and

264 Jan. 4, Apr. 27, 1839; June 10, 1844.
265 Barrow Accts.
266 Ibid.
from this time on the yearly outlay was over the three hundred dollar mark. For the years 1840 and 1841 the amount totaled in excess of $600. It is difficult to determine the exact amount spent during 1842 and 1843, for Barrow not only employed four physicians, but one of them was paid for two years' services, a total expenditure of $912.88. Barrow was very much dissatisfied with one of these physicians, and recorded that the account of Dr. Baines was "the most rascally bill ever paid." In 1844, apparently Dr. King was, with the exception of one visit, his only attending physician at a cost of slightly over $300, and the arrangement was continued the following twelve months for the sum of $400.

It would seem that the average yearly medical expense was not large, considering that it took care not only of nearly 200 slaves on the plantation but of the inhabitants of the "Big House" as well, and that during the last two years cited, Barrow's family received a great deal of medical attention.

Every effort was made to keep the slaves in good health. Barrow made regular trips through the quarter to see that his regulations regarding cleanliness were being carried out. A hospital was built as early as 1836, and the sick were kept there in isolation from the rest of the slave village. Despite these precautionary efforts, epidemics occurred and individual

267 Ibid.
268 Ibid.
269 Ibid.
270 Ibid.
271 June 17, 1836.
272 Sept. 5, 1836.
cases of illness were common. The summer of 1836 saw many hands missing from fields, especially after the cotton picking season began. From July to October of the following year was another sick period which saw the death of several children. The chief illnesses were colic, "worms," and "swelling." And that Barrow became disgusted is evident when he wrote regarding the sickness of one slave, "Peter inclined to Dropsy not worth a D--." In 1839, mumps and bowel complaints visited the quarter, causing much loss of time to the field hands. The summer of 1840, the most serious epidemic occurred, with the slaves suffering with "high Fever & violent pain in the head," and Barrow recorded that he was never "so out done with sickness before." The year 1841 was one of good health, but it was followed in 1842 by serious epidemics of measles and scarlet fever. Barrow trusted his own children to the care of physicians, and two of them died during the course of the summer, but he attended personally to the care of his slaves, not losing a single negro. That he disagreed with the treatment of his visiting doctors is evident, for he bled the patients when first taken and followed this with immediate emetics. On the other hand, the doctors objected to bleeding, because the pulse was weak and only tried this expediency after other remedies had failed, a treatment which, as Barrow said, "prove fatal in a majority of Cases." In 1843, an epidemic of chicken pox was avoided.

273 Aug. 5, 6, 9, 12, 1836.
274 See entries from July 24 to Oct. 13, 1837.
275 Apr. 10, Aug. 23, 1839.
277 Apr. 4, July 11-30, Aug. 22-26, 1842.
only by the vaccination of all slaves. Sore eyes also appeared during the spring, but not with serious consequences. Eighteen forty-four was an unusually healthy year, though the master of Highland complained at one time that "half the place" was sick and that it seemed impossible for him "to escape the Epidemics."

Despite all precautions, occasional cases of illness came to plague the planter. Lock jaw, ruptures, injuries of various types, pleurisy, as well as common colds, were a source of worry. At times, slaves used physical disability as a means of securing immunity from work. During the middle 1840's, old Demps used his failing eyesight as a shield from the objectionable labor in the fields, but Barrow finally became aroused, put him to work, and, upon Demps running away, wrote, "gave him 25 cuts yesterday morning & ordered him to work Blind or not to show the scoundrel. has run off - will make him see sights as Long as I live." Neglect of midwives or mothers took a heavy toll of infants, and many were lost through delay in reporting the illness in time for successful medical attention. Negroes were prone to be careless when working with machinery, and accidents were common around the gins and presses of the estate. In 1844 a storm blew down a cotton house crushing to death "Essex," who had just completed the task of reroofing the

278 Jan. 22, Apr. 20, 1843.
279 Apr. 2, May 31, 1844.
280 May 22, 1843; Aug. 28, 1842; Jan. 15, 1843; Jun. 15, 1844.
281 June 12, 1844.
282 June 28, 1840.
building. Barrow recorded that the cause of the negro's death was his disobedience to orders, as he had been told to set new posts along the side walls. In 1837 George was drowned crossing a creek, "a very great loss. one of the best negroes I ever saw. or knew. to his family as a White person." And other accidents, from time to time, were only narrowly avoided.

Barrow undoubtedly took more time in the general organization of his plantation than did the majority of the planting class in the South. The rules for the government of the slaves were prepared with great care and they were rigidly applied. That they were known to the community as a sort of model is attested through the fact that at least one planter secured a copy for the guidance of his plantation. As Barrow phrased it, "A plantation might be considered as a piece of machinery, to operate successfully, all of its parts should be uniform and exact." The master was considered the "impelling force" and, unless he was interested in the "proceedings" on his plantation, nothing but "indifference" was to be expected from his negroes. The life of a slave was a regulated life. His sole interest was the welfare of the plantation. He was not permitted to raise anything for sale on his garden plots for this would detract from his attention

283 Aug. 3, 1844.
284 Oct. 7, 1837.
285 July 22, 1843.
286 Jan. 8, 1844.
287 See Appendix III.
to the field crops of the master. He could not marry off the plantation for several specific reasons which Barrow gave in his "Rules." He kept regular hours and was forced to keep his person and his habitation reasonably clean. He was not allowed to wander about the country-side during holidays or at times when the weather was inclement. The quarter was made the center of his world, for Barrow believed if the slave was made comfortable at home, if the essentials of happiness were provided for him, that there would be little inclination for him to shirk his work.

The Sabbath was free of activity at Highland except during the picking season when uncertain weather might dictate harvesting of the cotton as soon as possible; as Barrow put it, "Sunday being a day of rest to the negros, I like to be a bout - allowance day - & they frequently want things not convenient to get any other day - & My orders for every negro to come up every Sunday morning cleaned & head combed." But it must not be supposed that the planter was an individual who forced Sunday religion on his slaves. From the records extant, it would seem that he frowned upon religion for his slaves. On one occasion when a neighbor's slaves were "cutting up a great many shines" he wrote that the troubles had grown out of "his having them preached to for 4 or 5 years past - greatest

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288 On Oct. 2, 1629, Barrow wrote, "Lewis still out. no doubt he is down at Uncle Bets Where his Father lives - Which proves the impropriety of having husbands off of the plantation - he would not have staide out more than one night." See also Appendix III.
289 Feb. 12, 1640.
290 Mar. 30, 1840; Appendix III.
piece of foolishness any one ever guilty of... no true Christianity among the Church going Whites - and how Expect to Preach morality among a set of ignorant beings... proper discipline may improve them and make them better." On another occasion when a comet appeared in the heavens to frighten the superstitious blacks, he gave them "a Lecture" upon the folly of their belief that the world would come to an end upon "their superstitious belief in Dreams." It is not to be supposed, however, because he did not foster the teaching of religion that he did not set rigid rules of morality for his black children to follow.

Slave marriages were common at Highland and inter-racial promiscuity was bitterly condemned. At one time he wrote, "had a general Whipping frollick. White men sending for some of my women by one of my boys. 'one eyed Sam' - a load of buck shot will be the dose if I can see them or find them."

One night his brother's "boy" was seized in the slave quarter and retained until the next day, a punishment which Barrow termed as "better than Whipping." Apparently the slaves were well in hand, for there were few altercations among them and, for the most part, they lived contented lives in the shadow of the "Great House."

The slave quarter at Highland was typical of the south.

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291 On Oct. 11, 1844, Barrow wrote, "went to the Miss Swifts. nearly all of their hands have run off. from pure impudence founded in their 'Negro' religion, & wish by that means to run the overseer off, will see them put in order, my health permitting". See also Apr. 19, 1844.
292 Mar. 30, Apr. 2, 16, 1843.
293 Sept. 4, 1837.
294 Jan. 9, 1839.
The negro cabins ranged along one side of a broad street some two or three hundred yards from the master's house. They were near to the stables, lots, gardens, and fish ponds. Barrow provided comfortable frame buildings and inspected the whole quarter at regular intervals to determine that it was in good order. Special time was given to clean up the cabins.

The water supply was watched carefully and new wells dug when needed. Additional buildings were erected to offset the depredations of time. In 1842 a building was erected behind the "Great House" for the use of the house servants. In the fall of 1839 a new jail was constructed, and, three years later, it was replaced with another structure. In 1838 a dance hall was built for the exclusive use of the black inhabitants of the plantation and there is much evidence to show that it was used frequently. It would seem that Barrow provided well for his colored population.

Despite the fact that much cloth was woven on the plantation and made up into clothing, the yearly outlay for this item of slave upkeep was a sizable one. In the "Rules of My Plantation" Barrow recorded, "I give them cloths twice a year, two suits - one pair shoes for winter every third year a blanket." In 1837, 75 pair of blankets were received from New Orleans, in 1841 a few more than 70 were purchased at a

295 July 14, 1839; Apr. 11, 1840; Mar. 9, 1844.
296 Apr. 21, 1841.
297 June 14, 1842.
298 Oct. 13, 1839; Aug. 23, 1842.
299 July 31, 1838.
cost of $305, and in 1845, a pair of "French" blankets were received at a cost of $3.50 to $3.75 per pair. Shoes were not considered important enough to be listed often in the accounts, but there is ample evidence that they were distributed each year. At times the women were given ready-made dresses. And toward the end of December those slaves who had acquitted themselves creditably during the year came to expect little gifts of clothing and sometimes even received store-made suits in which to promenade on Sundays and holidays.

One of the most unusual items regarding general housing conditions was noted by Barrow on July 26, 1840, when he wrote, "Save the negroes Mucheto Bars." This was not the common practice among Louisiana planters and is a general indication of the excellent treatment accorded the Barrow slaves.

The food for slave consumption was carefully watched, for nothing could disrupt the smooth-running slave regime as could an inadequate quantity of eatables. Meat was the foundation of their diet, and Barrow bought large quantities of mess and prime pork to offset the insufficient production of the plantation. As a rule, the hogs, sheep, cattle, and poultry killed during the course of a year were consumed during holiday periods as a reward for labor dutifully performed. The allowance was ordinarily 4 or 5 pounds of meat.

300 Nov. 20, 1837; Jan. 27, 1841; Nov. 25, 1845; Barrow Accts.
301 Oct. 24, 1837; Nov. 2, 1843; Oct. 19, 1844; Barrow Accts.
302 Mar. 26, 1837.
303 July 26, 1840.
304 June 1, 1837; Apr. 8, 1838; May 20, 1838; Apr. 13, 1840; Mar. 17, 1843; Nov. 29, 1845; Barrow Accts.
a week for each field hand. 2 pounds for children up to four
years. The quality as Barrow reported it was always "Clear
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good meat." In addition, large quantities of molasses
and sugar were bought, for the sweet tooth of the black de-
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manded satisfaction. To offer variation from the ordinary
ration of corn meal, Barrow at times purchased flour for his
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negroes, an item unusual in plantation expenditure. In
addition to these items, Barrow bought heavily from Bayou
Sara and New Orleans merchants, but here it is difficult to
draw the line between goods purchased for use of the family
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table and foodstuffs acquired for slave consumption.

Slave crime was a Southern problem which went hand in
hand with the institution of slavery. On the whole the slave
usually proved a tractable individual, but outbreaks were com-
mon in the plantation areas. As a rule, Barrow's slaves gave
him very little trouble. That they were not mean is evident;
but that they were typical of their class and often needed
punishment must be admitted. Crimes of major nature were at
times committed in the community, but Barrow black population
was never proven to be implicated. Foreign slaves were not
permitted on the plantation and, consequently, when they were

305 Appendix III.
306 Mar. 17, 1843; Mar. 20, 1845; Barrow Accts.
307 May 18, 1840.
308 Barrow Accts. It is interesting to here note Barrow's
opinion of the Bayou Sara merchants. On Mar. 11, 1838, he
penned, "I believe there is but one or two strictly honest
Merchants at 3 Sara - they put an inferior article on you -
and charge from 50 to 200 or ct." And evidently his opinion
did not change in the years that followed, for he never pur-
chased a great deal at the port of St. Francisville.
found the treatment accorded them was severe, on one occasion Barrow breaking his sword cane "over one of their skulls." As stealing was a prevalent negro vice it was to be expected that foreign negroes would visit the store houses on occasion. But captures were the exception, for culprits usually made a quick and quiet getaway. The master of Highland trusted his own colored population to the extent that he ordinarily became vehement at accusations cast in their direction. In 1839, a neighbor's gin was fired and "Dennis" was blamed. Whereupon Barrow planned a call upon the neighbor, saying, "if he says it was Dennis I will curse him and if I ever catch one of his negroes on this side the creek will make them see sights." In 1841 it was rumored that a slave insurrection was about to break out in the parish. During the following two weeks, many of the slaves from the neighboring plantations were examined, but none of the Barrow negroes were found guilty.

Stealing was the most common fault of the Barrow negroes. Porkers were never quite safe inside the pens below the stable; poultry, though kept behind locked doors at night, was often missing when morning came, and even the store house suffered on occasion. Articles were apt to be found missing around the "Great House," and small fancy notions had an especial appeal.

309 Dec. 31, 1837.
310 Oct. 7, 1838.
311 Dec. 11, 1839.
312 See entries from July 17 to July 28, 1841.
313 Nov. 2, 1837; Jan. 23, 1838; Nov. 6, 1842; June 4, 1843.
314 Feb. 9, 1840.
The most common misbehavior on the Barrow plantation was the taking of "French leave" by the inhabitants of the slave quarter. Feigned illness, light cotton pickings, punishments, and imagined abuses were the common causes. "I had rather a negro would do anything else than runaway," Barrow once said, and his punishments for this act were usually severe.

Drives for runaway slaves in which Barrow and his neighbors participated were common, and were at times entered into with the zest of sport. Each planter attempted to find his own slaves, for they usually stayed within a short distance of the home plantation in order to be near their women and a ready food supply. With few exceptions, runaways stayed out but a short period, came back, received their punishment, and returned to the routine of the plantation, but there were times when a slave would be absent from the fields for a period of six months. His capture resulted in more severe punishment than was given the field hand who had departed for a brief vacation from the vicissitudes of cotton picking. At times the runaways established regular camps in the swamps to which were brought many comforts and luxuries from the plantation.

Few escaped to the North, but at least one Harrow negro made this journey successfully. That he was not satisfied with...
life in Canada is evidenced by the fact that in 1841 he wrote his former master asking for money that he might return to the South and to freedom.

Farrow's punishment of his slaves was as a rule only severe enough to be conducive to good discipline. Whipping was the common method of keeping the slaves in line, and, though the rod was not spared, brutal whippings were the exception. Young slaves and women were not flogged as severely as men, but, for more important offenses, the maximum number of lashes might be given. The jail below the slave quarters usually had occupants, but only rarely was a slave interned for more than a few days. A pair of stocks was a part of the regular equipment of the plantation, and a post was kept near the slave quarter to which refractory blacks were chained for brief periods, week-ends, or holidays. Barrow was constantly devising ingenious punishments, for it was realized that uncertainty was an important aid in keeping his gangs well in hand. On one occasion, he gave Lize and Fanny a couple of switches and "made them fight it out." After one switch was gone, "they seemed quit[e] sick of it." Another time rugged field hands were put to washing clothes as a means of humiliation. At times certain black "bucks" were forced to wear women's clothing, others were "exhibited" at the quarters.

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320 May 30, 1841.
323 Dec. 26, 1838; Nov. 7, 1838; July 19, 1839.
324 Mar. 6, 1840.
325 Sept. 30, 1839.
during Christmas and other holidays, some were paraded wearing red flannel caps, and Jack once had to wear a sheet topped with red feathered flannel ear muffs. When the gangs worked badly in the fields, Barrow occasionally made them labor very late, a punishment which apparently was very effective. And when the women shirked their labors, they were put to spinning cloth, each one being given a task proportional to the lack of work performed.

Though punishments of the mild variety were the general rule, Barrow at times employed harsher measures. Brutal whipplings, which were followed by duckings, came on occasion. And the immersions, it is to be imagined, were of such length as to bring a change in the slave's behavior. Some runaways were severely beaten upon being caught. For more flagrant violations, the negroes were "staked down." This was apparently the old punishment of staking them to the ground on their backs, spread eagle fashion. Periods of staking were usually short, but at times the refractory one was thus fastened for as lon~ as twelve to fifteen hours. In his Diary, Barrow once noted, "The negro hunters came this morning." They were evidently professional hunters of runaways, with a rack of trained dogs. "Ginny Jerry" was the desired runaway on this occasion and, after a hunt of some length, was found, Barrow

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326 Apr. 20, 1838; Dec. 24, 25, 1839; July 5, 1840.
327 May 12, 1837.
328 Dec. 10, 1842.
329 Oct. 15, Nov. 28, 29, 1844.
330 Apr. 1, 1838.
331 Aug. 16, 1841.
recording, "ran and trailer about a mile, treed him, made the dogs pull him out of the tree, Bit him very badly, think he will stay home a while." A couple of months later, this incident was followed by a still more severe case. A negro was run from one to two miles and finally caught. Barrow then stated, "dogs soon tore him naked, took him Home Before the negro[es] at dark and made the dogs give him another over haul-ing." At times negroes were shot at and wounded, but the value of the slave usually kept the planter from firing with the intent to kill.

There was a bright side, however, to slave life at Highland. Barrow believed that rewards for good behavior and well-performed labor were a better incentive than punishments, and this method, therefore, was often used. Dinners were given at various times for the whole slave population. Even during the cotton picking season a short holiday, followed or preceded by a dinner, gave the pickers more enthusiasm for work in the fields. The holiday season called for feasts of consequence and on at least one occasion the dinner was given at the "Big House." At various times throughout the year, holidays were given as a reward for work faithfully accomplished. When a given task was completed ahead of schedule, the hands were given the rest of the day. This time was used to clean up the

332 Sept. 6, 6, 1845.
333 Nov. 11, 1845.
334 Aug. 16, 1841.
335 Dec. 29, 1836; Dec. 30, 1837; Dec. 28, 1839; July 11, 1840; Jan. 1, 1846.
336 Jan. 3, 1841.
quarter, to mend clothing, or to repair buildings, but on many such days Barrow simply recorded, "negroes holliday part of the day," "Finished hoeing corn second time by dinner yesterday. Holliday afterwards," or "negros Holliday since dinner."

But whole days, even during the busiest cotton picking time, were sometimes given as a reward of good work.

The Christmas season was one of merrymaking. From a week to two weeks vacation was ordinarily given. and, on special occasions, at the request of the slaves, the time was extended. The holiday began a few days before Christmas and lasted well into the new year. Unusually some sort of special celebration was planned, though there were some lean years which did not permit the owner to waste money in this manner. In 1842 Barrow wrote, "negros seem lively though the times are hard. Eat & drink plenty." On the following day he added, "Gave the negros as much of Evry thing to eat & drink during the Hollidays as they Wanted times so hard no[t] able to give any thing more." Again in 1844 there was no celebration, but Barrow gave no indication as to whether it was the result of poor work during the year or hard times. Dancing was a common diversion during the Christmas holidays. In 1846 he recorded, "Bad Beginning for New Year, negros had a dinner yesterday, some danced all night, those that did not will start to work

337 June 2, 1832; May 3, 23, 1840; May 17, 1845.
338 June 10, 1837; May 18, 1839; May 29, June 12, 1841; June 18, 1842.
this morning." But "finding no Cotton to trash sent for the Fiddle And made them Dance from 12 till dark, others from the Quarter soon joined for the frolic & became quite Lively to the close."

At Christmas time, also, came the distribution of gifts. A month or six weeks previous, the negroes made up a list of the items desired and these the master purchased either at Bayou Sara, St. Francisville, or New Orleans. Slaves who had worked exceptionally well during the course of the year were given special gifts. In 1839 Dave Bartley and Atean were given a suit of clothes as a reward for "their fine conduct," and this case was not exceptional. He was opposed to the system used on many southern plantations of allowing the slaves a separate plot of ground on which to raise produce for sale. Neither could his slaves raise livestock or engage in any form of business which might bring them an income. He explained his action in his "Rules": "I prefer giving them money of Christmas to their making anything, thusly creating an interest with you and yours . . . if a negro is suffered to sell anything he chooses without any inquiry being made, a spirit of trafficking is at once created. to carry this on, both means and time are necessary, neither of which is he of right possessed. A negro would not be content to sell only what he raises or makes of either corn . . . or poultry, or the like,

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341 Jan. 1, 1846.
342 Dec. 6, 22, 26, 1841.
343 Aug. 11, 1839.
but he would sell a part of his allowance also, and would be
tempted to commit robberies to obtain the things to sell."
Therefore, at least during a part of his planting career, Bar­
row made substantial money gifts to his negroes at holiday
time. In 1838 he gave them $500 and sent them to town; the
following year $700 was given them; in 1840 the figure al­
lowed was again $700. Thus by a system of rewards, holi­
days, dinners, and dances, Barrow kept the slave system at
Highland running smoothly, a condition often in contrast with
the efforts of other planters south of Mason and Dixon's line.

344 See Appendix III.
345 Dec. 24, 1838.
346 Dec. 22, 1839; Barrow Accts.
347 Dec. 24, 1840; Barrow Accts.
Amusements and Sporting Interests

The ante-bellum plantation was not only the center of a fairly complete system of staple economy; it was also the center of the social life of that planter class so well interpreted by the fiction of the Old South. Cities and towns were not numerous in the Southland and the plantation population consequently centered its social life around those lighter occupations near at hand. Visits of an informal nature were made at irregular intervals between closely acquainted families and formal or fashionable calls were exchanged between those not so well known. Great distances were sometimes traveled for visits with friends or relatives and these sojourns were frequently of long duration. The Barrows interchanged visits with their neighbors, made fashionable calls on occasion, and traveled many miles for longer vacations with their relatives in various parts of the state in southwestern Mississippi. Parties, and "frollics" were also much enjoyed.

These parties were for the most part informal, many originating on the spur of the moment and lasting until the partici-

348 Feb. 17, 1841.
349 Mar. 24, 1840; June 16, 1841.
pants were tired from much dancing or until their digestive systems became overtaxed with much good food and fine wine. At one such party at Highland, Barrow remarked there was much "singing & noise & happiness," and that those present were "perfectly indifferent to the cares of this world." Sometimes mock force was used to keep the party from disintegrating, and Barrow related the story of kidnapping a number of young ladies, bringing them to his house, and then summoning the neighbors for a party. As he told it, "would not Let any Leave got a violin player from Town 'Norman' Let them rest & knap during the day some times. playing smut - at dark began to dance, at 12 Oclock their consciences made them refuse to dance any Longer, it Being Saturday night, to punish them fastened the doors 'till near two 0K some blew the Lights out others tried to get out at the windows, Any thing, but dance they would'ent, retired at 2 0k all nearly broke down, never have seen a collection so sudden and so perfectly free easy & happy for two days & nights, All restraint thrown aside never enjoyed myself as much." The next morning, Barrow continued, "Many Long & weary Looking faces sore feet &c. this morning, however all regretting it was Sunday, none more than myself, without preparation it Began, plenty to Eate & drink is all they wanted, evry thing put down & each one helped himself When he wanted it." House parties of this nature were not unusual at Highland and they aided greatly in relieving the loneliness

350 May 13, 15, 1841.
351 June 8, 1841.
of plantation life.

The playing of practical jokes usually accompanied such informal amusements. On April 1, 1844, Barrow sent one of his nieces an empty box, whereupon she informed the relatives that he was seriously ill, a story which resulted in some worry on the part of his kinsmen. Occasionally the gatherings assumed the nature of a barbacue usually followed by a dance. With few exceptions they came at various holidays and proved such a pleasure that Barrow once wrote, "had a very fine Barbacue & Dance. . . . Lady's verry much pleased."

The formal ball had its place in Barrow society. The master and mistress of the plantation attended functions of this type at neighboring planters and in St. Francisville or Bayou Sara. In his Diary Barrow made numerous citations to the enjoyable times that were had tripping the light fantastic toe to the tuneful strains of musicians imported for the occasion from St. Francisville, Natchez, or even New Orleans. Following "a party" given at Captain Howell's plantation home Barrow remarked, "danced 'till day light verry pleasant - Evry one appearing to enjoy themselves." Another time, however, he was "disappointed in going to the Party last night at Halls" at St. Francisville. Though the balls usually

352 Jan. 7, 8, 9, 1842.
353 Apr. 1, 1844.
354 July 2, 4, 1838.
356 Feb. 12, 1839.
357 Mar. 10, 1841.
passed without incident; there was at least one exception to the rule. He recorded, "Went to a Party Given by John Harbour at Douces. Great many there, verry pleasant not with standing some scoundrel stole my Gloves knife & cap out of my Buggy, Came Home bare headed." At times, weddings occurred in the vicinity and balls usually followed. And there were occasions when the Barrows were not invited to the social functions of the neighborhood, an oversight on the part of the hostesses which led the master of Highland to give vent to his feelings. The enjoyment of the ball was varied at times with the performances of musicians at the plantations of neighbors or in town. Barrow himself imported a "Poleander" to repair some music boxes and to perform for his family and his visiting neighbors. Serenading was also an enjoyable pastime in which Barrow and his family participated, and it is to be little doubted that many happy evenings were spent in going from one plantation to another singing beneath the starlit Feliciana sky, these glorious old songs of the period.

Horseback riding and driving were amusements in which the whole family at Highland participated and in which the master found much enjoyment. Good saddle horses were always kept ready for the use of members of the home clan and the buggy and carriage were kept in readiness for longer journeys. In

358 Dec. 23, 1840.
359 Oct. 8, 1840.
360 Apr. 8, 1841.
361 May 19, 1842.
1837 Barrow recorded that he purchased a fine saddle horse in New Orleans for the sum of $200. Two years later he paid $230 for a riding animal evidently of extra fine quality. In 1844, he purchased another for $100, so it is apparent that his supply was kept within the needs of the plantation. But Barrow was too shrewd not to lose the possibilities of an occasional good trade, and in 1837 he traded his saddle horse, "Churkey" to a neighbor for upwards of 50 head of cattle. Eighteen forty-one saw the purchase of "a pair of Dove colored carriage horses," of good quality and well matched, for which the sum of $400 was paid. Two years' prior to this purchase, he had added a new buggy at the cost of $285.

The picture of the southern hunt of the ante-bellum period has almost disappeared from the recollections of that fabulous era. The crisp early morn, the yelps of the hounds, the well dressed men and women, the prancing horses, the slow center across the fields, and then the excitement of the chase--these elements have faded from the stage of southern activity. All forms of hunting were enjoyed. Society hunted the fox and the deer, the planters in toto hunted deer, bear, wild fowl, and even the lowly rabbit did not entirely escape the fangs of the dogs nor the shots from the sportsmen's gun. Hunting at night by torch-light was a favorite sport of the Peliciana.

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362 Dec. 2, 1837.
363 Barrow Accts.
364 Ibid.
365 Sept. 3, 1837.
366 Nov. 15, 1841.
367 Barrow Accts.
entry, whether it was the deer, raccoon, o'possum, or wild turkey. Many of the hunts were for the "men folks" only, but on some occasions the women kept pace with the stronger sex.

Though Virginia was the traditional home of formal fox hunting in the South, the planters of West Feliciana were not neophytes at following the hounds. Almost from the beginning of his planting career, Barrow kept a large pack of blooded hounds. The number of grown animals varied during the late 1830's from eleven to seventeen not including several growing pups. From 1837 they were housed in a specially built kennel, well arranged for canine comfort. That Barrow was known to the fox hunting world is evidenced by the fact that in 1830 J. S. Skinner, editor of the American Turf Register & Sporting Magazine, sent from New Orleans a gift of two spotted registered pups. Barrow made visits to other parishes to follow the hounds but at times returned with a poor opinion of the ability of the dogs as well as of the manners of the people. In 1845, he almost decided to give up fox hunting as there was great difficulty in starting the chase under seven or eight miles of the plantation.

Deer hunting or driving was a more popular sport with the Feliciana planters than fox hunting, and, while fashionable

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368 Sept. 26, 1836; Jan. 28, 1838.
369 Jan. 6, 1837.
370 Jan. 22, 1839.
371 Dec. 17, 19, 1840.
372 Feb. 1, 1845.
hunts were not rare, the informal hunt was a much more common diversion. Barrow was intensely interested in deer hunting, as it was perhaps his favorite sport, and he was present on many occasions. The venison gave variety to the table of the planter, and his antlers graced the mantles of the living rooms at Highland. The hunts ordinarily passed without incident, but occasionally accidents occurred. Barrow recorded that one time the standers were placed "in sight of each other. Rufus Howell standing within 20 yds. of Dawson 'open'ed up and fired at him for a Deer - he was sitting down reading. Rufus took the paper back book for Deers years - put 3 buck shot in him one in his thigh one in the leg & one in the arm below the elbow. But for his arm would have been killed - had considerable trouble in getting him home." A wounded animal sometimes charred the riders, goring both horses and men.

The hunters at times became separated, and a Mr. Pain from the island of Isle de l'Espoir was once lost for some hours in the Feliciana hills while searching parties explored the region. But the deer hunt had a definite place in the sporting life of the planter and not until the eighteen hundred fifties did the game so diminish in numbers as to make the sport lose its exciting place in plantation life. The hunters however, were not out for deer alone. At times, wild cattle were killed,
bears were hunted from horseback as well as trapped in the 
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timber tracts, alligators in the swamps were hunted by 
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planters on foot with packs of trained dogs, and all the 
while the youth of the country was learning the management 
of both horse and gun by hunting the fast fleeing cotton- 
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tail.

Barrow was a fisherman as well as a follower of the 
hounds. The terrain of West Feliciana was conducive to those 
denizens of the stream so eagerly sought after by the followers 
of Izaak Walton. The Mississippi offered some inducement, but, 
for the most part, the streams and lakes of the region were the 
chief attraction. Ratliff's Lake, a few miles away, and Big and 
Little Bayou Sara offered favorite sport for angling. Most of 
the fishing excursions were informal affairs. As Barrow so elo­
quently described in his Diary on April 27, 1844, "Went Fishing 
to Ratliffs Lake. never saw just such looking creatures - Bennet 
Robert H. jW Robert J. E McDermott H. Lyons P. Butler 
D. johnson - the muddist & dirtyest set of beings in exist­ 
ence - some without hats coats suspenders - shirts partly 
torn off &c." At times stimulants were carried and the 
"gentlemen" occasionally imbied too freely. Barrow said on 
one such occasion: "have'nt seen as drunken a set in a great 
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While." But the fashionable fishing party had its place

378 Sept. 19, 1838; Apr. 22, 1842.
379 Sept. 5, 1838; May 8, 1841; July 8, 10, 1943.
380 Mar. 24, 1844.
381 July 13, 1838.
382 July 10, 1841.
in the sports of West Feliciana and on these trips both men and women tried their skill. Some of the parties, after a day spent along the placid waters of some lake, adjourned to a nearby plantation where refreshments and clean clothing were awaiting and where the call of the dance was irresistible. Many fish fries added to the enjoyment of the catch and the old art of canoeing was not forgotten during those carefree days. At times, trips were made in river boats owned by planters of chartered for the excursion. The party would make a leisurely journey up or down the Mississippi to favorite angling places, a journey which sometimes lasted for several days.

Such a sportsman as Barrow was also, and almost inevitably, interested in horse racing. From the beginning of his career until 1840, he was one of the most prominent racing men of his parish and of the state. He was the second largest stockholder in the St. Francisville Race Track located about one and a half miles northeast of that town, until he sold his interests in 1840 to Daniel Turnbull of Rosedown Plantation. He was a prominent figure at New Orleans tracks and during the late eighteen hundred thirties was an official timer at the Louisiana Jockey Club. He made regular trips to the Crescent City for the spring and fall races, and, though he occasionally lost money, he ordinarily bet small sums and

383 May 16, 1833.
384 Nov. 24, 1845.
385 Nov. 18, 1841; Sept. 30, Nov. 30, 1842; Nov. 7, 1843; Feb. 10, 1845.
387 Spirit of the Times, Dec. 29, 1833.
more often won than lost. He enjoyed the sport keenly and protested vehemently on one trip when a "Violent tooth ache" prevented his attendance at the tracks. He was included in that circle of men of West Felicians of whom one sports writer said, "On such men ... depends the turf in the future."

In his racing activities, Barrow was associated with his brother, William R. Barrow, who was even more interested and who invested more in the sport. Together they bought and sold, trained, and raced horses on the various Mississippi and Louisiana courses from Natchez to New Orleans. After Barrow's retirement from the field in 1840, he continued to hold small interests in some of his brother's racing stock. Most of their activities centered about the tracks at St. Francisville and Bayou Sara and their entries won a full share of the purses.

At least two trainers served the brothers. In 1837 they secured the services of Morris E. Boyles. He was a young man, but had already experienced some success as a trainer of "Fanny Bell," one of the noted horses of the district. He remained

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388 Nov. 30, Dec. 20, 1836; Barrow Accts.
389 Mar. 20, 1837.
390 Spirit of the Times, Feb. 2, 1839.
391 Dec. 28, 1838; Apr. 27, May 2, 1839; Dec. 12, 1843.
392 Apr. 19, 20, 1837; May 3, 4, 5, 6, Nov. 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 1838; Apr. 24, 25, 1839.
393 The Spirit of the Times, Mar. 10, 1838, published the following concerning the young trainer, "Mr. B. still employs her trainer, who is a very worthy as well as a very young man, thinking probably that it is preferable to let him work away at Fanny than fly to others whom he knows not of." Boyles was "caught young," is fast improving, and will no doubt 'come cut' one of these days, a second chance, and we hope the arrangement will prove mutually advantageous."
in the service of the brothers for several years, although in
1838 Barrow added another trainer to his staff, a man named
Tisdale. Most of Boyles' work was with running horses,
but in 1843 Barrow added at least one pacer to his stable.

Late in 1839, Barrow decided to quit the track, and with the
exception of Josh Bell, sold all his racing stock to his
brother, who continued the family traditions in the sports
world.

Barrow's most famous horse was Josh Bell. He was pur-
chased in 1838, probably from a Mr. Boswell, for the sum of
$6000. He was brought down the Mississippi to Highland Plan-
tation and was housed at the Highland stables, and after a
short period of training there, was entered in the New Orleans
races at the Metairie Course where he won "handily," though Bar-
row remarked that there had been "poor running generally."
The spring of 1839 saw Josh Bell winning his greatest laurels.
He was entered in the March races at the Metairie, Louisiana,
and Eclipse Courses in New Orleans and won some great races,
probably the most notable being against Wargoner. Barrow
called Wargoner "the best Horse in the South," and was greatly
pleased with his thoroughbred, for he wrote, "I believe Jos Bell

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394 Pet. 7, Nov. 8, 1837; Oct. 1, 1838; Spirit of the Times, Mar. 10, 1839; Barrow Accts.
395 Dec. 12, 1843.
396 Sept. 2, 1839.
397 May 5, 1838; Spirit of the Times, Mar. 17, 1838, Jan. 8, 1842; Barrow Accts.
398 May 10, 1841.
399 May 7, Sept. 6, 1838.
400 Dec. 20, 1838; Spirit of the Times, Dec. 29, 1838.
401 Spirit of the Times, Jan. 8, 1842.
402 Mar. 12, Apr. 1, 2, 1839.
is the Best Horse in the United States - First rate any distance." On April 26, however, Josh Bell pulled a tendon in running against Kavenaugh. Barrow wrote that he was "ruined for Ever," and even though his leg did improve, he never again regained his former brilliance. He was retired to stud at the plantation, though for two years he stood at the plantation of a Mr. Chainey in East Feliciana Parish. Shortly following the accident Barrow sold all of his racing stock to his brother, William R. Barrow, "reserving Josh Bell" for $5500." In 1841, he offered the animal to Fields and Ward of Kentucky at $4000, but they declined to purchase at that price. From time to time, reports were circulated that Josh Bell was being returned to active competition, The Spirit of the Times publishing on January 8, 1842, "It affords us great pleasure to state that Wm. R. Barrow, Esq. of St. Francisville, La., is about to bring his celebrated horse Josh Bell, on the Turf again, after being three years in the breeding stud. His game leg is now apparently well." But "Josh" had served his

403 Feb. 15, 1839.
404 Apr. 26, 1839.
405 July 23, 1845. The following advertisement appeared in the Louisiana Chronicle, August 21, 1841, "Josh Bell. Will stand at the stable of the subscriber, the ensuing year, and will be let to mares at the low price of fifty dollars the season. The cash or a good note must accompany each mare. No liability for accidents. B. H. Barrow."
406 Sept. 2, 1839.
407 Mar. 7, 1841.
408 The Spirit of the Times, Jan. 8, 1842, carried the following "Josh Bell coming out again! It affords us great pleasure to state that Wm. R. Barrow, Esq., of St. Francisville, La., is about to bring his celebrated horse Josh Bell, on the Turf again, after being three years in the breeding stud. His game leg is now apparently well. . . . Josh Bell was one of the best
master well and was retired, as far as the records show, to the joys of the meadows and the open fields.

Barrow was also interested, with William R. Barrow, in the ownership of "Fanny Bell," a horse purchased in 1837 for $3000. After winning some local races in the fall of 1837, she was entered in New Orleans the following spring. A growing blindness, however, forced the owners to withdraw her from active competition. On March 10, 1838, The Spirit of the Times noted, "She has been, and is still, in the hands of Morris H. Boyles, at St. Francisville, La., who thinks he can bring her round again, she having been seriously amiss for months. . . . We . . . found her almost blind, and apparently so weak that she could not have twitched a shad off a gridiron."

Three months later, Barrow stated, "Fanny Bell 'Mare' gone blind - doubtfull whether she recovers," a prediction which evidently came true.

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Horses of his year. In March, 1839, he beat Wagner the 1st heat in a four miles race at New Orleans, on the Eclipse Course; the next week he walked over for a purse of $1500, three mile heats, on the Louisiana Course, and in the follow-

Apr. 26, 1837.

Spirit of the Times, Apr. 7, 1838.

Ibid., Mar. 10, 1838.

June 17, 1838.
The study of the psychology of those agricultural entrepreneurs of the Old South is yet to be written. The planter's habits, at home and abroad, have been amply described, but, with the exception of studies pertaining to his education, his literature, and his general cultural attributes, little has been written. His thoughts, his reactions to the problems of planting, his philosophy of life, remain, for the most part, an unexplored realm of Southern history. The planter's interests centered about the cultivation and management of his broad acres. His amusements were ordinarily found both at hand and, with the exception of occasional trips to resorts in the South or to the North, he stayed close to his manor. The personal life and habits of Bennet H. Barrow were not dissimilar from those of the great majority of planters in the parish of West Feliciana.

Planting was Barrow's sole occupation. During the decade and a half under discussion, it is to be noticed that he often became disgusted with plantation operations, and, as agriculturists in most sections are wont to do, he wished that he might change his location. On one occasion, he wrote that he would like to sell and move from the country, though he ad-
mitted that he knew not where to go, reserving that knowledge only to the Almighty himself. During the early eighteen hundred forties, the fertile lands of Texas beckoned, like the Sirens of Greek mythology, and neighbors returning from trips into that fabled land told tales that gave many of the Felici-413 anians "the Texas Fever." At other times, various regions fired his imagination. In 1841, the crop of that year having been unsatisfactory, Barrow wrote, "would sell my Land if I could, & move on the Low Lands [of the] Mississippi or some of 414 its tributaries." But this dissatisfied planter never real-415 ized the burning desire to sell his land at an adequate price and depart from the gentle slopes of the Little Bayou Sara. His constant indebtedness was the source of much worry and many were his promises of saving for the future, promises which were quickly broken when coveted racing stock tempted his sport-416 ing nature, or when the pleasures of New Orleans called during the winter season.

On August 16, 1839, he wrote, "I Bennet H. Barrow do cer-417 tify that I the said Bennet have got the meanest crop in this neighbourhood & the meanest by far I ever had - been absent too often - would not care how mean it was if I was not in Debt - & last accounts from England very unfavourable - two thirds of the people must be ruined - should the times continue beyond this season." Except for its liveliness of style,

413 May 6, 1839.
414 Feb. 19, 1841.
415 Sept. 3, 1841.
416 Feb. 2, 1840.
417 Aug. 16, 1839.
there was nothing unusual about this entry, as he always worried about crops. Though, at times, neighbors and friends commented upon the planter's crop as "remarkable," compliments justly voiced, there were years that saw "more rain, more sickness, poorest Crops & general distress than any year" he ever knew. There were occasions when, upon returning from a visit to a neighbor's plantation, he would write, "am perfectly disgusted with evry thing on the place." And he ended one such entry by wishing "evry one I've had to pay money for was in Hell."

The sweet, however, was apparently well mixed with the bitter. Many were his pleasant observations on planting. Every year he noted the arrival of the martins whose coming was evidently a favorable omen for the future. On the whole, his slaves caused little trouble and on many occasions they highly pleased "The Master of Highland." Minor troublesome incidents were laid away in the realm of dimming memory and even the burning of a cotton warehouse and gin, together with cotton, to the value of over $5,000, was taken philosophically.

Barrow was not a great traveler, but, to him, as to many planters of the lower Mississippi valley, the "Crescent City" was a mecca, and most of his extended trips away from the

418 July 12, 1843.
419 Jan. 1, 1844.
420 May 3, 29, 1844.
421 Apr. 9, 1844.
422 Mar. 11, 1832; Mar. 1, 1840; Mar. 4, 1842; Apr. 8, 1844; Mar. 6, 1845.
plantation were to New Orleans. As he cared little for formal society, his excursions were usually made for the purpose of entering his race horses at the various courses. On such trips to New Orleans, the larger steamboats then plying the Mississippi were patronized, but, for the traditional southern visits which the planter took with his family, the carriage or the prancing saddle horse was pressed into service. After beginning his career as a planter, Barrow made only one sojourn in the North. During the summer of 1834, he and his elder brother made a slave-buying journey to Virginia, returning to West Feliciana with an additional supply of labor for the plantation. He often planned and hoped that he might visit the famous Northern watering places or the resorts of the Southern mountains, but he apparently never found the opportunity for such travels.

Barrow confided to his Diary many of his private opinions concerning those with whom he associated. That he did not expect these opinions to be published to the world goes without saying, but now, after the passing of a century, those opinions aid the student of Southern history in forming some idea of the psychology of one of the aristocratic planters of the Old South. These opinions concerned not only his neighbors but the members of the Barrow family. On March 11, 1840, he took occasion to write, "Mrs King; & Martha T. used to say 'When I was about 14 yrs old' that no good would ever come of me - be hanged go to jail Quit Encouraging
for an orphan - and merely because of a boy of my age 14 yrs old could not appreciate their miserly views, and like great many boys disposed to have run, without any thing vicious in its nature." His business relations with his kin were on the whole pleasant, but he was tempted to write on two occasions of his brother, Ruffin. In 1839, he noted "Ruffin trusted Mr. Tisdale returned from Kentucky - bringing with him 19 beautiful doer - I intended for me lost or died - strange that only one should have died." And six years later, "Ruffin hailed seed enough to plant two 3/4 of his crop without returning me a seed - as I expected - Last year closes my folly - have been eternally waiting on other people or trusting to their own sensibilities." But his general opinion of the Barrow clan was noted on March 11, 1840, "Excepting Mrs. King & Martha Turnbull I know of none of the Barrows of my own relations, that are not liberal & honest, and are like families ought to be. united."

From time to time he recorded the following opinions of his neighbors, "a reaper can never lived," "Mr. Vadal said all night with me last night a perfect Jack ass Fow & work", "Mr. Collison once came perfectly disgusted with him - too familiar to live." Not given to making enemies, Barrow had at least one adversary in the community in Captain C.

424 Mar. 25, 1837.
425 Oct. 19, 1840.
426 Apr. 3, 1840.
427 Mar. 11, 1840.
Howell. That he had more or less constant trouble with
Howell is evident, though the actual causes of the altercations
are left shrouded. He made every effort to show his feelings to
the Howells, on one instance leaving one of them at a game stand.
Another time, he wrote that he "tried every way to insult them,"
apparently with success, for an open break came shortly afterwards.
Not all his remarks are disparaging, but reflect the
life and morality of the times, as when he wrote on October 31,
1840, "Col. G. Barrow D L. Johnson W Rucker jno. C Brady
Jno Joor & George Joor here last night went it on champarin
"till one O K. in night."

Barrow's persistence at endorsing caused him much worry
and from financial losses. At times when he was forced to
come to the assistance of an unfortunate planter he
made little complaint, but on at least one occasion he became
exaggerated at J. Desmont, who "skipped the country," leaving
his surety to pay debts of a large figure. Barrow's remarks
on this occurrence are best left to the imagination of the
reader. Some five years later, his endorsing troubles led him
to write, "wish evry one I've had to pay money for was in
Hell," but this sentiment evidently did not give him complete
catharsis, for a month later he scrawled, "sincerely wish evry
rascal & person causing me to be in Debt in Hell riding a rod
hot iron." From time to time, he wrote sound advice to his

429 Sect. 13, Nov. 30, 1849; Apr. 21, 1840; Nov. 11, 1843.
430 Oct. 31, 1840.
431 Apr. 9, May 5, 1844.
children on the evils of enen 'sing, but that he himself ever followed this good counsel is not evident.

Class consciousness was one of the distinctive attributes of the old plantation regime in the South. Barrow was typical of his class, and his attitude of superiority was shown in a hundred instances in his Diary. At times when his neighbors were less discriminating toward those of African blood, he never failed to show his displeasure. He was extremely critical of those who came from the North and often gave vent to his feelings. In February, 1844, he was visited by two "D. Yankees" who had come to see his overseer and he noted especially "the impudence of their section of country," finally giving them a "hint to Leave that no southerner would mistake - ordered their horses Back." He apparently made it a rule to be cautious of strangers, "to Northerners in particular," but this prejudice, however, did not prevent him from being sus-

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432 On Jan. 1, 1840, he wrote, "My course will be a lesson to my children - that is never to loan what is not your own - if you owe any thing pay it first - I borrowed money for other persons 'friend' & now have to pay it over. Mind "No professed to be your friend - you see a man working hard & economising help him, but see a fellow dressing fine, using fine language & they are what is called clever fellows - let them pass". Again on January 21, "never Endorse at any rate for a man extravagant & careless in business - nor would be gentleman".

433 An excellent example occurred on Nov. 6, 1839. Barrow wrote, "went driving yesterday - & never was so nut to a stump in my life - IT jno. B. Barrow (a young Tennessee scamp) invites the two SH Novels over to join us - men possessed of no feelings of the gentleman - I thought this bad enough - but J. Riddle must invite Purnello Mulatto boy with him & when at dinner handed him some thing to East which was sufficient invitation for him to join &c. . . . Respect for no one shall prevent my doing my duty in such a case again - so goes this World - made the hunt as little interesting as I could".

434 Apr. 26, 1843; Feb. 26, 1844.
pected by his mother-in-law of having aided "a Yankey" in the
conquest of his young and beautiful sister-in-law.

Barrow was only mildly interested in the national and
state political questions of the time, and then only to the ex-
tent to which they affected his personal interests. The three
questions which interested him most were corruption in public
office, the annexation of Texas, and the slavery question. He
laid the blame for the first at the feet of Andrew Jackson,
due to his destruction of the United States bank; Texas,
of course, he thought a highly desirable territory which should
be admitted into the Union; and slavery was an institution
which should not be disturbed by either the states of the North
or the Federal government. In national politics, he was
normally a Whig, voting for Hugh Lawson White in 1836 and
William Henry Harrison in 1840, but the Texas question led him
in 1844 to bolt the party and vote for James K. Polk.

He mildly supported the Native American movement but vigi-
lously opposed the Loco Foco wing of the Democrat party.
Never a strong party man, he showed but mild interest in the
state politics of his day, supporting the individual candi-
dates whom he considered the best fitted for the position.

435 June 2, 1839.
436 Nov. 6, 1839.
437 June 20, Aug. 26, 1844; Mar. 6, 1845.
438 Jan. 14, 1838; Sept. 24, 1841.
439 Nov. 7, 3, 1836; Jan. 1, June 23, Oct. 12, Nov. 2, 1840;
May 7, Oct. 2, 24, Nov. 1, 4, 1844.
440 Oct. 10, 1839; July 4, 1840.
441 May 22, 1837; July 2, 1838; July 6, 7, 1840; Sept. 14,
1841; July 4, 1842; July 2, Aug. 25, 1844; Nov. 3, 1845; Jan.
19, 21, 23, 1846.
Despite his apparent lack of interest in national and state politics, he held the typically Southern view that the holding of local office was a public duty, and, during the period from 1836 until his death in 1854, Barrow served in several capacities for the parish. In 1844, he began a three-year period of service on the Police Jury, a term which was marked by neither over-diligence nor extreme lassitude in his attention to duty, though it must be recorded that he was fined several times for failure to attend meetings. During the years, 1840, 1842, 1845, and 1846, he served as Overseer of the Fifteenth Road District in his parish and, from the existing records, evidently performed his duties to the satisfaction of the Police Jury. In 1843, he was appointed one of three overseers of the poor for the tenth ward, and, for at least three years, in 1836, 1844, and 1845, he sat on the Grand Jury.

Barrow's cultural life was similar to that of the other planters of his region and station in life. He subscribed to newspapers and magazines, he bought books, he attended concerts at St. Francisville or Bayou Sara, he invited artists journeying through the country to his country estate, he gave his children dancing lessons, and he hired tutors for their private instruction, and he had his portrait painted. In addition to

442 June 3, 1844; June 2, Sept. 27, 1845; Minutes of the Police Jury, Vol. II, pp. 88, 90, 91, 92, 103, 104, 106, 107, 109, 111.
444 Ibid., p. 72.
445 Dec. 7, 1836; May 8, 1844; Dec. 1, 1845
the local newspapers, he subscribed to the Charleston
Mercury, the Woodville (Miss.) Republican, and the Spirit of
the Times, a sporting magazine. The inventory of his es­
tate lists in addition to two book cases, books valued at
§100, these including Botta's Washington, and Johnson's
Life of Henry Clay. In the education of his children, he
was extremely critical. In January, 1841, he wrote to New
Orleans for a tutor and secured the services of a Miss May­
new. But the new teacher did not satisfy the Master of High­
land, and she remained at the plantation only three months.
In the fall of the same year, he hired a Mr. Hulbert from New
York. His relations with this young man were evidently pleas­
ant, for, in 1846, the tutor was still in service at a salary
of §500 per year. Barrow's portrait was evidently painted
by the renowned T. B. Thorpe, "The Bee Hunter." His accounts
for 1841 show that he paid the artist the sum of §150 for the
painting of his likeness. Later, his portrait was taken by
the same individual and, after some misunderstanding over the
price of the frames, during which altercation Mr. Thorpe
"acted very suspicious," the matter was settled to the satis­
faction of both parties.

Religion was not a subject in which Bennet H. Barrow was
intensely interested, a fact which is attested to by his in­

446 Barrow Accts.
448 Barrow Accts.
449 Jan. 27, Feb. 12, Mar. 9, May 5, 1841; Barrow Accts., 1841.
450 Oct. 17, 1841; June 21, 1845; Barrow Accts.
451 May 4, 1841; May 7, 1842; Barrow Accts.
frequent church attendance, and on at least one occasion, he indulged in an outburst against the wearers of the cloth. On his mantel piece at Highland he kept a "whatnot" in the form of a "nick Bone of a horse" painted "the natural representation of a Priest or Preacher praying," an ornament which brought forth stormy protest from many of his friends. But Barrow dismissed their objections with the statement that some people thought that a man couldn't "be honest unless a professor of Religion - in other words a church goer, Bah!" His most forceful statement regarding his religious beliefs was made shortly after the death of his wife in 1845, when he wrote, "the children all seem happy, so ordained by nature, God will be done but sincerely wish things were as they were, evry Where I turn I miss her. dreary is my lot, the world is cold and selfish, if I could only Believe we were to meet hereafter would give me great relive." But these manifestations of agnosticism did not prevent him from contributing rather liberally to the church. The man should not be judged entirely by his statements regarding formal religion. His personal moral code was set at a high level, and one entry in his Diary eloquently speaks, "A. Harralson died yesterday I shall loose by him $1300 - his family will be dependent on a negro woman I have a mortgage on - as a matter of course cannot take her." And

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452 Feb. 15, May 14, 1841.
453 June 1, 4, 1841.
454 Jan. 31, 1842.
455 Oct. 23, 1845.
456 Barrow Accts.
457 Dec. 28, 1837; July 29, Sept. 8, 1839.
458 Oct. 8, 1839.
his statement of April 20, 1845, "so far have never injured any human to my knowledge," gives the reader a fairly accurate idea of the moral fibre of the man.

The complete story of Bennet H. Barrow as a planter of West Feliciana will never be written. Time has cast her mantle over that far distant day when the plantation regime held sway over that famed land. Some aspects, however, of Barrow's life have been indicated; his lands, his crops and business dealings, his slaves and their toils and joys on the old plantation, his sports and amusements. And lastly, something of Barrow, the man, has been pictured. He has told his story briefly, sketchily, but on the whole accurately, in his Diary. Intimate details he told on occasion, details which reveal the inner man, so well illustrated by two brief entries. Both show him in the midst of his family enjoying the serene home life of the plantation: On September 22, 1838, he wrote, "Here I am sitting with the Baby in my lap . . . Emily criticising the History of Georgia - Caroline and John at all kinds of Mischief"; and again on August 23, of the following year, "Attempting to Learn James & John their book - had rather drive a Team of mules . . . John looks one way & thinks another." How true of life and of Bennet H. Barrow, planter of the Old South.

459 Apr. 20, 1845.
460 Sept. 22, 1838; Aug. 23, 1839.
1833 - 1836

August 1 1833 Commenced recording - on the 24 this month.
August

24 Commenced Picking Cotton - rainy weather - Cotton
Clear of blossoms

25 Cool

30 Weather pleasant for some days - Shipped 50 Bales Cotton

October 1 Gathered 55 Loads of corn out of Race Track &
shed cut* - weather continues fine

9 130 Bales out - Clear cool mornings - Cotton selling
from 16 to 18 cts - Shipped Forty Bales

14 Overseering myself turned A Fair off worthless creature - 100 Bales pressed

16 130 Bales pressed

21 Frost this morning - Killed everything

25 Finished Picking upper side plantation - one hundred
and sixty Bales out

November 1 White Frosty mornings - one hundred and ten
Bales shipped - made this year one hundred and ninety Bales
Cotton - 140 Loads corn

January 1 1834 Very cold weather.

1 For explanation of plantation terms, see glossary.
2 See list of fields and cuts in glossary.
3 In 1838, after having tried several overseers, Barrow began
the personal management of his plantation. It will be noted
that on Jan. 19, 1837, he employed a Mr. Bailey as overseer
and discharged him the same day.
rolling Logs snow remained for some days

August 1 Absent from Home this summer - went on to the North* - Fine Cotton year - made two hundred and sixty Bales

August 20 1855 raining evry day since the 2d of June

24 Com'ced picking Cotton to day

25 Appearance of rain, wind South

26 Hard rain this morning Cool wind from the North

27 Morning cool - severe storm at 12 Oclock - from the South West

28 Morning Clear - evening Cloudy - cool

29 Clear and pleasant - wind South

30 Clear pleasant - few Forms on cotton

31 Fine rain

September 1 rainy

5 Cloudy warm for some days

6 Cloudy and cool - sickly

10 Cloudy cool shipped 30 Bales Same time 1834 50 shipped

13 Clear cool weather Cotton much improved

16 Cloudy cool shipped 56 Bales

17 Cool and showery.

19 Clear and cold Wind North

24 Clear pleasant - 100 Bales out

October 1 Clear pleasant fine picking 120 Bales out

4 Heavy rains to day - cool

5 one hundred and Forty Bales out

* In 1834 Barrow and his brother, William R. Barrow, made an extended slave-buying trip to Virginia.
9 Clear Light Frost shipped 140 Bales
16 Clear fine day. average 160 each a day.
20 180 Bales out - cotton much injured by heavy rains since 17th
29 Fine weather for picking Cotton 184 B. pressed

November 1 Cloudy warm
4 Hard rain to day
5 rainy day
6 rainy day cool 225 B. out
12 Clear and pleasant
15 Cloudy warm
16 raining
19 Showery day
24 Clear verry cold
26 Cloudy cold 240 Bls. out great quantity to pick

December 1 Clear and pleasant
6 Clear cold
9 Some rain warm
11 rainy cold
14 Clear pleasant shipped 30 B. out
18 Clear warm 300 B. out
20 rainy day
22 Clear cool - 50 hands 310 out two cribs of corn 22 by 22 feet. 11 feet high one & half square - 35 or 40 Bls to pick
24 Cloudy rain at night

February 1 1836 Weather good since Christmass
9 Clear Frost
11 raining since yesterd\a
29 from Home since the Eleventh com'ced planting corn

March 1 rainey day
4 Clear Finished planting corn
5 run four furrows Home place\n
9 Heavy wind and rain
12 Clear Finished running four furrows
19 Some rain
20 rainey day
29 warm day

31 raining Cotten selling from 15 to 22 c psi Pork $18
& 23 Barrel

April 1 warm
3 Finished breaking out middles
5 rain yesterday. Planting cotton
6 Clear Finished planting upper side plantation

8 Finished planting G\n place\n
9 Finished planting Cotten windy
11 Clear cool ploughing corn
13 Clear cotten coming up.

14 Finished seeding corn eight inches high looks well - working corn

19 Finished moulding corn
20 Com'ced barring off cotten

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5 Homestead, later called Highland plantation.
6 The Gibson place was a six hundred fifty acre tract joining Highland plantation which was purchased by Barrow in 1838.
23 Clear returned from the Races at St Francisvill - corn half Leg high

25 Finished scraping and barring off upper side pl'tion. "Fills son" Jerry Come in runaway. 4 weakes

27 Finished scraping G^n^ place - corn looks badly - too thick cotton two Leaves

29 Rainey day Finished scraping Cotten scraping seven days and half

May 1 First Clear day for some time

4 Cloudy Finished barring off Cotton Breakfast - moulding corn second time two feet high

5 Finished scraping Cotton by 9 oclock. scraped Potatoes. Eleven days ssp. Cotton - com'ced working corn six hundred of Cotton 150 of corn 60 Hands

7 Corn half thigh high

9 Clear cool com'ced moulding Cotten

11 Morning cool for the season

12 Finished moulding upper side pl^h^ by dinner weather fine - running round Cotten with four furrows

14 Clear and pleasant. Cotton looks badly - Moulding Cotton at G^n^ place since dinner

16 Com'ced moulding cotton at G^n^ place - warmer than it has been for ten days past - Left Home - Genl. Joor rec'd a fall from his Horse on yesterday died this evening

7 The parish seat of West Feliciana Parish, about twelve miles southeast of Highland plantation. In 1850 it had a population of 405 people. Its port, Bayou Sara, had a population of 523 people. See J. D. B. DeBow, Statistical View of the United States, . . . Being a Compendium of the Seventh Census (Washington, 1854), pp. 340, 380. The St. Francisville Race Track was one of the finest in the United States and regular races were scheduled during the racing seasons. The Spirit of the Times, Apr. 14, 1838, carried the following description: "The St. Francisville track is from 12 to 16 feet over a mile, and as well adapted for quick time as the Union Course, Long Island. In location, soil, or beauty, it is not surpassed by any race track we ever saw."

8 General John Joor, 1780-1836, father of Mrs. Barrow.
21 Returned Home. still working the G² place verry grassy - Cotten looks fine rain at night

22 Hard rain to day

23 Finished moulding G² place - heavy rain thined my corn

24 Heavy rain

25 Rainy evening Cotten looks well

26 Finished moulding cotten heavy rain last going over second time saw three forms on one stalk

27 Cloudy cold for the season - cut worms injuring cotten very much

28 Day fine Finished Cotten second time upper side P² - third time moulding G² place - second time - ploughing corn third time looks verry fine cut worms and bugs eating cotten very much at G² place - ploughing one weake behind

June 1 went Driving in the swamp killed one Deer - rubbing my dogs with Linseed oil Turpentine and Sulphur determined to Kill or cure them

3 Finished working cotten 3d time at G² place and corn Finished ploughing corn third time - P. R. worst cotten I've had

4 Foggy morning running one furrow and scrapers in upper new ground - running round P. Bottom one furrow. 19 ploughs & six scrapers - Race track Cherry tree and Pond cut - that only Cotten I have that looks like making a full crop - worm bugs - and bad stand nearly ruins the ballance Hoeing Potatoes running finely

5 Went deering and Killed the largest Deer I ever saw. "poor" and weighed 173 pound cleaned

7 First warm morning this spring Grass hoppers and bugs still eating my Cotten

9 Finished working cotten the 3d time worked Potatoes.

10 Working Corn went to Woodvill. very much in want of rain crop on home place perfectly clean An abundance

9 An important Mississippi inland trading center about forty miles southeast of Natchez and about twenty-five miles north of St. Francisville.
of pusly and tie Vines at G:\ place

14 Clear and warm - I saw yesterday two Cotten blumes on one stalk Fill saw three on the 6th

15 Two half grown boles on one stalk going over cotten the fourth time Finished hoeing corn fourth time

17 Warmest morning this spring working G\ ploughs & hoes

18 Light shoer Finished G\ four furrows and U. N. ground with scrapers

21 in want of rain on corn appearance of rain to day worked the G\ place the fourth time by Eleven ck - crop perfectly Clean - pretty fowl with Grass hoppers cotten blossoming finely - my U N. ground neither blossoms nor forms - Knee high at that

22 My cotten looks better where it had not been ploughed in 3 weeks, than any where else larger better formed & branchd "old land" to plough oftener than 3 weeks is an injury unless there should be laking rains - than plough as soon after as you can

24 Nights remarkable warm raining all around me

25 raising Gin House at G\ place Finished lower side place - old land

26 rain to day first that has laid the dust since 27 of May

28 Hoeing U side place - nights warm went to Woodvill

29 Scraping Cotten at G\ place a fine rain at last the first that has laid the dust six hours since 27 May had it of rained two weeks ago I am certain I should have made 60 Bushels of corn to the acre - planted 18 inches in the drill rows four feet - one stalk left - Cotten new land rows 9 feet old land 5 - from 2 to 3\ in the drill - never saw such formed cotten nothing could prevent me from making 8 or 10 Bales to the hand had I good stand but an 1831 storm - made last year 52 Bushels of corn the acre measured by my overseer - N. H. Jackson

30 Tie vines at the G\ in great numbers

July 1 Foggy mornings - ground in fine order for work -

10 Upper New ground was a field which had been only recently put in cultivation.
My negroes or some others are determined we shall not have any 
chickens - I have com'd a patell every night 'till the 
offender is caught - Finished ploughing all Home place 3 time 
old land cotton knee high - new land not so good.

6 Clear Finished hoeing G. dinner time.

7 Finished ploughing G. place behind the hoes too much 
rain at G. place.

8 Running scrapers and ploughs upper side went fishing 
in Ratliffs Lake caught great many.

11 Corn wants rain and old land cotton great many withered stalks.

12 Clear nights very warm more negroes sick than ever 
I had before Measles Fever and every thing else that can 
be - Launia has had a swelling in her ancle for six weeks past - verry near bleeding to death from an artery in the 
Back - warmest weather this year.

13 Ploughing lower side went Driving with John & 
Benjamin Joor.

15 Clear Finished ploughing all Home plantation pulled 
some fodder corn rather young - great many sick Fever and 
several cases Measles com ced making Baskets on 4th.

16 Running scrapers only, ground very dry fine weather 
for new Land Cotton Jack & Demps sawing since the 4th of 
this month.

18 Running scrapers at G. pulling fodder seven sick 
hoeing % ground.

19 Pulling fodder - Jacob & Henry stacking.

21 Clear - Cotton stoped growing Leaves drawn up in the 
middle of the day - small - new Land making.

22 Went to Examine Land of Jno. F. McDermotts for Mrs 
Joor - Finished G. with scrapers.

23 Saving fodder with all hands stoped ploughs and 
scrapers been over my crop since it rained - have not had a 
wetting rain since the 27 of May.

11 Brothers of Mrs. Barrow.
12 Mrs. Emily Joor, mother-in-law of Bennet H. Barrow and 
granddaughter of Gabriel Guignard and Frances Delesseline of 
Isle de Oberon, France. They were French Huguenots. Deles- 
seline was also written De Lesseline.
25 Cleody warm - Finished putting Fodder by dinner - hoeing W. ground uncoveri.5 Gin House - saw one bole cotton open hull hard

26 Cloudy saw number boles open - light sprinkle this evening cool

28 8 sick Harry verry ill. Fine rain on lower side place - hoeing at G© Five spinning two confined more Cotten open than I ever saw at this season F rice field covered with water - M. Moore & Son repairing my Gin to make them Gin from 3 to 4 Bales a day each. for $100 a Gin

29 Cloudy 5 sick saved thirty double stacks Fodder several single ones

30 planting Peas too late for May

31 Cloudy went to see Mrs Turnbull13 quite ill

August 1 Cloudy pleasant, running scrapers Planting Peas light shower

3 Ten negros sick Finished working Gn - Heavy rain first rain that has wet the ground thoroughly since May

5 12 negros sick to day 8 hands - ploughing Pr. bottom

6 3 sick to day too wet to work cotton on the G© place as fine as I ever saw great many boles old land small but well boled - Cleaning out scaffold yard six sick, two hands only

8 Best boled and formed Cotten at the Gibson place I ever saw. Sidneys Child died last night violent cold two weeks old

9 Clear. Finished with scrapers upper side, scraping lower side plantation four hands sick three children two cases of Dropsy Rheuben "old" & Sam

12 Nine hands sick to day Finished hoeing the G© by dinner 32 hoes

13 Cloudy verry warm Five hands sick 2 children. B. Sam well of the Dropsy Went driving with WW Joor14 remained at our stands three hours When Master Billy remember his living in the same neighbourhood that a small accident befell him some two year since - & Which drew from him some of his bellowing notes - in consequence of Which the Wild Turkeys

13 Martha Barrow Turnbull, sister of Bennet H. Barrow.
14 William Joor was a relative of Mrs. Barrow.
were seen in large numbers eastward considering the time the drive had left us - Master Billy concluded the Deer had left with the Turkeys he fired his gun in the air let slip one bellowing note & put for Home

15 Clear com'ced picking Cotton with Fifty three hands sent one cart and six hands on the road. three sick - 120 picked by dinner

17 Hard rain last evening at last night - women spinning boys hoeing new ground - old land has had few or no blumes on it for three weeks past P. R. bottom best cotton ever saw on it G. place from five to Eight feet high - best formed and branched I ever saw

16 Clear trash gang picking cotton men all on the roade women hoeing - started small Gin putting up Press at Gns 3 sick

19 Sent hands to get pickets for Gin yard - Finished for this year Cotton opening fast

20 Taking Gudgeon out of big Wheel shaft worn out - women and boys picking cotton

21 Grinding over at Robt. H. Barrows

22 Fire comfortable - two hands & two carts on the roade - two getting out pickets sixty one cotton pickers to day - 125 picked by dinner picked over 40 Acres

23 Started my Gins to day

25 Four hands sick: 15 Bales out making scaffold at G. place four hands

26 Sent to Woodville for Mr Joor Emily sick. Gins make fine cotton - picking cotton G. place fine shower

27 Seven hands sick old Rheuben dead

28 Four hands pressed to day - sent Amy Sam Charles & Harriet to dry cotton at G. place as punishment for their idleness five Bales out at G. 25 in all - Potatoes uncommonly fine since July

15 Robert Hilliard Barrow, nephew of Bennet H. Barrow. It is impossible to identify all the Barrows mentioned in this diary. The family was a large one and many members are not found in the available genealogical records.

16 Emily Joor Barrow, 1815-1845, first wife of Bennet H. Barrow.
29 Started Gin at G^N four sick Have at this time
Fourteen hound pups

30 Clear pleasant

31 Clear cool Turned screws for Press - Mrs Joor re­
turned to Woodvill Average to 167 lbs. fine picking

September 1 Clear nights very cool gave Candis &
Margaret a pup to raise for me - More sickness than I ever
had at this season Eight sick to day 3 children

2 9 sick. one very ill stoped Gin at G^N D. Hamil­
ton making Press complete for $100.

3 Pressing to day Cloudy

4 Dinnis Kiah Henry & Peter Pressed to day $1 Each -
12 Bales - 34 Bales pressed sixty out last night. G^N &
lower side plan^th making very fast - fine rain.

5 rainy day women spinning men getting out timber
for Hospital - Jim T. broke out in small pimples itching
very much

6 damp Foggy morning four hands getting out bed timber
for Press

7 Clear cool morning picking G^N place fine picking
raised press at G^N

8 damp men not picking half the day. Heavy rain on up­
per side pl^N

9 Pressed Eight Bales at G^N twenty out at G^N

10 Foggy morning - fine picking pressed at Home - light
rain

11 Cloudy warm - sixty six Bales pressed to night - 85
out - heaviest rain since May general rain

12 light rain Early - heavy afternoon women spinning -
stoped both Gins cotten wet

13 Five negros sick chill & Fever more wet cotten
than I can manage

14 rainy bad day women spinning great deal of Cot­
ten open much injured by rain since Saturday

15 Cloudy warm, picking Gn., heavy rain at Home place
none at G^N - Hauling Cotten from G^N to home Gins - 9 Bales
hauled
Clear rain last night. Sucklers drying Cotton started one Gin.

Cotton wet on scaffold since Wednesday weak - light rain pressed 10 Bales Gns place.

Raining during the night. sent away 46 Bales carts & waggon hauling to day $1 Each 30 Bales out Gns 110 out in all - rain in morning pressed 7 Bales.

Cloudy warm - showery through the day two sick.

Sent sixty six Bales to the river. Eighty three Bales pressed 115 out - Went to McDermotts showery.

Cloudy picking Gns sent to the river. 76 Bales - hands picked worse to day by dinner than they have done this year - the worst Cotton I ever saw at this season. Stained and trashy Cotton picked to day two weakes not dry enough to Gin. Ninety B. pressed 120 out of 400 lbs.

Just out of old corn 35 Bales out at Gns - four sick two with Rheumatism B Cato & Milley - Eleven at the scaffold - both Gins running - rain light - pressed 4 Bales at Gns.

Heavy fogg - Cotton Gined at Home as bad as can be. Trashy twisted stained and wet - sent to Rts. Landing 86 Bales pressing to day old hands averaged 140 by dinner. Light rain at 2 - pressed five B. Gns 4 at Home - shipped 96 Bales in Number.

Morning Clear - first for some time picking Home.

Heavy rain this evening.

Clear pleasant first time in three weakes - 130 B Cotton out - same time last year 100 only.

Clear morning pleasant - Lui Gining Essex sick. Sucklers trashing cotton four hands trashing at Gns I have seventeen hound pups all the best blood seventeen old running dogs.

Clear warm at mid day. weighed three times to day new ground turning out much better than I anticipated.

Raining this morning before day bad looking day pressing at Gns. women spinning. men and boys trashing Cotton sold part of my first lot Cotton at 18 3/4 cts. I consider a very bad sale - having changed merchants I anticipated.

Ratliff's Landing was an important cotton shipping point on the Mississippi river about five miles from Highland plantation.
better luck - a hard bargain I expect - What's done can't be helped better luck next time rain rain - more cotton open than I ever had at one time - old land and some new open to the top - 140 Bales out - negroes selling from 2 to 3000 a pair - or $1000 sound land from $15 to $45 an acre - Cotton selling from 16 to 20 cts - pressed eight Bales Home 9 at G^2 - gathered 6 loads corn

29 Clear cool morning. Mr Hainy manager of the Race track died yesterday 28. 1836. great loss - picked Clean Cotton and more of it - than they've done for some time.

30 Clear cool morning first appearance of dry weather for four weeks 3 sick two lame weighed 3 times to day. out of cotton at G^2

October 1 Left Home for Town but joined in Fox chase - caught it and returned Home - two sick with Flux. 160 Bales out of 400 lbs

2 Clear cool wind from the North - Frank Kiah Henry and Peter Pressing to day

3 Fire comfortable this morning Hauling cotton to Rt^2 Landing

4 Clear - pressing - cotton on old land turning better than I expected

5 Frost this morning

6 Morning cool - pleasant day picking G^2 - I think I will 250 Bales out by 1st November

7 Hands improving in picking 50 Bales at Rts. Landing

8 Picking Home - 3 sick raining after noon

9 Clear Wind North - Kiah Frank and Henry pressed 8 Bales - 185 Bales out last night

10 Clear - went Hunting with Benj. S. Joor - he believing there is luck in leisure came behind quite Leisurely - and as he thought Very fast - slow pace - the Deer ran within Forty Yards - he dismounted. Leisurely Deer running quartering from him - fired and could not tell afterwards the direction he fired he says too large for a Doe - but had small horns - it Benjamin

11 Caught a Fox this morning a run of 3 hours & Quarter

12 Washed my pups in Whisky and Caleb - picked tally on Stag 200 several days past.
Picking Gns Bets child Bill died very suddenly. 3 hours sick pressed 12 Bales to day

64 B out at Gns great deal open

Clear cool picking Gns

225 Bales out - picking two months ago - two or three weeks in Sept. done very little 205 Bales pressed. 75 out at Gns place

Clear pleasant. two sick

Heavy dews - cool - I will never buy grown negros from V.a - or upper Country - small boys and girls may do. but grown ones are not worth as much - by at least one third as our creoles - one creole will pick as much as two of them - The following medicin fine for a Horse in bad health - 4. oz. Salts 4. oz salpeter - 2. oz antimony "Crude black," - 2. oz cream Tartar 2 oz. Sulphur 2 oz Rosin two to three table spoonfull a day iron spoon - bleed and stable the Horse

Cloudy - hauled 30 Bales to Rts Landing - gathered 5 loads corn - rain this evening

Cool. women spinning men & boys trashng Cotten & pressing gave the negros shoes

Frost gathered 4 loads corn - 50 Bales at Rts. Landing 196 in all - 225 pressed of 400 lbs - 255 out to night

Clear cool - light Frost - shiped 50 Bales to day of first rate Cotten - went hunting this morning trailed a cat finely untill it came to a large brier patch dogs quit it in disgust

Have out 260 Bales - 300 acres of cotten to pick as white as any I've had this season - 80 out at Gns - sold 150 Bales at an average of 17½ cts

picking Gns boys pressed yesterday negros getting Potatoes very large

Hands averaged to day by dinner 140 - Clean cotten - hauling cotten from Gns Home

Clear warm hands picked well yesterday. averaged 235 - Clean ten hands picked yesterday 3480 weight cotten hauled from Gns 11880.

Leaves falling from small china trees
28 Cloudy warm - went with George John and Benjamin Joor to Jno Mc'Dermotts all very much pleased with the purchase

29 Cloudy rain in the night, appearance of bad day women spinning men pressing and trashing Cotten - sent Maj. Streets Horse Earl Grey Home

30 Cool - 305 Bales out - seventy to pick Boys pressed 11 Bales to-day - found a Hog Stolen by some of my negro. "Ben"

31 Cloudy cold. digging Potatoes very fine - saw one red one 3 feet 8 inches long. large size planting

November 1 Cool - two weeks picking - running one Gin Home hauling Cotton from Gns.

3 Clear cold - Frost

4 Clear - Frost Finished digging Potatoes - twenty six large hills 12 of plantings - hauling cotten to the Landing

5 Cloudy cool. hauled 15 Bales seed cotton from Gns.

6 Killing Frost Hauled to Rts L. 60 Bales

6 Light Frost Boys pressed 10 B. Gns 315 Bales out - gave the negros Cappor "Blankets"

7 Voted for Hugh Lawson White of Tennessee - candidate for President of U. S - States

8 Cloudy picking Gns shipped yesterday 80 Bales - Voted yesterday for Hugh Lawson White of Tennessee for President of the U. States - & John Tyler of Virginia for Vice President state rights candidats Martin Vanburen Elected President and R. M. Johnson Vice President strong goverment men

9 Cloudy light sprinkle of rain

10 damp morning gathered 10 loads corn

11 Cleared off since day light wind from N. West - hauled in 28 loads corn

12 Clear pleasant

13 Clear pleasant. Boys pressed 12 Bales - 330 Bales out of 400 lbs - 50 Bales at the most to pick

14 Hard'est Frost this Fall
15 Clear pleasant but little cotton in the neighborhood to pick

16 Clear - White Frost

17 Clear warm - sold 196 Bales for $13984.33

18 Cloudy East wind 140 Bales out at Gns in No 360 out of 400 lbs - light rain

19 Cloudy warm heavy rain last night pressing Home & Gns cleared off beautiful

20 Clear cool Boys pressed 8 Bales

21 Clear cool

22 Hauling Cotton to Rat's Landing

23 Very cold ice plenty

24 Clear cold Sucklers pulling hay for dog beds

25 White Frost - raising chimneys to new houses

26 White Frost trashy cotton

27 Cloudy warm 380 Bales out - of 400 lbs - about ten more to pick

28 Cloudy cold - hauled 70 B to Rts Landing. 346 in all

29 Foggy cold ground frozen pulling corn 52 loads

30 80 loads pulled to night

December 1 Cloudy corn turning out well will make more than ever I made - more to the acre

4 Cloudy cold - appearance of rain returned from Woodvill - two large cribs nearly full - of corn

5 Raining women spinning men and boys trashing cotton

6 Cleared off very cold Finished pulling corn

7 Clear very cold Finished hauling in corn - hewed out 6 negro houses sitting on the Grand jury since Monday hauling in pumpkins

8 Clear cold picking cotton very trashy three cribs of corn two large ones
Some rain this morn'g

Clear cool - Finished picking upper side place

Cloudy warm - went driving no luck

raining bad looking day women spinning men and boys trash'ng

Clear pleasant 4 men getting Cypress for negro cabins

Clear cold Finishing picking Gns

Cloudy warm Finished picking Cotten

raining during last night sent B. Sam and Amy down to be sold by R. L. Woodfolk sold them for $1760 not worth $5. hauling my last lot of Cotten to the river 39 Bales

Cloudy verry cold, women spinning yesterday and best ones to day

ground frozen Verry hard

Cloudy cold shiped 375 Bales in number

Some rain in the night appearance of rainey day - rainey day quite stormy

Clear cold as it can well be every thing frozen payed off my negros yesterday evening

clear cold went to the race between Dr Ira Smiths colt Arlaces A Haralsons Mexican And my mare Annot Lysle best 3 in 5 mile Heats My mare won the winner $1000 sold her after the race to Dr Smith for $1500 cash

Cloudy cool Finished clearing up new ground

Cloudy warm negros went to Town for Christmas

Sunday. Christmast Foggy warm some rain in the evening turned cool

Cloudy cold wind from the South House Jerry and Israel chained during Christmass Jerry for general bad con-duct for a year and better Israel bad conduct during cotton picking season

Clear verry cold

Clear verry cold
29 Clear pleasant day gave the negroes a dinner

30 Clear pleasant

31 Cloudy warm Jack whipped his wife "Lize" - sent for him he thought best to put out & did so
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January 1  Cloudy light rain  intend for my negros to keep themselves and their quarters Clean Com'oeing to morrow Monday 2d

2  Clear cold  Jack came in getting boards rails chopping & women spinning

3  Clear very cold

4  Cloudy Cold  Mrs Joors hands came down to the plantation bought of McDermotts 297 B. sold for $19844.32 cts

5  Cloudy  two cases of Pleurisy

6  Cleared off  Cool rain last night  built a dog House with floor  find it much better - less subject to mange

7  Clear pleasant

8  Showery day

9  Cleared off beautifull

10  Damp Foggy morning

11  Cold nine women spinning rest cleaning up

12  rain last night. Misty day  Five sick

13  Cloudy cold

14  Cloudy cold several with Pleurisy

15  Clear very cold.

16  Clear very cold  rolling logs all hands

17  Rainey morning. Clear after ten

18  Clear spring day  hands working finely
Foggy morning Empl yed Mr. Bailey as Overseer for $500 & fired him

Cloudy warm heavy rain last night

Clear verry cold. the moon gone down North of West farther than I ever saw it

Clear spring day - went driving

pleasant

Cloudy nine ploughs started.

rainey worst day for months past

Clear verry cold - ice - several cases of Pleurisy

Clear pleasant - 12 ploughing for corn

Clear pleasant day

Pleasant

Cloudy quite a storm last night. Hail from N. West. Made in 1836 some few Bales over 400 - amount $24,839.58


February 1 Finished ploughing new ground five furrows for corn - deep.

ploughing old land for corn and old corn land for cotton

Warm

Cloudy warm

Heavy Fogg

15 Simens ploughs running first rate

Cloudy warm - Prince Taleyrand ran at Natchez on the January 4 mile Heats against Susan Yardal was beat. verry lame - Heard Heart was beat 2 mile Heats. for $3000 aside - Prince $6000. I consider Morris E Boyles no trainer

18 Later in the year, however, Barrow and his brother, William R. Barrow, employed Boyles as trainer for their stables.
8 Clear fine day Finished ploughing new ground corn land for cotton

9 Clear cool Vacinated myself taking finely

10 Cloudy cool

11 Rainy very bad looking day left Home for New Orleans

16 Considerable rain during my absence

17 Finished ploughing UN ground four furrows and RT. cut. Vacinated the Children Finished U side four furrows

18 Clear ground frozen - Com'ced ploughing four furrows at GNS 19 ploughs

19 Cloudy cool. B Joor returned with Dr. Callihams two dogs - Ringround and Gatewood

20 Cloudy - Misty evening

21 Cloudy breaking out middles for corn

22 Rainy day Finished UN ground for corn

23 Cloudy cold too wet to plough

24 Cloudy cold

25 Morning Damp and cool - 6 sick one Dropsy four with pleurisy

26 Rainy day

27 Cloudy cold com'ced on new crib of corn 20th

28 Cold - ice in abundance - ploughing new log ground for corn

March 1 Cloudy Cool. Com'ced planting corn new ground water in furrow.

2 raining appearance of bad weather women spinning

3 rain rian rian and still raining

4 Clear pleasant ploughing new ... 5 sick

5 Cloudy Cool

6 Appearance of rain planting corn 7th Joor came down
to see me guarded by Simon at night. Rainey day

7 Morning Cloudy Ground very wet

8 Appearance of Clearing off - 1st morning Martins made their appearance

9 Clear cool - moon very much on its back Indians sign for Wet weather

10 Spring day Planting corn

11 Left Home for New Orleans rain before night - bad weather during my absence

20 Heavy rain in the evening - was very much disappointed in not seeing the races in N. Orleans owing to violent tooth ache. And jaw have it yet

22 Clear pleasant Com'ced breaking out middles on the

23 Clear breaking out middles in R. T. Cut

24 Clear Finished breaking out middles all U side plan-
tation

25 Clear breaking Middles P R bottom 17 double ploughs running

26 Clear gave the women a dress

27 Com'menced planting cotton this morning four ploughs & harrows

28 Clear pleasant - ground in bad order.

29 Morning Foggy Making Potatoes ridges - scraped some corn

30 Warm - run four furrows each side old bed in upper new ground and put part G. place - Finished planting cotton upper side place - Lade Potatoes ridges

31 Sprinkle of rain warm planting Potatoes since dinner

April 1 Clear cool Finished planting Potatoes

2 Clear - went deering saw five Does Killed two

3 Cloudy planting Cotten in P R bottom and G. place
4 Fine rain after Breakfast.
5 Clear too wet to plant cotton
6 Clear left Home for Woodvill rain at night 3 sick
7 Clear cold for the season
8 Near Frost Finished planting cotton and breaking out middles
9 Clear verry cold - Frost Killed What cotton was up
10 Clear 9 acres of Potatoes planted com'ced ploughing corn one crib of corn some little over.
11 Clear pleasant Hilling corn
12 Great quantity of rain since last night - too much women spinning
13 Bad looking day made a Bridge over L creek started a Bear hounds ran it well Mr. Bailey left his stand & it passed
14 Some rain transplanted corn
15 Cloudy men mawling P Potatoes in Quarter
16 Clear pleasant cotton coming up well
17 Clear cool Cotton in great danger Finished planting 3 acres of cotton neglected by my Overseer - seeding corn - quit small
18 Clear cool Hilling corn
19 Clear left Home for the races at St Francisvill cotton dies as it comes up - Angora won to day 2 mile Heats easy 346 - no competition 2 heat
20 Warm - Arlaces won to day 3 mile Heats in two Heats 545.543 very quick time - track quick
21 Cloudy warm Finished hilling corn very small
22 Cotton coming up finely all lower side, fine stand above
23 Warm negros went to meeting over to R. H. Barrows

19 He probably alluded to Little Bayou Sara creek.
24 Cloudy cool cold rain this evening light com'ced barring off cotten.

25 Com'ced barring off cotten 24 ploughs yesterday stoped to plough some corn - hoes hands scraped from 3 Oclock - cotton look bad

26 Cool morning - gave $1000 for third of Fanny Bell fine bay Mare - Barring of Cotten - My Overseer so good he is good for nothing - 22 ploughs scraping cotten

27 Cloudy cool cotton still looks bad - Emily went to Woodvile

28 Clear cool Finished scraping in corn land 10 Oclock

29 Clear most day this year Finished barring U S. place ploughing corn lower side - nine sick com'ced on new crib last Friday 21st

30 Morning pleasant hot at noon

Key 1 Clear pleasant - Finished scraping above - hoeing corn lower side - verry small - 8 inches high

2 Clear Weather. Sent Nancy Miller and Robt. J. Barrows mare Kate Kearney down to Lauderdale by insurance $120 both

3 Clear pleasant - ground verry dry Com'ced barring off Cotten at G? place on the 1st scraping ... new ground - scraping four days and three fourths

4 Scraping G?S windy weather

5 Cloudy Finished barring of G?S

6 Fine rain this morning ground in better order for scraping than has been this year cotton improved

7 Clear one crib of corn up to the plates

8 Clear cool morning - Corn not quit Knee high two sick one pretending

9 Clear pleasant Cotton much improved corn also, Finished barring off by 7 Oclock - ploughing corn Finished scraping G?S by 9 Oclock

10 Cloudy scraping 11 days & half. Moulding cotton with ploughs since breakfast - four furrows

11 rainey this morny all scraping cotten
12 Clear Cool Finished scraping cotton by breakfast. Black smith 4 days - hoein. log land corn - average knee high - sucklers hoeing potatoes - Finished scraping Potatoes. Negros work so badly made them work very late to finish as punishment.


14 Clear cotton in UNG. looks badly gave negros permission to preach shall never do it again too much rascality carried on.

15 Fire comfortable - Com'ced hilling with hoes this morning.

16 Very cold last night.

17 Cloudy cool sprinkle rain last night.

18 Clear pleasant.

19 Clear Finished hilling upper side planti by dinner. one sick.

20 Cloudy warm hilling G's.

21 First warm day this spring.

22 Clear warm - Finished moulding G's. Voted to day for A. G. Howell Police juror - DN scamp at best.

23 Clear warm Finished hilling G's with hoes by dinner.

24 Clear very warm Finished moulding Cotten - And Potatoes Breakfast - some rain set for runaway shot at him twice missed.

25 Cloudy cool Finished hilling cotton by 10 O'clock - hilling Potatoes ploughing corn half thigh high.

26 Clear Fire comfortable ploughing corn lower field - hoeing corn one crib of corn two thirds full.

27 Clear cool scraped Potatoes in quarter.

28 Clear pleasant crop in beautiful order. Best Cotton I've seen corn from knee to waist high wants rain.

20 A. G. Howell was a neighboring planter with whom Barrow had had more than one altercation.
29 Clear pleasant hoeing corn went Fishing general ducking

30 Clear warm Finished ploughing corn 3\textsuperscript{d} time

31 Cloudy warm Finished hoeing corn by dinner - the fourth time suffering for rain hoeing cotton third time since dinner

June 1 Clear verry warm Gave $18 a barrel for Prime Pork

2 Clear verry warm - dry dry dry - negros holliday till Monday

3 Clear verry warm went drawing the seine.

4 Cloudy verry warm

5 Cloudy verry warm - running 12 Scrapers in R. T. cut - putting up house moved from G\textsuperscript{E\textsuperscript{3}}

6 Clear verry warm new Land cotton from 10 inches to knee high old land about 8 inches high all looks well - dammed the green pond - digging out the quarter pond running scrapers lower side plan\textsuperscript{E\textsuperscript{3}}

7 Cloudy warm - hoeing G\textsuperscript{n} place Cotton above as fine as I ever Saw below and G\textsuperscript{H} indifferent - 48 hoes and 12 scrapers running

8 Clear Finished hoeing G\textsuperscript{n} place 3\textsuperscript{d} time hoed 300 Acres in two days Could have been over my crop the 3\textsuperscript{d} time last Tuesday no work in the field. running 13 scrapers in part G\textsuperscript{E\textsuperscript{3}}

9 Clear Corn looks well for weather stoped work untill it rains - digging out quarter pond

10 Clear - gave the hands to day

11 Sprinkle of rain at one. And from 4 till dark. great deal of Lightning

12 Cloudy warm - 6 hands in swamp getting out cypress fence

13 damp morning hoeing below. thined corn this evening

14 Clear pleasant thining corn started 12 scrapers in new Land - out of work for hoe hands after to day cotton well branched - thined cotton saw one blume
15 Clear helped Pur:all worke his crop - 4 ploughs and 12 scrapers running in ne: ground 11 men chopping Sucklers spinning

16 Low clouds women spinning run some lead for Gill net or seine. number of blumes this morning

17 Clear went Fishing

18 Some appearance of rain Cotten in upper field looks finely below not good small - part at G H good - corn nearly gone for want of rain

19 Cloudy running four furrows at G 95 women spinning - P. N bottom not worth a D--- six inches high and blossoming. all old land looks bad six weeks since it raind to lay the dust

20 Cloudy R. T. cut cotten miserable stuff 8 inches to a foot high - all new land Cotten looks well half leg to over knee high - corn cannot I think make more than two thirds of a crop. Some of it Tossling at shoulder high running 25 ploughs - sprinkle of rain. fine rains below crib nearly half full of corn.

21 Cleard off cold in the night - hoeing at G 95 level­ ing behind the ploughs - perfectly clean Finished ploughing G 95 Sucklers planting Peas

22 Clear cold ploughing above - cotten wilted from cold this morning

23 Cloudy warm - went Fishing - Saw A. Haralson get a handsome cucking by Ruffin & I. Johnson 21 - Fine rain below sprinkle here - Finished ploughing above the 4th time ploughing below

24 Last night remarkably warm. as Fine a rain as ever fell, this morning and light rain afterwards

25 Fine rainey day - six weeks since it rained - and seven since of any good

26 rainey day women spinning men choping one sick Augue & Fever

21 William Ruffin Barrow, a brother. Haralson and Johnson were neighboring planters. It is impossible to identify most of the names mentioned in this diary. For the most part they were neighboring planters or visitors from other Louisiana parishes or from Southwest Mississippi.
27 Fine shower to day. planting Potatoe slips in the quarter - trash gang

26 Clear warm - ground verry wet in Cotten Land - Tie vines come up verry thick worked G's 4 times part Home 4 times - Could have been over 4 times ten days ago. Cotten from half leg to hip high. Except P bottom and by the G. Gin - generally fine

29 Light shower to day scraping above

30 Warm - fine rain at 12. raining since too wet to work

July 1 raining through the night. Appearance of bad day one Sick Wind East 7 or more days

2 damp Foggy Morning verry warm

3 Clear verry warm - scraping all hands at G's Tie Vines and crab grass come up as thick as can be over the Whole plantation

4 Clear Foggy started 14 scrapers 6 ploughs G's

5 Clear stoped scrapers running 20 ploughs fine Cotten except P B. G's Gin and R. T. cut

6 Clear verry warm - corn land cotton verry fine - waist high one third of a crib of corn Finished hoeing & ploughing the G's place 5 time 2 day. Working below: ploughs & hoes. shower.

7 light rain at noon - Finished ploughing below.

3 Morning pleasant Finished hoeing below. Breakfast time - Worst hoeing and meanest cotton I have had - hoeing above - cotton first rate

9 Clear pleasant. Corn improving fast

10 Clear running 15 ploughs in corn land Cotten. ten scrapers in U N ground. James quit sick Fever - More rain this evening than has fallen at one time since April - two sick

11 damp Foggy - All hands scraping Cotten above - too much rain yesterday cotton injured - being large and tender great deal lying down - hard rain this evening - a continual roar of thunder before the rain came - Never heard anything to eauquel it
12 damp morning grass plenty - All hands scraping - new land cotton very much bare and torn to pieces by wind and rain - over waist high old land from knee to hip high

13 Clear pleasant morning ploughing above since dinner - shower this evening

14 Clear warm

15 Clear. Finished hoeing above hoeing below

16 Morning Clear - too many Caking rains cotton growing too fast

17 Clear - nights remarkably warm for this country - some ploughs above some below more grass in Cotton than I ever had by double - Com'ced making Baskets

18 More pleasant - one quite sick

19 Most pleasant night this summer hoeing below since Monday evening

20 Clear warm - hoeing Gns grassy. Home place in tolerable order - Cotton forming more rapid than it has this year - fine water melons - shower

21 Finished ploughing Home - Breakfast ploughing Gns - More rain fell this evening in one hour than I ever saw fall in two or three could barely get across L. creek in one hour after the rain com'ced

22 Thinned and topped some cotton daughter Caroline very sick report dam at Green pond, one sick rain

23 Cloudy warm Cotton from waist to head high - well formed one sick rain in even'g

24 Cloudy - ploughing and hoeing Gns one quit sick Billious Colic

25 Appearance of fine weather running 15 ploughs - rain above none below.

26 Clear very warm - over the worst grass - Cotton looks fine - 3 sick

27 Clear. 5 sick - working above

28 Clear pleasant - 4 sick - light rain

29 Clear. bad hoeing and ploughing some Hale yesterday
Cloudy warm two sick

Clear warm started 9 scrapers above Finished hoeing Gns. stopd scrapers 15 plu'gs rin'g

August 1 Cloudy warm. My old poney Caleb came home after an absence of two years - upwards of 20 years old

2 Morning warm and Foggy - some cotton 7 feet high rows 8 feet wide - 4 feet in drill - and locked - took an Emitie myself

3 Clear warm - old land Cotten shedding

4 Clear - 5 sick beautifull crop at Gns crop much better than it was at any time last year - well formed & boiled.

5 Cleard off cool from the North

6 Cloudy quite cool last night 3 sick best prospects for a crop I ever had fine stand & thickly boiled.

7 Clear cool barred off some bottom cotton this side L creek ploughing below

8 rain in evening hoeing Gns - pulling Fodder since dinner 3 sick B. S. Joor left College

9 Appearance of rain Finished hoeing all lower side plantation hoeing above 7 sick

10 rainey evening 7 sick 4 hands

11 sprinkle rain this morning Finished ploughing for this year on the 9th - fine rain - marked some forms & blumes

12 Fine rain hand quit work

13 A Flood of rain this afternoon I have the best crop I ever saw and some of Largest Cotton 5 to 10 feet high rows 8 & 9 feet locked

14 Cleared off. pulling Fodder since dinner very much burnt 6 sick

15 Clear cool 3 sick 5 Children - two of old Cealys almost incurable from her meanness

16 Started 5 scrapers level at Gns gin house

17 Clear pleasant 6 Sick
18 Clear pleasant. All forms falling off old Land owing to baking rains and not ploughed in time afterwards. Finished pulling Fodder - stoped scrapers

19 One negro quit sick - 4 Children "worms"

20 Clear warm - verry sickly. My Overseer sick 8 sick 5 Children among them

21 Clear Finished hoeing Home - 7 sick. Cleaning out scaffold yards. saving Fodder

22 Com'ced picking Cotten old women and Children. 9 hands sick 6 children

23 Morning cool all hands picking to day 7 sick 7 children 225 picked to day average 150. first rate - first day considering

24 Sent hands on the roade 7 sick 4 Children

25 Clear - 7 hands sick 4 children 2 died this week 3 yrs old - verry sudden of worms. Finished the roade

26 Clear picked over below - 19 sick to day never had sickness before

27 Clear - from appearance of my crop must make near 500 Bales - corn well yeared - have ten verry promising hound pups - 15 Bales out.

28 Clear making scaffold at Gns 8 men moving house for Cotten - picked over Home - started 2 Gins this afternoon

29 Clear warm picking at Gns 8 sick

30 hands picked well yesterday 260 highest 12 sick fine picking considerable rain at Gns light rain Home started Gin at Gns

31 Clear warm 12 sick 8 hands - best crop I ever saw - boll'd to the top - picking Home. too wet below

September 1 Clear pleasant. picking Gns - 10 sick - in riding through my field the Eclipse colt "Concert" started with me and bridle bit came apart & a more awkward situation cannot be imagined after running though several dangerous places I luckily escaped unhurt

3 Clear verry cool nights and morings picking home.

13 sick. 2 hands

4 Clear verry cool Frank Kint Bennie and Henry pressed
to day $1 each - 12 Bale: a day took 35 out. 9 sick 3 Children fine breaking on same way as last year Gave my saddle Horse Chrurkey for M'Dermotts stock of cattle upwards of 50 head

4 Clear cool - had a general Whiping frollick. White men sending for some of my women by one of my boys. "one eyed Sam" - a loade of buck shot will be the dose if I can see them or find them

5 Some rain quit sick last night

6 Cloudy. Cottem damp - picking Gns since dinner 4 sick quit sick myself from dinner till in the night Emily and Caroline sick

7 Cloudy 3 sick Emily sick. Caroline well - my head feels bad from Quinine

8 warm. picking below. one negro bit on bothe hands by spider - Emily and Caroline quit sick

9 One sick, two or three with sawdelling. I have four pups that have had no care taken of them and are stronger and better looking than any I ever had

10 Eighty Bales out, 10 pressed at Gns Cotton does not open as usual, for such dry weather at this season

11 Clear picking above boys pressed yesterday, 32 Bales pressed 50 gined

12 Cloudy cool 5 sick weighed in the field - averaged 190 - fin picking

13 Clear cool picking at Gns 4 sick 44 B. pressed 65 gined

14 Sprinkle of rain this evening

15 Clear warm 3 sick

16 warm night fine picking every Where - averaged 205 Clean cotten

17 warm 115 Bales out in N° same time last year 110. some rain

18 rainey day pressed 8 Bales

22 Barrow's wife and daughter.
Cold picking below.

Clear cold

Some rain picking G. 3 sick

Com'ced hauling cotten yesterday 1st shipment.

Cloudy picking above. Peter inclined to Dropsy not worth a D--- pressing women spinning boys trashing cotten

Clear 120 Bales out in number - 100 pressed - between 150 & 140 Bales out of 400 lbs.

Clear picking G. hauled 74 Bales to Rat's Landing

Clear pleasant Cotten does not hold out by 10 Bales out averaged 206 yesterday, 135 by dinner, picked yesterday and to day at least 800 weight to the acre 55 P. out at G. fine picking every Where and great many boles to open rain after 4 o'clock - pressed 4 Bales.

Cloudy women spinning, men gathering some corn. Weighed 100 pound Cotten ginned it turned out 28 lbs - I think I can have 280 Bales out by 1st November heavy rain stoped both Gins 7900 weight cotten hauled from G. 4 sick

Verry hard rain - more than has fallen since July - hands picked well this morning - spinning

Women spinning - men doing little or nothing went driving for runaways - in company with Wm Bailey Jno., Bailey - Riddell & Purnell - as heavy rain as ever fell - at dark 155 Bales out. Same last year

Clear worked my roade - airing Cotten after dinner - getting timbr for Jail

October 1 Clear - Purnell caught my boy G. Jerry, and Charles let him unlock himself and put

Cloudy picking G. hauling it Home - great deal of Cotten open - More Whiping to do this Fall than all together in three years owing to my D mean Overseer - never will have another unless I should be compelled to leave - they are a perfect nuisance

Cloudy wind East - picking below. Average 220 round

Appeance of rain - picking finely 200 average - Verry trashy cotten under the eyes of my D. fool Overseer
Sprinkle of rain - heavy rain at dark - 170 B out of 400 lbs all raised - same time last year had picked 254345 this year 257715 Close rub - 110 at the landing 1st shipment

Rainy day. Heavy during the night. Women spinning men pressing &c. I think I can hav 295 B. out by 1st November the most stormy day I've seen 1831 from the East. Heavy rain &c.

Cloudy fresh wind from the North. Stormed ceased at noon - George drowned in L. Creek in the field found him this morning. A very great loss. One of the best negroes I ever saw or knew to his family as a white person. One fourth of cotton blown out at least. Corn very much blown down.

Morning cool. 150 B. pressed in number.

Clear quite cool picking Gns. I hear of great damage through the country from the storm - Horses lost &c.

Clear cool cotton very much stained. Parson Burruss called to see me yesterday - wishes to sell his blood stock mares and colts - he is the most perfect connoisseur in the horse line I ever met with - excellent judgment &c.

Cloudy warm - picking below 2 sick picking badly.

Clear pleasant went to see Parsons Burruss's blood stock not pleased with them. Though in bad order.

3 sick Cotton opening very fast.

Cloudy cold morning - Cleared off pleasant.

Clear some thing over 200 B. out of 400 lbs.

Heavy dews since the storm. Picking Gns. went Woodville.

Cloudy very warm.

Clear warm. Returned from Woodville.

Clear very warm.

Clear from 500 to 1000 weight cotton open to the Acre.

Running the trasher for some days 230 B. out of 400 lbs. 195 pressed - in NQ same time last year 225 out 210 pressed - 4 sick. One with piles & meanness.
22 Cloudy very warm 4 sick - rubbed Tar and salt on my dogs for the mange - pic ked 354,350 last year this time 354,000 - Pressed 44 B. all of Sunday $1 a day. I think between 150 & 200 B open

23 Showery appearance of bad weather invariably the Case When I come hauling Cotten - picked well by dinner trashing since one sick.

24 gathered some corn - some spinning gave the negros shoes

25 First cold weather this Fall gathered 34 loads corn to day.

26 Clear cold - too windy frost. corn turning out well - one year makes one pint

27 Clear very cold - Frost. wrapped paper around one year corn then shelled it - filled it 4 5th full

28 Clear very cold - picking cotten - hauled 65 loads corn one large crib full some over

29 Clear cool hauling cotten.

30 Some rain. Cotten picking as bad as I ever Saw. killed one Deer and one Turkey

31 Cool some rain last night. hauled Cotten Sunday waggon & carts

November 1 Cloudy cool. 250 B. out of 400 lbs - 150 to pick

2 Clear pleasant. hands picked better to day than have for don sometime some one while the hands were out at work broke in to several negro Houses stole clothing blankets & meat I think

3 Skipped 182 Bales 40 Bales behind last year this time last year had out 305 B. 400 168 now 265 upwards of 125 to pick

4 rain at day light - gathered some corn sold my 1st shipment 108 Bales. 111 cts. 2 B. lost - took my hound pups out after Deer Tyro trailed equal to any dog I ever saw

5 Clear cold - Com'ced giving the negros Potatoes Sun day last

6 Clear pleasant picking Gns
7 Clear pleasant

8 Clear - went to Town, have in Training by Morris E Boyles Fanny Bell - Feliciana - Merlin Filley Betty - Brian & a Bob Colt

9 Cloudy warm - hauling cotton from Gns.

10 Damp warm morning.

11 Cloudy - rain morning Cleard off in evening verry warm Jno Joor coming up this evening saw a W cat

12 Cloudy warm - pressing to day picked yesterday - Ateam picked 511 Ben 461 - Dave Bartley 511 Dennis 430 Kiah 455 Jack 455 - Betty 315 - Lize 310. every day cotton can't be beat - 431 each - 315 B. out - 330 this time last year - the six men picked 2823 - An average of 471 lbs two women not racing 8 in all 3448. 431 average - Demps picked in 1830 572 lbs L. Dare 543 fair cotton

13 Cloudy damp morning - picking Gns

14 Clear cold Betsy and L. Dare pretending to be sick

15 Clear. jumped a large Deer in Wades field while Fox hunting returned got our guns and Ruffin Deer dogs and Killed it - verry fat B S Joor & my self both shot it

16 Clear. Bailey found Jerrys camp last night over the creek Purnell shot at him twice missed - 5 sick

17 hands picked badly by dinner some rain this evening Ruffin has given me four beautifull young dogs - Madison & James considerable rain this evening & yesterday

18 rain last night - hands picked better to day great deal of Cotten open 100 B. I think 4 sick great complaint with bad colds

19 Cloudy set on the roads for Jerry. A negro passed on horse back refused to stop or answer Mr Riddell put a loade of small shot in his leg - belonged to Mr Cobb - have out 335 B of 400.

20 Morning pressed 17 B yesterday & 100 to pick - rec'd from N. Orleans 75 p. Blankets - for negros - 2 sick 2 Gins running for some time past - trashy picking

21 Cloudy damp

22 Cloudy cold stoped Candis from coming home to suckle 4 times
23 Clear very cold White killing Frost Digging Potatoes.
24 Clear cold. started several deer to day.
25 Clear - pleasant Finished digging Potatoes - turned out badly

Morris took Fanny Bell to N. Orleans not in order - gave the negroes Blankets 282 B. pressed - 345 B. out of 400 lbs

26 Cloudy pleasant hands picked badly this morning - A threat improved them very much. picking above
27 Cloudy warm
28 Bought 32 mules $95 each 12 month credit one horse

Cloudy warm. Dr. Calliham came down perfectly disgusted with him - too familiar to live brought two dogs down with him - no delicacy

December 1 Cloudy very warm Left Home for New Orleans races

12 Cloudy cold returned from New Orleans rain at dark gathered corn during my absence - 30 or 40 Loads in the field - Bought two saddle Horses in N. Orleans - one for R. J. Barrow $200 each very fine
13 Cold some rain
14 Very cold - went to Woodville to Miss Jane Liddells wedding Married to Hamden Randolph
15 turned warm. Fine racing in New Orleans. Fanny Bell beaten the 3 mile day - and best 3 in 5 - Cotton selling from 8 to 12 1/2 ct. 338 shiped in N?
16 Showery after dinner. 4 cribs of corn - two Luzbourough colts arrived home from Tennessee & in bad condition
17 Some rain turned cold 205 loads corn. 338 B. pressed 75 in seed - 410 out in N?
18 Clear cold
19 Clear very cold
20 Clear very cold
21 Cloudy warm - Caroline sick
damp cloudy morning  rain last night
heavy rain last night and this morning - payed the negros
Clear  verry cold, every thing frozen  344 B. pressed - sold 252 Bales "gained 15" at 10.68.91.440 out
Christmas - every frozen - went Fox hunting  Caught large cat
Cloudy  cool  negros went to Town
Morning cloudy, cleared off  warm
Pleasant day  sent 3 of Mr. Turnbulls boys off. for smoking cegars in my front yard -- with a note to him - and never to put their foot on the place again 23
Pleasant.  negros preparing for a dinner
Damp - Foggy & warm
Cloudy  pleasant.  Negros seemed to enjoy Christmas verry much  ran two of Uncle Bat$ negro$ off last night 24 - for making a disturbance - no pass - broke my sword Cane over one of their skulls

23 Daniel Turnbull, a brother-in-law.
24 Bartholomew Barrow, an uncle.
January 1  Com ced work Hands appear in fine spirits - picking GHS one weakes picking 3 weaks Gining verry trashy - Joshuas leg cut - Isaac Erwin sent his Bob Oakley colt up to have trained - and a present of two young hounds 25

2 Cloudy wind East. Went to Town great distress through country for money stopping of the Banks. Merchants Failing &c. no Silver in circulation

3 raining from the South. George Joor and Family came down yesterday 26

4 Cloudy pleasant wind South - heavy rain and lightning afternoon half Bale scattering cotton to pick

5 Foggy cool Men getting rails and pressing - started Gin GNS - women spinning and trashing Cotton

6 Cloudy hauling Cotton - went to the race best 3 in 5. Louisa Bessome one

7 Heavy rain this evening from the North.

8 Clear verry cold

9 Some clouds. 4 hands in swamp getting out pickets - two preparing to plough the Quarter and Orchard all women trash­ ing Cotton - Caught my Brother boy Henry in the Quarter last night - kept him untill to day - better than Whiping.

10 rain before day

11 Hailing Sleeting and snowing.

25 A planter and sportsman who lived in Iberville parish. For information concerning the Erwin family see Alice P. White, The Plantation Experience of Joseph and Lavinia Erwin, 1837-1836, (Louisiana State University Thesis, 1933), passim.
26 A nephew of Mrs. Barrow.
12 ice and Hail remaining since yesterday. Emily left for her mother to remain some time. "on the 9th"

13 Clear very cold - knocking down Stalks

14 Appearance of rain - pressed 7 B. last Sunday - pressing to day at Gibsons - Will ship on Tuesday next 66 B. in 364 in N° 50 to Gin - On selling from 5 to 11½ cts - The times are seriously hard - all most impossible to raise one dollars. and that in shin plasters - Great Excitement in Congress. Northern States medling with slavery - first they com'ced by petition - now by openly speaking of the sin of Slavery in the southern states - on the floor of congress - must eventually cause a separation of the Union."

20 returned from Woodvill - very cold. and bad weather - I have a very bad cold - pressed 8 B. last Sunday

22 Making plough lines - threatened with Rheumatism

23 White Frost pleasant day - during my stay at Mf. Joors last week my House servants Jane Lavenia & E. Jim broke into my store room - and helped themselves very liberally to every thing - Center - Anica - & Peter had some of the good drink "as they say" - I whipped the three first worse than I ever whipped any one before

24 Showery day. Finished Ginning yesterday started 15 ploughs for oats near 450 Bales - putting up stables for work horses - my House boy E. Jim the meanest, dirtiest boy I ever had about me - women and trash gang cleaning up.

26 ploughing for corn since yesterday warm - too wet to plough

27 Listey morning. Cleared beautifull put up the Tombstone over my Father - removed from Washington City Fall of 1836

28 Cloudy cool morning went Home for Woodvill - took with me Eleven Fox hounds shall com'ce hauling my last lot Cotten to morrow

27 In the light of subsequent events the prophecy made by the West Feliciana planter is an interesting one.

28 William Barrow (1765-1823) died in Washington, D. C., where he had journeyed to place young Bennet in school.
February 4 returned Home from Woodvill last weak. Worst weak I ever saw. Thermometer down to 10 – 25 to day 10 O'clock

5 every thing Frozen

6 Cloudy cool ploughing old land for corn – flush – Old Cealey sick – light rain in the morning

7 rain at day Shiped in No. 415 Bales Cotton. 6 lost "321" - between 440 of 400 lbs – twenty double ploughs running bought 6 p. trace chains rain at dark Appearance of bad weather – Fork selling from $11 to 16. bulk P. 5 & 6

8 raining through the night no appearance of stoping to day women spinning Sucklers during the weak – Maria since Wednesday

9 Cleared off cold – Cealy worse to day with Hemorage – the moon appears unconenly large to night

10 Apperance of spirng - finished ploughing above for corn - running four furrows - in L G cut for cotten - left Home for Woodvill

11 Cleared off - ploughing G's new ground for corn and Cotten returned from Woodvill with Family the worst weather we have had – I even saw snow hail ice &c. extremely cold

12 Fine day. ground wet.

20 Clear Finished ploughing corn land for cotten - below - five furrows

21 Verry cold day

22 Verry cold – went fire hunting last night for Woodcock failure.29 Jno. Mayrant with me.30

29 In describing a West Feliciana fire-hunt Timothy Flint wrote, "Their most interesting hunts are practiced by night, and are called fire-hunting. The dogs are leased together. One dog carries a bell. Two or three black boys carry over their shoulders fire-pans, being a grating of iron hoops, appened to a long handle, and filled with blazing torches of the splinters of fat pine. The light is brilliant and dazzling. . . The deer is tracked. . . . The deer, dazzled and appalled by the glare and the noise, arousese from sleep, and gazes in stupid surprize. The eyes are discovered, shining like balls of fire. The hunter aims his rifle between the eyes, and the poor animal is sure to fall." Timothy Flint, Recollections of the last Ten Years. . . (Boston, 1826), pp. 335-339. 30 Brother-In-Law.
23 Clear, very cold - 3 with pleurisy
24 Clear pleasant
25 Cloudy warm
26 Finished above four furrows for cotton - corn flush - except 80 acre - ploughing Gn four furrows - Mayrant Killed 3 Turkeys
27 Clear cool making fence and cutting trees at Gn Mayrant Killed 4 Turkeys
26 Spring weather
March 1 Com ced on small crib of corn last Friday night 3 cribs full - light steady rain - ground ploughs verry tuff at Gn 21 ploughs running one Martin appeared to day
2 Morning warm com ced hauling seed on corn two carts, rainey evening
3 Evening cool - will finish making fence - and running four furrows - at Gn Never saw such times every body hard run for money these times proves the old maxim to be correct by just before liberal I have tried to be both and now am verry much in want of my friends - A lesson for the future. What's done can't be helped No one first - with 3 fourths of mankind - selfishness his fort
4 Having wind and rain from the West
5 Clear cool morning Com'ced planting corn - breaking out a head
6 Clear cool planting corn in old Land - water furrow, Oney quit sick with Pleurisy
7 Cloudy Finished breaking out middles for corn - covering corn with ploughs - 3 sick
8 Ploughing Price bottom twice in the 1st furrow, very deep - two sick one with snagd foot - Pork in N. O. from $11.50 to 16
9 Went driving this morning in company of Dr. Walker Jno. Joor & Jno Mayrant Dr. M. snaped - Finished planting corn on the Snth
10 Heavy rain this evening
11 rain last night I believe there is but one or two strictly honest merchants at B Sara - they put an inferior art
icle on you - and charge from 50 to 200 pr c\l

12 Cloudy warm, making pasture fence - and hauling willows to put in house lot Wash - some spinning some working hauling seed &c.

13 Heavy rain too wet to plough putting Willows in House lot wash

14 Never saw a more pleasant morning - Birds and everything the appearance of spring - gone to roll Logs for Purrell - hands do not like it

15 Make last year 415 Bales in No 450 of 400 lbs
Amount $16761.40 - Finished running round four furrows yesterday some time

16 Clear cold North wind ploughing corn land for cotton below women spinning boys in the swamp. Oney gives me more trouble than all the plantation. been in the House 8 days - and spun 8 slippers Whiped all my ploughers - for shallow ploughing - Mrs Joor came down yesterday

17 Clear cold saw the largest flock of Wild Turkeys in my field I ever saw in a field - could have killed 5 or 8 with shot gun at one fire - Killed one with Rifle

18 Frost - went driving with 7 or 8 - Killed one Deer - ran several though

19 light Frost Com'ced burning brush off of some log land - 150 acres of middles broke out. Saturday night

20 pleasant some spinning corn sprouting some days ground crusty

21 Finished breaking out above - 2 sick Finished burning brush - running Harrows over corn

22 Cloudy warm Finish harrowing corn by dinner breaking middles at Go3 went driving started 6 Deer and 6 standers none Killed

23 Warm - Clearing up briers at Go3 women spinning 2 sick

24 pleasant James31 went with me this morning after Turkeys none killed

25 Clear pleasant.

31 Barrow's son.
26. Clear very smokey - planting corn and pumpkins in log land - sent Alfred to buy two dozen hoes - and sent jenny Devers L. colt to the race track fearfull of my corn, ground laked

27. Cloudy - burning & cutting trees at GHS Bartley catching fish to kill R. coons put arsenic in them &c. corn coming up very slow.

28. Cloudy pleasant went driving saw one Deer. A Barrow shot at two missed

29. Clear pleasant - very dry Com'ced planting Cotten breakfast - ground in fine order - 3 sick

30. Clear Finished planting cotten above

31. Cloudy 1st appearance of rain in several weeks - planting Cotten GHS stoped breaking middles some time thursday could have Finished to night ground too dry and hard

April 1 Pleasant. Trees put out very rapidly Jack caught runaway Jerry had to beat him very much cut him with a club in 3 places very bad. on the head - and two cuts on the hand - runaway 6 months. as perfect a sheik as ever lived

2 Clear warm day.

3 Clear Finished planting cotten GHS, by breakfast.

three weeks racing in New Orleans - Com'enc'ng last weake

32. Alexander Barrow, Louisiana lawyer and statesman. After holding various public offices he was sent to the Senate in 1841 where he served until his death in 1846. He was a sportsman and racing enthusiast. Upon his death the editor of the Spirit of the Times (Jan. 9, 1847) wrote, "On the demise of the Hon. Alexander Barrow, one of the members of the U. S. Senate from Louisiana, the south-western Turf has sustained the loss of a most staunch and influential supporter, and a distinguished ornament. Barrow was for many years the popular President of one of the Jockey Clubs at New Orleans, and though prevented by official duties from breeding and training to any considerable extent, he was enthusiastically devoted to the improvement of horses and the best interests of the Turf. Mr. B's nomination (a Skylark colt out of Lilac) won the 1st heat in the race for the celebrated Peyton Stake (of 20 subscribers at $5000 each) four mile heats, which was won by Peytona. In the great match race between Boston and Fashion for $20,000 Mr. B. was one of the Judges."
4 Morning cool went out Turkey hunting before day with Dr. Desmontte and L. Purnell - shot twice. Flying missed - hoeing corn first time looks very badly. running ten plough breaking out middles can't wait for rain any longer.

5 Hoeing corn above - harrows answered finely. good stand in new land - harrows equal to one working comes very near rain

6 Cloudy warm. Cotton coming up in new land. sprinkle rain this evening.

7 Appearance of plenty of rain - rain last night to lay the dust. 2 sick. I have fifteen of the best blooded hound pups I ever had or saw.

8 Received 25 B Prime Pork from N Orleans. Jim sent Jno. Joor and A. Barrow 4 pups.

9 Clear morning. Cold. Ploughing up 50 Acres corn - planting over - soaked the corn - 15 ploughs running. Blacksmith worked 12 days last year 6 days this year $2. Com'ced on new crib of corn the 6th two large ones full.


11 Clear, warm. Finished planting corn. R. T cut B Smith came this morning to work replanting and hoeing log land corn - turned quit cool this evening ploughing corn above.

12 Fire comfortable this morning working corn behind the ploughs 3 sick. Seeding corn since dinner.

13 Making traps and poisoning corn to kill R coons never saw them as bad. Feel quite unwell - heaving at stomach took a Blue pill last night.

14 Clear - pleasant. B. Smith worked two days and half.

15 Appearance of rain. Lucy, Mary O. Hannah. Lucky Jenny, Lize & Leah pass to A. Barrows Deer run place.

16 Very warm. Finished ploughing corn once - breaking out middles in P R. bottom waiting for rain 3 weeks - ground as dry as can be. Finished seeding corn by breakfast. Hoeing 2d time. Cotton coming up slowly.

33 An English physician who had settled near St. Francisville and with whom Barrow had some unfortunate financial dealings.
17 Cloudy warm - never saw as large moschetos in my life great many of them for some days. Early for them our pet Deer Eat off the heads of 12 East India geese - heavy wind at dark from N. West.

18 Clear morning verry fine rain last night great deal of Lightning

19 Clear cool Finished planting Cotten

20 Finished planting Cotten yesterday with 6 Harrows & ploughs. And planted sweet Potatoes. 6 barring off cotton to day stand in loose land - intend making G. Jerry ware women's cloths for running away & without the least cause.

21 Clear pleasant, all hoeing corn except 4 running harrows over P R bottom 2d time went hunting and Fishing killed one Deer

22 Went hunting Killed one Deer

23 Clear pleasant hoed corn 2d time Com'ced scraping cotton Breakfast 20 ploughs barring off, cotton not more than half up, want rain. corn from 3 to 8 inches high & looks badly. Ruffin has purchased Horse Pressure (Mad Anthony) for $7000. 3 years old. this spring never been beat. ran all distances under 4 mils - made fine tim blood bay. 15 hands

24 Went to Town. saw Pressure as near perfection as can be

25 Cloudy - went driving - Deer saw me

26 Cloudy, verry warm - scraping G's since yesterday dinner - Cotten coming up finely - corn improving appearance of rain - Cotten all come up last night.

27 Finished barring off G's baring below. sucklers hoeing corn - Killed a fine Turkey yesterday Morning

28 warm wind from the south. Finished making cypress fence around my House lot - fine rain at Dusk

29 Dark cloudy morning turning cool

30 Transplanting and hoeing log land corn - breaking out

34 The Spirit of the Times, Apr. 21, 1838, published the following note, "Wm. R. Barrow, Esq., of St. Francisville, La., has purchased Mad Anthony (late High Pressure), for $7000, of Walker Thurston & Co."
middles in last planting - corn, R. T. field - fine stand. When I first scraped - Cotton came up very thick, corn from 6 inches to knew high.

May 1 Cloudy wind South East. went to the races sweep-stake for to day we paid forfeit - Filley out of order - hoeing cotton Guns - 15 ploughs running.

2 Cloudy races come'ce to day - 3 mile heats - Lavenia. Our nurse gave the baby a large dose of paregoric near Killing him - "yesterday"

3 Linnet won the 3 mil purse yesterday easy beating Arlaces and Clinton - fine rain last night bad for the race to day. Jos Bell beat Pressure 4 mile heats to day no race. Pressure came very near dying after the 1st Heat draw. 840. Yesterdays time 552 Each heat

4 Cloudy cool. Rhoderic Dew won to day. 2 mile Heats beating Arlaces Dick Haile Livingston - D O'Connel. time 352. 3.52. Arlaces & D O. distances

5 Clear fire comfortable. hoeing corn Race track - Finished baring off 1st planting of cotton stopea ploughs. 2 days baring off old land - Mile Heats best 3 in 5 to day won by Britannia. beating Lilac & Lavenia Lilac very bad order as E E Eyles Horses have been always parted with him - Employed Tisdale of Kentucky - $1500 a year - bought Jos Bell at $8000 - payable 1st December next.

6 Jockey club races ended yesterday poor sport during the week grass come up in the cotton very thick. Cotton with two to 6 leaves on it. Caught Jack Dennis & Ben with a hog to day gave orders that no negro should leave the Quarter without letting the Driver know it and report themselves on their return.

7 Cloudy cool hoeing corn in last planting - 150 Acres young cotton to scrape ought to have Finished by the 8th. I have J Bell Fanny Bell - 2 Luzbourough and one Bob Colt to sumer all look very well corn 8 inches to 2 feet high cold rain from the North Finished hoeing R T corn by 4 scraping cotton - Cleard off beautifull

8 Clear cool morning fire comfortable scraping cotton above. ploughing corn above since yesterday dinner scraping cotton 9 days to day 8 days only with regular price.

Josh Bell was Barrow's most famous horse. He won some notable races, the greatest probably being the match race with Waggoner, an animal termed by Barrow, "the best horse in the South."
9 Morning cool Finished scraping first planting by 10 O'clock. say 9 days scraping; 2 & half more days to Finish made lot for Jo Bell - Com'ed hilling corn above 2^ time started 5 ploughs running round cotten.

10 Fine rain this evening - all ploughs moulding cotten after 4 O'K.

11 Verry hard rain all the morning women spinning men daubing chimneys

12 Morning cloudy scraping young Cotten. Finished barring it. Moulded some from 5 - Cleared off warm

13 Cloudy wind East. Gave women Calico dress

14 Foggy morning. Com'ed hilling Cotten above - running four furrows - warmest day this year - Finished moulding all new land above by Breakfast. ploughing corn in pond cut and running one furrow in cotten corn land last year above - 5 ploughs running round in corn land below - Cotten from 4 to 8 & 10 leaves on it. 8 or 9 inches highest

15 Cloudy verry warm - went Fishing to Black Fork - a party of Ladies and gentlemen. Afterwards came to A. G. Barrows danced & set up all night

16 Cloudy bad looking day. light rain at noon - Ten run round L. G. and penice new ground one furrow four furrows G^3 bottom

17 Cloudy verry warm - breaking out middles in L Gate and running one more furrow in P R new ground. 8 ploughs running round at G^3 scraping last planting - my hands have been doing bad work all this season stoped it this morning. 20 ploughs running - one pretending to be sick (Julia) - scraping young Cotten

18 Sprinkle of rain just after day Finished moulding L G. & running 4 furrows round P. R. new ground by 9. breaking out G^3 new ground - and running 4 furrows Gibson G^3 place - 8 ploughs a head running round - even with last years work two sick - Finished scraping young cotten and hilled 125 Acres

19 Cloudy morning. Appearance of rain - hilling cotten. L. G. cut and P R new ground, cotten verry much Eaten by bugs or grass hoppers at the G place - with that exception it looks well - went to Town with Family, Mrs A. G. Barrow and Mrs Joor - dined at old Nellys first time James John & Caroline were ever at the river - they were delighted^36 sprinkle rain this evening

^36 Mrs. Barrow was a relative, and James, John and Caroline were the Barrow children.
20 Cloudy - damp - my hand worked badly yesterday - do not like appearance's - Never saw crab grass as thick at this season owing to so much cloudy damp and warm weather, nights &c. ploughs doing finely - Bought 33 barrels P Pork in New Orleans cost me $16.00 to get it Home - $15 a barrel. 6 for freight, 12 for storage - Levi hauled one Sunday - Several showers through the day - Appearance of a rainy night - several days behind last years hoeing - ploughs equal.

21 Heavy rain in the night - and have not seen such a rain as fell this morning in a great while - stopped raining at one O'clock - all hands scraping log land corn - sucklers worked road in the lane - corn from knee to shoulder high - growing too fast, bend down in new land.

22 Cloudy morning wind North - Hoeing new ground cotton cleaning grass away from it - weeds &c. - all hands - I have had a pain in my hip since yesterday morning - Rheumatic - Old Orange quit bad off - been ruptured for some time - supression of urine for a day or so, discharging blood - sent for Dr. Desmond this morning - Finished hoeing new ground by 10 O'clock, scraping P N new land - two wet to put dirt - Killed Large Deer in N. one drive - very poor - 5 sick - two with pains - one with biles - 3 Fever.

23 Cloudy cold, very disagreeable weather. hoeing G. since breakfast - sprinkle rain last night - too wet to plough - plantation very much washed from Sunday night and Monday's rain - eight in the sick house - 4 fever & augue - biles pains &c.

24 Clear very cold - never felt colder weather at this season - as cold as has been since 10 of March - went Driving in the swamp - in company of M. Boyle - D. Walker, two M. Smiths & Ruffin - Jos Smith shot a Deer with large buck shot - bled freely - didn't get him.

25 Clear very cold - went driving - Deer ran through the field - Frost - cotton looks very badly, owing to cold - Finished moulding G. with ploughs 3 o'clock - four furrows - Com'ced ploughing young corn since - and 8 ploughs running round cotton - 40 acres above - 8 in sick house.

26 Clear morning very cold - old corn from waist to shoulder high - young corn knee high - wants work - will have little or no grass after to day - been 12 days since I com'ced hilling Cotton - will Finish next Wednesday or Thursday - 1st planting Monday - hoes four days behind last year - ploughs 3 days - Finished hilling cotton G. to day.

27 Clear pleasant day - Parkison & Dr. Desmond came and went driving - much against my wish. no luck.
28 Cloudy appearance of rain - hoeing Cotten old land above - running one more furrow - with ploughs - Cotten looks very badly.

29 Saw 4 Forms on one stalk cotten Cloudy - Finished hoeing first planting Cotten 9 - hoeing 2nd planting corn - 11 ploughs running round cotten below - 9 ploughs breaking out middles above - Twice 5 o'clock

30 Finished hilling young corn 2nd time by 11 o'clock - scraping new corn land cotten above - Twice - fine rain this evening. went Driving - com'ed going over cotten 3rd time.

31 Rainey morning - raining during the night - of great service to corn and cotten - ground baked from the rain last weeke - Cotten improved very much several showers through the day. Finished scraping new corn land cotten above - hillig or chopping the new ground Gin house - cut worms or bugs injuring Cotten very much - cotten from 6 inches to half leg high.

June 1 considerable shower before Breakfast heavy shower at Breakfast - I have 2 two year old colts - as well formed and the best blooded ever in this county Luzbourough - one other two year old very fine. by Bob Oakely - the blood of his Dam not positively known - "Nancy Miller" she was fine race mare & has the best colt of its age I ever saw. "by Lauderdale" My two mares in Tennessee have two colts each said to be very fine - the first two colts I have named - the Grey out of Lucilla Little Misery - the bay out of Jenny Devers - went Driving this evening. Killed a fine Deer - scraped Potatoes.

2 Cloudy scraping cotten - too wet to aid - breaking out middles at Gns since yesterdy morning - some negros broke in to my smoke House night before last. took five hams - can't tell how much other meat they took - if it were my negros I think they would have taken bulk Pork - from their getting an allowance out of it Sunday - and the two weeks previous & knowing the Hams would be missed - The piece of iron used to open the door was made for such purposes - they broke it leaving about 2 inches of it - the Black Smith came yesterday evening - negros holiiday part of the day - light sprinkle in the evening - went driving dogs ran off.

3 Cloudy Damp morning wind North East - Cleared off this evening Beautiful.

4 Clear pleasant - would not be much surprised if we had a drought of four weeks or more - hilling young cotton. all cotton above looks well, from ankle to near knee high - cotton in corn land below looks very well - bugs eating cotton at the Gns place very much - and it looks as bad as can be wind North - Son Jams poney "Goody" kicked him down day be-
fore yesterday - hit him side of his head - wind pleasant.
sun very disagreeable - Went up to Wm Barrows

5 Clear summer day - moulding cotton in P. R new ground
with ploughs - 2d time - and ploughed new ground below - 25
ploughs running

6 cool Finished hillling cotton "young" by 10. And have
hilled over 125 acres cotton 2d time ploughed pond cut corn
- corn from waist high to high as shoulder & head on horse
back cotton from 8 inches to near knee high improving

7 Clear cool night & morning - ploughing cotton new corn
land above - Middles grassy "fine" - hoeing P. R. new ground
and scraping L G cut - D. F. Walker and Lady - with Miss Gelain
and two M. F. Smiths spent the day with us yesterday - Mrs Haile
came down yesterday38 - My young Dogs have the Distimper

8 Clear pleasant morning - Finished ploughing upper new
corn land cotton - 3d time 9 o'clock very fine - ploughing up-
per new ground corn - Finished scraping L G cut cotton by .
oclock - working new ground corn below - Saw several stalks
corn tossing & silking never saw a worse crop of cotton gen-
erally than I have at this time - small bug eaten and wants
work greater part of it - highest cotton will average half
leg high - old land from 6 to 10 inches - never saw a better
crop of corn - if the season continues good must make as much
as any corn can make - 3 to 4½ feet in the row. 18 to 25
inches in the drill - this time last year was out of work owing
to the dry spring

9 Cloudy warm - quit ploughing corn ploughing L. G.
cut. ground laked &c. throwing one furrow back to the cot-
ten in new corn land cotton, hoeing it - Finished new corn
land cotton 4th time - Light rain

10 Cloudy damp morning - Went to Town yesterday negroes
went to Robt. H.'s Barrows to meeting

11 Cloudy very warm - commenced working G. H. ploughs and
hoes 3d time - cotton improving very fast - running four fur-
rows - 25 ploughs - planting Peas. "sucklers"

12 Clear morning pleasant - light shower in the after-
noon

13 Morning clear and pleasant - Finished, running round to
G. H. house with four furrows by breakfast - 3d time breaking

37 Brother-in-law of Bennet H. Barrow.
38 Sister of Mrs. Barrow.
39 Barrow neglected to fill in the time.
out middles P. R bottom - two sick - one a child - the Dis-
temper is Killing all my pup: - the best blooded ones I ever
had - 5 living

14 Clear pleasant morning - Finished breaking out middles
in young cotton by 1/2 10 O clock - cotton from 10 inches to
knee high - looks well - crop in fine order - ploughing corn
every other row - wants rain - 4 or 5 days past very warm

15 Clear very warm - Grass hopper still eating forms
off of cotton - cotton not well branched - dry weather will
improve it very much - Finished hoeing 3d time by 9 O-
clock - I have the best crop in the neighbourhood

16 Clear very warm - went Fishing and hunting - Killed
one Deer & dogs caught one - negros Holliday.

17 Clear warm morning - went through my Quarter before day
- one child quite sick - Fanny Bell "Mare" gone blind - doubt-
full whether she recovers - Paid Essex $5 for Kiah $150 for
Wade & $110 for jno Joors Dennis

18 Some clouds - very warm - Finished moulding old cotton
with ploughs 2d time - could have finished all to day - hoeing
and ploughing - cotton from 10 inches to over knee high - looks
well - never felt a more oppressive morning - Thermometer 1.11
at 12 o'clock in the sun 10 minutes ploughing corn since
Eleven o'clock

19 Cloudy warm - thinned Pond cut corn yesterday evening
two sick - two pretending - two Blumes "cotton" on one stalk
yesterday - numbers to day - Ploughing new ground above since
dinner - Finished ploughing all the corn since it rained.
looks well as yet - Finished hoeing 1/2 planting of cotton 3d
time "some 4th time" by 3 o'clock - must have had cotton blumes
some 4 or 5 days ago - from the size boles

20 Morning Cloudy - damp - wind South and warm - never had
a better prospect for a crop - both corn and cotton - cotton
in upper corn new ground - never saw better - Robt. H. B. crop
generally one fourth the size of my crop - Ruffins the same -
Emily went to Woodville on Monday 18th - Finished suckering &
thining corn by dinner - Started 8 scrapers in new corn Land
cotton above - "middles" - 3 sick

21 Clear very warm - Finished scraping above "new
ground" by . . . o'clock - ploughing 4 furrows lower part

22 Cloudy very warm - hoeing lower part 4th time
rinning scrapers and plows in the middle - sister Eliza
came to see us yesterday evening - found no one at Home - hoeing Log Land corn since 11 O'clock

23 Foggy warm morning - intended giving all hands to day but found 50 acres not half worked P rice new ground - hoeing it - running scrapers and harrows behind - bunches of grass remaining in middle of the row - sent Benj. S. Joor two hound pups on 21st - have only 3 pups left - two of Carolines & one of Veries

24 Clear warm Emily returned from Woodvill yesterday

25 Clear very warm - ploughing and hoeing young cotten - hoed all plantation since it rained - running scrapers at GNS - sprinkle rain

26 Clear very warm weather

27 Clear very warm - went to Town - Finished ploughing young cotten 3rd time

28 Clear very warm - stoped all ploughs - running 8 scrapers - women spinning - boys and men thining and taking out bunchs of pusley in cotten - new corn Land cotten

29 Clear very warm - never past a warmer night than last night - working at GNS - running old land below since yesterday

30 Clear very warm wind West. negros hollday since yesterday 'till Monday gave them a dinner

July 1 Cloudy morning very warm - corn wants rain very much - cotten from half Leg to hip high looks well - in beautiful order

2 Clear warm - lightning in the North East last night - 4 hands in the swamp - hoeing Potatoes - Women spinning 4 hands making preparations for a Barbacue on the 4th at A. G.

Barrows - went to Town to vote for members to Congress Governor & Legistor - Voted for Ruffin for Legistor Roman for Governor - Judge Chinn & Lawson Candidates for Congress. Chinn a rank Federlist & Lawson any thing Can't vote for either - light rain this evening

3 Cloudy warm - fine shower at GNS. none at Home - "Hail also"

4 Morning clear warm - had a very fine Barbacue & Dance on the Saw dust. Ladys very much pleased

40 Wife of William H. Barrow.
5 Cloudy very warm returned home this morning - Ruffin & Ratliff Elected - to the Legislature

6 Clear warm - very much in want of rain Scrapers running men getting out cypress timber - women spinning trash gang bringing pickets out of the swamp - went to Turnbulls with Bethia Liddell Carolin Joor & Emily

7 Clear very warm - negroes holiday - Fine rain this evening

8 Cloudy morning - corn field barely moistened - ground been dry so long - upwards of 5 weeks - shower at 12

9 Morning clear & warm - Fine rain through the country - William sent for Potatoes vines - ploughing & hoeing Potatoes - running 15 scrapers at GNS since Friday - crop in beautiful order - first planting from knee to over waist high - young cotton half leg & knee high - all looks very fine - corn wants rain very much - several showers through the day - stoped scrapers - running 20 ploughs - Finished hoeing potatoes

10 Pleasant morning few clouds fine rains all around me - I have had fine cotton rains - working lower end GNS Cotton from half Leg to waist high - all looks well - corn burnt nearly to the Ear - having so much in corn neglected - sucklers & old women spinning - 4 hands in the swamp carpenter building - two making coal - Jos Bell improving - Lubbock colts look fine - Bob colt improving Lauderdale colt (Nancy Millers) very fine - ploughing P. R bottom - too wet at GNS fine rain & wind at GNS yesterday evening - light rain during the evening

11 Cloudy & damp morning - ploughing old land below - tie Vines coming up - & grass

12 Cloudy morning - fine rains all around me - thinned young corn and hoeing (scraping) cotton above ploughing GNS

13 Cloudy morning - very heavy rains through the neighborhood - none here - 5 & 6 large Boles of cotton on a stalk went Fishing to Ratliffs Lake - never saw just such looking creatures - Bennet Robert H. jf Robert J. E McDermott H. Lyons P Butler D. johnson - the muddiest & dirtiest set of beings in existence - some without hats coats suspenders - shirts partly torn off &c.

14 Cloudy damp weather - Emily quit sick since yesterday evening Mrs David Barrow to see us since yesterday - & sick

Mrs Barrow's sister.
for several days past

15 Cloudy in the East - pleasant. Emily much better

16 Clear beautifull morning - every one has had enough rain but me - ground never wet in corn field - finished ploughing Breakfast. ploughing P R new ground - cotten from knee to breast high - verry fine

17 Clear verry warm morning - Finished ploughing P R new ground yesterday ploughing P rice bottom. Finished hoeing UN ground cotten "corn" 4th time by 10 Oclock hoeing part P r new ground - two sick - best rain at one Oclock I've had yet - hilling & planting Potatoe slips - & scraping L G cut - Com'cled making Baskets to day.

18 Clear pleasant morning 4 sick several pretending to be sick - Ploughing old land cotten above - Sucklers hoeing near Gin House - shower at 3 ocl'ck light rain in the evening - ploughs and hoes each done a bad days work

19 Cloudy - damp morning - Finished ploughing old Land cotten above 4th time never saw better cotten than the L. G. cut cotten generally growing too fast - fine grass & tie vines pretty thick - turned jenny devers Luzbourough colt in the corn field

20 Clear pleasant morning - Finished old land below Breakfast time ploughing upper corn "new" land cotten - hoeing CHN since 6 Oclock, this side L creek - hard shower at 2 oclock - making new palings back garden

21 Morning Clear & damp - all hands holliday.

22 Clear - last night verry warm breaking Bob Oakely Filly cut of Maria by sir Archy - verry wild & bad - never felt evenings warmer than several days past.

23 Clear warm - working Peas sent four hands to join and work the woodvile road at the line - Hot as Fire

24 Clear - wind North West for some days past. all Home place cotten verry fine - some at CHN growing too fast - Finished ploughing above the 5th time by 11 Oclock - & Finished hoeing above 5th time - verry light hoeing - Ploughing piece cotten near the Gin House - part deep & close to it - part edge of the limbs - two men sick Finished hoeing P R new ground - hoeing CHN since 4 Oclock. ploughing CHN since dinner

25 Cloudy morning - Sultry - Sucklers spinning - two hands making Baskets since Monday - cotten wilted in the middle of the two days past - sun verry hot - stoped ploughing at 3 O'clock all hands hoeing - left Home this evening for Uncle Ba's
26 Low clouds very wet - hard rain at Uncles & in Town

27 Clear evening warm day returned home this evening - found 3 sick

28 Clear wind North Negros holiday from 9 Oclock very fine crop - shower rain at 2 Oclock, heavy rain & wind below & South West.

29 Clear damp Morning

30 Cloudy very warm - started 8 scrapers below - had 3 young hounds taken with staggers yesterday - best trailing pup I ever had died this morning - effects of distemper. Finished hoeing as 5th time by 9 Oclock hoeing new ground adjoining & P. Rice bottom.

31 Cloudy sultry morning - children spinning - Finished a shop & dance room for my negroes42 - (to flooring) - one child very ill Sunday croup & worms light shower at noon - never saw better crop - and never saw as good cotton as my upper new corn land, from 50 to 100 & upwards of large Bolles

August 1 Few clouds - damp - Benj. Joor came down - sent up yesterday for Mr. Griffin & Bethia Liddell - pulling Fodder to day

2 Cloudy morning hoeing old above - 4 sick - very little work to do. Sam pulling Fodder - ploughing this side little creek at 9 Oclock - went Fishing yesterday at Black Fork - never saw as many dead Fish - My last trip - First rain that has run in the field this summer - at 12 oclock lost one days pulling of Fodder - women spinning men & boys getting timber & digging cut Quarter pond43. 5 sick ague & Fever - slight

3 Cloudy damp morning - very heavy rain

4 Clear - sun very hot this morning - drying some Fodder this morning - Mrs Griffin Bethia & Emily went to spend the day with Jno Joor - heavy rain - negroes holiday

5 Clear morning - warm

6 Clear morning - pulling Fodder loosening very fast - Sucklers & old women spinning - some few tie vines. sprinkle rain this evening

7 Clear morning - very warm 4 sick this morning - threatened rain evening

42 A building for recreation was not common on Southern plantations.
43 A large fish pond near the slave quarter.
8 Clear morning - threatening rain at noon - hauling Fodder - sprinkle rain in evening - 4 sick

8 Foggy morning. sultry - Clear - never knew a rain to come as unexpected as it did this evening - wet considerable Fodder started 6 scrapers above yesterday - never saw better Boll'd cotten except some few places not thined sufficient - son James & John went in the field with me this evening - James was caught in the rain by himself - well soaked - very little rain lower side.

10 some clouds - hoeing & drying some Fodder - steady rain from one 'till 4 O'clock - counted 105 Boll's cotten (grown) on one stalk 98 on another - not hip high

11 Cloudy damp morning. Scrapers running above - hoeing new corn land cotten - as fine as I ever saw - rain at noon. Jack broke his fore Finger last night whipping his wife

12 Foggy morning - very pleasant - appearance of clear weather

13 Morning clear. warm. pulling Fodder - running scrapers below the cotten in lower part of G^n not well boll'd - large and well branched - owing I think to such heavy laking rains - none of it this side G^n House

14 Clear beautiful morning - pulling Fodder running scrapers at G^n left Home for Mrs Turnbull's both sick

15 returned Home this morning left Mr. Turnbull better Mrs Turnbull convalescent - child better - North wind for two days past - sun very hot

16 Clear warm morning. went to see Turnbull. found him salvaged appearance of rain - heavy clouds in the West lightning &c. 2 sick

17 Clear warm - finished pulling Fodder yesterday morning - bringing in Fodder finished running scrapers at G^n by breakfast. scraping below - Jno Joor came up with Emily sick slight 2 sick - Finished Fodder

18 Clear very warm in the Sun. hoeing above - scraping P R bottom.

19 Clear pleasant - Jno. Joors runaway Dennis was caught yesterday and brought to me - Fine rain at noon - none below - very little in the Cotten field - one sick convalescent

20 Heavy Fog - Finished making baskets - finished hoeing above at 9 - hoeing below since - Com'enced repairing my Gns - Cotten opening finely - shower rain 11. and hard rain at 12
165

oclock - More rain fell this evening than has fallen at one
time this summer

21 Cloudy damp morning - Very warm day - threatening rain -
ground very wet - I saw two rainbows at one time yesterday
evening - Heard from A. G. Barrow, informing me of the Death
of Mrs Walker, in St. Francisville - Mrs Desmont died last
Saturday

22 Few clouds, cool winds from the East. Sent all hands
(men) on the road - cleaning scaffold yard - and hoeing at G's
since yesterday dinner - I have a first rate crop - from 20 to
150 grown Boles on a stalk - rain on Monday ruined what Cotten
that was open - light rain lower part G's on Monday

23 Clear, pleasant - women and children picking cotton to
day - Com'enced last year on the 22d - cotton more backward
than it was last year, at least one weak - Killed four Pole
cats yesterday under the Gin house

24 Finished working the road yesterday - highest picked
yesterday was 145 - average about 100 - men and women hoeing
at G's - children sucklers & old women picking Cotton

25 Clear, beautiful weather - Finished hoeing G's place
- Last evening, hoeing below - Finished scraping below - one
negro very sick yesterday with cramp jack with his finger
broke getting no better fast - Creasy with swelling on the in-
step improving - Cotton opening well two days past - Finished
hoeing & scraping for this year

26 Clear, pleasant - Counted on one stalk of Cotton 206
Boles on Friday 24.

27 Clear, warmest morning for some days - 4 hands getting
boards in the swamp - 4 house timber, some cleaning out &
making scaffolds - 41 picking cotton

28 Some clouds - Foggy - picked over Cotton above - Several
showers to day

29 Clear morning - hands picking Cotton - 8 Bales behind
last years picking - Heavy rain yesterday at the G's place -
cotton worse blown down and broke since 1831 storm - hands
picked well to day by dinner. Bad picking at G's 4 sick

30 Clear - pleasant - picking cotton below - appearance of
greater rains than we had this evening heavy rains here -
first rain at night this summer Mr. Turnbull & Family came up

31 Clear, very warm - started one Gin yesterday after din-
ner - 5 sick
September 1 Clear wind - picking above best picking this year - 3 sick gave every cotton picker a light whipping for picking trashy cotton

2 Clear wind North - and quit cool - sudden change - hands averaged higher yesterday than they have this year - 163 - upwards of 20 Bales out - Ten Bales behind last year & 30 Bales behind 1836 - difference in the season

3 Clear, quite cold. picking cotton good place - good picking - started all my Gins - don't like the appearance of my crop. most ragged looking crop I ever had. bent & broke down - 2 sick - 3 lame &c.

4 Clear wind East - cool. picking home (above) since dinner

5 Cloudy wind East - best picking today I've had this year - went to Ruffins with Family - and went in the swamp Killing Alligators\(^{44}\) - after dinner went driving started two large Bucks in Wades field - stood on the road between Roberts and Ruffins - one came through - Sidney Flower took first Shot standing - neither of his shots were fatal - ran to me missed first fire - second wounded him verry badly - ran short distance & stopped. nearly falling - Ruffin shot at him behind - ran short distance & fell - Hounds still after the other Deer - our shooting turned it Back - went in pursuit of the 1st one he jumped up some few steps from us - and ran a mile - by this time it was dark 4 dogs came to us and we followed it - jumped it between my field and the lower part Lane place - Came running directly to us - and had Ruffins Horse of stood would have touched him fired as it passed (missed) ran few steps - dogs bayed it - found him standing. erect head & tail up ready for battle - gave him another loade. ran short distance dogs caught him - hour after night - very Large and fat 4 prongs

6 Few clouds. cool mornings Took jos Bell Fanny Bell & Grey Luzbourough colts of Lucillas up to train - allso Pressure & Dick Haile - a strong string - 0. Jacob cut the end of his right Fore finger nearly off - two others slightly cut - with Broad ax - avrage 170 pound Cotten yesterday - appearance of rain to night sprinkle

7 Few clouds - wind East - fine picking. avreaged 183 yesterday - cotton 40 Bales out last night - 30 Bales behind last year at this time. went down to see john Joor his cotton has suffered very much for want of rain

8 Cloudy warm - hand generally did not pick as well yesterday as day before - fine picking highest yesterday & this year 260. Atean small boy Owens the best boy I ever saw.

\(^{44}\) A not unusual sport for Louisiana planters.
9 Clear pleasant hands picked Finely yesterday averaged 209

10 Clear very cool morning - upwards of 50 Bales out 30 odd Gined picking Gns fine picking

11 Clear cool morning. Four first rate cotton pickers sick hands picked well yesterday Atean 300. Dave L. 310. highest this year - sent to Town after my Bagging & rope. waiting for it 3 weeks past - Knocked the blind Teeth out of my Grey Luzbourough Colt. Little Independence.

12 Clear cool mornings - 5 sick picking above - 20 Bales out at Gns pressing Home - the best cotton and best picking in upper new corn land cotton I ever saw

13 Clear cool morning - weighd cotton in the field - 5 sick Augue & Fever

14 Cloudy warm - most of the hands picked well yesterday highest 325 Atean - will have picked off of the new corn land above (50 acres) 25 Bales at least 50 Bales to pick - averaged yesterday 209 - 25 Bales pressed last night

15 Cloudy sprinkling of rain - Hands picked higher yesterday than they have done this year - Avreaged 226 - Owens boy 13 years old picked 200 - best boy I ever saw. verry light sprinkle rain this evening.

16 Stormy looking day. great deal of rain last night and still raining - wind from the East. hands picked well yester day highest average this year 234 1/2

17 dark Cloudy - wind South - pressing Gns & home - women spinning men & trash gang trashing cotton and raising House - Between 90 & 100 Bales out. 49 Pressed 70 Gind in N=

18 Cloudy damp morning - some rain at noon. picking cotton since Breakfast - went driving with James Leak Df Desmont and Sidney Flower. started two Fawns in my field. ran some time. dogs quit them.

19 Clear pleasant morning - 62 Bales pressed last night - Cotton bend down verry much from wind on Sunday - between 90 & 100 Bales out in H© - Went hunting in my field started 3 Deer. Killed a fine young Buck - Several joined me afterwards - went driving on the swamp - started a Deer dogs ran off - in coming out of the drive started a Bear. only one dog - he became too much frightend to do any thing

20 Clear pleasant picking P. Rice bottom - hands pick well considering the storm - several sick
21. Varry Foggy morning - 'om'enced hauling Cotten this morning - 1st shipment - Bales will avreage 470 lbs upwards of 100 out in No 100 & 15 of 400. this time last year had out 125 - 25 behind last year. owing to the season - cotten more backward in opening - at first picking - never had Cotten picked more trasny than yesterday. And to day by dinner - some few picked badly - 5 sick & 2 children

22. Considerable rain before Breakfast, Appearance of a bad day - pressing - 4 sick - Caught Darcas with dirt in cotton bag last night. weighed 15 pounds - Tom Beauf picked badly yesterday morning. Whiped him. few Cuts - left the field some time in the evening without his Cotten and have not seen him since - He is in the habit of doing so yearly. except last year Heavy rains during the day women spinning - trashin Cotten men & children - Tom B. showed himself - "sick" - Cotten picked since the storm looks verry badly - Cotten market opened this year at 13 & 13 3/4 cts - Bagging & cordage 20 & 24 and 8 1/2 & 9 cts - Porke from $16 to $24 a Barrel - Never com'ence hauling Cotten that it did'ent rain - worked the ford at Little Creek in the Gns field - Wind blowing cool from the North since 2 o'clock - Here I am sitting with the Baby in my lap "Bennet 3." Emily criticising the History of Georgia - Caroline and John at all Kinds of mischief

23. Clear verry cool wind from the North - nine degrees colder than yesterday morning - intend most of the hands to dry and trash Cotten to day. Frank Kish Henry & Isreal pressed Bales to day. $1 each - Killed a Wild Cow this morning. as Fat as could well be

24. Clear quit cold - P. Bhoerty's Gin House Burnt down on Friday night Last. light enough at my scaffold yard to read names & figures on the sleight - & at least 5 miles - Mr Tisdale our Trainer came down from K.y yesterday - had my cart Wheels tired yesterday at Ruffins

25. Clear cool - went to Town - hauled 49 Bales to Ratliff's Landing yesterday - 12 to Town to day 61 in all - went driving yesterday Killed two Fawns - and one young Buck in my Gns field with the most singular Horns I ever heard of or Saw - verry fat - several sick. most this year

26. Clear pleasant weather. Shiped to day Eighty Bales Cotten. verry fine - 6 or 7 Lying up - picked badly for two days past - Cotten Selling 14 cts

27. Clear pleasant - went hunting in thw swamp in company

45 The parish was suffering from an epidemic of Gin House burning, fired evidently by slaves.
of D. Desmont, J. Leake, M. Courtney, W. H. Barrow, P. Doherty, R. D. Percey, L. Flower & M. Pain from Isle of Madeira - a large wine importer - very large - killed 3 deer, lost M. Pain. stayed untill after dark firing, Guns &c. the old gentleman found the brier and came up to Ruffins well scratched & bloody - he refused to call Leake by his name - having lost a cargo of wine. Vessel springing a leak.

28 Cloudy cool wind from the North - Jno. Joor sent a hand up to exchange with me yesterday, his hands pick very badly - Dennis and Tom "Beau" ran off on Wednesday - Dennis came in yesterday morning after I went hunting. "Sick" - left the Sick House this morning - if I can see either of them and have a gun at the time will let them have the contents of it - Dennis returned to the Sick House at dinner.

29 Foggy morning - warm day - A. G. Barrow, D. F. Walker & Wm. Munson stayed with me last night, went hunting today. Munson missed. Emily went to Woodville yesterday - Hands picked better yesterday than they have done since the storm - averaged 200. Tom B. went to picking cotton this morning - didn't bring his cotton to be weighed - came to me after I went to bed.

30 Clear pleasant weather - upwards of 130 bales out in No. 150 out of 400 - Frank, Israel, Henry & Wade pressed to day - 12 bales - 110 pressed in No.

October 1 Clear pleasant - great deal of cotton open - Hauled a house down to the race track for our Trainer, Mr. Tisdale - Bet Levi $10 that Betsy & Liza would each beat him 100 lbs of cotton this week.

2 Clear warm - went hunting in the swamp in company with Leake, Courtney, John Joor, A. G. Barrow, Percey, Doherty, W. Pain. Killed 2 deer - quite a frolick.

3 Clear warm - hands picking well this week.

4 Clear very warm - Alli Buxus & Caroline struck a fox trail yesterday evening at a cotton basket among the hands started it some time before dark - ran it 'till 9 O'clock at night - "till I finished weighing cotton", dogs were all fed - not with standing took them out and joined the two & never had a better race - caught it quarter past Ten - dogs had been off all day running - averaged over 220 lbs c. every day this week.

5 Clear cool morning.

6 Clear pleasant mornings - warm after 9 O'clock. Completed hauling cotton to Pat's Landing - sold my 1st shipment of 80 bales at $3 1/4 - badly sold - several sick for some days past - 256250 picked to night, 175 or 180 out in No. between 185
& 200 out of 400 lbs - 160 Gi led

7 raining - as usual Whenever I hault Cotten - Caught one of Mr. Howells negros stealing Chickens last night - some stealing Potatoes. Escaped took him home this evening Howell absent.

8 Clear pleasant. Went Fox hunting this morning missing trail - Hands picked well to day - 223 lbs - each

9 Clear cold morning - picking Cotten upper new ground - the 50 Acres will make 75 Bales - Went to Town - Turnbull & family called here yesterday evening

10 Clear cool morning heavy dews. went Fox hunting started on 1/4 past 6. caught it one hour & Quarter. Beautiful run.

11 Clear cold morning. Frost Gave the negros shoes last night hands picked worse to day by dinner than they have done this year. Owens excepted, 146 Bales shipped - 205 out last night

12 Clear very cold morning - hands picked worse yesterday than they have done this year. lowest average 137 - picked in the morning - in the bottom on L creek - rotten open long time - the same this morning - Whiped near half the hands to day for picking badly & trashy. Tom Beauf came up and put his Basket down at the scales and it is the last I've seen of him - I will whip him more than I ever Whip one, I think he deserves more - the second time he has done so this year - light Frost yesterday and to day

13 Clear. Weather moderated very much - Hands picked badly yesterday no more bottom, never saw more Cotten open at this Season - would make 550 Bales if nicely saved

14 Clear pleasant. Went Driving in the swamp yesterday killed one Deer - threatening rain this evening

15 Cloudy cool wind from the North. light sprinkle of rain last night. hands got Potatoes yesterday - 215 B. 400 lbs 205 in M2 yesterday - 220 to night - Cloudy cool wind from the North. Cleared off at 12 Oclock - fine day for picking Cotten. Caroline Joor has been with us for two weeks past & has read considerable Flattery from the negros. Le miss you so pretty. Fills Jerry ran off this afternoon - weighed Cotten twice to day in the field - avreaged 185 at the second

46 It will be noticed that Barrow did not punish his neighbor's slave, but left that matter to Mr. Howell. This was the common practice.
weighing - 223 at night.

16 Cool East wind very disagreeable - picking Cotton Gns picked Cleaner Cotton than they have done for the last 4 weeks

17 raining this morning - appearance of bad weather - Wind from the East. Two hundred and thirty Bales out last night - of 400 lbs - 215 or 20 in N° Heavy rains during the day

18 raining this morning - very warm no appearance of weather breaking - at least 100 Bales open in the field - Places from 8 to 1200 weight to the Acre - 4 sick yesterday - spinning, pressing, trashng Cotton & shelling corn - Candi's child very ill. week old - rainy day - shelled all old corn to day for Race Horses - 20 Barrels

19 Cloudy cold wind from the North - gathering Pond cut of Corn - 332530 picked - now out 230 of 400 lbs & 200 pressed in N° - Cotton turns out better than last year

20 Cloudy cool - picking Cotton appearance of rain - gathered 12 Loads corn yesterday - turns out poorley - Son James went out Fox hunting with me this morning - bids fair to be a first rate Horseman - beautifull chase of 1/2 hour & caught it - G. Jerry did not weigh Cotton at 12 I think he has run off - whipped about half to day. highest picked 115. wet at that - heavy rain till night.

21 Cloudy cool. great deal of rain Fallen since yester day noon - Mrs Joor & Jno. Mayrant came down yesterday in the rain

22 Clear fine morning - Cleared off in the night

23 Cloudy morning cool - Cleared off at noon - Fresh wind from the North - 245 Bales of 400 lbs out. 235 of 400 lbs pressed or 230 out in N° or more - yesterday & to day the best days for picking we have had for two weeks past. Emily went to see Mrs Joor at the plantation to day - averaged yesterday 211. today 182.

24 Cloudy spring looking day - Jno- Mayrant drawing off my Acc with Mrs Joor. went to Town

25 Clear pleasant. Sold 158 Bales of 400 lbs at 13 1/4 & 137. 265 Bales out to night of 400 lbs

26 Clear pleasant weather - Cotton picks verry trashy - whipped 8 or 10 for weight to day - those that pick least weights generally most trash

27 Clear warm - picking Gns - Dennis ran off yesterday - & after I had whipped him - hands picked verry light weight by
dinner - complaint picking in R. & Rotten Cotton - 4 sick - have out 270 Bales or upward of 400. certain 250 or upwards out in N\(^2\) by 1\(^{st}\) of November. Will at least 30 Bales ahead of last year

26 Cloudy cool wind from the North. Misty - Ruffins overseer was over here this evening and informed me that his Home place hands averaged 383 never heard any thing to Equal it - trashy as could be - my hands picked very trashy yesterday evening. had a settlement with Mrs Joo\(r\) & Estate - 275 B. out of 400 - 232 pressed in N\(^2\) 255 of 400 pressed

27 Clear cold - Mrs Joo\(r\) returned to Woodvill - Mrs Joo\(r\)s owes me $13587.75. her notes payable in 5 years from Oct. 29. 1838

30 Clear. cool - Frost - hands picked badly and Trashy - yesterday

31 Clear pleasant. Mr Warfield my Cotton merchant or "Factor" came home with me last night. looking through the Country for buisiness - Commenced as comm\# merchant this Fall - as Finley & Co. Verry much pleased with him as well as the sales of my cotton shiped 83 Bales this shipment - 229 in all. gain - 19 over. making 248 of 400.

November 1 Clear pleasant - hands are picking badly

2 Cloudy cool - Dennis came in sick on Tuesday - ran off again yesterday - without my ever seeing him - will carry my Gun & small shot for him - I think it will break him of his rascallity - hands picking better to day than they have done for some weeks

3 Cloudy - appearance of bad weather hands all running a race - "picking Cotton" - Hands averaged higher to day than I ever had them to do. 191 1/2 by dinner - damp day

4 Cloudy cool - never had or heard of such picking as my hands picked yesterday Clean Cotton in the morning - usual Cotton in the evening - averaged 364 1/2. highest 622. lowest 225 - 42 pickers. 1531 1/3

5 Clear. pleasant morning - Cloudy since dinner - 300 Bales out to night - 320 out of 400 - Dennis still runaway

6 Cloudy damp - Hands picking well. & in better spirits than they have been this year. average yesterday 227 1/4.

7 Cloudy - raining since yesterday 5 Oclock - in torrents during the night. appearance of breaking away - Cotton selling from 10 to 15? this crop - Dennis came in last night - had him fasted - attempted to Escape. ran as far as the creek but
was caught - the D's rascal on the place - spinning trashing Cotten &c.

8 Cloudy cold & very windy - gathering corn

9 Clear very cold ground Frozen ice &c. drying some Cotten seed - picking Cotten since Breakfast. digging Potatoes since dinner & Cutting Sugar cane - 325 Bales out. certain of 400 - 70 at least open - now. good many boles to open say 50 Bales - Killing Frost this morning

10 Cloudy & wind from the East. cool

11 Clear wind East. Potatoes Large and Fine - turning out tolerable - I think I can have out 400 Bales by 1st of December.

12 Cloudy warm - wind East - picking this side of L creek very white & as trashy as can well be - I have 4 hound pups of Beautys & Buxus - & one Rambler. very fine. feeding them on mush & milk - they do better on it, than any thing I've ever tried - 3 of Ky ... Rambler & Buxus very fine looking

13 Rainy night - still appears lik continuing, very warm - races "Fall" comence to day at B Sara - Mr. Warfield came from N. Orleans last night - Cotten on the decline 1/4 pr &

14 raining rainy - Haralsons won the match to day. Mile Heats 203, 204

15 raining &c. Dr. Ira Smith won his match to day

16 Rainey - Capt Cross of the army won the creole purse to day

17 Cloudy very cold - Iras Smith the meanest man in the State - won the two mile dogs. nothing to comitt - Cloudy very cold - nothing can be done - went back to day to the races - last day. Dick Haile won we Entered. & Cascade of Smiths

18 Some clouds very cold - 300 Bales pressed in N° 350 out of 400 lbs picked only 25 Bales in near 3 weeks - never saw worse weather than we have had for 3 weeks past in Nov° at least 100 open in the field - about the same N° of Bales out that I had last year. owing to uncom'on bad weather - Finished digging Potatoes - great many rotten 30 hills in all

19 Clear very cold Frost like snow. freezing

Barrow's Factor.
20 Clear cold morning - shipped 303 bales in all - went down to see Pressure - Jos. Bell. Little independence (a grey) & Rachel Jackson Filly ran a trial - track very heavy - Pressure ran 2 mile & repeat - 1st mile 204 next 205. 2 miles in 409 - second heat in 4.14 - Joe Bell 2 miles & repeated one - 1st mile in 159. 2d in 219 - 2 miles in 498 - 2d heat - one mile in 204 - both very fat - the two colts & their 1st run - the Grey beat the Filly 20 yds & the worst rode horse I ever saw - time one mile 2.12 - not pushed - 20 lbs over weight 80 lbs instead of 60 - Little independence (Grey) I think will make a game race horse - very much like his dam - Lucilla as game a nag as ever I saw - 4 mile heats or any distance & by imp Luzborough.

21 Clear cold morning - I fear I've lost Vene the prettiest hound in the parish.

22 Clear cold morning - beautifull weather - as the Yankey should say.

23 Clear pleasant.

24 Foggy morning - Went driving - Wy nephew R H Barrow here last night - Ruffin shot a large Buck in No. one drive - shot one eye out. the Deer ran at him blind side & knocked him side of his horns hitting him only. I came up - he shot again as he came at him - missed he ran us both round & round - the 3 hounds & one cur hanging to him - we each gained a large tree - the Deer took off I after him - on horse back dogs stopped him some short distance - went up to shot him - dogs pointed, 'till he came so near me as to compell me to shoot in self defence shot his under jaw off as I jumped behind a tree - after a while I found a chance to shoot him in the head & end his life - after some very narrow escapes - 5 prongs - very fat & large - Wy nephew Root. H. Barrow along - Robt. J. B. sent me two very fine pups - B. Laws.

25 Clear cool wind from the North.

26 Clear pleasant - hands picked finely on Saturday - Average 295 every day cotton.

27 Cloudy, warm - Three hundred and fifty five bales out in No. 380 of 400 100 to pick - sold 248 at 13 1/4 - 13 & 12 5/8.

28 Cloudy cool, went Driving.

29 Clear cold - sudden change last night.

30 Clear Cold - Coming from Hunting this morning Wm. Joor or baby Bill rode on one of my hounds (" Alpha" the best blooded & prettiest hound I ever saw - ) & I fear he has killed her -
shall Leave Home in the morning for New Orleans races &c.

December 20  Returned Home from New Orleans two Weeks races — Pressure was beaten twice — very fat & out of order — Jos Bell won the 2 mile day easy — very fat — poor running generally — very cold & bad weather during my absence — Three hundred & sixty six Bales shipped in N° 25 or 30 to pick

21  Clear very cold

22  Clear  cold

25  Cloudy  cold stormy wind from the North — will make between 450 & 500 Bales of 400 lbs — 328 Bales sold of 400 lbs 369 shipped in N°

24  Clear very cold — hands went to Town payed them last night $500 — Cotton selling from 10 to 17 cts — sold mine from 12 1/2 to 13 1/4 — same Cotton would bring 13 1/2 & 14.

25  Sprinkle of rain at day light — Appearance of Bad Weather

26  Cloudy very cold — John Joor & John Barrow came up

27  Cloudy  cold

28  Very heavy rain this afternoon — A. G. Barrow jno. Barrow jno Joor & S. Flower here since yesterday

29  Cloudy  cold wind from the North the worst Christmast in great many years — weather Bad — times hard

30  Cleared off last night as cold as can be — the negroes behaved badly last night at their supper — Demps gave his wife Hetty a light cut or two & then locked her up to prevent her going to the frolick — I reversed it turning her loose & fastening him.

31  Clear  very cold — negroes putting themselves & houses to rights
January 1 Cloudy wind from the East - went driving a-
against my wish.

2 Rainny morning - wind East. Gathering corn since dinner.

3 Raining - raining - The worst winter & latter part Fall
I have recollection of - 365 Bales shiped & sold from 12 to 13 1/4 - never made as Bad Cotten, 60 more to send - News
came to day of the last weeks racing in N. Orleans - the Brag
race Horse Wagner was Beaten the 4 mile day by Zelina - Be-
long to Taylor. she beat Pressure the last race he ran.

4 Cloudy - cold - Finished gathering corn yesterday - haul-
ing to day - 3 cribs Full - 2 smaller ones & one Large one.
one Large one two 31/2 full - Whiped evry hand in the field this
evening comencing with the driver.

5 Cloudy appearance of rain - went to Town.

6 Clear pleasant. best & most pleasant day in 6 Weeks.

7 Cloudy Warm Wind South - hands picked well to day

235 highest.

8 Cloudy Warm.

9 Cloudy warm picking G&S place. Shipping from B Sara
30 Bales. 400 in N°. left Home for New Orleans.

21 Clear verry cold. returned from N. Orleans - Comenced
ploughing to day with 10 ploughs - there never was such hard
times as their is N Orleans at this time - Money 2 to 4 p. cent
a month. & Scarce at that - Cotten firm from 10 to 17 1/2 cts

22 Clear verry cold - Women spinning Clearing up - Men
getting rails pickets - chopping Logs &c. brought with me
from N Orleans two spotted Hounds - Seaman & Pet from Battim

48 As a rule drivers were punished as infrequently as possible.
or sent by J. S. Skinner - "two died" - Editor of the American Turf Register & Sporting Magazine

23 Cloudy very cold - Finished ploughing for oats - ploughing old corn Land above for Cotton 4 Furrows

24 Cloudy Cool - Went to Town - hawling My last Cotton - 37 Bales, rainy evening

25 rain rain raining

26 Clear cool & pleasant - Women spinning - Men getting House timber rails &c.

27 Clear pleasant

28 Cloudy warm - Went Driving with E. McDermott James Leake & S Flower started two Deer. E McD. not at his Stand. nor I Where I ought to have been &c.

29 Cloudy warm - threatening rain - Comenced ploughing for corn - 16 ploughs running - disappointed in getting My ploughs Made last year in No. 443 Bales - 480 of 400 10 plenty of Corn - 8 Bales to every thing that works in the field - Never was such hard times in this Country as it has been since 1st of December last. the Banks are all reinstated - probably Money will be plenty in a few weeks - Money in N. Orleans as high as 4 p$. cent a month - 18 p$. ct. a year - the Mississippi river lower in Decembr 1838 than the present inhabitants every saw it - the South of Red River 6 inches Deep - the Island below Ratcliff Landing - not more than 3 feet water between it & land this side

30 Rainey day - Cool - Wind from the East

31 raining - no appearance of breaking off - cold

February 1 Cleared off last night - cold - rolling Logs - women & few men

2 Cloudy verry Cold

3 Morning Clear. Cold

4 Cloudy cold - appearance of bad weather - Bought 15 new ploughs - of Laurell Hill make - Rainey day - Mrs. Bridges died yesterday - very old - Lingering for a Long time

49 Skinner founded the American Turf Register and Sporting Magazine in 1829, and in 1839 sold his interests to William T. Porter, of the Spirit of the Times, a weekly sporting journal.
5 rainey day cold

6 Ground covered with snow & still sleeting - verry cold - My crop Amounted to $22705 06 1838 - Avrage Sales 12 1/2 cts

7 Rainey morning - no appearance of Clearing up - Great number of Wild Geese - turned warm - since 2 o'clk raining hard

8 rainey night - wind getting round to the West - Quite sick last night - cold &c.

9 Cloudy - Wind from the North making fences - women spinning trash gang stopping washes - Bought 15 ploughs of Norman - they are verry inferior - will offer him one or two Dollars (each) to take them back - News from New Orleans speake of better times - Verry much pleased with W. H. Barrow Steam mill - Ginning Grinding & sawing by steam - Jones Patent Gins - are Ginning by Steam from 5 to 10 Bales a day, Sixty Saws

10 Cloudy - cold - Wind North - never saw - as many Geese at once as there is in the bottom field today

11 Clear cold morning - day very pleasant - Finished rolling Logs

12 Clear verry pleasant - Went to a party - Given at Capt. Howells last night - Danced 'till day light verry pleasant - Evry one appearing to enjoy themselves - half a days ploughing for corn after to day

13 Clear delightfull weather - sowing oats - Comenced ploughing for Cotton Burning Logs - old Land that was in corn last year the worse ploughing I ever had

14 Clear verry pleasant - Went Fox hunting this morning - Caught two Cats - never got in so many difficulties before - water mud briers & every thing else that the Miss*p*w swamp produces &c. Son John & the Baby quite sick to day - Colds fever &c.

15 Clear pleasant 20 Double ploughs running all this month - Never had my Horses & mules in as fine order to Comence with - Went down to see a trial run with the Horses - Verry much pleased with Tisdale both as a trainer & man - Jos Bell ran in trial with Picquine one mile - Jos Beat her Easy in 159 the Grey Cold (Lucillas) ran with Alexander Campbell - 159 - Grey behind about 20 feet - fine run for a two yd old. and with a cold - track deep - I Believe Jos Bell is the Best Horse in the United States - First rate any distance - 125 Acres of Land ploughed for Cotton - 4 Furrows - the Baby much better - John also - Mrs Joor Left this morning for Woodville - Mr. Groosbeck of Cincinnati married my niece Rosina Benoist. was
to see me yesterday - didn't see him was out hunting

16 Clear, Morning quite Cool - Left Home for New Orleans this morning

March 4 returned from New Orleans this morning, very cold day, But generally fine during my absence - 20 ploughs running times are very hard in N. Orleans, Money loaning at 18 p£ Cotten selling from 12 to 18 cts Meet from 15 to 20 p£ barrel

5 Clear very cold - Finished running four furrows all Home place & half of GMS - carts done nothing during my absence - nor the carpenters

6 Weather moderating very much - send 10 ploughs back to be widened at the heel - I Bought a pair of colts Patent Pistols fire 5 times each barrel - $45

7 Hazy morning - went to Town - Commenced breaking out middles for corn

8 Foggy morning - pleasant - appearance of spring - Commenced planting corn - 10 Ocloc. never saw a more pleasant day

9 Clear pleasant

10 Foggy morning - Covering corn with ploughs in the water Furrow intend running the Harrows over it as soon as it begins to sprout. (or after a rain)

11 Cloudy very warm - Martins appeared to day - Finished running round four furrows & Finished planting Corn - Breaking out Middles this Evening

12 Left Home this morning for New Orleans races - Heavy rain

April 1 Returned Home this Evening weather delightfulfull Commenced planting Cotten Last Tuesday 4 Harrows

2 Clear pleasant - Jos Bell ran 4 mile Heats in N. Orleans against Waggner the best Horse in the South - Jos won the 1st Heat and drew him - walked for 3 mile day $1500. & won the 3 mile on the Metairie Course - purse $1200 - fine sport during the races - found evry thing going on very well at Home - Finished breaking middles at Home place breaking out GMS Commenced hoeing Corn yesterday morning - never saw such a stand of corn - looks well

3 Cloudy pleasant - Finished hoeing new ground corn by Dinner - hoeing old Land - R. Coons very bad
4. Fine spring morning. Finished planting above 120 acres.

5. Cloudy pleasant. Cotten coming up - dropping cotton covering with rakes - "Hand".


7. Cloudy - wind East - Fine rain for cotton - Last night - Heavy wind this evening.


10. Cloudy - Finished planting Cotten this morning. 130 acres up & fine stand. Went to a Ball last night. Given at Douces - dull for the want of good music. Wade was there with his Daughter Francina & his half sister Laura Wade - he was ashamed of her. Francina treated her very meanly - in company with numbers of her relations & never offered to introduce her to one - Mean blood will show itself - "daddy's child". Betsy Ratliff deserves a little. She never introduced her - Miss Wade is much the Handsomest of either. "Jealousy" - Light shower this morning - the Mumps made their appearance on the plantation a month since - still here.


12. Clear pleasant. Went Fishing at Ratliffs Lake - with Mrs A Barrow Mrs Ruffin Barrow & Miss Crab of Tennessee pleasant day.

13. Clear very pleasant. Finished ploughing corn 1st time - Barring off Cotten since Breakfast - Cotton coming up well.

14. Clear delightful weather. George Joor's wife "Laura" died last Sunday at Vixburg & was buried at his mother's, near Woodville on Thursday last - Leaving two Daughters.

15. Clear pleasant. Making fence around Quarter re-planting small piece of cotton - seed spoilt. Scraping corn bottom - Emily returned from Woodville.
16  Clear  Pleasant - went down [to St. Francisville] to see my two colts tried - the Grey colt "Laurent" ran very well

17  Clear  warm - returned from Town to day - Finished hoeing corn 1st time by 3 ock - making Potatoes ridges

18  Foggy morning - warm Times harder than Ever meet from $17 to $22 - Cotten selling from 10 1/2 to 18 1/2

19  Cloudy very warm - Went to Town.

20  Cloudy very warm - Emily taken Sick last night - sent for me in Town - returned Home after 2 O. in the night - brought Dr. McKelney out with me - Com'encd scraping Cotten yesterday - ground very dry - Every thing wants rain

21  Cloudy warm - Emily quit well this morning

22  Clear very warm - ground very dry - bad scraping

23  Cloudy morning - went to Town very dusty - want rain very much

24  Clear cool morning - Races com'ence to day - Laurent 2 yr old ran two mile Heats - against the nag horse Threshley - 1st Heat a dead Heat - Laurent lost the 2nd & we drew him distanced some colt from Tnnes

25  Clear very warm Guy Doe won to day 3 mile Heats beating Dr. Ira Smiths Filly no race

26  Clear Hot - Jos Bell started to day 4 mile Heats against Zavanaugh & won the 1st Heat in a gallop - 2nd Heat broke down in running a mile & in a gallop a head - ruined for Ever

27  Cloudy Hot - Guy Doe walked for the purse to day - best 3 in 5 - my Hands worked very badly - so far general Whipping yesterday - made a race to day mile Heats against Clinton - with my bay Filley by Luzborough won it Easey

28  Clear very warm

29  Cloudy very warm - Finished scraping cotten above - 320 acres - by Dinner - half over - looks well corn very good half leg to knee high

30  Cloudy very warm - sprinkle rain in the night - 13 ploughs running - light shower at Eleven - appearance of rain

May 1  Left Home this morning for New Orleans - appearance of rain

6  Returned from N. Orleans very cool nights - hot sun -
some rain during my absence - most persons suffering very much for rain - great many sick during my absence - Finished scraping Cotten this morning Breakfast

7 Clear morning Cool - never had a better prospect for a large crop both corn & cotten - looks very fine - corn from knee to waist high - Cotten limbing out - There never was such hard times in the money market - Money in N. O. as high (in some instances) at 3 p^c a day - & 24 per cent a year - scarce at that - Pork at $18 & $22 & rising - Cotten from 10 to 18 c^a dull - Moulded cotton with ploughs one furrow old corn land above

8 Clear pleasant - ploughing & hoeing corn 2d time since the 5th planting small piece bottom land, in corn - would like to sell my land very much - and move - God knows Where - for I dont's know - longer scraping Cotten this year than ever I was - 14 days - more in - & old land very hard, mumps &c. I have 12 as fine blood & as fine looking hound pups as ever I saw - Finished ploughing corn this evening 2d time looks fine

9 Clear pleasant - Finished hoeing Corn 2d time by 9 O'clock - several sick - Jos Bell got Home yesterday - Leg very Large - Commenced hilling cotton after Breakfast

10 Cloudy warm - Light rain at noon - Mrs Haile came down to day

11 Heavy rain above last night - appearance of a fine day - pleasant - turned cool - wind East - James sick slight - repairing pasture fence - Never saw better prospect for a crop Cotten from 4 inches to 10 inches high well set made Lot adjoining Jos Bells

12 Clouds very low - & very warm morning - Caroline sick - James well

13 Clear cold morning - windy & from the North - very sudden change - Ten days ahead of last years work - three courses for Dinner to day - over full - and a fit subject for the fever during the next 24 hours

14 Clear, morning cold - Finished moulding G^a with ploughs one furrow - by 3 Oclock

15 Clear - morning cold - Finished moulding Cotten one furrow - by Dinner - Finished hilling above

Barrow's complaints were typical of the South. Many planters wished at various times to change locations, but few were ever able to sell at prices high enough to justify the difficulties of a change in location.
16 Cloudy verry warm - stayed at Williams last night - breaking out Middles since yesterday dinner. light sprinkle this Evening

17 Clear, verry warm morning - Heavy wind from the North at 6 light rain till dark - sprinkle at 12 - appearance of a rainey night

18 Cloudy Damp - Light rain last night - Negros hoseday to day - could have Finished Hilling Cotten by Monday Breakfast - looks fine - and in beautifull Order. light rain this evening heavy rain below

19 Cloudy warm - verry Damp Fine shower at 2 oclock - Went Driving - Falkner killed fat Doe

20 Morning Clear - warm day - Finished hilling Cotten by 1/2 9 oclock worked small piece young corn - verry little rain upper side plan$ and lower part Cotten. cotton 6 inches to 14 inches high. verry fine - corn from hip to 7 feet high. looks fine.

21 Clear verry warm - Finished hilling Cotten - Darcas & Fanny are the greatest shirks of any negros I have - laid up twice a month - Went to Town man tried for Whipping a negro to Death. trial will continue till to morrow - deserves death - Cleared.

22 Foggy morning - verry warm going over Cotten 3d time, Finished breaking out middles above by 10 O-k

23 Foggy morning - started 4 more ploughs - 24 in all - Left Home this morning with family for Woodvill

26 Clear verry Hot - returned from Woodvill this evening by way of Perceys creek. Emily at her mothers - came off without the keys of the Eating appartm'nts - never was in such a hilly country for planting - as near Fort Adams & Peys creek Mrs Hails place & E

27 Clear verry warm - my best pup died during my absence - allways the case - best one never raised - Ploughing corn every other row - looks verry fine thined 50 Acres - Cotten verry fine - from 8 inches to knee high - 7 sick - 5 with Mumps - Old Jacob the meanest negro I own - D-d$ t. rascal - and his sister Lucy. "B."

51 A very significant entry as it indicates the moral fibre of Barrow.
52 Small villages in Southwest Mississippi. Fort Adams was important as a cotton-shipping point.
28 Clear cool morning - very dry  7 sick  mumps

29 Clear cool morning - went to Town last night - Finished ploughing corn every other row - by dinner  hoing corn since yesterday 10 O-k giving Maria Physic for Scroffula - Left Home this evening - ploughing cotton 3d time one furrow - & scrapers

June 2 Clear verry warm returned from Woodville this evening Jno Joor with me James & John - Emily better than she has been for some days - suffering for rain - sevl sick - mumps - cramp - scroffula &c.

3 Fine shower this morning - hilling Potatoes - stoped scrapers planting Peas all hands covering them with ploughs - Cotton verry fine - from 8 inches to knee high - bluming for some days - Corn verry fine - hilling Potatoes running four furrows round Cotton

4 Cloudy - shower last night - great deal of Lightning - Jos Bell's leg is improving verry fast

3 Cloudy verry warm returnd from Woodville - jno Liddell came down with me - verry dry - bugs Eating cotton verry much - bad stand in lower field - fine cotton above Caroline Joor has been Engaged to a D. Yankey but intercourse of her brothers has broken it off - their conduct & mine has provoked her Mother (Mrs Joor) verry much - verry mad at me - suspected my motive - can never forget it - having been a strong friend in every respect &c.

9 Cloudy Hot morning - left Home this evening for Woodvill

15 returned from Woodville last night Son Bat been quit sick during the week Cotton above looks well - finely formd from Knee to hip high hilled all 2d time & nearly over 3d time - never saw a crop in better order - but as dry as can be - corn & cotton both suffering for rain - Gm better than common Excepting lower corner - bad stand - Cotton in full bloom great many boles size of Pigeons Eggs - shower at Eleven O - hard shower on one half the plantation after Dinner - heavy rain over the creek

16 Morning clear - Left Home for Woodvill

29 Returnd from Woodvill - with Family Son Bats been very ill for the last two weeks - recovering but slow bowel complaint inflamation &c. very warm & dry a Duel took place on the 27 - between Fielding Davis & Henry Moore of Wilks County Ma Moore was killed at the word one - 50 yds with Rifles - it was owing to an affray that took place some time since in Woodville - Leigh of Va - challenged Davis for
no cause Whatever - Moore [ook] the challenge - Davis told
him he would answer him in the morning Moore then observd
it was cowardly Evasin - Davis then struck him with his Whip
breaking his nose &c. some What of General fight took place
Davis supposing it was all over retir'd to the Post Office
having found that Leigh intended to kill him armed himself
in a few minuts saw Leigh coming towards him in a great hurry
he told him to stop or he would shoot him - Leigh rushed at him
with a sword cane drawn - Davis snaped both caps of his gun
then with it knocked Leigh down and could have killed him
supposing he had injured him very much threw down the gun and
started off - but had taken but few steps before Leigh was at
him again - he then retreated 'till he got his pistol out which
was Entangled in his breast. whirald & fired & hit Leigh in
the small of the Back - Leigh had fallen in pursuit of Davis
but was getting up When Davis fired - he is Expected to die
evry day. perfectly dead from the wound downwards - Davis is
justified in every act. Moore published him 5 c before Davis
had time to reply he challenged him 5 c got his due°3 - Never
had or saw as fine a crop as I have at this time 8 & 10 grown
bole on a stalk from knee to breast high - limbs lying on
the ground. corn looks well considering the drought - there
has not been a wetting rain since the 6 of April near 3
months. if all the rain were to fall at once - that has fallen
since that time - it would not wet the ground in its present
condition - Light rain at noon barely laid the dust - Pat Do­
herty round my crop this evening - perfectly delighted with my
mode of cultivation & crop - best by far he has seen

30 Cloudy Damp - shower at Dark - Com'enced on new grib
of corn 27. two large ones out one small one full & 2.3ds of
the other - never saw finer Potatoo patch - no one elses that
I've seen are more than began to Even - I've hilled mine over
& now the beds entirely covered again

July 1 Clear pleasant morning - June Peaches just ripe -
Water mellons 17th - but small - making Picket fence - some
getting out boards & Pickets - scrapers & ploughs running -
Getting Basket Timber - Jos Bell looks better than I ever
saw him

2 Clear very warm - Finished ploughing & scraping 4th
4th time running scrapers in P. R. field 10 ploughs in Race

53 The practice of dueling appeared early in the American col-
Oional period, grew slowly during British control, and came of
age during the Revolution. It spread rapidly in the South,
aided especially by the plantation system and a servile black
race. It began to decline in the North early in the Middle
Period, but disappeared from the South only after the War for
Southern Independence.
54 Basket making was an important plantation industry.
field - Mrs Woodard came do n yesterday. Have 12 verry fine young Hound pups - sent Ben Joor 4 Hounds old one - Byron Ring & Beauty - Rock "going on"

3 Clear verry warm - Mrs Woodard returned to Woodville - George & William Joor came down

4 Clear verry warm - Went Driving killed one Deer - shower at one O. Caroline sick - Eating mellons & Fruit - Bat improving slowly - ploughing old land above - Cotten open to day

5 Morning Clear & warm - comenc'd making Baskets - on the 26 "Tuesday" - John sick this morning - shower at noon

6 Clear verry warm morning - stoped ploughs running scrapers Son Bat improving - Caroline sick never saw greater appearance of rain since 5 O" - incessant Lightning North E. & South

7 Cloudy morning - Heavy rains arround me this morning - light sprinkle Here

8 Morning Clear & warm - Working Peas - Cotten open on the 4th 3 Boles found - Getting post for G & E Gin House - shower at 10 O" - scraping Cotten side at a time never saw such limbed & boled Cotten - from 5 to 50 Boles on a stalk - Mrs Woodard came this morning to Breakfast & returned to jno. N. Evans

9 Clear verry warm day - repairing Houses chimneys &c. 3 sick &c. Fine rain to the East.

10 Very warm morning - Went to Town - returned to dinner - several fine rains in Town

11 Clear verry Warm - Hoeing & scraping above - put Randal to Learn Basket making - rain to day in North South East & West but none here - there has been but one rain since the 6 of April that would wet the ground an inch

12 Cloudy appearance of rain - one of jno. Joors boys sick here - 4 of mine sick Heavy rain at 11 O - lasted 15 minutes ground in fine order for work

13 Dark Cloudy Morning - verry warm - shower at noon on part place - the rain yesterday did not Extend over more than half the plantation Cotten has not improved any in two weeks - not as good as it was this time last year - Fine rain at 2 Oc

14 Raining verry hard at day light - appearance of a rainey day - the most rain that has fallen since March - Great deal of
water fallen since yesterday. ground very wet - wind blew quit fresh short time this evening. Cotten in new land bent considerable inspected my Quarter this evening found it generally in good order - Oney Jenny Jerry G. Bartley Sam & Wash - the most careless negroes I have - sun set clear

15 Morning Clear & cool - planting Potatoe slips - putting new posts under G&£ gin house

16 Clear cool morning - hoeing & ploughing G&£ - saving great many ice Rine Water Melon seed for different persons - very superior kind

17 Clear very pleasant - fine grass coming up - & tie Vines - I don't think I ever saw more forms fall off of Cotten than has fallen in the last week - cotten has not grown any in two weeks or more. Race track cotten most of it very inferior small - worked more than any piece on the place - Cotten at G&£ from knee to breast high new land & Temussa cut very fine. Home from knee to breast high - all above very good Except part Race-cut - pond cut & line new ground as good as I ever saw it

18 Cloudy morning wind East - Son Bat improving very fast - Turning quit cool since day light - Appearance of a long & general rain - commenced at 10 0

19 Cloudy Damp morning - great quantity of rain fallen since yesterday morning - women spinning - men repairing chimneys & getting out timber for House shed. 3 sick with mumps gave L. Dave a good Whipping for some of his rascallity intend chaining him & Jack nights & Sunday till I think they are broke in - to behave

20 Cloudy morning - all hands hoeing corn or new ground above - ground very much washed - tie Vines and fine grass pretty thick - Alfred my Driver has had the mumps for two days past - Cotten has from ten to 50 grown Boles on a stalk - When ever there is any soil weather favorable from this will make fine crops. light shower at sun set

21 Few clouds very warm - Gave G. Jerry Sam Wash & Bartley Bagging shirts to wear - instead of shirt & pant

22 Clear morning ploughing Race T cut - stoped ploughs ground very wet - dont like the looks of the Cotten this morning - bluming at the Top small & looks tough - good many boles open - more than I ever saw before the 5 of August.

55 A rather unusual form of punishment evidently used by Barrow with a great deal of effectiveness.
23 Clear  warm  Went to Town - Mr. Warfield came out with me

24 Clear verry warm - Jerard Richardson sent me 5 young hound pups - fearfull they will all die some thing like the Distemper

25 Morning Clear  verry warm  Fine grass & Tie Vines verry thick - Appointed overseer of the road - swamp road - I hope the time will come When every Overseer in the country will be compelled to adopt some other mode of making a living - they are a perfect nuisance cause dissatisfaction among the negros - being more possessed of more brutal feelings - I make better crops than those Who Employ thom

26 Morning Cloudy & warm - Commenced pulling Fodder yesterday morning - Hoeing to day - I am perfectly disgusted with two thirds of my crop - knee high & done growing, some places few forms - all new land at Chas verry fine - the Gin House bent & all below the House miserable stuff - Race T. Gin & Pond cut at Home done - from 5 to 30 Boles on a stalk 5 sick - sprinkle rain this evening

27 Few clouds - pleasant - Finished ploughing above Except 50 Acres new ground - Finished hoeing L Gate cut & P. R new ground, ploughing peas

28 Few clouds. verry hot weather for the last week

29 Clear pleasant breeze from the West - all hands pull­ing Fodder since Breakfast - B. J. B the greatest Libertine I ever knew - prowling the country of nights & Sundays - hard rain for 30 minutes at 2 Oclock - wet great deal of Fodder

30 Morning clear - sun hot - Wind from the North - hoeing R. T. verry grassy & never had as many tie Vines on cotten, owing to carless hoeing during my absence - my Driver sick - effects of the mumps - 4 sick slight - My favorite Hounds with very bad caughf - swallowed something - taking up Fodder this evening

31 Morning clear  verry warm  15 ploughs running this week - stacking and pulling Fodder since Breakfast - have pulled & saved 13 stacks of Fodder to day - cotten this side L creek verry fine  all new land will do well

August 1  Morning clear  warm - Capt. Tigner had picked on the 25 July 130 lbs. of cotten - one hand - I could have had

56 For the duties of road overseer see Code of Police, West Feliciana Parish, 1824.
more than that picked to day - too much grass & Vines - took
some of Peters Pills - much pleased with them - hard rain this
evening - wet all Fodder pulled since yesterday evening - Nev­
er will attempt to save Fodder again if I have other work to
do - more trouble & uneasiness than it is worth

2 Damp Foggy morning - sultry - hoeing above - Finished
ploughing above - ploughing G\H\S. Went over to Ruffins our
colts came from Tennessee from Eight of them, 5 as fine colts as
ever came to this country - the best I ever saw - Luzbourough
Medocs & Luathen & Mermon, and Bertrand out of Lucilla Jenney
Devers Guy Henry Mare and Piano. in coming home hard rain on
me from Ruffins gate - wet every rain - grass & Vines running a
race - pulling up the Vines since dinner too wet to hoe or
plough

3 Cloudy warm & damp - ground very wet. rain at noon -
ever saw hands hoe better than they did yesterday - saw that
I was in earnest &c.

4 Cloudy damp morning - Emily quite sick last night.
turned the two Luzbourough Fillies in the corn field - Emily
confined this morning

5 Morning clear and warm - M\S Woodward went home this
morning - as Good a woman as lives in any country. never had
as mean a crop - old Land at Home and two 3\S of G\S place

6 Clear warm morning - Emily quit sick last night. pains
&c. L. Dave taken very sick last night. violent pains in
left side &c. ought to have been picking cotton a week ago -
compelled to hoe over my crop - or the Vines & grass will
destroy it - Sister Martha came up this morning - Judge Wades
driver was killed by one of his men - in attempting to Whip
him - Which proves What I've often said - that it is wrong to
allow a driver to use any authority - but to report injustice
to him the negroes in general - & yourself - negroes are not Cap­
able of self-government - want of discretion - judgment &c.

7 Morning clear & very warm - light rain last Evening -
heavy rain below - sent for D\F Percey yesterday evening - Emily
much better this morning - M\F Turnbull came up this morning -
6 negroes sick

8 Clear very warm morning - Finished ploughing by 9 o-
clock - commenced picking cotton with trash gang - grass pre­
vents my putting all hands at it - do not recollect of ever
seeing better picking in August than at this time - trash gang
avreaged 80 at dinner - 170 the highest at night

9 Few clouds. never knew or felt warmer weather than has
been for two weeks past - hoeing G\S since 10 oclock - new land
cotton very fine - opening - good picking
10 Cloudy morning

11 Clear cool morning - Appearance of Fall - Gave Dave Bartley & Atean a suit. I bought them in N. O. for their fine conduct picking cotton &c.

12 Morning Clear & cool - last night quit Cool - fine Picking. Making a push to get to Picking on Wednesday - never saw as many mawking Birds together as I saw this morning in coming from the GHS place.

13 Morning cloudy - Bartley was not to be found last night 'till late, was not seen after 12. taken sick at GHS found in the night - & never saw hands in better spirits. worked finely - Ginny Jerry has not been seen since Friday morning last - has been shirkin for some time came to me Friday morning sick - suspecting him Examined him found nothing the matter complaining of pains &c. told him to go & work it off - he has concluded to woods it off - cotton in Lower part GHS place improved very much new land still doing well old Land past recovery - owing I am certain to its having been broke up wet - both an injury to the land Horses & negros to work in the mud & wet.

14 Cloudy - Com'enced working the road this morning from Wades to the river - very bad - women & children picking cotton.

15 Morning cloudy sprinkle of rain this evening, started 5 scrapers old Land above.

16 Cloudy morning - Finished the roade last night - well done - never finished as soon part or most of it worse than usual - negros . . . at the rascal in giving them Whiskey &c. 5 scrapers running - 2 putting up scaffolds - all others picking cotton - was taken yesterday with violent pain in my right side in going to swamp - had to stop & get a blister at Ruffins &c. I Bennet H. Barrow do certify that I the said Bennet have got the meanest crop in this neighborhood & the meanest by far I ever had - been absent too often - would not care how mean it was if I was not in Debt - & last accounts from England very unfavorable - two thirds of the people must be ruined - should the times continue beyond this season.

17 Morning Clear pleasant - wind from the East for some days past - cause some sickness - sprinkle of rain at 2. appearance of heavy rain this evening - Hands do not appear as lively picking as I expected to see them.

18 Cloudy warm morning - I have 20 Bales cut. "last night"

19 Cloudy warm morning hard shower at 2 o
20 Damp cloudy morning started Gins at Home yesterday picking to day at Gns avrg ed yesterday 176 - picking as clean cotton as I ever saw. D' Desmont an Englishman has left here. verry strangely a villian no doubt - & left me to pay between 10.000 & 16.000 for him - his uncommonly gentlemanly manners - modesty & chastity caused me to be discerned by him - I've allways been opposed to Yankey speculators coming out here to seek their fortunes. by marrying or any thing else thats suits their purpose - particular the D--- professional Preachers - stragling foreigners, are no better - sister Eliza here to day

21 Foggy morning - Hands picked well yesterday highest 265 clean cotton

22 Clear verry warm - B S Joor came down yesterday. Went out last night to have a Fox hunt. could'ent start - Son Bat threatened to be sick again - well digger repairing my well - more water &c.

23 Clear verry warm - hands picking well - Avrg ed 201 day before yesterday - picked 3 days at Gns 15 Bales - most ever picked there in Aug. Want rain verry much - ground as dry as can be - cotton commenced forming in the last 8 days verry fast. rain now & a late fall would make a verry fair crop - attempting to Learn James & John their book - had rather drive a Team of Mules - James 8 years old John 6 - Johns looks one way & thinks another - more sickness for week past than I've had this season. bowel complaints &c.

24 Some clouds - Morning cool Fine picking to day - avrg ed yesterday 187 - the avrage every day this week will be 190

25 Clear warm morning - wind from the East - Fifty Bales out last night - between 60 & 100 Bales open at this time Hands look to day as if they were determined to try themselves lively & happy

26 Clear pleasant morning two children quit sick Cealys & Leahas Adilene - worms - hands picked the worst cotton picked this year

27 Clear verry warm day went to Town - better news from cotton market

28 Clear cool morning - more sickness yesterday & to day than I've had this season - avrg ed two day 203 - never saw a better crop than Turnbulls Home crop - my crop injured as much "I think" from being too thick as the drought

29 Cool wind from the North two negros verry sick (child & boy) suffering for rain verry much. Com'enced pressing 1st time
30 Clear morning very cool. caught Ben with stolen
cotton in his Basket last night - My Lauderdale has the scratch
ers very bad. running in corn field

31 Nights & mornings very cool - never saw as much cotton
open in August by 3 fourths - White every Where - dry as can
be - picks very trashy

September 1 Clear very warm day Ninety Bales out last
night

2 Cloudy warm threatening rain sold all my Blood stock
to Ruffin "Reserving Jos Bell" for $5500 - hands picked well to
day avreaged 203 1/2 - never saw cotton turning out better
for the 1st picking - 100 Bales out to night

3 Morning clear and very cold. fire comfortable - this
morning several little negros sick

4 Clear cool morning - Avreaged yesterday clean cotton 201
1/2 - Dennis & Ben showing symptoms of shirking

5 Clear cool morning - woman Patience will try the Patience
of the D---- Capt Howels Gin House burnt down yesterday morn­
ing - "steam" - Avreaged yesterday 211

6 Few clouds - warm - from appearance of the smoke I think
there was another Gin House burning yesterday afternoon & the
light last night over in the direction of Courtneys B Bayou
Sara place - hands picked finely yesterday - Avd 211 - same as
day before - highest picking to day by dinner I've had this
year - 220 highest - but 3 under 100. Av. 139.

7 Cloudy very warm - rain light yesterday after dinner -
hands avreaged yesterday at dinner 139 - very warm & winday
day - sprinkle rain at 12 - 4 sick - one child

8 Cloudy very warm Morning B. J. B.------ is the most
or greatest Libertine in the state - set for him last night.
Hands picked well yesterday - with the Exception of Frank Tom
B. & Wade - Av. 244. over one hundred and twenty five Bales
out

9 Foggy morning very warm - com'enced hawling cotton
this morning - cotton still on the decline - from 8 to 12 1/2
cts Meat down to $11.50 to $18 - rainey day - women spinning
stoped Hauling cotton - came back with three Loads - Whiped G.
Jerry & Dennis for their shirking

10 Morning Clear & cool - sent 20 Bales cotton to Town -
intend trying my merchants with 40 Bales &c. Turned cool -
wind North - Hauling cotton to Town - Have out one hundred &
twenty five Bales - 70 Gined - trying to make fine cotton as I
shall not make more than 35 Bales - 6 sick to day - Pains Ague & Fev.

11 Clear morning very cool - Whiped 3 last night for not coming up to weigh cotton till all were done - M Courtney was shot a few nights since in returning from his Gin House two Buck shot hit him in his left Breast - flesh wound - scary at any time doubt if he walks or rides at night soon - shipped 40 B. today by Levant57 - I. Fill one of the most rascally Boys I own - bids fair to head any thing I ever owned - in rascality

12 Few clouds - cool - Picked over 1st time by dinner to day - 145 or 50 1st picking - hands in bad cotton this evening

13 Clear - cool nights - picking at GNS to day - never heard of as many runaways as at that this time - Capt. Howells killed one of his cows in my field a few days since. the worst master in this neighbourhood - Wade & him the only ones in ten miles of this - my hands have not averaged under 200 for two weeks - the average ever since I began would be 200 - one Hundred Bales out more at this time, than at this time last year, 3 children sick - several hands, some pretending. Randal for one

14 Clear very cool morning - The new ground cotton at the GNS place is as fine as can be - planted by stick - my Home place would make upwards of 100 Bales more if it had been thinned to 4 feet in the drill - as it is not more than 2. My being absent - the Driver "Alfred" was afraid of doing wrong - fine Picking every Where - never had more negroes to lay up for such trifling causes - will endeavor to put a stop to it - Went with Family see A. Barrow & Miss Swifts yesterday - Cotten still on the decline in N. O. owing to the bad state of the money market both here and in Europe - selling from 9 to 13 cts - Pork has fallen to a reasonable price Prim $11 1/2 & 12. Mess $18 downward tendency. negroes Picked verry badly at dinner to day - Ar* yesterday 216 3/4 - 210820 out Last year same time 100295

15 Clear - cold morning - Hands picked yesterday than they have this year. in better cotton till 4 Oclock - evening Cotton verry trashy - one hundred and sixty five Bales out last night - 70 out over last year at this time - made all hands trash cotton to day at GNS for picking yesterdays cotton so trashy - the worst I ever had picked - & they picked less than

57 The "Levant", (Capt. Lawrant), carried passengers or freight between Bayou Sara and New Orleans. In 1838 the "Levant" was advertised to leave New Orleans each Sunday at 10 A. M. and Bayou Sara each Wednesday at 10 A. M. See Louisiana Chronicle, Feb. 10, 1838.
day before by 22 lbs each

16 Clear pleasant morning - never knew such a year - but two good rains since 6 of April. Weather as fine as can be so far for Picking cotton - & turning out much better than I expected at the Gns. place

17 Some few clouds - pleasant morning - Whiped several yesterday for Picking trash & no weight - worse days work this year. Cotton not quit so good. Mrs. WM Haile came down yesterday - upper new (corn) Land cotton high as my waist on Horse back - & nothing on it over knee high. All off of it first picking owing to nothing but being too thick. 2 feet & 18 inches instead of 4 feet in the drill, my negros are so well convinced of it that they never will want telling of it again. the difference so striking between it & the Gns new Land - that being dropped 3 & 4 feet - &c.

18 Cloudy warm morning - old Land cotton picks verry badly - & trashy - sold the 40 Bales sent down Last week at 12 1/4 $50 highest price Excepting some verry joice & crack Brands - so Writs my Merchants. Badly sold not withstanding - James & John & John Haile gone down to see their uncle Jno. Joor. several colts with scratches - running in corn field, Jos Bell the finest Looking stallion I ever saw.

19 Clear pleasant. A. G. Carter & David Fluker from adjoining Parish staid with me last night - & spent the day at Ruffins stables &c. 58

20 Clear pleasant - verry bad Cotton to Pick in since Monday

21 Clear very pleasant - Picked less yesterday by two thirds than have picked this year. old Land verry bad to pick - upwards of Eighty Bales out at this time - More than ever I had at the same time of year.

22 Clear pleasant - Hands done bad weeks work - neither weights nor clean cotton - wasted &c. made them all go & pick up the cotton wasted on 40 Acres old Land - as Punishment - Between 190 & 200 Bales out - one small crib of old corn - 18 & 19 feet

23 Cloudy pleasant - Gave A. G. Carter two Hounds. Fluker gave me fine pup - Best cotton picked to day by dinner that I've had this season - new corn Land "cotton" improved verry much - good many Boles to open

24 Cloudy warm - never saw a more smokey day than yester-

58 Planters from East Feliciana parish.
day - Fine Picking to day - 115 or 20,000 more picked now than this time last year. about 80 Bales more out &c. A. G. Cart­
er sent me to day a fine looking B. tan puppy

25 Foggy morning - warm Hands picked well yesterday

Av 219. G. Jerry ran off yesterday afternoon - told him at dinner I wanted to weigh his Basket. went off. Whipped him for it - Which offended his Lordship & he put out. sprinkle rain at noon - Hands picked finely Owens 160 by 12 OclocK. G. Jerry picking cotton

26 Cloudy Damp & cool wind from the North - Averaged yesterday 245 - picked upwards of 8 Bales 51 pickers - Avd.
to day at one Oclock 142 1/2 - Hard shower 1/2 past 3 Ock -
would have aaveraged to day if it had not of rained 260 lbs.
too wet to pick cotton pressing trashing cotton &c. 6 sick or pretending

27 Cloudy very warm - picking cotton Gas. (several sick) - since Breakfast time

28 Cloudy cool wind from the North since day light - Fine
day for picking - Number of Deaths at Bayou Sara of Yellow Fev­
er - More sickness there than has been any year since "27 -
Yellow Fever very bad in New Orleans - & all the Southern Cit­
ys - very Healthy through the country. Capt. W N. Banell
died at Woodville of Yellow Fever. 36 Hours after he was Taken -
40 cases at the Bayou

29 Cloudy cool - Lewis stole cotton Last night or rather weighed cotton that had been wet & was very much stained &c.
doged off from the scaffolds not seen him since - full match for Dennis - their mother B. Lucy is the greatest rascal &
smartest negro of her age I ever saw. Alfred & Atean both bro­thers to Dennis & Lewis & two better negro don't Live - Two
hundred and twenty five Bales out Last night - cotton has im­
proved very much in the Last three weeks - should the Top
Boles mature will make very fair crop. 321450. Will make at
least 210 Bales - 15 picked besides - cotton has been as dry as
could be from the commencement of picking - seed perfectly dry
- never have sune any to save - upwards of Eighty Bales ahead
of Last year - not more than half the cotton open as there was
this time last year - will be able to make better cotton by it

30 Cloudy quite cool - sudden change in the night - up­
wards of 220 Bales out to night - Had G. Jerry T Fill & BuS
Nat up here, washing all yesterday as punishment - generally
dirty & ragged - commenced on last crib of corn - moving my
Gins - purring both on the same shaft - wideing the Band Wheel -
ever had as much cotton on hand by two thirds. Hands picked
badly to day at noon - some very trashy weather turning ver­
ry cool
October 1  Clear mornirg; quit cold. Hands picked worse yesterday evening than they have done this year. Some as low as 50 lbs tolerable picking - Good picking to day - from 11 0 between 230 & 40 Bales out last night - sent to Woodvile yesterday after two sides of Gin Band Leather

2  Cloudy morning - Hands picked badly yesterday, out of good cotten part of the day. Lewis still out. no doubt but he is down at Uncle Bats Where his Father lives - Which proves the impropiety of having husbands off of the plantation - he would not have staide out more than one night - &c.

3 Clear cool morning - Hands picked well yesterday - cotten verry fine at GNS. more cotten open to the Acre than I've seen this year - Kiah & Sam been out of the crop all the Fall - some disease or other - Dr Walker commenced on Sam yesterday - told Dennis I intended to Whip him. went up in the Gin house to Empty his cotten. Went out through the receiving room & put out - started Jack after him - to give him $50 if he catches him - I had rather a negro would do any thing Else than runaway Dennis & his Brother Lewis & G. Jerry the only ones that gives me any trouble to make do their part. Dennis nor either of them have done their part this year - Avd 226 yesterday - rise of 7 Bales 49 pickers

4 Clear, cold morning - Boy Lewis came in last night - gave him the worst Whipping I ever gave any young negro. I predict he will not runaway soon. Building a Jail for him Dennis & Ginny Jerry - intend Jailing them from Saturday nights 'till Monday mornings - Never saw it as dry in my Life. the creek in my Field stoped running - never knew it to stop be- fore - small Fish Trout & perch bite finely no appearance of rain - Want rain to make the top Boles grow, will make 7 Bales to the hand "I think". Fair crop - verry few ever make it - & plenty of corn, peas & Pumpkins

5 Clear cool morning - went to Town - verry warm day Yel- low Fever very Bad in Town - chargd Merchants in N. O. from Finley & Co. to A. Ledoux & Co.59 obtain money from them at 10 pr & they are considered the best salesman in the city.

6 Cloudy morning, verry warm - Warmest night & morning in some weeks - Appearance of rain, rain allways When I haul cot- ten - intend hauling Tuesday next. Between 260 & 65 Bales out last night

7 Few Clouds - verry warm Wind from the East - Black smith tiring my cart Wheels - verry windy & from the East.

59 Barrow apparently was well satisfied with Ledoux & Co. for they were still his factors in 1849 when he borrowed $25,000 from the firm. See Mortgage Record, pp. 506-510.
8 Cloudy & verry warm - windy & from the East. A. Har- 
ranson died yesterday I shall loose by him $1300. his fam-
ily will be dependent on a negro woman I have a mortgage on 
as a matter of course - cannot take her - &c. Com'enod hawling 
Cotten this morning. rainy evening

9 Some rain verry cloudy morning - considerable wind from 
the East. raining during the night - Robt. R. & Ben' J. Barrow 
here since yesterday - never passed a more agreeable day - Ben-
net insist on my child being named Clifford - women spinning 
&c.

10 rainy morning - warm - A Mr Vadal staid all night with 
me last night a perfect Jack ass Fop & gawk - has a claim or 
track of Land near Miss Swifts - 600 Acres - from near Natchez. 
the Native American cause appears to be on the increase - evry 
Native A. best be in Favor of it. view it coolly & lay aside 
party feeling - it is to abolish the Naturalization Laws from 
this time

11 Clear pleasant - went driving no luck

12 Clear warm - S Flower & Wm Flower with me last night.

13 Clear - morning cool - sun warm - more sickness two days 
past than Ive had this season - several pretending Put Darcas 
in Jail last night for pretending to be sick, repeatedly - the 
first one ever put in the Jail - & G Jerry

14 Clear beautifull day - gathering Peas all hands - shiped 
Saturday 80 Bales 120 in all 185 Gined in N2 about 275 
out

15 Clear morning cool - Picking G:ng fine Picking went 
driving yesterday two verry fine Deer came up the roade to 
jno. Joor & myself. I gave the word fire - Breast to me - 
missed jno J. fired as they Whirled off - my other barrel did 
not fire cap out - never saw shot range prettier - ran to Wm - 
missed Broad side

16 Verry cold nights & mornings - hand did not pick so well 
yesterday - verry clean - Shiped in all 160 Bales. Went to A. 
G. Barrows found jno Barrow quit sick - dogs ran off after a 
cat left them &c. 2 old dogs came to me & 4 pups - started a 
cat coming home just at dark ran short time treed I think

17 Foggy morning cool. Went driving to day killed fine 
young Buck one Fawn & dogs caught one - most pleasant Deer 
hunt I've had in several years

18 Clear morning verry cold. B. Cato went to work for R. 
H. B. on Gin &c. hands avreaged over 200 two days past
19 Clear morning cool - hands did not pick well yesterday - having to pick over cotton torn to pieces by them the night before - Ruffins trainer Mr. Tisdale returned from Kentucky - bringing with him 19 beautifull dogs 5 intended for me lost or died - strange that only mine should have died - one of the most beautifull sluts I ever saw - Wagner won the Great Match at Louisvill 4 mile heats in 7.48. 7.44 - beating Grey Eagle - half week Each heat - distanceing two others & beat Grey Eagle 4 days after for the Jockey club purse 4 mile heats - by 10 inches only - in 7.42 Grey Eagle broke down in 2d Heat - they ran locked the Entire distance - no doubt the most interesting race ever witnessed - Wagner stands at the head of the Turf - at the South & West. Boston in Va. & North. Wagner has Bant­ered the World from $10 to 50,000 4 mile Heats - Jos Bell won the 1st Heat from him last spring in N. O. Easy & out of condition & beat him 3 miles in the 2d under a very hard pull - bad riding & want of condition lost him the race - though Wagner is much the best 4 mile Horse, any other distance Jos could beat him quit handily - from the appearance of Pressures leg I think he will let down if run this Fall - Ruffins colts all look well - both in training & out &c. Caught a Fox this morning brought him home alive &c.

20 Cool wind from the North quit strong during the night - Terry smokey for some days past - most wintry looking day this fall - Yellow Fever still in Town - Gave my negros about my lot the worst Whipping they ever had. Big Lucy the D----t villian ever lived

21 Went catting started two treed one in the swamp - having no Gun along left it - treed or lost the other in the hills

22 My Birthday left Home yesterday eveng for William, with Family stoped to see Robt. J B just returned from Ten­nessee with his wife - Married two months since - appears settled & happy.

23 Clear pleasant - returned home last night - Gave every cotton picker a Whipping last night for trash & of late my driver has lost considerable authority with them - very heavy rains for some time past

24 cloudy warm went Deer hunting yesterday - 10 pers­son. Dr Lyle of Va. & killed fine young Buck - very pleasant day - more in the sick house than have had any time this year.

25 Hunting for wildcats.
Clear very warm: or the season - "like June" - 320 Bales out last night by cotton weighed in - picked 58 days to day.

Cloudy - very warm - hands picked very well 2 days past - nearly up with my cotton. Received Account of Sales of my first cotton shipped to A. Ledoux & Co. same cotton as Finley & Co. sold part of it was under the Gin house at the time I shipped 40 Bales to Finley, Ledoux sold it 3 1/4 more than Finley & writing me to have my name on it in full - instead of B. H. B. thinks it fine cotton - the Brand would be looked after one a French house, Finley & Co. Yankees & Louisians. Read a Letter from D. Faucett of New Orleans on the spinal Disease Bladder urethra &c. several negroes affected - can hear nothing of my runaway Dennis

Damp morning - warm Miss Margaret Swift & jno. Barrow staid here last night - Mr. Joos came down last night - sprinkle rain last night - Between 330 & 345 Bales out last - 330 weights set down 15 picked before I commenced weighing - Great many negroes to be sold at Woodvill - Sheriff's sale - Judge Prosser died near Woodvill a few days since - I was married by him - an honest man left nothing for his wife - F. Doherty spent the day with me - William Joos informs me that they read letters from Florida respectings

November 4 Damp Foggy morning. Picking cotton at Guns - sent O Fill down to David Barrow last night to look for Dennis - and to offer $20 for him - I think of sending him to the Ball & chain in N. O. 'till spring - Yellow Fever still at Bayou Sarah - Summer still here - hawling cotton to day, to Rat Landing. not more than 50 or 50 Bales ahead of last year. 350 Bales out on the 2d

Wind fresh from the North this morning - my crop begins to look as though it will be short.

Cold morning. & strong wind from the N. West - never felt a more pleasant day than yesterday - pure bracing wind from the North - went driving yesterday - & never was so put to a stump in my life - Mr. Joos E. Barrow (a young Tennessee scamp) invites the two Mr. Howells over to join us men possessed of no feeling of the gentleman - I thought this bad enough but if Riddel must invite T. Purnell's Molatto boy with him & when at dinner handed him some thing to eat which was sufficient invitation for him to join us - respect for Riddell kept me from giving him E--- Respect for no one shall prevent my doing my duty in such a case again - so goes this world - made the hunt as little uninteresting as I could. Mrs. Joos owes me from the 1st of this month $1477.23 not paying me the interest yearly - & nothing 'till the End of 5 years - I will loose $1500 this - interest - Each year added to the principle for 5 yrs will make $1559.30 - upon the amount she owes
me dated 29 Oct. 1838 $133873. I wish all young persons knew what I've learnt of this world in the last 3 years - one thing marry a Daughter against the mothers will - hatred or dislike remains with her forever, & 99 out of a 100 think of nothing but self - corruption appears the order of the day - a corrupt government makes corrupt people - Genl Jackson 1st destroying the United S. Bank & then distributing the revenue among the State Bank inducing them to over issue - & this creating a spirit of speculation - not with the people but by the Banks themselves - through their agents buying up large bodies of Land & he then issued his Specie circular - that nothing but Gold & Silver would be taken for dues to the Government, caused a rush for Metals - Banks having over issued people borrowed largely - everything rose to an enormous price - & altogether fictitious - the consequence was the Banks were forced to stop specie paying - curtail money greatly depreciating - has caused the Whole country to be Bankrupt. We are forced in buying any thing not to give What it is worth in Gold & Silver - or What our money is worth here - but What it is worth to the trader in his country - an Excuse for them to add from 25 to 100 pr. ct. above the usual rates you cannot buy a decent horse for less $200. 5 yrs ago $200 bought the finest saddle horse &c. turning very cold.

7 Clear beautiful morning Frost this morning - 1st time this Fall

8 Clear cold - Family went to Uncle Bats', ice this morning.

9 Clear very cold - too cold to pick cotton till 8 o'clock or after. The scoundrel J Desmont, forged my name as acceptor on a note for $200. Protested few days since - I fell satisfied he intended to act the rascal from the Beginning - Cotton opened very much in the two days past. Between 385-395 Bales out to night. 252 shipped Will ship in all on Monday next 11th 272 Bales in No

10 Clear - wind from S. East - Smokey. Very dry.

11 Very hard rain this morning most that has fallen since 13th july - 2nd one since 6th April - Women spinning - &c. intended to dig Potatoes to day. turned quite Warm - Wind from the West. Getting out timber for cart Wheels, taking more pains with Cotton "this year" than I ever took - Dennis still runaway & striped one of Mt. Flowers little negro boys a day or two since &c.

12 Clear Beautiful day - pleasant. digging Potatoes since yesterday afternoon

13 Cloudy warm - Jno. Mayrant came down from Black Riv-
er. 61 they are making - in that section of the Country 15 Bales to the hand. & most of the river Lands

14 Cloudy very windy & warm raining during the night. Taken night before last with violent vomiting & Purging. yesterday morning Dr. Walker was here & advised me to take 40 Drops of Laudanum in direct opposition to Nature & my own judgement - it had the effect to keep me sick till now - with violent Head-ach - & some fun &c. D--- the Doctors - Potatoes turned out very well - considering the dry year - men Trashing cotton to day - women spinning Picking cotton from 10 'till 4 Oclock - rainy very hard till Bed time & great deal of Lightning.

15 Cloudy cool wind from the North. very dark clouds. no appearance of Braking up. Pulled some corn & Pulled Pumpkins &c.

16 Cleared off yesterday evening. Pulling corn - &c. Picking cotton since dinner Went over to Ruffins, in company with Dr. Walker. &c.

17 Clear pleasant day - Mr. Jno. Canow here Last night - my Hounds got after a Bear yesterday - cotton fields Begin to Look quit Black

18 Clear warm

19 Clear Pleasant - hands Picked very well yesterday over 400 Bales out

20 Cloudy very cold - Went Driving. Who should make their appearance but Mr. E Howell & E. Barrow - two D--- scamps - Put them at a stand & came off and left them - if they don't take that hint nothing but a kick will answer.

21 Cloudy cold - Dr. Walker S Flower & Mr. Falkner with me since yesterday morning - started my trasher - sprinkling rain from 3 O'clock till dark - cold several sick risings - &c.

22 Some rain during the night Appearance of bad day. cold, East Wind - spinning & Trashing cotton - rainy day

23 Cloudy Bad looking morning great quantity of rain fallen since yesterday

24 Cloudy cold Wind from the North. Appearance of clearing off this evening

25 Cloudy very cold. & strong wind from the North much the coldest day this season - Pulling corn - cotton

61 In East Louisiana, just across from Natchez, Mississippi.
Falling very fast. 8 to 13°F.

26  Freezing - Cloudy - corn Turning out well so far. commence sleeting this evening very cold

27  Raining - Raining through out the night - will be 'till Christmass getting out corn & cotton

28  Cloudy Pleasant - Pulling corn - &c.

29  Cloudy, wind cool, misty. Went to Town to day. Purchased a saddle horse to day very fine one - for $230. very fast & active

30  Cloudy cool - Finished Pulling corn to day - & Hawling it in.

December 1  Cool very Foggy morning Cleared off yesterday evening Cloudy again to day

2  Clear cool - Went Driving in the swamp - ran number of Deer - &c.

3  Clear cold morning - went to see all Ruffins colts run very much pleased at their performance

4  Clear pleasant - morning cold

5  Cloudy pleasant - Finished Picking Cotton by Dinner - I never have been so provoked as I have been for the Last month by my House servants - my cook Hetty has not been seen since morning no one has said a word to her. nothing but pure impudence I thought her the best negro I owned - 'till she took Big Lucys son Lewis for a husband - &c.

6  Raining since yesterday 4 0°. very warm - caught Capt. Howells runaway yesterday - him & my boy Dennis have been together started to their camp at Dark - through briers cane &c. rainy constant dark as could be - arrived at the camp at 8 O. staid 'till one - found every thing very comfortable. cooking utensials in abundance meat &c. near A. Howell they Live in Capt. Howells Quarter - Harboured &c. Com'enced Hawling Cotton to the river yesterday, rain as usual - trashing cotton & spinning - About 30 Bales to pick 420 Bales out certain 335 pressed to day. Appears like Clearing off. Wind North & cold

7  Clear very pleasant - in Taking Capt. Howells runaway Home - Went by the camp to get his things & see if Dennis had returned sent Jack & him to the camp the scoundrel told me the camp was in a small bunch of cane - I went round & found just the reverse large cane & Deep ridges just as Jack got within 50 yds of the camp Dennis saw him - & off he went -
t'was impossible for me to have got near the camp the way How­
ell boy directed me - Jack took after Dennis forgetting Howells boy & away he goes - thus lost both

8 Clear verry cold

9 Clear verry cold - coldest morning this Winter

10 Clear pleasant - Picking verry trashy Cotten - made 3 cribs full of corn Large & fine years - well filled. old corn to last till some time in January 1840. Between 430 & 445 Bales out - 339 shiped in N° will mak by our weight - 350 shiped of 400.

11 rain at 8 Oclock - warm Cleared off at 10 O. verry pleasant - Capt. Howells Gin House burnt down this morning before day. his negros says it was my boy Dennis - trying to clear themselves of it - Dennis was shot at there on Sunday night last. Will see him in the morning if he says it was Den­nis I will curse him and if I ever catch one of his negros on this side the creek will make them see sights, - he has the name of being the most cruel Master - I ever knew of - 'tis said he has castrated 3 men of his - has no justice about him62

12 Clear cold - Mrs Joor came up from Plantation this evening

13 Cloudy cold - Went driving shot of off my Horse at two fine Bucks - killed one I'm certain - crippled the other dogs ran off. &c.

14 Cleared off since 10 O. rain last night - and at day light - trashing cotten &c. Cotten selling from 6 l/2 to 11 cts

15 Clear cold - Gave negros Whiskey last night for a Dance.

16 Clear verry cold - Freezing weather - between 20 & 30 Bales to pick

17 Cloudy verry cold - wind from East. ice & Freezing - Went to Town yesterday - never saw or heard of such times - distressing to hear from N. Orleans. large sales of cotten made 7 & 8 3/4 cts I've sold none as yet lower than 10 cts

18 Cloudy cold. 355 B Pressd

19 Cloudy - cold East wind Turnbull & Ruffin perswuaded

62 About this time an epidemic of gin burning broke out in West Feliciana.
me to pay a Forged note on $200 - drawn by J. Desmont very much against my will - I could give the amount if I had not of done it - their idea was it was best to pay it & get rid of the D--- scoundrel - & he never will return to this country & no chance to find him. Comed hawling cotton yesterday - will have Gined by day after to morrow 380. & Pressed

20 Cloudy warm - Heavy wind from the East - bruised my finger few nights since - paining me verry much - Paid the ne­gros last night.

21 Cleard off after day light verry pleasant - L. Dave saw Dennis yesterday went after him all the men. Randal L Dave & Sam saw him I am certain they acted the rascal - saying they ran him 100 yds & I was not 50 yds from them When they gave the alarm no doubt but Dennis went one way & they another - raining all the time as hard as it could pore

22 Cloudy verry cold - Freezing & killed the Fattest Deer yesterday evening I ever saw - & the Largest but one Weighed 170 lbs net - verry large Horns. Finished giving the negros money &c.

23 Cloudy morning - cold - A. G. Barrow & jno. Joor here since yesterday - Came raining to day at 12 O'. steady rain - negros went to Town to day. Turnbulls Overseer Bailey caught Dennis yesterday & brought him to me to day - he is as fat as he can be

24 Cloudy cool - appearance of a Dull Christmas!! intend Exhibiting Dennis during Christmas on a scaffold in the middle of the Quarter & with a red Flannel Cap on.

25 Clear very White Frost & cold - negros appeared in fine spirits yesterday. Let Darcas out of Jail - Dennis confined in Jail - tells me he saw & talked with several of my negros while out. Candis Jenney Israel & Ginney Jerry. Paid $ to one of Miss Swifts negros for jerry - he had passed counterfeit money on him

26 Raining - had quit a Dance yesterday - some of the old negros &c. turned very cold since noon

27 Cleared off - cold

28 Clear cold - Negros preparing for a dinner - Robt. Semple jno. Liddell & Dr. Walker & B. J. B dined with me yes­terday

29 Clear very cold - negros had quit a fine supper last night - &c.

30 Cloudy warm morning - comenced raining at dinner.
Verry hard rain this evening.

31 Sun rose clear - Cloudying up, cool - last day of Holiday
January 1 Clear very cold - commenced work to day - gave Eleven days Holliday the year past has been one of the most remarkable years known to the present Generation. Greatest Political changes, every thing lost sight of but money money - the Largest cotton crop ever made more made to the hand than was ever known - some instances as high as 20 Bales to the hand - the driest year up to November ever known here - and greater loss of property by incendiarism through out the United States - I com'ence this year with full determination to attend strictly to my business and to use every economy till I get out of Debt. My course will be a Lesson to my children that is never to loan What is not your own - if you owe any thing pay it first - I borrowed money for other persons "friend" & now have to pay it over. Mind Who professes to be your friend - you see a man working hard & saving help him, but see a fellow dressing fine, using fine language & they are What is called clever fellows - let them pass - such a one was Des-mont. for Whom I have to pay over $15000 for. Foreigner at that - went driving in the Hills with all Ruffins dogs - no luck

2 Clear very cold. every thing Frozen - trees White with Frost

3 Clear very cold night - hands picked Well, for the cold & cotten

4 Clear pleasant. went to Town - Ruffin started for the Legislator in N. Orleans - cotton looking up 4 1/2 p c.

5 Clear warm - great many Persons gone to the City - Genl Andrew Jackson is expected there on the 8th &c.

6 Few clouds very warm returned from Turnbulls this evening - staid there last night Mrs A. King came down from Cincinnati week since - in Bad Health

7 Cloudy very warm - Finished Picking cotton comm'enced cleaning up - cutting logs - getting pickets - trashing cotton &c.
Foggy morning, Damp & warm - Sister Ann came by yesterday evening, going to Ruffins - cotton down again 1/2 pt. spent the day at Ruffins - owing to D. Kings management Sister Ann has lost every dollar she had - Would now be worth between $300 & 400.000

Cloudy warm & very heavy Fogg - Darcas began to sherk again - let her out of Jail Christmas she promised to do well &c.

Cloudy very warm - Family went down to Col A. G. Barrows this morning - appearance of bad weather "since noon" rain &c. Cotton I am Ginning at this time very inferior quality - Miss Louisa Sterling was married last night to Pierce Butler son of judge Butler. Miss Sterling very pretty young Lady, Butler the last in the Parish vain as a Peacock & as ugly as an owl.

Clear pleasant day - Cleared off in the night - cutting coal wood - And putting pickets in the Wash in front of the House

Clear spring day, Raked several negros heads to day

Some clouds cool & windy Mrs A. Barrow here last night

Cloudy morning - President V. Burens message received very much pleased with it - Genl. Harrison nominated by the Whigs "of this day" for President Family went to Town - was Protested as endorser on Mrs Joors note "few days since" - in N. 0. for $7900.

Cloudy cool wind, from the North - heavy rain last night - raising shed back part of the House - Cleared off - & cold - Went driving Killed small Deer.

Clear very cold - Old Mr. McCombs came to see me - overseerd for my Father - 20 odd years ago. When I was but a child - he tells me that the Land in front of the House was in a manner worn out When he came here - it is now better than it was When he lived here.

Clear very cold - Planting Cherokee rose

Turning very cold since day light. cold as can well be. Clear very cold. Went to Town - there was considerable party feeling in N. Orleans on the 8th Genl. Jackson appeared

63 Ann Barrow was married first to Robert Benolst and after his death to Dr. John King.

64 A noted Louisiana family. They are descendants of three brothers who came from Pennsylvania during the last years of the eighteenth century.
in fine spirits some one went so far as to take his wife up for old Jackson to Kiss got it Democracy of the present day, men worship in all its glory - one old French man that was in the Battle of N. Orleans under Jackson became so Elated as to through his arms 'round the G. neck and gave him a kiss

19 Clear cold, ice - never saw the moon more bright. To day has been a day of Bad luck. Killed a hound to day While out hunting - came home and found my favorite slut dead never was as mad as I've been to day owing to my bad feeling, cold &c. sent Ruffins dogs home - 422 Bales Pressed in N.

20 Cloudy verry cold - Hawling Cotten to the river. Went driving no luck.

21 Cloudy pleasant, Went to Town - This crop would have paid evry Dollar I owed - but owing to my Endorsing - Will take two more crops to clear me of Debt - never Endorse at any rate for a man Extravagant & careless in buisness - nor would be gentleman.

22 Cloudy, heavy rain last night - shiped to day 32 Bales cotten in all 410. 437 Pressed, Engrafting Pears Peaches & Apple

23 Clear verry pleasant, Mrs King came by this evening

24 Clear verry pleasant day. heavy dew. hawling cotten to Town

25 Clear verry pleasant - in going Fox hunting this morning - saw a negro running across Robt. H. B. field "before day light" put the hounds after him ran him some time took the Creek out of that into a Large brier patch. seeing he was disposed to get towards my House - quit him & ran my Horse to my Quarter - found Jack out - &c. returning to my Fox hunt - found his Hat Blanket & shoes - had been off visiting

26 Clear verry pleasant day. Shiped 442 Bales cotten - two weeks Ginning "yet"

27 Verry Foggy morning - Started 15 Ploughs this morning "Double ones" - one of W. H. Bs young hounds followed me Home on Saturday last. it is decidedly the most beautifull pup I ever saw - Hetty quit sick to day. Verry much pleased with my ploughs. No. 3 red Yankey ploughs.

23 Cloudy warm - composite raining at 2.0. never saw more Water on the ground - Cotten selling as low as 6 1/4 I will make 150 or 170 Bales cotten more than I thought in Sept- ember. Will make over 500 Bales - Mrs Joor is shipping cotten in my name. Having changed merchants
29  Very warm - Fogg equal to a rain this morning

30  Some clouds very windy and turning very cold - went Driving yesterday, S Flower turned the Deer from me 120 yd missed - ran up to him in the open field two fair shots & missed - go it Sid.

31  Cloudy cool - cold rain last night - hauled cotton from G's place - stoped the Gin - at G's went Deer hunting started several killed one - very cold

February 1  Cloudy & very cold - heavy rain last night

2  Cleared off in the night very cold - freasing &c. 437 Bales Pressed in N will make between 525 & 540 B of 400 168 - I am going to work and get out of Debt - and in 10 years from this will make 800 B cotten - Health permitting

3  Clear very cold - Robt. J. Barrow & Lady here since yesterday

4  Clear cold - Went to Town - Dr. Desmont has returned contrary to all expectations. Letters written to him from here kept him off so long "his Excuse"

5  Cloudy warm B. S Joor came down yesterday

6  Cloudy very warm - some rain last night - Went yesterday to see Ruffins colts in training some very promising & handsome

7  Cloudy warm & very damp went driving yesterday raining from 12 O. till night &c.

8  Cloudy appearance of continued bad weather - very warm rainy day.

9  Cloudy pleasant. Appearance of Clearing up

10 Clear cool 18 double Ploughs running - four furrows for cotten since the 6th one days ploughing for corn - Ginning Cotten for T. Purnell at the G's place - Sister Ann left this Evening for Mt. Turnbulls. here for 4 or 5 days

11 Clear very pleasant - Went to Town - Times dull. cotten down to 5 1/2.

12 Clear, spring day. family spent the day at Mrs Wades.

13 Cloudy Finished Ginning all my Good cotten - 15 or 20 Bales to Gin of stained & trash cotten - 466 Bales pressed in N between 30 & 40 more. spent the day at Jno. Towles never was more pleased - his wife from Va. & her sister, never saw
more pleasant Ladies

14 Clear strong & cool wind from the North. Quit a storm last night wind & rain turning verry cold - never saw worse Cotten than I'm Ginning at this time, deep yellow colour. jno. Joor here this evening. Leaves for New Orleans in the morning & is to transact my business there for me - 200 Acres Land ploughed for cotten, "4 Furrows." Eleven women spinning, others Cleaning up - 75 Acres ahead of last year in ploughing, sawing Timber for Drum Wheel carrts - intend altering my running Gear, motion one half of What it aught to be

15 Clear cold morning - Finished Ploughing upper side plant­ation 4 Furrows, 18 double ploughs running.

16 Cloudy cool. Wind East - verry difficult to get six cuts of cotton spun - intend making each one real thier cotten

17 Cloudy morning. Hard rain last night - Wind from the N. West. Appearance of clearing up - Cleard off at 10 O. like spring - 476 Bales Pressed in NO two Large cribs full of corn & one third of the small one, ploughing piece of Land for sweet Potatoes ridging it up now to make it more mellow When ready to plant & thrown back to the middles

18 Clear verry pleasant morning - spring day. Whiped half the Quarter last night for being up after 10 O. Com'encing with the Driver. Never saw a more singular day Clear beauti­full morning 'till 9 O. cloudy & cool of a sudden then misty - threatening rain - this afternoon Clear and pleasant - some What in unison with my feelings - for D: Desmont came to see me to day & sattisfied me in a great measure, his staying away as long as he did &c. still I think him a rascal

19 Cloudy Verry Warm. Wind South - subscribed to Lives & Writings of Genl Washington & Franklin. & Bottas History Of the War

20 Cloudy - bad looking day. heavy rain & wind last night Wm. Joor came down from Woodville yesterday. Ploughing at G's since day before yesterday - Working My road with the women &c. Finished Ginning this evening. one negro quit sick with Pleurisy "Jane."

21 Cloudy verry warm - I've been joking Wm Joor about Miss Hester. he looks as mad as a wounded Buck. Lips quiver­ing like the Aspian Leaf. thinks this his last visit for a Long time - Hawling Cotten to Town

22 Cloudy verry warm - several showers yesterday after­noon. pressing my last cotten - rolling logs round the field with Plough hands - too wet to plough, rolled logs off of a place for Water mellons - on L creek rich & sandy - 350 Acres
ploughed for cotton, 4 furrows - one weeks ploughing for cotton, "first 4 furrows," changed fence near Quarter this evening - shower to day at Eleven O' - Saw Ruffin yesterday - bad news from N. Orleans, impression their, that there is enough Cotton made this year to answer for the next two - now selling from 4 to 11c - Money market very tight every Where - negroes have fallen from $1200 to 8 & 900 "men" - Pork Prime $11. Mess $12.50 & 13 pt barrel. Molasses lower than usual 17c on Plantation I had some delivered here for 21c pr. Gallon

23 Cloudy verry warm - Made last year. Pressed 493 Bales cotton in N 500 avrageing 400 lbs. Peach and Plum trees in full blume for some days past - A. G. Howell has nominated himself Candidate for the Legistor - neither sense nor honesty Cloudy & verry warm - Wind Blew from the North at 9 O, and hard rain with it turning cold - two sick with Pleurisy two risings - Planted two rows of Live Oake trees in front of the House. from the yard to the Lane - Finished Pressing my last years crop, 14 Bales the worst cotton I ever saw.

24 Cloudy, some appearance of clearing up - never had a worse time than last night. O. Anica verry ill had to go through mud water & rain &c. rainy night - too wet to plough this morning - repairing fences

25 Cloudy, threatening rain - digging my well Deeper. dry for 6 months

26 Cloudy morning - summer day

27 Cloudy Warm - Appearance of rain - Family went to Town. the Miss Swifts came here &c. went driving

28 Cloudy. heavy Fogg - & warm more like May than Feb

29 Verry Foggy morning - went to Town

March 1 Cloudy damp morning persons in the neighbourhood planting corn - had a fine chase this evening after a cur dog - Heavy rain at 5 O: - two Large cribs full of corn. small one one fourth - one Martin made its appearance

2 Some few clouds - appearance of clearing up. pleasant. Mr. Pennington came to repair my running Gear mill &c. could have finished running round four furrows for cotton by to morrow dinner - breaking out middles for corn & Planting since dinner. Turned quit cool since 12 O. Planting corn covering it with Ploughs

3 Cloudy, fresh wind from the North - never saw the ground in better order for planting corn - I see cotton up & looks fine, round the seed piles & roade - small peaches, trees in the woods putting out Leaves - Hawling my last cotton to Town.
Four hundred and ninety five Bales in No. Pressed, gained 36 Bales, making 531 Bales of 400 lb.

4 Clear "Beautiful" & pleasant spring day - more like planting cotton weather than corn. Finished planting 150 Acres corn - 30 to plant bottoms - too wet at this time - Planted few rows of corn as an experiment - years saved from stalks I found when gathering fodder, two large years on a stalk and fodder dried up - have seen them frequently in riding through the field - 3 weeks earlier.

5 Clear very pleasant - quit unwell last night. Went to Town.

6 Foggy morning - spring &c. Finished ploughing 4 furrows for cotton by . . . o'clock, breaking out middles "since" - My driver sent for me this morning Lize & Fanny had a fight last night - gave them three oak switches each - & made them fight it out - they seemed quit sick of it - after one switch was gone - &c.

7 Cloudy very warm - Mr. Burlridge came to see me this morning - overseed for my Father 1820-25 - &c.

8 Cloudy morning damp - Went driving yesterday no start. several hunters came by this morning, Driving went very much against my will - Finished running round four furrows for cotton yesterday Saturday Breakfast, breaking out middles.

9 Cloudy very warm - moving gearing beams to enlarge my Band Wheel for Gin &c. Finished making fences by dinner - Grinding over at Robt. H. Barrows to day.

10 Cloudy, cool & strong wind from the North, considerable rain yesterday evening & last night, saw a trial run of Ruffin's two colts & Capt. Laurent - yesterday - Capt. L. performed very well - women spinning, cleared off beautiful - never was as forward a spring, that I ever heard of, cotton that came up in field & roads about looks as well as I ever saw it - great many planting & some finished - I would plant if ready.

11 Few clouds, cool morning - Danl. Turnbull loaned me $7000 3 years ago - offered it to me insisted on my taking it. Mrs. Joor wanting funds I took it - he has now over $50,000 doing nothing - and to my surprise sent me a Dun yesterday and knowing that I had been very unfortunate this year, and was at this time pressed for money, I cannot account for it - I have always considered him suspicious & very economical, but his conduct to me at this time is most illiberal make the least of it - I have offered him a family of negroes - there is not three of his own family that are friendly with him - He will have to make great advances before I visit him. Mrs King staid here a few days back - and makes Turnbells her home While in
La. I mentioned to her I thought Turnbull close and acted very foolish in relation to religion among his negroes, and rigidity with his children and have no doubt but she has hinted something of the kind to Martha - the mere fact of my having endorsed and lost considerable by so doing has set me down in the eyes of a few skin flints as Extravagant ruined, thank God I have one brother in law with a big sole, that is W. H. Barrow, Excepting Mrs King & Martha Turnbull I know of none of the Barrows of my own relation, that are not liberal & honest, and are like families ought to be. united - All the circumstances or accident that ever happened to me none ever come so out of place as this act of Turnbulls, Mrs King & Martha T. both used to say "When I was about 14 yrs old" that no good would ever come of me - be hung go to jail Quit Encouraging for an Orphan - and merely because a boy of my age 14 yrs old could not appreciate their miserly views, and like great many boys disposed to have fun, without any thing vicious in its nature, I want my children to recollect this, never accept any thing from a penurious or miserly man in his liberal moments, just so with me - Turnbull offered me $12000. Wanted to buy a negro for me, without my ever speaking to him on the subject. "a Blacksmith" I wanted one he knew &c. Mrs King married King as the solomon of the age, had at the time, between $100 & 200,000. now worth nothing, his solomonisms consisted in making use of big words to express the most simple thing, pompous and as ill natured as a Bear with a sore head in Fly time - had no friends in this country persuaded Mrs King to move to Ky, opposite Cincinnatti. &c.

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Bennet H. Barrow

Commenced running Harrows over corn, sprouting very well. D? Desmont called here this evening on business, undetermined Where he will settle, he thinks in the upper part of this state - &c.

12 Clear cool morning. Cleaning up the Bayou for corn & ditching them

13 Clear cold night - Frost this morning will make some of the early planters look scarry Went to Wm H. B yesterday Luces child foot very badly burnt - never said a word about it for 8 days - nearly mortified &c.

14 Cloudy warm - Went to Ruffins to Breakfast. Mr Groosbeck & Lady came down from Ky few days since - Went to Town with Ruffin - Ruffin left for N. Orleans - found a draft on N. D. excepted by Finley drawn by D? Desmont & my name on it - written by the scoundrel desmont told him to leave the country I lost nothing by the last fogery - he is a designing scoundrel - he told me to day he would leave the country immediately - rainey afternoon
Considerable fallen since yesterday evening - Cloudy very warm - feels and every thing looks like summer.

Cloudy very warm - appearance of rain - planted Water mellons - Would plant cotten to day but threatening rain - Went to A. G. Barrows

Cloudy Foggy & very warm Commenced planting cotten this morning 4 Ploughs &c. ground in fine order. Grind ing over at Robt. H. Barrows. Finished cleaning up & making fences Saturday 14th done more work & more spinning than ever, "before" in the spring & less trouble, corn come up finely - A. G. Barrow went to Town this morning - heard that Desmont had denial the Forgery & that he had acknowledged it to me on Sunday last. & said he would not Leave the country - and if I did not prosecute him he would me for slander, I went to Town immediately and made him acknowledge that he wrote both - and deny that he had said he would not leave or that he would prosecute me - I would have killed him had he not of done as I bid him - he had hired a horse When I met him, he knew I would see Leake in a few minutes. to Whom he had said the above remarks to - after I left him he took the back roade to Tunica - & passed my boy under full speed - had I off seen Leake before I met him, I would have carried him back to the Bayou - and given him the Whip - a more determined villian does not live, Mr. Parkison the sheriff I met, having heard he doubted What I said - he denied it - I intend telling him just what he really is - a two faced pup...

raining - appearance of a bad day some rain yesterday evening - very warm - Cleared off like summer since 10 O k, never saw a better stand of corn regret not planting cotten 10 days ago. never saw vegetation more forward in April all trees out & China & other trees bluming

Cloudy morning sprinkle of rain - Cleared off very warm - went driving with J. Leake Dr. Walker W Joor &c. Miss Swifts here to day. planting cotten 7 Harrows found great many of my cotten seed rotten. from rain &c.

Cloudy morning - never saw more singular Weather - Appearance of rain every morning - & Clears off beauti ful summer days - Wash. Pennington repairing my Gin - the most perfect fool I know - stands & talks to the negros &c. negros no more respect him than a negro - Employed him because Ruffin has charge of his two sisters - raised in the neighbourhood. dropping cotten seed 3 feet distance - rainey Evening. "cool" - 200 Acres cotten planted

raining, cool winter rain - very cold and disagreeable

Cloudy cool. Fearfull of my cotten thats planted - and Water mellons - fine sport this evening Killing Rabits
23 Some clouds Pleasant - & appearance of spring again, ground quit wet - The times continue to get worse - the credit of Mississippi ruined for the present - their money from 50 to 90 cts below par. Except one Bank. Went in the swamp driving to day. Working new ground corn - never knew better stands of corn.

24 Few clouds, warm - com'enced planting cotten "again" 5 ploughs, Breakfast time - Emily left Home for Woodville this morning - Verry hard rain at 2 O. from the N. West, never felt larger drops and harder - I Expect it caught Emily before she reached her Mothers, Cleared off, cold Wind from the North.

25 Cold morning - wind from the North - blowing hard during the night - 21 degrees difference between this & yesterday morning, Women spinning. Pennington Finished my Mill, altering Band Wheel. Much the coldest day since 15 of February, if the wind ceases, will be White Frost in the morning, Capt. Sims called by this morning, upwards of seventy years old, and never knew times any thing near as hard as the present - nothing will save Mississippi but a direct tax - all brought about by the Banking system - Thrashing out Peas.

26 Clear cool morning - Light frost last night quit cold, Finished breaking out middles by 10 O. K. could have finished last Monday 23d - Planting cotten this morning with 10 ploughs & Harrows - First planting up some days - I hear of several scraping, some Early planting. this is the coldest morning since 15 of February - cotten would have done better planted 1st of March, "than since" - Com'enced ploughing corn since dinner. "11 ploughs" - very pleasant day.

27 Cloudy turning warm - ground verry close and damp. Frost touched the Water mellons yesterday.

28 Few clouds - warm - Family returned yesterday evening - ploughing bottoms for corn since yesterday 10 O. appearance of rain since 10 O.

29 Cloudy verry warm - some rain last night, fine for cotten - Finished planting yesterday "to 25 Acres." My Mill since changed runs & Grinds much better - Caught a small Bird in the field yesterday - different from any I ever saw - verry delicate head & red circle in the Eyes - the colour of a mole - more like furr than feathers - with small Grey spots over it - feet like the snipe - bushy & 'round tail - verry pretty - saw another, got off in the briers &c.

30 Cleared off verry cold - Heavy rains yesterday - to day appears more like December than March - summer from 15 Feb to the 28 of this month - cotten thats up must be injured - most all has swelled & ready to come up - it will be injured &c. women spinning - men doing little or nothing - several
Sunday Gentleman here yesterda to go a Hunting - nothing pro-
vokes me more - Sunday being a day of rest to the negros. I
like to be about - allowance day - & they frequently want things
not convenient to get any other day - & My orders for every ne-
gro to come up every Sunday morning cleaned & head combed - &c.

31 Clear beautifull day - White Frost this morning - watched
last night for some Killed a hog - Putting cotton seed 'round
corn since yesterday evening - nearly all the cotton Killed
this morning - looks as though it had the yellow Fever.

April 1 Appearance of rain. Ploughing corn since yesterday
dinner. Sent my driver to Town to select 30 Hoes - Cold East
wind - never had as bad a prospect for a stand of cotten - ver-
ry cold rain since 4 O. Wind from East - Finished seeding corn
- Hoing corn since dinner

2 Verry Damp Foggy & cool morning - Went down to Col A.
G. Barrows this morning. Mrs Joor came down this evening.

3 Appearance of a bad day - several sick - Finished plough-
ing corn 1st time - Hoes get along very slowley - Ruffin here
to day, his horse Capt. Laurent made a fine run in N. C. 2d
in uncommon time best 3 in 5. 5 Heats 149 one Heat & 150
every Heat - some rain

4 Cloudy Warm. appearance of rainy day - rain at dinner
time - all Hands Hoing corn - rainy evening

5 Cloudy very warm - Caught two of Capt. Howells negros
yesterday evening - they were finely fixed - clothing &c. along
Mc Burlige Furnell & Briant - in the Hills back of the GHS
place

6 Cloudy very warm - Finished planting remainder of cot-
ten 25 Acres - & ploughing up 150 Acres killed by Frost - Re-
planting some cotton - never have seen as mean a spring - last
3 weeks summer winter & spring - to day is the first day the
sun has shown in 6 days - bared off some cotton

7 Raining verry hard - ground too wet yesterday, cotton
rotting in the ground - verry fear full of a stand any Where -
ever saw any thing like it - quit a summer day since 10 0k
women spinning, great deal of cotton came up last night - Re-
planting cotton this evening with Hoes, never saw or felt a
more pleasant evening - or since 10 O. ground verry wet

8 Clear verry pleasant - Never saw as great a change in
3 negros as has taken place here - from being careless & rascal-

65 See Appendix, "Rules of Highland Plantation."
66 A rather unusual responsibility.
ly, now the most anxious to please me, work well & brisk - & keep themselves very clean - they are Kiah & his wife "Luce." and Little Hannah, Mrs King & M' Groosbeck & Lady were here to day. My Family were absent - Finished replanting cotton by 4 0. Hoeing & ploughing corn since - Looks well, from 8 to 12 inches high - replanting Water Melons

9. Clear cool morning - very cool night - very sick negro last night - Pleurisy - worked new ground second time. Scraping cotton since dinner - the tap root appears dead of great deal of cotton. Cloudy since 9 o. & cool East wind

10. Cloudy "damp wind" - Yesterday after 10 o. was a most lovely day, caused cotton to swell & sprout. & to day will check it - cotton I am scraping barely out of the ground.

11. Cloudy very warm, Went to Town, gave the Hands this evening to scour up their Houses. clean up the Quarter &c. Old Jenney has had a very severe attack of Pleurisy - violent pain in the arm & shoulder joint - Mrs King and M' Groosbeck called by this morning - Mississippi river very high - every one is dreading an over flow - with in 3 feet of its Banks.

12. Damp Cloudy morning, warm crop amounted to $19722.42 - cotton selling from 4 1/2 to 13o. Meat from $11 to $16 a barrel - several showers during the morning hard rain at 12 o'clock - Cleared off delightful.

13. Clear, last night quit cool, Making Potato ridges & planting Potatoes - replanted cotton coming up well - bought Pork "mess" $15 - Potato plants kept very finely - as well as Eating ones. put up in Hills & Cypress pickets over each hill - "Top"

14. Cloudy warm morning, Finished planting Potatoes, went driving - bad luck. more Deer in the Hills than has been in 8 years.

15. Threatening rain, very warm - several sick, or pretending, shower 1/2 past 7 o. Heavy rain at 11 o. wind from the North - Cleared off since. very warm - Hawling corn for the Miss Swifts, with two carts, Flover lower than it has been for seven years $350 pr barrel in N. Orleans - $450 & $4 at the Bayou

16. Damp Foggy morning The ground works very heavy, ploughing very heavy during the winter & at this time, Cotton improving very much & corn looks well half leg high in new ground 10 inches in old Land, My Hands appear determined to make a crop, if work can do it. never saw hands Work as Well, have never said a word to them - feeling an interest, they look a head & see 'What is to be done - I dowlb if Jacks equal can be found to work, at any work you put him at, "rascally" &c. I am well paid for my trouble in teaching my small gang to Hoe, nev-
er saw such hoe hands as they are, two year ago took two on a
row - now Eaquel to a woman, in directing them to make a slow &
sure lick in one place & to cut the full width of the hoe every
time - unless reminded of it they would stand & make 4 or 5
licks in one place, tire themselves & do no work, have several
grown ones that work harder & do less work than any in the
field, had the best colt Foaled this morning I ever had - Nancy
Miller & Jos Bell - stoped 5 ploughs to scrape cotton - 15 run-
nings.

17 Cloudy appearance of rain Went driving Killed a
Doe with 3 Fawns - sprinkle of rain

18 Cloudy verry warm - never had as fine a pack of Hounds
as at this time - out running all day, running treed verry
Large Fox yesterday evening - Finished baring off Cotton "ex-
cepting that had to be ploughed up" by 9 0. running one furrow
around piece of new ground cotton - Bad stand on part of the
Gns place, same every year - there never was a more rascally
set of old negroes about any lot than this. Big Lucy Anica
Center & cock Jane the better you treat them the worse they
are, Big Lucy the Leader, corrupts every young negro in her
power, this set & old Jacob Oney and Darcas were off, would
rarely ever have any trouble or to strike a lick - gave my driv-
er a few licks this evening, not knowing Who had done bad work
ploughed piece of corn Gns bottom

19 Cloudy pleasant - Heavy rain above yesterday evening
great deal of Lightning last night in the North - turned quit
cool since Breakfast - verry cold rain "light" had a gener-
al 'Snipping among the House ones & two Carters, 57 for stealing
&c.

20 Few dark clouds cold morning and night - planting corn
in new ground Where the cotton is missing - "with sucklers"
Bad appearance for a crop, went to Town James along.

21 Clear verry warm, Went Driving Dr. Percey Jno
Towles & Who should join us but the Dct set I know have tried
every way to insult them - &c. A Howell E Howell R Howell &
Jno Waderstrand - started great many Deer killed two Ruffin
Dawson & Leak Jno. Joor were with us took another Drive -
put 4 standers in sight of Each other Rufus Howell standing
within 20 yds. of Dawson "open" up and fired at him for a Deer -
he was sitting down reading Rufus took the paper back book
for Deers years - put 3 buck shot in him one in his thigh
one in the leg & one in the arm below the elbow, but for his
arm would have been Killed - had considerable trouble in getting
him home &c. I obsevd this morning to Percey & Towles that no-
ting good could grow out of such a crowd &c. planted corn in
Gns bottom this side little creek. Finished scraping Gns by 8
00.

67 Cart drivers.
22 Cloudy morning, warm - planting corn in the Bayou, "with sucklers" several sick ploughing old land corn since yesterday morning, 15 ploughs running, old Center very sick

23 Cloudy Damp morning, pleasant wind during the day, done bad ploughing yesterday, excuse dull ploughs, corn from knee & over knee high - Pennington Finished my work to day greatly relieved

24 Cloudy warm, Finished scraping all 1st planting by 2 O'clock 150 Acres to scrape. Finished ploughing old Laund corn second time ground very dry and hard

25 Cloud warm - son Clifford quit sick during the night - Went Driving - Leake shot twice & missed

26 Clear pleasant morning - Want rain - went Fishing in G's creek with Emily & children.

27 Turned quit cool since yesterday evening - Few clouds, Went to Town

28 Clouds appearance of rain considerable Lightning last night. Family went to Town, jno. Dawson Jr. here Last night.

29 Cloudy very warm - Went Fishing & sick as good well be when I started, no luck, rain &c. sprinkle here - G. Joer came down yesterday taken sick chill & Fever - Finished baring cotton by 4 O'clock.

30 Cloudy warm Finished scraping Cotton by 11 O'clock. Working corn since - Moulding Cotton since yesterday evening "one furrow" have had less number hoeing than I've had in 3 years 14 1/2 days scraping cotton longer than I ever was & have never seen negroes work better, bad scraping at the start. ground wet & heavy - cotton 4 to 6 leaves - corn from over knee & waist high looks well generally - Except in poor Land, very dry

May 1 Cloudy very warm

2 Cloudy very warm, Went over to Ruffins to Breakfast & went in the swamp driving Mr. Porter of N. York along. Brother to the Editor of the Spirit of the times - & B. J. B - killed fine Doe, very pleasant day

3 Cloudy very warm - strong wind from the South - much the warmest morning this year, found two negroes missing out of the Quarter last night, Finished hoeing corn second time by dinner yesterday. Holliday afterwards - Finished breaking out some middles in corn & baring off corn in bottom "yesterday"

4 Foggy warm morning, seeded piece corn this morning
hilling cotten 6 0. A. M. Went to Town - very warm

5 Cool wind this morning, considerable Excitement throughout the United States during every Election - Have 125 Acres the Worse Hilling I ever had at this season & ground very hard - cotten & corn both look fine - cotten beginning to Limb - Scraped piece of new ground cotten second time from 6 to 10 inches high

6 Cloudy appearance of rain

7 Cloudy very warm - Went hunting in the swamp yesterday quit a party &c. Killed one Deer. Started great many, went Driving again to day - Killed 5 Deer got 3 only - thick as Rabits

8 Cloudy - never saw more Lightning from sun down and after Dark yesterday - heavy rain & wind during Last night - run round cotten at G's one furrow & P. R. bottom, transplanting some corn - & chopping trees over Little creek - all hands hoeing since dinner - scraping Where it is wet & leveling through it - cotten in new ground very much bent down by the Wind night before last

9 Clear, quit cool Wind from the North - Winter cloths very comfortable - ground very much washed from rain night before last - never saw as fine cotten at this season - Forming, did not Feel the cold more in the dead of winter, than I did this afternoon - dark clouds, Wind from the North, and never saw a better stand of Sweet Potatoes. Sucklers scraping the ridges, some grass on them, Ploughed piece of young corn this side L. creek "land" - & ploughed piece for Peas, ground too wet to mould cotten, crop in beautifull order except about 10 Acres some fine grass, great many persons not done scraping

10 Clear cold, October morning, Fire comfortable

11 Clear, very cold night & this morning quit cold - not far from Frost.

12 Cloudy cool - Went to Town. saw a Fight between Boyles & Kelly "the Editor." considerable blood spilt by blows on both sides, nothing serious, several on Kelly at once - very foul conduct &c. there never was such a wind known in the United States as was at Natchez on the 7. several millions of property destroyed - and between 500 & 1000 persons buried in the ruins houses & every thing leveled to the ground - plantations swiped clean for 3 or 4 miles up and down the river every Flat Boat at the place sunk 60 in 9° two S. Boats capized & sunk. one a perfect reck - The hands from the neighbourhood are Employed in digging out the bodies. the most distressing thing ever known in this country. there appears some Fatellity threatening all this country, the river threatening to over flow every
thing - the worms destroying crops in some sections & the pecu­nary distress at this time is truly alarming - Emily sent to Woodville after Mrs Woodward yesterday, Wm Joor came down this morning. Finished hilling part Jack P new ground & Pond out L. G. Penrice new ground GNS place & part of P. rice bottom 250 Acres to hill, several sick.

13 Clear pleasant - Emily went to Woodville - sent all hoe hands & 5 ploughs to help the Miss Swifts, they are very much behind &c.

14 Cloudy cool - never saw such bad hoeing as at the Miss Swifts - My hands will think they have had nothing to do in ten years - after yesterdays work.

15 Cloudy wind East. Went driving yesterday Killed one Deer. Could have Finished yesterday moulding cotton with one furrow, hoe hands very light work. sucklers scraped Potatoes

16 Clear warm, negroes Holliday after 10 O-K.

17 Sunday Clear warm - Went Driving yesterday in the swamp started many Deer killed Four - River still rising every appearance of an over flow - 5 or 8 gentlemen here to day - one of the D E Howell

18 Cloudy very warm - very light hoeing, started 6 boys learning to plough, old land corn as fine as I ever saw new land too thick - Cotton generally looks fine, bought 14 Barrels of Flour for the negroes selling at $4. ground very dry. Want rain

19 Clear very warm. Went Driving no Luck B. J. B missed warmest day this year. Water still rising

20 Clear pleasant morning. sent to Town after a skiff to put in the swamp - Finished hilling cotton by 8 O clock could have finished last week. Ploughed piece young corn GNS bottom. 24 ploughs running, going over crop 3d time Cotton from 6 inches to 2 feet high & looks fine - corn doing first rate

21 Clear cold morning. & last night quit cold - sent to Town yesterday and purchased a skiff - put it in the swamp at Mount De Morse took two hands "Jack & Levi" & were in there all day looking for dry land - too thick could not find any & came very near being lost - reached land at sun set. Wm Joor a long had him scared all day, planting Peas. Ploughed Potatoes.

22 Clear very cold night & morning J Leake & Munson came by and took off Driving very much against my will - Wm Joor caused us to kill nothing placed himself more in a hiding Position, than a standler for Deer, quit sore after yester-
23 Few clouds. Warm morning thrashing out remainder of Peas. Planted 15 Barrels. Ploughing young corn in the Bayou. Could have finished breaking out middles to day. Cut worms commenceing on my Cotten very badly. negros Holliday since dinner. never was a person more unlucky than I am. My favorite pup never lives.

24 Clear pleasant morning wind rose very sudden last night at 8 o. & perfectly excepting few clouds in the South. blew from the North, appearance of a hard rain towards Ruffins & Wades. light sprinkle here this evening. Col. A. G. Barrow & Lady called.

25 Cloudy cool appearance of raining - started 12 ploughs in corn ploughing every other row shallow. Com'enced raining at 9 o. appearance of a rainey day. cleared off very pleasant evening, fine rain, yet it barely moistened the ground. Cotten Bluming, several blumes this evening.

26 Clear cool morning, went Driving with A. G. B J. Joor. 4 Deer ran to them none killed I snaped at one 15 feet - never before.

27 Clear, night quit cool - hoeing Cotten third time scraping through it on acc\footnote{\textit{of the cut worms in fine order,}} B S Joor came down this morning, James & John found a runaways cloths in the pasture.

28 Clear morning cool, Mr. Taylor here last night, from Clinton - Took short Drive. Joe Smith Turned the Deer. swamp still rising - Fish moving up the swamp.


30 Clear nights cool for some time past. run one furrow with plough & the harrows in the middle of yesterday - stoped the harrows to day. Went to Town.

31 Clear warm - Want rain B. S. Joor returned Home this morning L. Lucey quit sick last night with cramp in the chest, has frequent attacks - much the warmest day this year, Taking the Cencus of the United States - the products, cotton corn horses mules cattle Hogs sheep Potatoes Poultry, quantity cloth made, fodder hay.

June 1 Clear very warm ploughing every other row in corn. Hoeing G\footnote{\textit{S Sucklers}} hoeing young corn in the Bayou. never had as fine cotten 1st of June. as on hills at G\textsuperscript{th} crop generally the same as last year this time, from 10 inches to over knee high, blumes much Early than I ever knew them,
bugs Eating cotton in spots

2 Clear, Finished ploughing third time, would have ploughed it two weeks, waited for rain &c. ground very hard Fearfull my corn will fall short, owing to the second ploughing, badly done, ground now very hard and dry, as yet the best corn I've seen & as fine old Land corn as I ever had, very fine crop both corn & Cotten, Some pusly no grass, D. Turnbull & family gone on to the North, Went Driving Killed one

3 Clear very warm, Finished hoeing G's place 3rd time by . . . 0. Peas coming up well, Aunt Bat. & David Barrows family spent the day with us.

4 Clear very warm, Went driving Killed two Deer

5 Clear very warm, Want rain very much, several sick, one with inflamation of the Palate, two with very sore Eyes, very much pleased with my Crop, in fine order, The Distemper has made its appearance among my Hounds.

6 Rain at 6 O. A. M. barely laid the dust, appearance of very hard rain above, negros holliday, nearly over crop 3rd time with hoes, never had a finer look Potatoe Patch, fine rain at 9 C cleared of since, nothing can be more beautifull than the Cotten & corn since the rain, Laid the dust well

7 Few clouds & morning pleasant. gave the negros permission to go over to Robt. H. Barrow's to preaching, I believe it to . . . being near & leaving home but seldom, granted them permission.

8 Clear pleasant morning, working piece of corn, thinning it & replanting Peas. Sent Col A. G. Barrow some Peas

9 Few clouds, very warm Dr. Haile just returned from Paris & Leake came by went hunting. "& my nephew Robt. H. B" Killed 4 Deer got but two. others got in the water

10 Cloudy very warm - little negro "Marcus" taken last night 12 or 1 O. very ill senseless - continued spasms can't wake him - number of sick ones, asked Dr. Hail to see Marcus and a more undecisive man I never saw. made great many attempts to bleed him, but failed & large veins at that, Died at 11 C Walker came but could do no good - Fine rain at the House, barely laid the dust in the field, corn wants a good rain not burning but stalks appear small & trifling silking &c.

11 Few clouds pleasant morning, Hoe hands waiting for work for 6 days past, worked piece of new ground cotton fourth time "scraped" - Finished ploughing all first planting by 10 O. 3rd time, 160 Acres to plough, Cotten from knee leg to hip high,
first rate. Except Where the bugs have Eaten it, ground Works
beautiful, getting timber for chimneys

12 Clear warm went Driving Killed two Deer. the
standers missed 3. Working young cotton above, thick with vines
bug Eaten verry much

13 Clear verry warm. Fielding Davis with me last night
Robt. H. B & young Mathews came to Breakfast. went & took short
drive. Davis killed one Deer. returned to dinner &c. hands
holliday since dinner.

14 Clear verry warm. Fine rains over the creek, Mrs. Bo-
men requested me to attend to Robt. H. B. place

15 Clear verry warm - Several came to go a Driving & ver-
ry much against my wish - went & Killed two Deer. verry poor.
Several children sick, son Bat & all my children with verry bad
colds, influenza through the country

16 Few clouds, warm - Finished ploughing & working cotton
3d time this morning could have finished some days since, new
land cotton not good verry much eaten by Grass hoppers, verry
little work for hoe hands, started 12 scrapers this morning,
ground verry loose.

17 Cloudy, warm nights for week past. Cotten improving,
worked piece of young corn at G's "very fine", hoeing corn &
replanting Peas in the cool part of the day, ploughing Where
the Harrows ran & corn new ground cotton the 4 th time, ploughed
piece of new ground corn every other row, beginning to roastin
years I have the worst stand of Cotten I've seen, went to
jno. Joor "found him sick", & A. G. Barrow, shower rain there

18 Raining since yesterday dusk, first rainy night I ever
noticed in June, slow steady rain. several negro children sick
"worms". Ruffins & Robt. J. B. hands came after Potatoe vines,
some come every year, And I am the last to plant. by 3 weeks
or more, June Peaches ripe great many of them, women spinning.
men shelling corn, and putting up chimneys, ground barely moist-
ened, lost two thirds of the day from appearance of the morning,
had the Horses turned out &c. one Large Crib full of corn

19 Appearance of a bad day raining, Some Wild hogs have
injured my corn verry much, more little children sick than I
ever knew at one time, bad colds and worms - Cotten looks fine
this morning Excepting upper new land "young cotton", had a
fine stand of Peas, Ploughs and worms together have nearly de-
stroyed them, verry hard rain fell on the swamp & Clark place.
light sprinkle here, sent carriage down for John Joor. been
sick, George Joor returned from his place in Mi. great many
places on the river drowned out.
20 Cloudy damp morning  several showers at the House  now in the field. appearance of a hard rain above & below me, ne­gros holliday from 10 O.

21 Damp. Foggy morning  very warm, Old Ben sick for 3 weeks past. slow Fever  Liver  First water Mellon to day, very sweet, fine large seed, Fine shower on part of the plant­ation, do not like my crop "generally," some very good say half the other bad stand irregular and too green

22 Fine rain during the night and Early this morning, Went to Town, very heavy rains below, roads very Bad, several children sick, misty evening

23 Cloudy very warm morning, scraping Cotten, corn im­proving very much. Cotten improving in some places others growing too fast. plenty of large Boles, fine grass and Tie vines come up very thick, Received Mr. Bonds speech in Congress, a correct & fair statement of the administration of M Vanburer & Jackson, their inconsistences, corruption &c. Very hard rain at 1 O£ Women spinning  men daubing chimneys & hoeing piece of new ground corn, Patience told me a lie this morning, to my surprise Margaret told one with her. &c. Patience is decidedly as mean as she can well be.

24 Cloudy warm all hands hoeing - went Driving, caught a wild cat, rained at noon

25 Cloudy, last night very warm, Sun came out yesterday afternoon, Sun very hot to day, Hoeing G®S  never saw or felt a more pleasant evening

26 Clear very warm, Cotten improving very fast, some as fine as can be. corn remarkably fine, some parts of the plantation the rain fell very heavy & some wind  Mrs Joor & daughter Caroline came down this morning.

27 Clear morning pleasant, hoeing L Gate cut & P. bottom some Kind of insect or Louse is doing great damages to my crop in spots about  Cotten nearly destroyed, Ruffin tells me he has 200 acres in a body

28 Few clouds warm in the sun, but pleasant breeze for three days past, lost a little negro yesterday, neglect of the Mother "Maria" in telling me of its situation the day before never spoke after I saw it, inflamation &c.

29 Clear very warm - sickness still continues among my negros, I think owing to Molasses, greater part of P. R. bottom cotton destroyed by Lice, Where the cotton is freee from them, it is very fine  well branched & Limbed & bolted

30 Clear very warm, started 10 scrapers this morning
running two furrows in a row to make the hoeing lighter for hoes, old Land cotton below best I ever saw on it. Excepting Where the bugs or Lice have et. Several Sick. Appearance of rain in the East thunders ver very warm

July 1 Clear very warm Fine rain at dinner & hard rain at G's worked the Lane

2 Few clouds, damp - hoeing above too wet at G's. Corn crops uncommonly Good, Cotton improving, Lane P. new ground the worst Cotton I ever saw on it. generally the best Cotton I have & the best in this neighbourhood, now the worst I have Ex­cept in spots Where the Lice have et it, 300 acres good cotton 300 inferior, never felt A more pleasant day, ground in beauti­full order to work Making Baskets since Tuesday week, 23d June, Mrs Joor and Caroline returned to Woodville, Learned that Woodward was shot Lives near Woodville a meaner man never Lived choked his wife nearly to Death, and made an attack on the carriage of her son, Ladies in it. had the carriage stoped by two negroes, accompanied by his two brothers fired three times in the carraige, Frazier and his brother succeeded in killing him, one of the Fraziers lost his arm, &c.

3 Clear cold wind from the North. Last night quit cold, sickly day. Planted 3/4 barrel of Peas, Worms have ruined my stand of Peas. George Frazier died on Tuesday from the wound, shot by Arad Woodward, there never was a more cowardly circumstance, W. Woodward had made all the property over to his wife, his reason for doing it was he ran off with a Loose woman afterwards returned, Mr. Woodward rec'd him, feeling some gratitude for the moment did it, has treated her cruelly ever since and, attempting to force a release from her

4 Clear Beautiful day, 'Wish the prospects of every one were as bright, as this memorable day, preparations for great doings at Douces to day Bran dance &c. will not go having been started by a few Loco Foco's who have the impudence to call themselves democrats, such men as the Howells figure Largely, Political Excitement is such that the greater the sycophant the more notice does he get, old Capt Howells breed are a head of any thing in these diggins, Killed more negroes by their cruelty, & find them dead in the stocks, and yet A. C. Howell calls himself a big man, Married Dawson's niece. Dawson being a man that never looks for merit When appointing aids &c. Thinks it is not Democratic, Democracy of the present day means serve your party right or wrong your party, they are the zealous support­ers of Martin Van Buren, and all under the name of Democracy, All this corruption has grown out of the conduct of Genl. Jack­son, Federal acts done every day by the V. B. party yet they are Democrats

5 Few clouds, warm negroes appeared quit Lively last night, had the Jack rigged out this evening with red flannel on his
years & a Feather in them & sheet on, "in the Quarter". every negro up. Made Alfred and Betsy ride him round the Quarter dismont and take a kiss, for quarrelling, Jack & Lize Frank & Fanny the same

6 Clear warm, Hoeing at the Ch. place, part very grassy "fine" Cotten looks as well there as usual, to day is Election day through out Louisiana, for Rep. to Legislature & Congress, Candidates here for Legislature W. R. Barrow Cyrus Ratliff Democrats, Genl McCausland and James Sterling Whigs Congress Dawson & Morgan

7 Sprinkle of rain this morning & warm - very heavy rain this afternoon, Hardest rain that has fallen this season, went to Town Voted for Ruggin & Ratliff for Legislators & Dawson for Congress - regret voting for Dawson

8 Cloudy warm, all hands hoeing this morning

9 Cloudy very warm, my right fore finger has a rising on it and never any thing to trouble me more.

10 Some clouds very warm. Finished hoeing 5th. time crop in fine order & looks well. from 1/2 thigh to over head high

11 Few clouds, very warm - hard shower at dinner time, Gave the negroes a dinner

12 Clear morning, very warm my hand is improving, Ruffin & Ratliff elected to the Legislature, & Dawson to Congress by 13 votes majority "only" the District has always given Dawson a large majority. glad to see the people getting right 'again' men change principallis never do

13 Very warm day, Went to Town Executed a Mortgage to Louisiana Bank.

14 Cloudy very warm, My Finger well, 5 hands sick shower rain on part of the Plantation Pulling Fodder

15 Few clouds, Cotten improved very much, never had better prospects for a Large crop - from waist to over head high, well branched & bouted, Corn very fine, Louse Eaten cotton. . . . Coming home last evening saw a bundle of Fodder stoped my horse & attempted to pick it up on him, as I reached down and got hold of it my horse Wheeled round several times & down I came, no support but left hand in the main

16 Clear very warm, Fell no bad effects from my Fall, light rain at dinner, all hands taking up Fodder this evening

17 Clear morning, very warm all hands pulling Fodder
since dinner

18 Some clouds verry war - Went to assist Courtney in looking for some of his runaway negros hard shower at 11 0. & slow rain this evening.

19 Cloudy verry warm - Courtney Here last night Maj. Street of Natchez night before - some one has been quizing the Major. Writing him a letter signing my name &c. Verry hard rain at 4 0F.

20 Clear warm - Moving My Gin stands giving a longer Band, hoeing "all hands" at G\textsuperscript{40} quit grassy in wet places

21 Cloudy verry warm, hands worked worse yesterday than they have this year, several sick, never saw ground look worse than P. R. bottom, owing to heavy rain on Sunday. Cotten small, best crop at G\textsuperscript{42} I ever had at this time of the year, hard at rain at dinner, & rainey evening. My son Bat. is decided the finest looking child I ever saw, the most beautiful head of hair, Eyes as black as can be - Cotten opening in every part of the field - Emily unwell, There appears to be no doubt but that Daniel Woodward murdered Genl. Joor from the confessions of his negro Who was with him, the same negro was with him When he attacked Frazier & family, and has confessed several other things that he and Woodward done, setting fire to a row of buildings in Woodville, he died too Easy a Death\footnote{68}

22 Cloudy bad looking day, all hands hoeing at G\textsuperscript{45} never saw a place washed as the two last rains have washed my plantation, P. R. bottom covered with water yesterday & Sunday, several sick, Women spinning great deal of rain fallen since 10 0.

23 Cloudy, threatening bad day, All hands hoeing at G\textsuperscript{49} Verry sickly, 10 sick "Fevers" hard shower at 1 C\textsuperscript{k} - Robt. H. B & one of his schoolmates here to day, sun set Clear.

24 Clear pleasant, wind North, son of John Routh of Natchez & young Smith, came by to go a Fishing, old Cealy & Jenny quit sick all hands pulling Fodder this evening

25 Clear pleasant Morning Went to Town, 15 ploughs running

26 Clear verry warm, threatening rain since dinner - gave the negros Mucheto Bars.

27 Clear verry warm - never have been so out done with sickness before in my life, common practice dont cure them as

\footnote{68 From the newspapers of the region it would appear that incidents of this type were not infrequent.}
it use to, violent pains in the back red Tongue, 10 sick Cotten opening very fast, can plough in places "only", very heavy rain this evening stormy appearance, Gave Robt. Semple a very fine young hound - my best young dog was killed by son John running his horse over him

28 Cloudy, damp & Foggy morning, all hands hoeing, too wet to plough, sun "When out" very warm, ground quit Wet, 9 sick to day

29 Clear warm, hoeing P. R bottom, bad hoeing. Cotten improving from the lice - never was so out done with sickness 14 hands sick & convalescent. Several very sick

30 Clear very pleasant morning, to day appears more like settled weather than for two weeks past, stoped ploughs 10 scrapers running never saw a better Crop, good Fall & no storm will make 10 Bales to the hand, 9 sick "convalescent." My cook ran away day before yesterday. in riding round the field this morning found her, Lavenia thought she had been whipped unjustly owing to Jane (the Cook), let Lavenia give her a good drubing &c. Two thirds of my crop very superior

31 Damp Cloudy morning, very hard rain yesterday evening. 5 O. P. R. bottom covered with water, been too wet to hoe it for two weeks, Cleaning up Quarter this morning, & mowing Fod­der & getting new Post for Gin Houses. White washing negro Houses inside, two sick, Light rain at 5 O. appearance of ver­ry heavy rain below. Hoed Pond cut Cotten never saw it as good, the open Bolles rotting. great many rotting from wet weather

August 1 Morning Damp & Heavy Fogg. All hands hoeing, too wet to plough, L. Betsy taken very sick this morning, cold & violent pain the stomach. (inflamation) &c. Wind shifted 'round to the North at 12 O. felt certain of clear weather. Sun out clear, the first thing I knew it was pouring down rain, Sun out in the West - go it rain, James and John went over to Ruffins

2 Foggy morning very warm, no rain to day!

3 Morning warm Few clouds - There is a great deal of talk through the Country about abolition &c. Yet the people submit to Amalgamation in its worse Form in this Parish, Josias Grey takes his mulatto children with him and to public places &c. and receives simalar company from New Orleans, fine carriage & Horses. What is every bodys buisiness is no bodys buisiness, I made it my buisiness yesterday Greys son with two of his visi­tors from the City had the impudence to pass here & through my Quarter, on a visit to see Furnells family. I ordered the ne­gros if they returned this way to stop them, I rode in the field and When I returned found them stoped by all my negros.
(Who seemed to enter into it with prospects of fun) dressed as fine as could be, never were creatures worse scared. Alfred suffered them to Enter one Gate then shut both And had them completely Enclosed, they asked him What he meant by it. nothing says Alfred but you have to stay here 'till Master comes. As I rode up to them with a stick in my hand, and asked how dare they to pass here & through my Quarter, I never any thing humble as quick as they did, forgot all their high breeding and self greatness, and as Levi said he wondered if they could have seen Miss Purnell if she had of passed at the time, after appearing as though I intended Whipping them all. (there guide, an old negro of Greys Who had passed here frequently they said he took them through the Quarter & he acknowledged it) I told them to take the road as fast as they could and never to pass this way again, 'twas amusing to see which should not be behind in getting out of the gate (Levi says they all went out abreast) not more than 4 feet wide, the old negro was in the crowd one of them hit his horse saying stay behind John & (repeating it) &c. take your Whipping, the rest leaving saying with hats off thank you sir repeatedly, I asked the negro if he was not a preacher after hitting him with my stick, he said no sir but I am Fidler, told him he could go, thus Ended the chapter &c. this will cause some chat in the country & may have a good effect, all it wants is a start &c. Clear very warm - Went over to Ruffins nothing like the quantity of rain that I've had, from appearance of his Cotton, nor as much on the Bowman place. My field adjoining the same - Ten Ploughs running new land above, 4 hands getting scaffold Boards in the swamp, hewing old land Below. water in places - Betsy getting better, none other sick

4 Clear very warm, last night very hot, part of the Cotton in P. R. field very much injured from being too thick, rows too narrow. Several sick slight - Toped 20 Acres of old Land Cotton in P. R. field - too thick owing to rows being too narrow

5 Clear very warm, went to Williams to Breakfast found him & C. Davis going in the swamp Fishing - Went with them, small Trout bit well - &c. two sick to day

6 Clear very warm, Finished hewing below, hewing new land above - Finished ploughing. running 10 ploughs "only" for two or three weeks past - one mile above me they have had just the rains they wanted, they say there never was such crops seen on the high Lands - Cotton opening very fast. Picking cotton since dinner sucklers picked over 70½

7 Clear very warm - several sick, picked over 180 weight Cotton to day. Could average 130 at least, all hands Mrs Hall & family here this morning & Finly of N. 0.69

69 Finley and Company of New Orleans were his factors.
8  Cloudy  very warm.  Went Fishing  Bit well

9  Cloudy  Cool  wind from the North.  first cool night this summer; B. J. Barrow Engaged to Miss C. Hall to be married 1st Sept next

10 Clear cool morning.  Blanket comfortable last night, all hands Picking Cotten Since dinner  9 sick, Sun very Hot

11 Clear  very warm - Picking Cotten at Gins.  9 sick, one or two children quit sick George & Ben. Joor came down this morning, sprinkle rain

12 Cloudy  very warm - went Fishing no luck, fine rain at John Joors none here - repairing press Gins & putting up new post. &c.

13 Cloudy  appearance of rain - went to Town - rain all round me. came as far as the lot. &c.

14 Clear  wind from the North  Commence Working the road yesterday, Finished it to night

15 Night very cold, Foggy morning, several sick, went Fishing.  Putting post under Home Gin House and taking down Press. &c.

16 Clear, sun very hot. several sick, Ruffins George cutting Female for me to day, Dug some Potatoes for negroes

17 Clear warm - 5 sick. light sprinkle rain at 1 O. Cutting Female over

18 Clear warm morning all hands picking since yesterday, 10 sick  Very warm raised Press this morning. Cotten opening very fast. Avg yesterday 153 3/4 - 49 Picking - Shower Rain on part plant

19 Clear pleasant morning - 14 sick. Cannot account for so much sickness this year

20 Clear warm. my running Gear of the Gins does very badly. 14 sick this morning, Cotten wants rain. well bolled had it not been for laking rains and worms on part of the Planth would make 600 B.

21 Clear very warm 8 sick

22 Clear very Hot - never had a better crop taking it generally, bolled to the top & large - Very hard rain at 2 O' wind blew quit a storm, was suffering very much for want of a slow steady rain, the rain to day has fallen as hard as could fall, Worked the road & chopped weeds in House lot.
23 Few clouds, warm. wind from N. West - been up the two nights past 'till one. negroes sick. "inflammatory &c."

24 Clear very warm - & sultry, it commenced Lightning at 5 O. yesterday evening & continued incessantly 'till in the night. & verry heavy rain, working roade, some spinning, Pressed 9 Bales. 7 yesterday, hoed P. R. new ground, picking Cotten since dinner.

25 Clear warm. great deal of Thundering last night, in the North. two negroes verry sick yesterday high Fever & violent pain in the head, every case requires free use of the Lancet, never had sickness before. Picking Cotten at G:\$ - never had as good a crop such a season from this as last was would make 10 Bales or more to every thing that works in the field. ground that never produced cotton more than waist & shoulder high now 7 feet & well Bollred. P. Rice bottom has failed owing to Lice in the spring & heavy rains 3 weeks since & now the worms Eating Forms off.

26 Clear verry warm - went to Town. Miss M Swift came near being seriously hurt in going down the big Hill from Town the Gear came loose & Buggy turned upset & brok to pieces pitched her out on her head John E. Barrow driving her, pitty did'ent breake his neck

27 Clear verry warm, Sickness still continuing, never knew any thing like it has been in the last 4 weeks, some with Fevers 4 & 5 days, hands picked well for two days past. avd 185 $10.

28 Clear verry warm, picking verry clean Cotten. Cotten Fallen off verry much in the last week, Received a note from Woodville informing us that Mrs. Joor was verry ill, Emily left Home at 4 O. very hard rain at 5 O. never made as little head way in Picking Cotten 20 hands of the best Hands out of the field.

29 Clear warm, Hoeing new ground at G:\$ verry grassy, too wet to pick cotten

Sept 3 Returned from Woodville last night Mrs Joor verry ill, Boy after me this morning, two Severe Storms here on 28 & 29. great many sick & nothing done this week, never have heard of as much sickness as is in the country at this time. Shiped 36 Bales yesterday 24$. Dr. Walker gone up this morning to see Mrs Joor, Dr. Stone & Martins bad management or she would have reco\$ last Sunday. Returned Home this evening, went to Town to Bennet J. Barrows wedding Married to Miss Caroline Hall a verry fine young Lady
4 Clear turned quit cold since yesterday, Tisdale has brought me 4 verry finely looking Hounds, never saw worse looking cotton. twisted trash beat in it & stained cotton blown so as not able to trace the rows, worms eating all the Leaves off, letters from below states that the Catapeller has destroyed some crops & in the course of two nights

5 Clear cold night, 7 & 8 hands to keep one Gin running, several sick

6 Clear pleasant morning. Went over to Ruffins. has up 6 verry fine looking colts two & three years old - Emily returned from Wood yesterday evening. Mrs Joor improving

7 Clear pleasant. Picking Cotton at Gibson place. part never picked. verry trashy & rotten something over 70 Bales out.

8 Clear pleasant morning, sun verry hot to day, 3 sick this morning. commenced giving the negros Bitters of Dogwood & cherry Bark & Whiskey every morning, I think my 'hands pick worse this year than I ever knew them, must be owing to the Cotton

9 Clear pleasant morning 50 Bales behind last years picking, Cotton is well Bolted Excepting P rice field old Land - owing to worms & heavy rains too large

10 Cloudy, pleasant breeze from the North

11 Clear cold wind from the North, Hands picked well yesterday Avg 211 lb great deal of Cotton open, Press gave out at $ & Cotten opening verry fast, cold dry wind from the North

12 Clear Quit Cold, Wind from the East. Several sick over one hundred Bales out

13 Clear pleasant over 110 Bales out last night

14 Clear pleasant, Hawling Cotton to B. Sarah

15 Clear pleasant, picking cotton old Land below, Capt Howells negros came to my Gin House at the G & S place, to steal cotton Jerry ran them so close that they dropped two bags, upwards of 75 lb. A meaner set than the Howells do not live cruel & unjust in the extreme, caught a young Boy of his in the G & S Gin House this morning ironed up his leg & thigh & chain round his neck, nearly a solid scab.

70 Barrow's trainer.
16 Clear pleasant, several sick, picking very trashy cotton. W Joar came down, Hawled Cotton.

17 Cloudy warm, hands picked better by dinner than they have done this year. Cleaner cotton & more of it, Piano tuner here to day tuning the Piano, Emily & children went to Ruffins, Cutting new female for Press at G's. the Auger caught my arm & rist and never had anything to hurt worse, came near breaking my arm.

18 Raining since midnight. Appearance of bad weather, never had more cotton open white everywhere, over 140 bales out last night. 25 bales at least behind last year, hands have not picked to please me, would do very well for two weeks past had they of picked clean cotton, turning very cold.

19 Clear. Fire comfortable, Picking cotton since breakfast.

20 Clear morning & night quite cool, never felt a more pleasant day than yesterday. Went to see Ruffins Horses. Am very much pleased with them.

21 Clear cold night. Hands picked badly last weighing 90.

22 Clear very pleasant, hands picked better yesterday than they have done. Avg 208 clean cotton. My new hounds perform very well, parts of the field look as though fire had been through them, worms or caterpillar rapping themselves up in the leaves, And die leaving black round shell.

23 Raining cool wind from the East, women spinning since dinner. Men trashing cotton.

24 Great deal of rain since yesterday, bad looking morning, several sick. Putting corn this evening, turning out well.

25 Foggy Eagle to a rain this morning & very warm.

26 Very warm & Foggy morning, Picking cotton in Penrice bottom, worms have eaten everything off of it, looks as though fire had been through it, very trashy & rotten, Caterpillar eating everything clean &c. Over 170 bales out last night. Picking very trashy cotton.

27 Foggy morning, summer for the last week - one hundred and eighty bales "or over" out last night. Between 35 & 45 bales behind last year's picking. As much weighed in or more cotton much heavier. 3 weeks picking not set down - Went to see the newly married couple, Bennet J Barrow & Lady, appear quit happy, very pretty place.

28 Few clouds warm - Pulling corn in the bottoms very much rotten owing to storm blowing it down - &c.
29 Warm, sprinkling rain: wind from the East, Fields look like winter Caterpillars carrying everything before them, great deal of corn wet, compelled to gather too green, over Large crib full off of the Bottoms & 12 Acres upland. Very fine turn out & very fine corn

30 Damp Foggy & very warm Emily quit unwell last night bad cold & sore throat Men shucking corn & women trash trash Cotten since yesterday morning

October 1 Cloudy Foggy & warm Made all hands stop & trash cotten this morning, 185 B out, between 35 & 50 B. behind last year.

2 Great Quantity of rain fallen since yesterday no appearance of ceasing, Making my Gin Band Wheels smaller, nearly killed up the mules pulling one Gin, never was any one so bothered with having crop Gined, Sent to N. Orleans for castings &c. Women trash Cotten men doing little of every thing, not much of any thing, raining very hard at 9 & 10 O'clock. Wind from the south East. Will shorten the crop considerable, very rotten before this, and nearly all open, Every thing seems against the planter these times, Emily throat much better this morning, started my Gin since altering the Band Wheel & it runs very light, better than ever

3 Clear very cold, turned cold yesterday evening 28 degrees colder than yesterday morning

4 Cloudy cold. Rec'd notice of the Death of Mrs Genl. Brandon died yesterday morning at her mothers "Mrs Wades" - Leaving three children - Went up to Brandons in mi. with the procession. very much disappointed in the appearance of Brandons place. Expected to find every thing fine & neat, "just the reverse" - returning got in B. J. B. carriage Horses balked in the creek much amused at Bennet & his Driver &c.

5 Clear Fall morning, cool, Never have seen any thing to Eaquel the Appearance of the Cotten fields as though we had frost some time since, & the trashyist stuff I ever saw, some of my young Hands are doing very Badly, Ralph Wash E. Nat E Jim Jim T. Henry Israel Harriet Sam & Maria Lewis & Randall

6 Drizling rain. very warm. never more surprised than to see it raining this morning. Went to Town. bad news from the Cotten market

7 Cloudy warm, hands picked higher yesterday than, for some days - & to day

8 Cloudy warm - Large Party came down from Natchez yesterday, Son of John Routh to marry Miss Ann Skilman to night,
all at Ruffins to night, nearly every body is invited to the 
Wedding but the Barrow family

9 Cloudy very warm, never saw more cotton open to the 
Acre. & very trashy

10 Cloudy very warm night David Johnson & M' Walker of 
Natchez came here last night after we were all a sleep &c.

11 Clear very pleasant - Gave the negroes shoes.

12 Clear pleasant night & morning Family went to D Bar­ 
rows, several sick, slight chills & Fevers - Rec'd with the Pi­ 
lot an Extra containing important facts, in . . . Genl. Jackson 
& Van Buren & Co - A baser set never lived

13 Few clouds warm. Over 230 Bales out last night I 
think my hands have picked cotton worse this year than in sev­ 
eral years picked it very trashy & not better weights nor as 
good as common, intend whipping them straight.

14 Clear very pleasant. Alexander Barrow & family here 
last night, went over to Ruffins hunting &c. my hands done ver­ 
ry badly last night

15 Clear very pleasant. Never have been more dissatis­ 
fied with my hands all Excepting 'Lize I. Hannah Jersey 
Atean & Margaret, am satisfied the best plan is to give them 
every thing they require for their comfort and never that they 
will do without whipping or some punishment, My negroes have 
their name up in the neighbourhood for making more than any one 
else & they think whatever they do is better than any body else 
&c.

16 Cloudy very warm - Ben. S. Joor came down yesterday, 
hands still doing very badly, Very hard rain at 3 O'clock - sev­ 
eral sick or pretending to be - Slight rain on G's place

17 Morning clear very warm, Worked road in the field, 
before Breakfast, Picking cotton since, at Least 250 Bales cot­ 
ten out to night in N.

18 Cloudy Very warm - appearance of rain

19 Rain this morning, Very warm all Hands trashing Cot­ 
ten, Gathering Corn since 9 O'Clock

20 Cloudy pleasant, several sick negroes one infant ver­ 
ry ill, Caroline sick

21 Cloudy somewhat cooler wind East

22 Clear quit cold - Thermometer 51 1/2 at 6 O'Clock, Went to
see Ruffins Horses this morning, cotton still as trashy as can be.

23 Clear, quit cold this morning & last night, Gathering Peas, Cotton still very dull in N. C. owing somewhat to the unsettled affairs of Europe; Several Gent’s came by to go Driving, much against my wish, not willing to run my Hounds after Deer.

24 Clear, considerable wind from the N. East - very cold day.

25 Clear, very cold, Frost.

26 Clear, very cold, Frost, Went to Town.

27 Clear, very pleasant, turning warm & cloudy this evening.

28 Raining, warm, wind South - Received casting for Big Whel Catc & Essex putting them up.

29 Cloudy, wind North, appearance of clearing off, Pulled some corn this morning. Several sick, two cases of Pleurisy.

30 Cloudy, very cold, N’ wind - went over to Ruffins &c.

31 Clear, very pleasant, went driving. Col A G Barrow, D L. Johnson, W. Rucker, Jno. C. Brady, Jno Joor & George Joor here last night, went it on champagne till one O K. to night.

November 1 Clear, very pleasant.

2 Cloudy, cool East wind - Went to Town & voted for Genl. W. H. Harrison for President & Tyler for Vice President.

3 Cloudy, very disagreeable day, digging Potatoes.

4 Clear, very pleasant, Finished digging Potatoes, large & fine, made 25 very large Hill.

5 Cloudy, very warm day, Wind South East.

6 Cloudy, very warm, M. Barrow, Lady & sister in law with us last night, Son Bat quit sick last night, violent cold, sprinkle rain this evening.

7 Damp, Fog, Equal to rain, Cleared off very pleasant.

8 Clear, cold, North Wind, Bennet J. Barrow & Lady Robt. J. Barrow & family here to day.

9 Clear, coldest morning this fall, I think a killing.
frost this morning. Went to Town, the Election as far as we can hear is going for Genl. Harrison for President

10 Clear very pleasant. Dr. Lyle Dr. Walker & John Joor here last night. Went out Fox hunting after supper, turned a Fox loose I caught seven days since, ran short time treeted knocked him out, ran few minutes & caught it, started a cat & never heard such music, or such a race ran one hour & 1/2 and caught it, son Bat still quit sick & John, violent cold

11 Hard rain at day light & great deal of thunder, Verry warm - appearance of a bad day, Cleared off delightfull since dinner, Between 335 & 45 B out at least

12 Clear very pleasant, Apple trees very full of Apples size of Pigeons eggs &c.

13 Clear pleasant. Found Where some of Robt. H. Barrows negros killed one of my Cows in their field several of them runaway & several of Wades

14 Cloudy disagreeable morning, several sick. 5 children colds &c.

15 Clear very pleasant.

16 Fogg Equal to a rain. Warm Several little negro children very sick with Colds, Between 360 & 380 Bales out tonight. Sold 126 at 9 9 1/2 & 8 3/4. Cotton still on the decline owing to prospect of War Between French & England & other Eouropn powers

17 Fogg like rain, warm

18 Clear very cold rain last night, Started with Jno Joor Dr. Walker & Towels for Robt Semple. Met him returned to my House. Son Bat very sick

19 Clear very cold Freezing, Sister Ann came this evening

20 Cloudy cold East wind since 7 Ok

21 Cloudy warm & Verry Windy Shiped 96 Bales 222 in all, Uncommon hard rain & wind at 1 Ok, trashing cotton and gathering seed corn "since"

22 Few Clouds turning very cold son Bat not as well since yesterday evening Liver torpid - Bat very ill since dinner

23 Between 370 & 385 B. out, certain 222 shiped in No. 247 Pressed in No. 255 Gined in No. Clear very cold. ground
White as snow. Bat Better this morning, Ruffins daughter Anna died this morning at 3 00. Verry unexpected, no appearance of danger at Eleven 00 suffocated, Verry Violent cold, his infant Emma was & is considered quit dangerous, Anna no thought of her being ill, Gathering corn.

24 Raining. Son Bat much Better this morning, Wind blowing verry cold. "misting"

25 Cloudy verry cold & windy Gathering corn corn

26 Clear verry cold. coldest day this Season "by far," Ground frozen and ice all day

27 Clear cold. Finished pulling corn Breakfast time

28 Clear Verry pleasant day

29 Clear verry pleasant day, Went over to see a trial run between 2 of Ruffins colts & one A. Barrow

30 Cloudy pleasant

December 1 Cloudy pleasant, Four weeks picking of good Weather, 400 Bales out or there about

2 Cloudy pleasant morning

3 Cloudy pleasant morning, Gathered one Large crib "full" of corn closely slip5 shucked, and two small ones, and one third of the Large one, More rotten corn this Season than I ever had. Wet Fall, & being well yeard fell down, Verry heavy rain fell from 2 till 5 0& and cold

4 Cloudy cold wind from the North, Went yesterday evening to look for some runaways, could'ent find them, one of Bennet J. Bs boys looking for cows yesterday attempted to kill one of my hogs, Kish came on him he ran off &c. his favorite boy Buck - all hands trashing Cotten, David Barrow here to day, Wishes me to Buy Old Howell out for him & Uncle

5 Cloudy Very cold

6 Clear verry cold

7 Cloudy cold East wind

8 Cloudy pleasant. Went to Town

9 Light rain - Cloudy warm, sent to Town after jno. May- rant Races Begin in New Orleans.

10 Cloudy pleasant. Finished Picking upper side Plan th
11 Raining at day Light Verry warm - 325 Bales Gined in No.
420 out in No. over 440 out of 400 lbs 3 weeks picking,
Would have Finished the Gibson place to day but for the rain,
very heavy rain at dark

12 Cloudy turning cool, Great quantity of rain fallen
since yesterday morning, Ruffins youngest child died last night
(Emma) Lingering for 3 weeks past, Effect of cold, Ruffin ab­
sent, in N. Orleans

13 Clear and as Beautifull a day as could be. pleasant,
More like spring than December, Recd a negro woman (cook) yester­
day evening on trial

14 Few clouds verry pleasant.

15 Clear spring morning, Foggy

16 Verry heavy fogg Early this morning, Clear verry pleas­
ant since

17 Clear cool morning, B S. Joor here since Sunday night,
Left Home for E. Feliciana on a visit to Fluker & for a Fox
hunt

19 Cloudy and Extremely cold Returned Home this evening
from East Feliciana, Never saw as worthless a set of Hounds as thay have, couldent start a Fox. dogs do not know anything
about trailing, &c. Several Sick, the manners of the people
in E. F. are verry different from those in this Parish, Regret
not taking my Hounds out with me, saw two hounds said to be of
the Irish stock "of Maryland" hunt finely but untrained, &c.

20 Raining since last night. short time after dark. cold
Wind from the North

21 Clear cold morning. Joseph Joor came from College last
night, Went to Town, Pork fallen from $18 to $13.50

22 Cloudy Cool East Wind, M. Courtneys Gin House & 75
Bales of cotton burnt down night before last. supposed to have
been set on Fire by some of his negro's several verry rascally
one in the woods

23 Cloudy Cool. Went to a Party Given by John Harbour
at Douces. Great many there, very pleasant not with standing
some scoundrel stole my Gloves knife & cap out of my Buggy,
Came Home bare headed

24 Cloudy verry cold, Gave the negros money last night
$700. all went to Town to day

25 Cloudy cool, Christmas Looks dull at the Beginning
26 Clear spring "day". J. Joor came down last night
27 Clear very cold Wind from the North
28 Windy very cold - Went to Town Extremely cold
29 Cloudy cold. ' negros preparing for a Dinner
30 Raining, appearance of Bad Weather, warm
31 Cloudy very Cold - & raining
January 1  Cloudy & verry Cold  Cleared off, Times still Hard but much improved since last year, provisions are moderate. Cotton verry Low  from 6° to 12° general sales at 8° & 9° - Yesterday being Friday Negros still have Holliday, 12 days

2    Clear  Verry cold, as White a Frost as I ever saw & everything Frozen

3    Clear  Verry cold. Gave the negros a verry fine dinner yesterday evening at the House and afterwards inspected their manners in the Ballroom  several acted very rude as usual. put them in Jail &c.71

4    Raining, cool. Cleared off at Breakfast. Raining again at 12 O. Bad Beginning for a New Year having com' work to day, 376 B. Pressed in No.

5    Cloudy  Verry Damp. Feels like spring morning, Trashing Cotten, Filling up washes

6    Cloudy  Verry warm, two or three days Picking. Pork selling Prime $10. Mess $12 & 13. Horses "work" from $60 to $1l0, Verry Hard rain after 10 O#  ground verry Wet

7    Cloudy  cool, Jno. Mayrant came here this Evening

8    Cloudy pleasant.

9    Prevented from going to New Orleans to day by Rain, Verry bad looking day  rainy since midnight, Jno. Mayrant speaks of going to India as overseer in the culture of cotten to the India Company, $5000 a year salary

10  Foggy, Dark morning, Raining since one O#  

11  Cloudy cool - Damp mist  Cleared off  verry pleasant.

12  Cloudy morning, verry hard during the evening

71 A rather unusual incident in the ante-bellum South.
Great deal of rain fallen never saw worse weather, Mrs Joor came down in the rain yesterday

Cloudy cool. Thomas Dawson surveying my cleared Land 800 Acres in Cultivation, negros getting quit Lazy

Cool damp morning.

Returned home from N. Orleans this morning 4 O'clock - it has been raining for 4 weeks past, and raining now. never hear of such a spell of Bad weather. times still dull in N. Orleans, Cotten a Little improved. meat from $9 to $12 - Caught verry severe cold in the city. &c. Ground verry wet, Can't plough, Warm rainy Evening. Very Little Work done this year, some spinning trash Cotten, mauling rails, Left N. Orleans on the Angora. 24 Hours running to Baton Rouge. left her, got on Board the Swallow. got B Sara on Oct Emily & Caroline quit pleased With their New suits, &c.

Warm Foggy morning, Equel to a rain, Summer day, 50 Bales to Gin, "or more" - Bought seventy pair of Blankets, in N. C. $4.25 a pair, 3 point French Blankets Written to N. O. for a Teacher. Miss Mayhew

Warm & Foggy morning, trying to start some ploughs, started Eleven Ploughs, ground verry Heavy, Horses in better order than usual

Cloudy Turning cool. Wind from the North, Went to Town. Roads in retched order nearly a Bog in Town.

Cloudy Cold, 15 ploughs running. for corn, threatening rain since 10 O'clock Raining since dinner, "Cold"

Bad looking day, steady rain during last night hard rain this morning

February 1 Cleared off Cold. Uncle Bat here since yesterday. caught by creeks, rare circumstance for him to stay or even call any where, Taken with Pain in my right side this morning. Uncle Bled me. &c.

First morning I've been out of my room, confined in Bed 3 days with Congestion of the Liver, great soreness yet, have not been confined by sickness for upwards of 16 years. "before this week" - Cloudy cool. two fair days this week, no appearance of weather Breaking, total Eclipse of the moon last night, 16 Ploughs running, raining since dinner

Cloudy cool, raining during the Night, my side still pains, Fearfull of a settled Liver complaint, Uncle Bat called by this morning, Oct. Joor here to day

Damp cloudy morning, & cool. Feel much better this morn
ing, nearly Clear of pain. 20 Double Ploughs running. Rode in the field this morning, feel much better

9  Cloudy  cool morning

10  Cloudy  cold. Ledoux & Co has sold 84 Bales Cotten very badly

11  Cloudy  Freezing day & windy, ground Frozen. Can't plough

12  Every thing Frozen, ground White as snow, Miss Mayhew the school mistress Came on the 10th - so far very much pleased with her

13  Clear  Very Cold, wind from the North West, Mr & Mrs King here last night, the Dr gives a very Flatering description of Texas &c. 19 Double ploughs running. 120 Acres ploughed for Cotten 4 Furrows & one days ploughing for corn, Lapping the 1st furrow, never did it before - Clear very cold & windy, from the South West, 230 Bales to Gin

14  Clear  very windy & cool - March day

15  Clear  Very cold, Went to Town to Church yesterday, Caroline Joor & Dr Walker, Mr James Flower Dr Lyle here since yesterday afternoon

16  Clear  pleasant. Went with Family to judge Wades

17  Clear  Very pleasant. Like spring, Mrs B. J. Barrow & Miss Gertrude Hall Called this morning few minutes, What may be termed a Fashionable Visit

18  Clear  Very pleasant, Went to Town left this Home at 1/2 past 6 O. Horse ran off in the Buggy, stopped him without any damage, trusted his years, & ran him from Douces to Town & Back home, going & coming in one hour & twenty minutes. 20 mile, horse been ploughing for 3 weeks, Went to Robt. J. Barrows with Family

19  Very Foggy morning. Never Experienced more pleasant weather since Sunday Last, Since Dr Kings Return from Texas it has given a number of us the Texas Fever - Went to Bennet J. Barrows With Family & Caroline. &c.

20  Very Heavy Foggy, & warm  Mrs Joor & John here to day - Commenced hawling Cotten seed on corn Land, Finished ploughing all Land above 3 4 & 5 furrows 35 Acres ploughing for Cotten & two days ploughing for corn. "bottoms" - Old Mrs Mathews called here to day 1st visit, call on Mrs Joor & Caroline "I presume"
21 Cloudy verry warm summer morning. Finished Ginning.
Excepting trash cotton.

22 Clear pleasant. Went to Town, Oration by one of the
Odd Fellows. Came out & got Caroline & returned to a Ball.

23 Clear Verry pleasant. returned Home this evening.
quit a pleasant party last night in Town.

24 Cloudy Warm Morning turned cold since noon, Sister
Ann & Dr King here since last night, Dr King prescribed for Old
Lucey Fills wife. &c.

25 Few clouds pleasant - Finish ploughing 4 furrows all
the Home place by Dinner, Women spinning.

26 Few Clouds. Verry warm - Twenty two Ploughs running,
Pulled a piece of glass out of James foot. diamond shape 1/4
of anch. Each square - been in 6 years strange did'ent produce
Lock Jaw.

27 Cloudy. Summer day - Light shower last night - Went
Driving no Luck - Light rain since dinner great deal of
Thunder. B. S. Joor came down this evening.

28 Cloudy Verry warm day - Smokey for 3 weeks past.

March 1 Raining, intended planting corn to day, one Large
crib & one small crib full of corn - over 5 th of small one.

2 Cloudy damp morning. Went to see Ruffins race Horses.
I think they look out of condition.

3 Cloudy cool Wind from the North - Went to Town -
cleared off.

4 Clear day, morning Foggy. Planting corn, ground rather
Wet in old Land, Little Lucey Verry badly salivated, tongue &
mouth badly swollen.

5 Cloudy Damp morning, Left Home Last night after supper,
Went to Town to a Ball, remained there 2 hours & returned Home
by 2 o'clock.

6 Cloudy cool Wind from the North, Great deal of rain
fallen since yesterday noon, raining hard during last night,
Women spinning men trashin Cotton, clearing a new road to
the creek.

7 Morning Foggy, never see a more beautiful day. 25 acres
of corn planted, Dr King here to day, Dr Fields a part of Ken-
tucky here this morning, Wanting to Bury Jos Bell, asked them
$4000 cash.
8 Clear Cool morning, groun. Baked Verry hard. doubtfull of a stand of corn in old Land - Ploughing Gibson place, Women making fence - Went driving - no Luck

9 Cloudy damp East Wind, Caroline Joor returned from Woodville, intends remaining here to school - Miss Mayhew and myself had quit a talk this morning about her mis management of the children, &c. Verry hard rain at two O'Clock Would have Finished running round 4 furrows this evening, but for the rain at 2 o'clock several sick, raining as hard as it can

10 Cloudy cool Wind North. disappointed in going to the Party last night at Wm. Hall's, "in Town" jno. Joor here, every place filled with water making new road

11 Cloudy cold, Wind from North

12 Clear & cold. Wind from the South very singular change Wind changing from the North to South & clearing off and still as cold or colder

13 Clear Verry cold morning. White Frost ground lightly Frozen, Com'ed breaking out middles yesterday morning, W. H. B here this evening reports Cotton improving, & meat falling

14 Foggy morning, appearance of spring again

15 Few Clouds, Warm spring day Went Driving yesterday no luck. Planting Corn again, ground very much baked on that planted first. &c.

16 Clear cool morning. great change since yesterday, running harrows over corn, doubtfull of its coming up

17 Clear pleasant - Cool

18 Clear cool morning. pleasant day, George Joor came down yesterday, cleaning up the Bayous for corn - James Leake & Lewis Turner called by this Went driving Just before reaching the Clark field, Met C. C. McDermott and Richard Butler, "Who is sanctily sanctified" With a Turkey behind Butler, they agreed to turn & Join us in our hunt. Leake accused them of having robbed Old Jo's penn. McD. acknowledged it &c. I went in the Drive Leake placed them to their stands, Butler at the 1st on his returning to me found Joshua had traced his stolen Turkey to B's horse, And had B penned. Leake asked him Where he was going, gave to get my Turkey, Butler was so conscious striken he gave it up after having seen me & I gave it to him, I asked him Why he had not kept it, observed he gave it up as he did not feel altogether right about it, acknowledging himself guilty of stealing - Both of them members of the church

72 A most unusual occurrence.
19. Cloudy damp morning, Old Mrs Yates came to see us yesterday, Com^ on new crib of corn yesterday one Large & one small one full

20. Morning cloudy & warm. Went Driving with Dr Lyle Dr. Walker & A. G. Barrow started a number of Deer standers not at the right stand, &c. Mrs Yates or in other words old Aunt Sally quite complimentary to Caroline this Evening, Beautifull complection, &c. or the most Beautifull complection in Wilk-inson CV Mississippi - I feel much Fatigued, Miss Caroline Joor Miss Caroline Joor, Miss Caroline Joor - March 20 1841 - Miss Caroline Joor, March 20 1841, Mrs Emily Barrow. Mrs Sally Yates. Miss Maynew - Martins made their Appearance to day, 20 days later than Last year

21. Cloudy. Warm. light sprinkle last night, Still uneasy about my corn getting very dry & ground hard

22. Cloudy Damp & warm - Very Windy day, planting corn over again, (old Land Part)

23. Clear Beautifull morning, fine rain for corn last night, heavy Wind.

24. Cloudy Damp morning, Finished breaking out middles at G#2. Breaking out middles in P. rice Bottom, two days ploughing only. more forward than ever I was, Twenty two double ploughs running.

25. Cloudy cool & Damp morning quit cold yesterday evening, some corn coming up

26. Cloudy warm, Went Driving yesterday, much against my wish. Dr W. shot two Deer Killed one in its tracks. Dogs caught the other, Threatening rain since noon. Misty Evening. Young Stirling called for me & my Dogs, to assist in Looking for M Courtneys runaway, in Mrs Stirlings Quarter at dinner time, &c.73 Robt. J. Barrow made me a present of the Best Spanish mare I ever saw, brought by him from Texas, superior form, clay colour with a black stripe down the back

27. Cloudy Very warm, Wind East - Finished breaking out middles by 9 Oclock, more forward in ploughing than ever I was by at Least ten days, 15 Acres of bottoms to plough for corn, Misty rain

28. Cloudy very warm - appearance of Bad Weather Jerard Richardson sent me a present of Four young hounds this morning, Light showers during the day, fine for the corn, coming up in places

73 Planters often assisted each other in the search for runaways.
29  Few clouds, turned quit cool last night. Com'enced planting Cotton this morning with 10 ploughs & Harrows, sowing it

30  Clear cool night & morning

31  Cloudy cool East Wind. Went to Town yesterday, Verry dusty ground. Verry dry. Went to a party at A. G. Howells with Emily & Caroline, quit a crowd of gentleman & few Ladies

April 1  Cloudy cool East Wind, Finished planting cotton above, by Breakfast time, 350 Acres, Planting Gibson place, dropped 90 Acres. Bought seed, rain at 10 O'clock. Went Driving started several Deer killed one - never made or saw a more Beautifull shot

2  Raining this morning, ground in fine order for planting. Went driving this morning. Killed small Deer, Cleared off warm

3  Verry hard Rain this morning, Verry bad stand of corn as yet, 150 Acres of cotton to plant, appearance of a rainey spell, great quantity of rain fallen

4  Cloudy warm, &c. rainy day

5  Cleared off Last night, Foggy morning, transplanting corn, uncommon bad stand of corn, cotton seed swelling. Replanting corn, ground Verry Wet, stopping Wash in house lot with Cypress Pickets

6  Few clouds Verry pleasant. seeding corn, planting pumpkins & water melons, Ploughing corn Most of it just coming up. Verry hard rain from 4 O'clock. Went with Family to A. G. Barrow returned in the rain, threatened with an attack of My Liver again

7  Raining and no appearance of ceasing, Wm. Joor came down yesterday Evening, some appearance of clearing off since 10 O'clock. Verry warm summer day.

8  Cloudy Damp morning, Verry warm, Women spinning, men making Fence & digging Dock up in the front Lot, E Skilman came by. Went Driving. Killed two Deer, a Poleander here to day quit a musical genius, repairing two musical Boxes

9  Cloudy Verry warm, planting Cotton "again" - Cotton first planted up & fine stand 500 Acres up, never had a worse prospect for corn, all replanted bad stand

10  Cloudy Verry warm - Finished planting cotton by . . . 0 A.M. to day

11  Cloudy very warm in returning from Town yesterday, saw a negro on Robt. J. Barrow Filley 2 yeas old. "R. J. B along with me" stoped the Boy. found him to be a runaway, had
been sent to Town by some runaways of Courtneys & Wades negroes, had with him sugar, coffee, Whiskey, candy, & Pomatum Powder &c. dressed as well as any body servant, passing himself off for Wades servant, tied him & put him on Robert horse behind the buggy as we got to Jos Bells stables he jumped off & away he went. Robert Ruffin & myself after him. Called my dogs & boy ran nearly to Wades & succeeded in taking him very likely colour of an Indian, been in the neighbourhood for nearly a year harboured by Wades & Robert H. B. negroes, took him to day over to Wades made him point out such negroes as he knew, & Wade appeared not care much about it, though proud he had been in his plantation constant for nearly 6 months & also two of Courtneys, then went over to Robert J. Barrows he knew several of his negroes seeing them passing only, brought him home with me. he knew none of my negroes harboured by one at Robt. H. B place "boy Josh" - Expect to catch Courtneys to night.

12 Clear quit cold wind from the North, light shower last night, attended a Family meeting in Town last Saturday 10th Mrs Eliza Bowman is about to Marry H. A Lyons Jr. A low trifling spounge looked upon as mean & a Dandy from the North, repeatedly saying he would never marry a woman that was not rich, &c.

13 Clear cool morning, Went Last night over to Robt. H. Barrows. Joshua by agreement had betrayed Isaac Catheran & Hester (Courtneys runaways) in to his House. took them both brought them to my House, Ruffin Towles Robert J B. & several others here to day, a general Frollick, nothing could have happened more apprpro, Wades Place a general harbour, Living on the neighbours stock, Wade does not more than half feed his negroes, commenced barring of Cotten Mr? Eliza Bowman married to H. A. Lyons - Was married in the city - and left for the North the same evening, having heard they were to be serenaded with Tin pans & other like instruments

14 Clear Verry pleasant

15 Clear Verry pleasant, Went Driving great many in Company. no luck, stoped barring off Cotten, making Potatoe ridges & ploughing bottoms for corn - hoed 120 Acres of corn

16 Cloudy Early morning, Dennis is pretending to be runaway, hunting for jno. Towles runaway.

17 Cloudy Verry warm - Finished planting Potatoes. Caroline went & brought Miss Woodard Home with her yesterday evening.

74 Poor or insufficient diet was a common cause of slaves running away.
75 A rather unusual method of securing runaways. Barrow apparently had implicit faith in Dennis
ing, threatening rain

18 Clear cool morning, very heavy storm & wind last night for a few minutes & light shower rain. Went fishing at Ratliff's Lake yesterday, quite a pleasant day. Mrs Jo Smith, Miss Margaret Swift, Miss Mary Woodward of E. Feliciana and Miss C. Joor, several Ducked, Cloudy since 9 O'clock appearance of rain

19 Clear cool morning & night quit cold - Commenced scraping cotton this morning at 10 O'clock. 40 hands, 15 ploughs barring off.

20 Quite a stormy night, raining this morning. Went with family yesterday to Mr. Jo Smith. Cleared off very pleasant since 11 O'clock. rain Enough to lay the Dust.

21 Clear cool morning, scraping old land full of fine grass, in corn last year, 10 ploughs barring off, Digging well in Quarter, Received News from Washington of the Death of President Genl W. H. Harrison died on the 4th of April of Pleurisy, in office one month, Vice President Tyler will fill his place

22 Few clouds cool night & morning 10 Ploughs barring off.

23 Clear cool morning, very bad scraping till last night. old corn land, &c.

24 Few clouds warm - Mr. Thorp came out to take Caroline Joors Portrait. 15 ploughs running, ploughing corn at 9 O'clock. Very bad stand

25 Clear Very pleasant. ground Very dry

26 Clear Very pleasant. 50 hoe hands scraping Cotton, Mr. Theur Com, giving Caroline Joor & Emily music Lessons plays Very finely, son Bat taken with Fever yesterday

27 Cloudy Very warm - Bat quit sick since yesterday evening, sent for Dr. Walker at dark.

28 Cloudy warm morning, Went with Miss C Joor to Mr. J Forts party Last night, great many beautiful Ladys - very fine party

29 Clear cold Wind from the West. Want rain verry much, ground verry hard & dry - won't bet better. Molded some cotten yesterday one furrow, Fire verry comfortable to day, several gentleman here to day, much amused at James Flowers open confessions of Love, &c.

30 Clear quit cold Last night & this morning, ploughed piece new ground corn - never saw ground scrape as bad, Verry hard & dry, Verry bad stand in Pen rice bottom, soaking seed to replant it, 15 ploughs running since dinner

May 1 Clear Verry night & morning sun verry hot plough hands replanting Penrice bottom

2 Clear cool morning, Sun verry hot, never saw the ground harder & es dry - every thing suffering for rain

3 Clear pleasant, Hands not worked to please me this morning, scraping cotten to day will take 13 days. Finished Bar­ring off Cotten to night.

4 Few clouds, verry warm - Ploughing corn. 50 acres ploughed second time, Capt Chambers of E. Feliciana came up this evening, set for my Portrait

5 Cloudy Verry warm. Appearance of rain, Ploughing corn every other row, from half Leg to knee high, improving, cotten has'ent grown any for some days owing to verry cold nights & wind from the North - Miss Mayhew left for New Orleans this morning. Fine rain of 1/2 an hour, at one Oclock, Finished scraping cotten

6 Damp morning, hoeing corn - Finished ploughing old corn 120 acres, by Breakfast time, 18 ploughs running one furrow round cotten 6 ploughs barring off young corn in bottoms, 14 days & 1/2 scraping Cotten, the hardest work I ever had - Appearance of a rainey day - the Miss Skillmans & Miss Arnold here to day, Verry pleasant day, unco sociable &c. started home this evening, Appearance of rain they turned back.

7 Raining, verry warm, had quit a Lively time of it last night and this morning, started Home with the Ladies after dinner, Mr Skillman in my Buggy with Miss C Joor, horse got in the Quick sand, broke one shaft, got out, went on as far as spring Grove with them, have heard often of a handful of Love, But never saw a Horse stauled by it, before this evening

8 Raining as hard as it ever rained commenceing at day Light shot an Alligator this morning in the Green Pond, 77

77 Alligators were common in the swamps of West Feliciana and alligator hunting as a sport was indulged in by many of the local gentry.
Women spinning, Top of small crib blown off last night, stopping Dam in Green pond — chopping weeds &c.

9 Raining very hard, wind North East. Some appearance of Breaking away since 1/2 8 o'clock Raining very hard since 2 o'clock. Corn one Large crib 3/4 full.

10 Cloudy cool East wind, rainey night, ground very wet, Women spinning. &c. Making pen for Hogs & stable for Jos Bell — All hands making a Dam in Front Lot — for a Fish Pond since Dinner Cleared off since dinner

11 Clear cool morning, all hands hoeing cotton. scraping Wherever they find Grass, too wet to hill or plough — Never felt a more pleasant day

12 Clear Verry pleasant morning hoeing corn, 20 ploughs moulding cotton one furrow.

13 Clear Verry Warm, Returned from Mr. Skillmen's this morning with Caroline & John Joor Quit a Frolick yesterday & last night. Finished hoeing corn by dinner second time, hilling cotton, corn from knee to hip high looking well, Cotton from 6 to 12 inches high Saw one Limb & two forms or shapes — Verry warm evening, sudden change in the wind since Sun down cool from the North

14 Clear Verry pleasant, Went to Town attended church. a day set aside by President Tyler as a day of Prayer for the Death of Genl. Harrison Pres.

15 Clear Verry cold morning. 8 or 10 Gentleman Came home with me yesterday & several Ladies had quit a Frolick Went hunting to day — no Luck

16 Clear cold night & morning, A. G. B & Family here & Miss Swift, &c. & several others

17 Clear Verry pleasant, Eliza & William here to day. Son Bet sick, Finished Breaking out middles of Race track field, Barring off piece corn at Gibson place — replanting corn in bottoms never have been so troubled with stand of corn

18 Clear Verry pleasant. Moulding cotton Gr. place. Quit unwell Last night. Received a Letter signed Alexander Brunton Post marked Canada I am certain it is from a negro that ran away Ruffin & myself in 1835 Nearly White. We owned but a few days, sent him to New Orleans to have him sold, never heard of him since, writes that he will return if money is sent him &c. As far as it is known Barrow did not send Post the requested message.
19 Clear Very pleasant, Went driving started number of Deer no Luck

20 Clear warm summer morning Robt. Semple & E. Skillman with me last night. Joseph Joor came from Jackson yesterday, Will graduate 2nd of next month, Finished running round Cotten one furrow 4 0k. & 80 Acres broke out middles ploughing young corn

21 Cloudy Very warm, cotton Looks well, "Excepting Last planting." Fenrice bottom and old Land below ground dry, cotton planting from 10 inches to 18 inches high. corn Looks well. "Excepting the bottoms" from hip to shoulder high, coons still troubling corn in the bottoms, several sick or pretending J. Richardson sent me 3 Beautiful full hound pups. gave one to Robt. Semple Drew the sein to day to get Fish to put in the Green Pond

22 Cloudy Very warm

23 Cloudy warm, Hilling cotton old Land below, the only inferior cotton I have young cotton, ran four furrows in old land below. Very hot day

24 Cloudy morning Very pleasant.

25 Cloudy morning very pleasant Went to Town

26 Clear Very warm, Breaking out middles above, two thirds of my crop very fine, Finished Hilling Cotten, scraping Potatoes

27 Cloudy warm - Hoeing bottom corn very inferior & grassy. Mr. Flour here this morning.

28 Clear pleasant Morning, Went to Town, fine rain Town yesterday, hoeing Cotten third time

29 Clear warm, Negros Holliday never saw negroes hoe as slow as they do on Robt. E. B place - Mrs Joor & Mrs Haile came down to day

30 Few clouds, very warm & sultry Light shower at noon, went over to Mr. Skillman?

31 Clear pleasant morning, Went to Town. Light shower ploughing corn third time & every other row. Looks very well

June 1 Clear Very warm - putting seed around some corn - Left Home this evening for Jackson Mrs Joor, Mrs Heile Caroline Joor Mrs Skillman & two Daughters & several gentlemen, to attend the Exebition. Joseph Joor graduated, he delivered the valedictory
Clear very warm returned from Jackson yesterday, had quit a Frolic. Very Large Party, a very sociable time their going & returning &c. As usual however the D Preachers interfered as much as possible, attempting to draw numbers from the Party by having preaching at night

Clear very warm

Clear very warm Sent for me to go to Ruffins Boy Henry threatening to runaway, &c.

Clear very warm, Went over to Robt. H. B place this morning very early Overseer not in the field. Grassy crop &c. My crop very fine, in fact as good as can well be & in fine order. From 10 inches to over knee high. Corn from head to 8 feet high looks well - ground very dry - some of Ruffins negroes turned his boy Henry out of Jail - cotton Bluming well

Clear very warm - Went over to Flower's yesterday in Company of J Joor, found a very lively company of young Lawyers. All musicians, invited them all to my House & have never seen just such a Frolic. Such singing & noise & happiness perfectly indifferent to the cares of this world. They were M. Marks, Hyatt, Bowman J. Flower Their J. Joor, M. Crindle W. Stirling & D. Walker

Clear Very warm morning, hoeing young corn at G's. Ploughing corn every other row, hoed cotton 3 times above hoeing G's never had a more regular crop. First rate stand, looks remarkably well, some of my hands are getting quit out of Gear, having so much Company Lately, been unable to attend to them strictly

Clear warm morning, rain above yesterday, Mrs Joor & Mrs Haile Left on the 9. took Caroline Home with them Light shower at noon - ground very dry

Morning Clear and very Hot. hoeing piece young corn this side of Little creek. Uncom'on fine crop both corn & cotton. Excepting Penrice field, rain prevented my planting When the rest of the crop was, ploughing old Land cotton every other row, four furrows & scrapers in the middle

Cloudy Hot - Negros Holliday several sick, son John sick.

Clear very warm Cloudy warm morning, one Large crib nearly two 3's full of corn

East Feliciana parish.
14 Cloudy warm went to Town rain in Town.

15 Cloudy warm - running four furrows & scrapers in every other row, Finished hoeing cotton 3rd time by 4 Ok., could have finished last week, hilling piece back of quarter 3rd time, shall stop hoes to night 'till it rains.

16 Left Home this morning with Family for Woodville.

20 Returned Home this evening

21 Cloudy Very Hot, Light shower during my absence fine rains above & below, My corn wants rain very much - Cotton very fine excepting Penrice bottom young cotton well formed - the rest of the crop from knee to hip high, well balled & branched & formed, combed hoeing again this morning few bunches pusly cotton wants thinning &c. Light shower at Eleven Ok.

22 Cloudy very warm hoeing cotton above 4th. time, chopping bunches pusly - Women only

23 Foggy damp morning Fine cotton rain on part of plantation yesterday, Went through the District yesterday. Hard rains below, went to Town

24 Clear cool morning, Last night quit cold, Feels like Sept. weather, Aunt Bat Mrs A. Barrow Rosalie & Amanda here to day, Amanda seems to be very fond of fun & mischief Rosalie very sedate &c. hoe hands Little or nothing to do Will put the women to spinning in the morning, Corn very much in want of rain Cotton very fine, Excepting small piece old Land below & Penrice bottom, small & wants rain, half Large crib of corn only

25 Clear pleasant morning. Last night very cool, ploughing Gibson place, great many Boles on cotton 3 & 4 nearly grown. Women spinning men getting out timber making cypress fence. covering cribs &c.

27 Clear cool mornings & night Returned home last night, Went up to C. Davis day before yesterday, Went yesterday above Tunica 5 miles - fishing Caught great many.80

28 Clear cool morning & night, hoeing new ground. Looks very well considering the Drouth, seven weeks since it rained over the plant. ploughing young corn at Gibson place. old Land Corn nearly gone, Cotton wants rain

29 Cloudy warm, went to Town jno. Mayrant with me, Ap-

80 Northeast section of West Feliciana parish.
pearance of rain. Miss Swifts Came up this evening, sprinkle rain &c.

30 Rainey morning. Verry hard rain in the night, Cotten Looks verry fine. water broke the Dam in lot wash

July 1 Cloudy Damp morning, cutting coal wood women spinning

2 Clear Verry warm - Send all hands to hoe for the Miss Swifts, small boys ploughing for peas, fearfull Peas will not come up in corn field, ground so baked, the rain that fell two nights must of been as hard as ever fell, rained but few hours ground too wet to plough to day in . . . old Land

3 Cloudy Verry Warm, Went drawing the sein Fish fry &c. verry pleasant time &c. returning over took Turnbulls negros returning from Town, one fellow gave me some impudence, put his head under the fence, & gave him a good Whipping, the waggon came along searched it & found over ten gallons of Whiskey in it, a general breaking of Jugs took place - Towles Percey & other along

4 Cloudy verry warm

5 Cloudy Verry Warm, hoeing Gibson place - ploughing every other row old Land above, Cotten growing verry well Corn improved verry much - making Baskets

6 Cloudy damp & warm, sprinkle rain after dard last evening, never saw a better crop of cotten from knee to head high filled with Boles & Forms, Corn improved verry much, new ground, as good as I ever had, went to Town

7 Clear verry warm - Several sick

8 Clear verry Hot - Went hunting & never suffered more with heat. uncommon warm - rain below

9 Clear verry warm hands from Alfred report have worked badly for two days past, James Flower here last night, to be married to C. B. Joor 15 this month

10 Clear verry warm - Went to Town back to dinner. M" Thorp with me. Went to A. G. Howells this evening a Fish Fry there to day have'n t seen as drunken a set in a great While &c. rain on Lower Edge plan! A Light

11 Clear verry warm

12 Clear verry warm, Several sick Verry tedious hoeing, Cotten 1st planting from half thigh to shoulder high 2d from knee to waist high, Verry fine all of it, cotten & corn both went rain. sprinkle rain.
Clear Verry warm, h-eing old Land above.

Clear Verry warm. 3 Flower & Jno. Joor here last night. 6 sick. hands appear to get over ground slower than I ever saw them, fine grass & Tie vines verry thick

Clear verry warm. Returned from Woodville this morning, Caroline B. Joor was Married on 15th to James Flower jur. Received a note from Ruffin stating that several of my negros were implicated in an intended insurrection on the 1st of August next. it seems from What he writes me, it was to have taken place Last March - mine are 0 Fill 0 Ben Jack Dennis & Damps - will go up to Robert J. B to have them examined &c. six negros were found guilty in the first degree, it appears they were to meet at Jno. Towles Gate and at M? Turnbulls inheritance place, Leaders one of Robert J. Barrow one Bennet J. B. one of Towles one of C. Perceys one W. J. Forts & one of D. Turnbulls, none of mine were implicated farther than one of Robert J. B boys said he heard the names of the above mentioned &c. intend having an examination of the Whole plantation & the neighbourhood &c.

Clear Verry warm

Clear Verry Hot - Examined Mrs Stirlings negros Courtneys & my own yesterday found none of them concerned in the Expected insurrection, Went to Judge Wades this morning, found several of his men concerned it. Dave Bonner the most & he was the Leder, Sent to Jail for trial

Clear Verry warm. Thermometer Lower this morning than it has been in 3 weeks, fine shower

Cloudy Verry warm - Examined Robt. H. Barrows negros yesterday. one or two deeply concerned. Sit last night for negros on the road, good many runaways about.

Clear Verry warm, Examined Ruffins negros yesterday they pretended more ignorance than any negros I've met with - one of his Old Pete deeply concerned - &c.

Clear verry warm - Examined A. Barrows & Mrs Joor's negros couldn't find out any thing of importance, Cotten shedding Forms small bolls & Leaves for want of rain Finished hoing all plantation since it rained & ploughing last Tuesday

Slave insurrections were uncommon in the ante-bellum South. The only actual outbreak of importance in this section of the South occurred near Natchez during the War for Southern Independence. Mrs. L. P. Connor, Natchez, Mississippi, has in her possession some interesting records concerning this insurrection.
morning Cleaning out scree old yard\$ making scaffolds - more sickness than I've had this year - daughter Caroline little sick

24 Clear pleasant Breeze from the North, Examined negroes of A. G. Barrow Miss Swifts Jos. Smithes & Capt Howells &c. never saw cotton suffering as much for rain as at present.

25 Clear Verry Warm. dry wind from the North, rain below.

26 Clear verry warm - Pulling Fodder, trash Gang picking Cotton, Caroline quit sick this morning. Verry hard at one o'clock, lasted over two hours, never saw more water on the ground

27 Cloudy. Verry warm, Negros all Cleared. But will be tried by the Planters themselves &c. Working roads women spinning, making scaffolds &c.

28 Clear verry warm - Rece\d a Letter from the Committee on Forcye's creek requesting information in regard to the negroes rising Excitement &c. pulling Fodder, running scrapers twice't in a row next to the cotton

29 Clear Verry Hot night & morning Pulling fodder, several sick, daughter Caroline well &c.

30 Hazy morning, Last night Hot as I ever felt it. Never saw a crop throughout Bolled as my crop is at this time. smaller than usual, opening verry fast, several sick. sprinkle rain

31 Cloudy Verry damp, great deal of Lightning last evening, light rain "at dark" - Working road to Gibson place

August 1 Cool pleasant morning. Old Mr Brewer with me last night. I went to school to him 20 year ago. &c. Robt. J. B. & family here to day

2 Clear verry cold morning & night, 16 hands picking before the scrapers, hoeing Wet bottoms. fine grass & tie vines verry thick several children quit sick

3 Clear verry cold morning, B. S. Joor came down this morning Women & children picking cotton few men - others making scaffolds scraping &c. Never saw Cotton fall of more than it has done in the 3 weeks past. old Land shed all its forms appears done growing, opening verry fast. Verry small half Leg to half thigh high, new ground above barely hip high, Gibson place verry good, Grass worms Eating Cotton as well as grass, saved 17 Large stacks of Fodder 60 acres young corn to pull - W. Joor came down this morning.

4 Clear cool morning. 7 or 8 sick 100 picked by dinner
in new Land. getting pickets for scaffolds.

5 Clear pleasant, morning cool.

6 Clear pleasant morning, running scrapers above - other hands picking cotton

7 Cloudy warm. Last night quit hot - sent to Town for my Bagging & cordage. India Bagging, Kentucky rope. 26 & 15 1/2 lbs

8 Picking cotton Gibson place, hands picked very well number of hands picked over 220 lbs

8 Few clouds, warm wind from the South, Son Bat ran a large needle in his foot nearly up to the eye of it. no blood came from it. Several Sick

9 Cloudy warm. Went to Town hard rain & wind in Town & this side. Light sprinkle here

10 Cloudy warm. Son Bat quit high Fever last night uneasy fearing the Lock Jaw. several sick, appearance of hard rain above

11 Cloudy pleasant wind from North. over 25 Bales out. Hands picked finely. averaged 203 Never heard of such picking at this season of the year, sent cart on the road - Cloudy cool & pleasant wind from the North - Hands Averaged 203 lbs yesterday. Finished scraping yesterday, All hands picking except those on the road - 49 picking, Never have seen crops as well boiled as they are this season, my Cotten is bending down with grown bolles, though smaller than I ever saw it, Most of Gibson place & part Penrice bottom usual size

12 Clear Verry pleasant morning, hands picking extremely well Aver. yesterday 193. sucklers now in bad Cotten or would have Aver considerable over two hundred

13 Clear cool morning. All hands on the road. hard work

14 Clear morn night quit cool - Son John & Clifford sick - several negroes quit sick yesterday

15 Clear pleasant morning. Finished working the road yesterday, our District Attorney, (W. D. Boyle) made a begginning towards enforcing the Law, in removing free negroes from the Parish, came to old Greys family, saw the Law in a different Light, no doubt Bribed - &c. 82

16 Cloudy warm - Several of my negroes in returning off of the road Saturday night came through Ruffins Quarter. he hav-

82 No serious attempt was ever made to enforce the law.
ing the measles forbid their returning that way. had them staked down all yesterday, several of them had killed a hog, found out the right ones, gave them all a severe whipping, Ginney Jerry has been shirking about ever since began to pick cotton. after whipping him yesterday told him if ever he dodged about from me again would certainly shoot him. this morning at breakfast time charles came & told me that Jerry was about to run off. took my gun. found him in the Bayou behind the Quarter, shot him in his thigh &c. raining all around.

17 cloudy very warm, hands picked well yesterday. av'd 203 1/2, 60 picking. none at the scaffold, hard rain in sight. ground here very hot to the negroes feet

18 clear pleasant morning, hands av'd very high yesterday, 246. picked at Gibson place. Caroline came down this morning. Light rain

19 cloudy very warm, hands would have av'd over 250 had it not of rained - as hard a rain as could or ever fall 'till this evening, great many sick, Mr. Thuer horse ran off with his sulky yesterday in the lot. Broke it &c.

20 clear very warm, light shower at noon - picking cotton since eleven o'clock.

21 cloudy warm morning. threatening rain, light shower.

22 cloudy very warm, Ruffin sent for me yesterday evening to assist him to look for two runaways seen near the Russell place. Left his house after dark just as we got to the Russell creek we started through the woods. Came to a thicket, dismounted, tied our horses, and just as I started off, put my gun over some vines. in stepping over them (both cocks of the gun down) put my foot on one cock & off went, knocking me some feet & senseless, the whole load struck me just above the right year, cutting the skin to the top of the skull, went between my hat & head & tearing the hat at the side & made a hole through the top of it one inch from the edge of the crown - no one can imagine the pain & feelings I had on recovering from the shock, being dark as pitch & in the woods & away from any assistance, half an inch lower & it would have blown my skull to atoms, My hat I'll keep as remembrance of the narrowest escape I ever knew. And all owing to having the cocks down on the caps instead of half cock, a thing I never done before, did so owing to the dampness of the night air, Ruffin's distressed feelings I can never forget nor the sympathetic feelings of Cousin Olivia & nieces, will ever be remembered by me. it is the sufferer alone that can appreciate such kindness, and what can be more grateful to my feelings, &c. shower rain to day. over 75 bales out last night, 32 pressed - great deal of cotton open. rain has made it bad picking and very trashy & dirty.

23 Dark cloudy morning cool wind from the East raining
7 Oclock. Appearance of ba spell of Weather Recev'd one of my Gins from South Carolina

24 Damp Foggy morning

25 Damp Foggy morning. raining since Dinner

26 Rainey morning, started one of my Boatright Gins, verry much pleased with it, appears to Gin verry fast

27 Damp Foggy & warm & sultry morning for week past, Grass about taking the plantation, had this spell of weather been in July or 1st this month would have made over 600 Bales, I have great deal open & now verry much injured - Few of my men Picking Badly, Randal L. Dave L. Tom Wash Jim T. Frank B. Tom. Women Candis & Creasy. still Cloudy and appearance of unsettled Weather

28 Cloudy warm, hands picked verry well yesterday. Considering how the rains have torn the cotton, Eighty Five Bales out, at Least Ninety out to night. great deal of rain fallen to day. Grass (about taking the plantation), "And tie vines"

29 Raining - House damp and verry disagreeable - Verry warm

30 Clear pleasant morning. Several Sick, Appearance of verry hard rain in the East, since dinner

31 Clear verry pleasant morning, Sun rose clear, Cloudy at seven ocolock. Light sprinkle rain l O$

September 1 Few clouds pleasant morning - Last night verry warm, Between 105 & 120 Bales out Last night. Cotton falling off verry much taken second growth, great many places rust has taken evry Leaf off. Bolles opening only half grown, Light rain since dinner, Commenced Hawling cotton to the river 1st shipment

2 Damp Foggy morning, Pressing at Gibson. Cotton picked this week, verry dirty & trashy & stained

3 Damp cloudy & Foggy morning, Verry warm day.

4 Cloudy Verry warm morning.

5 Foggy Few clouds, one hundred Bales Gined 77 Pressed Last night; one hundred & thirty five Bales out in No. Last night - (or more)

6 Cloudy cool wind from the East. Appearance of bad spells of weather. Cotton rotting. old fashion rot

7 Cleared off Since day light, rained all yesterday, Wind
from the East, Hawled 53 Bales to Rat's Landing, Rain at Eleven & 2 Cents.

8 Dark Foggy & warm morning. hoed yesterday evening, never saw cotton rot as it has done in the ten days past, similar to rot 15 year ago. should it prove to be the same, Can't imagine what we will do, nearly evry one is in debt to a Large am't. would sell my Land if I could, & move on the Low Lands Mississippi or some of its tributaries, shipped 53 Bales

9 Clear, Foggy morning. Picking cotton at Gibson place, never saw as fine Gins as the two I rec'd. this fall from Carolina "Boatrights"

10 Few clouds, verry warm - killed a fine Deer in my field yesterday. the crack of the Gun still Jars my head - Raining verry hard during the day.

11 Cloudy cool & Damp morning, the crop of cotton must be very short - the dry summer & now the wet weather & rot. &c. several children sick, Making dam across the wash in the front Lot - hard rain at dark

12 Cloudy damp & cool morning

13 Clear cool and pleasant morning, Much the coolest and only fall Looking day we've had yet - over one hundred & Fifty Bales out Saturday 11th. But for the unco'd bad weather would have had out 220, 131 Pressed. 138 Gined - will be short crops made as far as I can Learn are better in this neighbourhood, than within 30 miles, Went to Town &c.

14 Clear cold morning, voted yesterday for Richard Haile for Representative to Legislature - number sick, Cotton still on the declin, in price here & in Eoroupe

15 Cloudy Damp, wind from the East. Verry hard rain yesterday evening from the East, repairing Dam in the Lot. sever-al sick

16 Cloudy cold wind from the North, Ginney Jerry ran off Last Thursday to day week, after being shot, Will shoot to kill him should I be fortunate enough to meet him, Will sell him &c. Never saw a crop so completely used up by Tie vines & Grass, evry rich spot hid by them & cotton all rotten, picking the cotton as trashy as can be, intend stopping Gins to night, all hands to picking, unless I do must loose an immense quain- tity, one hundred & 75 Bales out Last night in No. 139 Pressed 155 Gined, Number of sick ones.

17 Few clouds Quit cold - Went up Last night to see Franc-cina Wade married to Robert Semple - a widower with two child-ren, verry fine man &c. Mrs Frazier (Mrs. Woodward that was)
came down from Woodville this Evening

18 Clear morning quit cold

19 Few clouds much warmer, One Hundred & Ninety Bales out in N°. Sent down after an Ox waggon - Came verry near a rain to day - Went over to Ruffins, he Looks worse than I ever saw him unwell for some weeks Fistulo. Old Aunt Polly died on the 9th

20 Clear pleasant - hands Picking Badly. I think for such trashy cotten as they pick, though it is rotten & great many tie Vines to pull.

21 Cloudy pleasant, Reced. Acct sales of my 1st Shipment 53 Bales good cotton at 10° still falling though prospects for a verry short crop. shower at 10 0K, rainey evening quit cold

22 Verry cold Wind from the North Misty rain, Women spinning men trashsing cotten, out all last night in the rain sitting at G. Jerrys Camp suffered very much from cold wet &c. part of the time in the hollow tree &c.

23 Cleared off Late yesterday evening, morning Foggy cool - several sick cloudy & cold East wind since 10 0K.

24 Clear cool but pleasant, great Many Sick went to Town, Reced. the second Veto of President Tyler, news by Last mail that there would be war with England, great riot at Cincinnati, Whites & negros, a negro cut a White boy verry badly with-provation. Several Whites killed, a few think it will put a stop to their Abolition notions, they say by Proclamation that they will not harbour any more runaways &c.

25 Clear verry pleasant, Lewis & Dan Stirling hunting with me to day. Fox hunting started number of Deer. &c.

26 Few clouds, pleasant morning, several sick, Mrs W. Haile came down yesterday. Fennell Boys caught my runaway "Ginney Jerry" Last Thursday.

27 Morning verry Foggy. Little Lucey died yesterday afternoon, dropsy of the chest. 49 years old - Between 220 & 230 Bales out in N°. one hundred & 72 Pressed in N°. Verry warm day

28 Cloudy verry warm - several sick, Light rain at 3 0K appearance of heavy rain above & below &c.

29 Cloudy Damp & cool - Finished picking my worst cotten. picked higher yesterday than for two weeks. and cleaner cotten. went hunting in my Buggy - killed two Deer
30 Cloudy cool Wind from the North, I have been quit unwell for some weeks unable to ride on horseback without great pain &c.

October 1 Clear cool & pleasant day. "sick" 10 or 12 - or pretending to be, 205 B. Gined 250 out in N. Between 260 & 75 of 400 lbs. 189 Pressed

2 Clear cool morning, but pleasant. More hands attempting to sherk for two weeks past than I ever knew, Gave a number of them a good flogging, Turning Quit cold. hard wind from the North & cloudy

3 Few clouds wind verry cold. Wind East since 10 O'clock

4 Cloudy in the East cold & windy

5 Clear very pleasant day - went to Town verry dusty

6 Shower rain at Sun rise verry hot.

8 Sprinkle rain this morning verry warm, hard shower at 3 O'clock

9 Cloudy very warm - Three hundred Bales out to night in Number. 229 Pressed - in N. 245 or 50 Gined Jno. Mayrant here for some days past. Suited him in Winter Clothes - deserves no pity yet one cannot help it

10 Cloudy rain since Breakfast - Went Driving at day Break no luck

11 Cloudy Verry warm, Wind East, rain at 4 O. picking well at 2 O. 201.

12 Cloudy damp morning hard shower rain at 2 O'clock Mrs Flower over this morning

13 Cloudy cool wind from the North, sold 43 Bales at 10 c. 11 at 8 1/2 c. shipped to day (in all) 191 Bales, Appearance of clearing off

14 Few clouds in the East quit cool

15 Cloudy summer day - very warm Wind East, Went to Town yesterday near Town the shafts of my Buggy came loose being a very gentle horse (going down hill) or would have ran off, in jumping out sprained my Ankle hurt very Bad

16 Cloudy warm - Picking cotton old Land above. old Land has turned out better this year than it ever did, new Land rotted, but for that would have made over 600 Bales. several sick, cleared off Like summer
17 Clear, very pleasant day - Three hundred and Thirty Bales out in number. Last night 263 Pressed to night in No. 280 Gined in No. Will make over 350 out of 400. My Teacher came last night from New York - Mr. Hulbert.

18 Clear, very pleasant.

19 Clear, very pleasant. Pulled some corn Pine this side Little creek. Colts had et it nearly up.

20 Clear, very pleasant. Picking very trashy cotton - very dry & Light.

21 Clear, cool. Wind from the North.

22 Clear, very cold. Wind from the North. Frost in the bottoms. Wind blowing prevented a White Frost.

23 Clear, very cold morning. Ice this morning.

24 Clear, very cold. White Frost.

25 Clear, very cold. White Frost.

26 Clear, very cold. White Frost.

27 Clear. pleasant. Jno. Mayrant & myself went in the swamp yesterday, at Mr. Demorse on foot. went across to Bayou swamp perfectly dry. started several Deer, Walked about 8 Mile, hands picking very Light weights & trashy.

28 Clear, pleasant. Went to Ruffins with Mr. Collier of Tennessee. Digging Potatoes, Large "but few."

29 Warm Foggy morning, made very few Potatoes 16 hills - Four hundred & 5 Bales out in No. 337 Gined.

30 Raining very hard & warm, between Four hundred and thirty five & 450 Bales out of 400. At Least, About 30 to pick.

31 Very stormy. Looking day. Wind from the East. Very warm, Emily taking chronic inflammation of the stomach, several children sick.

November 1 Clear pleasant day. More like spring than November. Gathering corn.

2 Clear, very pleasant. Clear, very pleasant, more like spring than fall. Great deal of cotton knocked out by the East.

Mr. Hulbert was evidently a good teacher, as he remained at Highland several years.
Clear, very pleasant - Mrs Flower over to day. Her & Jim are as loving as two kittens, told her how disgusting it appeared, made her quite mad.

Clear, very pleasant, Mrs Flower left here quit out of sorts to day.

Clear cold morning - nearly finished picking cotton.

Clear, very pleasant.

Few clouds wind South, pleasant - Ruffin & several from this neighbourhood intended going up to Red River for a Deer hunt, disappointed. William ran his S. Boat aground, bought one for the purpose of pleasure trips, hunting &c. 84

Cloudy, warm, went to Town, sprinkle rain in the evening, gathering corn to day.

Cloudy, summer day - James and John began to shoot. Quit pleased, & shoot well for beginners, 341 bales pressed in N. Miss M. Swift & A. G. Barrow here to day.

Few clouds, spring day - finished gathering corn yesterday.

Rain at day Light, "Light".

Cleared off, very pleasant, "wind North".

Clear, very pleasant, wind North.

Clear, quite cold morning, made one large & one small crib full of corn - one large one nearly even to the plate. Went to Town, bought a pair of dove-coloured carriage horses. Very fine horses. Perfect match, $400.

Cloudy, cold - went over to see Ruffins & Williams Steam Boat. Went off on a hunting trip.

Clear, very pleasant.

Few clouds, summer day, Waggon & cart hawling Pumpkins.

Rain at day Light, cleared off very warm & windy.

84 For a description of the "Nimrod," see Spirit of the Times, Sept. 11, 1841.
20 Cloudy very warm, Wind South evry thing Budding out 
today

21 Cloudy very warm, threatning rain. several showers
today

22 Heavy rain Last night. clear Beautifull spring day, 
working on Dam in front Lot.

23 Clear very pleasant, All men clearing Land, women &
children picking cotten about 5 Bales to pick. 404 Bales
Pressed in N??

24 Cloudy very warm. hard rain Last night

25 Cleared off cool & pleasant. hard rain Last night

26 Clear very cold wind from the North - B. S. Joor
came down yesterday

27 Clear cold. White frost. Finished picking cotten
yesterday

28 Few clouds. Verry cold day.

29 Clear very cold, ground frozen & White, Yesterday
just as we were sitting to dinner, the House was discovered to
be on fire sparks from from Little room chimney caught the
roof. burnt through the shingles. few minutes more and doubt-
full if it could have been stoped &c.

30 Real freezing weather

December 1 Cloudy very cold East wind all hands clean-
ing up brush in new clearing 425 Bales pressed in N?.

2 Raining hard since midnight East wind

3 Foggy morning, cleared off warm

4 Clear Verry pleasant

5 Clear cold morning

6 Clear cold morning, Took a List of things the negros want-
ed, yesterday 85

7 Clear morning White frost. Cloudy since 10 OK - & warm

8 Cloudy pleasant, Finished clearing Brush of off new

85 Barrow usually purchased the articles wanted by the negroes
and distributed them at Christmas time.
ground - men chopping Logs, some sawing for Houses, Women spinning, Finish Ginning to day

9  Cloudy very warm, several showers during the morning, stoped the Gin few Bales to Gin only.

10  rain at day Light, cleared off. summer day, Ralp cut his Big Toe & one next to it off with an ax, M? & M?3 Flower here to day. Wm H. B came from the Island to day. Verry much pleased with his purchase. &c.

19  Returned Home from New Orleans this evening, Very pleasant trip, Verry warm day

20  Cloudy Verry warm, DT Lawrence of Red river here, to be married to Miss Josephine Johnson on the 30. &c.

21  Cloudy Verry warm, Went to a party at M? Barrow? Last night in Town - verry pleasant

22  Clear  Verry cold day, Light rain Last night, rollin Logs in new ground since Last Saturday, Making up pants for men as Christmast present.

23  Clear  cool wind from North

24  Cloudy verry cold freezing day

25  few clouds verry cold East wind & North East. &c.

26  Cloudy verry cold, & disagreeable _save the negros articles purchased for them in N. Orleans - "yesterday" raining since 12 Ok

27  Raining all Last night, appearance of continueing, & quit cold, wind from the East.

28  Cloudy cold & Demp

29  Raining hard since day Break

30  Cloudy cold went to Town verry muddy.

31  Few clouds in the East. cold
January 1 Hailing at day Light. Cold, the Last year has closed, and a new one Begun. And every thing wearing the same distressed appearance of the four past. one difference only provisions are Low. Cotten down to nothing, and Dull. owing to the unsettled state of the Money Market, some few Banks having resumed specie payments – supposed the Legislature will force a general resumption on all that are able, these otherwise to close. the injurious Effects of Banking among a planting Community, are now seriously felt. the cry from one End of the Country to the other is sell, & at allmost any price, A few months "provided the Legislature does it duty," will put everything on a sure footing. restore confidence in a great measure - though a great many must Loose nearly evry thing, Hoping for the Best I Begin on Monday morning next with renewed Energy - determined to out do the Best.

2 Raining this morning. & since yesterday 4 OK Cleared off this evening Like spring & pleasant

3 Clear "Beautifull" & pleasant day Began work to day, negros appear Lively & well. &c.

4 Few clouds verry pleasant day, B. S. Joor Came down yesterday

5 Cloudy pleasant

6 Cloudy warm. sprinkle of rain put more dirt on the dam

7 Cloudy Verry warm, Went over to Ruffins this morning in my Cab. While there, Amanda & Miss Crab of Tennessee jumped in it & off they went without Bonnets. supposing them hid search was made evry Where, one hour or more they were seen returning from the swamp, I got in turned the cab & drove them as they were over to Mrs Wades - after being there some time, Who should come But Roberts wife & Rosalie - after us in another Cab (without Bonnets,) remained at Cousin Olives few minutes. took Betsy Ratliff & Miss Laura Wade - Betsy in the Cab with Rosalie & Mary (& John Ruffins son) Miss Wade, Miss Carab, Amand, & myself in my Cab. only two seats in each Cab, Went
on to Bennets found no one at Home, Came on to my House to dinner, sent & collected the neighbours. A. G. Barrow & family Miss Swift's Flower & family Miss Mary Barrow Miss Sophia Johnson Mrs Collins 12 or 13 gentleman - danced all night by the Piano & Violin

8 Would not Let any Leave - got a violin player from Town "Norman" Let them rest & knap during the day some times. playing smut - at dark began to dance, at 12 Oclock their consciences made them refuse to dance any Longer, it Being Saturday night, to punish them fastened the doors 'till near two O'Clock some blew the Lights out others tried to get out at the windows, Any thing, but dance they would'ent, retired at 2 Ok all nearly broke down, never have seen A collection so sudden and so perfectly free easy & happy for two days & nights, All restraint thrown aside never enjoyed myself as much

9 Many Long & weary Looking faces sore feet &c. this morning, however all regretting it was Sunday, none more than myself, without preparation it Began, plenty to Eate & drink is all they wanted, evry thing put down & each one helped himself When he wanted it, Cloudy spring day

10 Rainey at 7 O. wind North, turning quit cool

11 Cloudy quit cold - stopping washers some spinning others rolling Logs

12 Cloudy cold

13 Clear very cold morning.

14 Drizzling rain, splitting rails stopping washes. cutting briers & spinning

15 Cloudy cold

16 Clear cold

17 Clear very cold night & morning.

18 Clear cold morning, Went to Robt. J. B yesterday found quite sick. chronic inflamation of the stomach, Making fences &c.

19 Cloudy light sprinkle rain, warm Ploughing. 12 ploughs - raining very hard since 4 Ok

20 Clear very cold & wind blowing very hard Compl. ploughing yesterday 12 ploughs, "new ground"

21 Clear cold Bracing day
22 Clear, cold morning. pleasant day

23 Clear cool morning

24 Cloudy cool East wind, ploughing up Potatoe ground - 15 Ploughs

25 Raining, wind East.

26 Cloudy cool wind from N. East, Women spinning, men making fence

27 Clear very pleasant day, repairing fences. sucklers spinning

28 Cloudy cool. wind S. East

29 Cloudy warm

30 Foggy morning. very warm - started for New Orleans to day, Son Bat taken sick stoped me

31 Cloudy very Hot. Raining since yesterday 3 Oclock - Mrs Joor & Mrs Haile Came down yesterday, I have the nick Bone of a horse painted, "the natural representation of a Priest or Preacher praying," sitting on my chimney place - some folks don't like it, think that a man can't be honest unless a professor of Religion. in other words a church goer, Bah!

February 1 Cloudy warm, wind East. Began ploughing for Cotten 4 Furrows "since dinner", Women spinning - threatning rain

2 Cloudy very warm, wind East, Light rain Last night, Bed appearance of weather prevents my going to the City to day - raining during the day.

3 Never saw more water fall than has fallen this morning. Pond nearly over flown - running round Each end - wind North - Cleared off pleasant

4 Clear very windy, but pleasant

5 Clear Frosty morning, very pleas.

6 Left Home for New Orleans this morning.

11 Com'd on Large crib of corn & one small one full

19 Returned Home from New Orleans this evening, detained there by ill Health of Bennet J. B. expected him to die for several days - Left him out of danger, such times never were seen in this country, a general smash nearly every House in
in the city has failed or will fail - Banks closed & no money, all owing to rascally Legislation, the feelings of the people will force them to rescind their rascally Bill or tear the state house down. Money cannot be had on the best paper for less than 24 pr. if at all. Cotton no sales, should these times continue 2 Months great many planters must be broken up - my situation is very critical, & all from assisting What I thought my friends - d--- such - owe no money myself yet have to work 4 years to pay others debts - or sacrifice my land - Hands not worked well during my absence.

20 Clear very Cold

21 Clear cold night. 22 Ploughs running. Finished above 4 furrows began at Gns

22 Clear cold morning. pleasant day - Mrs Towles here yesterday.

23 Clear delightfull day - running 3 Furrows only in old land Gns

24 Few clouds very warm - went Deer hunting over at Ruffins. killed one Deer, never enjoined a hunt more, from Leake description of Arkansas &c.

25 Cloudy spring day - Boy Riley broke out this morning. Measels I fear - hard shower this morning from the West cleared off pleasant, Breaking out middles "since dinner" for corn ground in Beautiful order

26 Cloudy pleasant.

27 Cloudy Threatening rain

28 Sprinkling rain - warm Commenced planting 26 in new ground - rainy day. "Light."

March 1 Hazy rain - very warm - Finished breaking out middles for corn - & planted new ground

2 Great deal of rain fallen & still raining

3 Cloudy very warm some rain

4 Martins Clear very pleasant. very hard rain last night, too wet to plough - stopping wash - women spinning, Clearing &c.

He referred, no doubt, to the Banking Act of 1842, which forced unsound banks into liquidation.
5 Cloudy, summer day

6 Cloudy verry warm, went Deer hunting yesterday, no Luck riding all day - Went over to see Ruffin, he has just returned New Orleans times still worse all buisness stoped most of the Banks going in to Liquidation &c.

7 Cloudy verry warm at day Light. cold wind from North since 8 Ok Verry cold shower at 3 Ok - Began to plant corn in old Land, ground rather wet - Trees nearly all put out, till this morning evry thing the appearance of spring - Caroline, John, and Bat. sick

8 Cloudy verry warm - Bat & James Broke out with Measles, two or three house ones with it. Riley Brought it from N. Orleans.

9 Cloudy verry warm. planting Corn in Penrice field since yesterday morning, dropping it 2 feet & 2 1/2 - poor places

10 Cloudy summer day several here hunting. Finished planting corn Except bottoms - 225 acres middles broke out to night.

11 Few clouds verry warm. all my children with measles - never knew a more sudden change in the weather at 1/2 4 Ok Verry hot & in one minute cold

12 Cloudy quit cold wind from the north - George Joor came down yesterday evening, was verry much in hopes to have rec'd $3000 from him - Endorsing for him

13 Raining & cold at day Light cold mist till 12 Ok. Clear since & pleasant. Killed several Hogs in field, wild ones

14 Cloudy cold - hard shower rain before day Light

15 Clear cold morning. pleasant from 9 Ok. - Breaking out middles at Gibson place - hoeing new ground corn - Finished running harrows over corn

16 Clear very pleasant day - Frost this White in the bottoms, Martins made their appearance on the 4th since have not seen one

17 Clear very pleasant spring day. went driving over at Ruffins killed several Deer - Fears of an over flow

18 Cloudy some fogg. warm - Finished hoeing new ground corn 1st time - old Land not up, the ground in fine order warm - sprouted for 8 days past
19 Clear summer day, Finished breaking middles by Breakfast, All hands repairing their Gardens cleaning up Quarter &c.

20 Clear very pleasant day

21 Turning cool since day Light Foggy, Began Planting Cotten this morning 8 Ploughs 16 Harrows ridges too high, trying to harrow them down

22 Morning cloudy & cool, clear after 9 Ok, trying harrows behind the ploughs without Teeth to cover cotten answer finley

23 Cloudy & cool 'till 7 Ok, Clear and pleasant since

24 Cloudy pleasant morning, planted all new Land above & half of Race Track Cut - Jim Bell full Brother to my horse Jos. Bell, has made (last week) in N. Orleans the best race ever run in America, 4 mile Heats 1st Heat in 7.37 seco4's 2nd Heat in 7.40 seconds. Beating Sarah Bladen & one other - Sarah Bladen has been at the head of the Turf at the south, Planting Cotten Gibson place

25 Morning cloudy & warm - went hunting in the swamp

26 Cloudy pleasant morning, went hunting, very pleasant day of it, killed very large deer - & never saw a horse act in the manner my Gig horse done in attempting to bring it on would strike at it with both - led up would pitch at it bite as same as a dog - jumped on a dog & perfectly mad - Finished planting Cotten at G's yesterday Excepting the bottoms, 160 Acres old Land to plant, Seeding corn, very bad stand in old Land & it looks badly, ploughing new ground corn, very fine &c.

27 Cool Foggy morning, heard yesterday that Robert R. Barrow killed a man, his negros had to cross (or more convenient) this man's piece of wood's to get to part of his field, the day before this person snaped a Gun at them, next day Robert & his overseer were passing & he snaped at them. Robert took the Gun from his Overseer & shot him perfectly justifiable & I presume

28 Foggy quit cool morning, ploughing bottoms for corn

29 Clear cold morning - Ruffin has just returned from N. Orleans and says times are still getting worse, no buisness doing. Money as high as 4 pr 81 a month, scarce at that - ploughed part of Pond cut of corn - stoped all hands to seed corn some cotten coming up

30 Cloudy warm, more appearance of rain than for some
weeks - shower at 5 O\(^{\circ}\) hard rain in sight

31 Cloudy threatening rain, pleasant, ploughing corn, Finished seeding corn, Cotten in new Land coming up well - hoeing corn in new ground 2\(^{st}\) time time since Breakfast, turning cool wind East, running one furrow Each side of corn "Bar side", Called to see Dr. Walker this evening seems quit happy with his young wife.

April 1 Cloudy cool, Want rain very much

2 Cloudy warm, went hunting, no luck - fine shower upper side plantation, good rain at G\(^{\circ}\)N place

3 Cloudy warm Leake Risley & Dr. Walker & Lady staid here Last night, went hunting to day, killed five Deer, ran great many. Mr. Hullbert missed & other Left their stand &c.

4 Cloudy pleasant. Finished ploughing corn 1\(^{st}\) time by 8 Ok - Barring off Cotten since, hoeing corn in Land Looks very bad. small & bad stand, Measles Broke out in the Quarter 9 cases, Began to rain at 1/2 4 Ok fine rain till 1/2 past 5. from the North.

5 Damp Foggy morning. Finishing planting cotton 175 acres to plant

6 Cloudy very warm - fearfull of a stand of cotton, rain just enough to swell the seed, not enough moisture to sustain it. &c. Will have to plough up or replant 150 acres. Finished hoeing corn old Land 1\(^{st}\) time, replanting some cotton

7 Cloudy very warm, sprinkle rain last night, Planting sweet Potatoes this morning, Fine rain at 4 Ok

8 Clear Delightfull morning wind North. Making smaller Potatoe ridges than usual, intend hilling & making them Larger after they begin to run - Finished planting cotton by ... Ok 87

9 Clear, morning quit cold - planted corn in Bottoms

10 Clear cool morning, Edorsed a note for old Skillman afterwards took it off. was a renewal of an old note, I thought it a new one &c. Went to see Uncle Bat. this morning, had his leg broken & fractured above the ankle by a Log rolling past him &c. very doubtfull if it can be saved.

11 sprinkle rain last night, Clear very pleasant spring morning Began scraping Cotten this morning

87 Time omitted.
12 Clear summer day, stayed at Uncle Bats Last night, Better this morning, never saw Land in better order for scraping & lighter work - scraping one acre & half a day, (each hand)

13 Light shower at 7 O\textsuperscript{k} Cleared off very pleasant. Cloudy cold sprinkle of rain at 4 O\textsuperscript{k}

14 Clear cold North wind, fire comfortable this morning.

15 Clear very cold morning, hoeing at G\textsuperscript{2 \textsuperscript{3 \textsuperscript{3}}} place 170 acres scraped above, 60 or upwards below

16 Raining since Last night & appearance of a rainy day, very much wanted, cut worms & Grass hoppers eating cotton great deal at Gibson place - hoeing New ground corn since dinner

17 Began raining at 7 O, great deal of rain fallen winter day fire very comfortable, 10 or 12 sick measles &c.

18 Cloudy & cold ground quit wet, some rain last night. Cleared off cold at 5 O\textsuperscript{k}

19 Clear cold morning, very near a frost, Moulding new corn Land cotton one furrow

20 Clear very pleasant, Went over to Ruffins to set a Bear trap, Small house made of Logs Door inside to fall too, in getting corn are compelled to pass the trigger &c.

21 Clear cool morning, pleasant day - hilled some cotton since dinner - Finished scraping Gibson place yesterday dinner, hoeing Little Gate cut cotton not all up in Penrice new ground & part old Land above - 8 hands with measles, 6 or 7 children - Moulding cotton since 9 O\textsuperscript{k}

22 Clear very pleasant day morning cool moulding & hilling cotton above, 100 acres, not up sufficient to scrape, Cotton looks badly from cold nights & Grass hoppers worms &c. Went over to Ruffins to Look at the Bear trap the Boy went early & found two in it & before we could there had got out - Eaten one of the Logs into - intend cealing it with thick plank - stopped hilling Cotton this evening to replant some cotton &c. Went to Jno Towles this evening

23 Clear very pleasant, Finished moulding one furrow Since new Land & Lane place new ground by 9 oclock & part Race track

24 Clear pleasant day

25 Cloudy Very warm morning Appearance of rain,
ploughing corn every other row. Verry hard storm from the West
at 6 O\textdegree. & heavy rain, Must of done great damage above here

26 Cloudy cool — men repairing fence at Clark place —
women working on the Dam — killed Large Deer

27 Clear morning quit cold, Bat very sick since yesterday noon, B. S. Joor Came down yesterday

28 Clear cold morning, Bat some Better, Ruffin sent word
this morning that the Trap had a Bear in it, &c. Fine crab
glass verry thick in corn field of Last year. corn in new
Land hip & waist high. old Land half-Leg & knee high fine
colour — will have (I fear) a bad stand of cotton, worms &
cold Weather — Caught a small Bear in trap back of Ruffins

29 Some Fogg verry pleasant spring morning — Moulding Cotton at Gibson place — one furrow, this side of Little creek Verry Bad stand replanting it the second time. Finished scraping Except small piece corn Land bottom, Cotten Looks verry badly, number sick & grunting

30 Cloudy verry warm, went driving Large party no Luck

31 Morning verry warm & cloudy An English veterinary sur-
geon here to day, prescribing for one of my mares (Fanny Bell) remarkably well informed

May 1 Cloudy verry warm morning, hoeing & suckering corn —
Finished moulding "one furrow" at G = = 3 .  place Cotten all
first planting looks verry badly Leaves nearly et off by
Grashoppers — corn from knee to waist high Looks verry fine
- 12 sick measles

2 Clear cool wind from the North, hard shower in the
night, hilling cotten this side of Little creek verry bad
stand — hoeing corn since dinner

3 Clear verry cold. Fire comfortable — My Driver taken
sick yesterday scraping piece cotten & corn bottoms at Gib-
son place — 21 sick to day. 14 hands

4 Clear cold morning — Finished hoeing corn P. rice field
by 7 O\textdegree, hilling cotten above, Finished ploughing old Land
corn by 7 O\textdegree P. H. Joor & family here to day.

5 Clear cool morning, ploughing young corn in the bottoms
above, hilled race track "cotten" & replanted it. 17 sick

88 Evidently Little Bayou Sara creek.
6 Clear pleasant day. went hunting. scraping corn in bottoms

7 Clear very pleasant day. Mr. Thorp here to day. had a settlement with him took my Portrait. 4 framed &c. acted very suspicious, told me the frames were $11. now $25 & my reminding him of the 1st price, said he was mistaken they were $16 Which I paid

8 Clear quit warm day, Finished scraping corn in bottoms, hilling Cotten, saw forms to day

9 Clear very pleasant, Warmest night in some time, heaviest dew, suckered new ground corn, looks very fine, Finished moulding Cotten

10 Clear warmest night & morning we've had - heavy Fogg. hilling cotton at Gibson place - looks very fine, forming, from 6 to 18 inches high, Breaking out middles & ploughing new corn Land this side of L. creek close - Several negroes quit sick effects of measles

11 Few clouds & Foggy morning, Wind from the south, Breaking out middles new Land above

12 Warm Foggy morning. Finished hilling Gibson place by 11 1/2 Oclock, Working new Land this side of little creek second time, from 6 to 18 inches high & forming Bugs made it verry uneven & Bad stand, Patience the most provoking negro to get to hoe proper (& Oney) I ever saw

13 Cloudy Damp morning, Hoeing Potatoes. scraping & hilling them, Negros holliday since, Report says the Banks of N. Orleans "Excepting two or three" will be wound up - Corn, one small crib full

14 Few clouds warm. Ruffin just from N. Orleans says times are still getting worse, Mr. N. C. Hall cashier of Bank of Louisiana at St. Francisville, "behind in his cash account $9000" has been removed, having confidence in the community suffered good many to over draw, nothing criminal on his part - Commenced on Last crib of corn yesterday

15 Cloudy verry warm

16 Clear cool wind from the East. Went to Ruffins. sprinkle rain at Dusk. appearance of hard rain above

17 Cloudy verry warm, running the Bar next to cotton in Race track piece of cotton. ground Baked - 15 ploughs running, threatening rain.

18 Clear verry warm, Finished hilling cotton by 1/2 10
O'clock, hoeing corn since. want rain on cotton corn, & Potatoes. started some scrapers next to cotton in new Land above, ground as dry as can be.

19 Few clouds verry warm, went over to James Flower's yesterday evening heard some "splendid" music. two Italians one Swiss. accompanied them serenading - 7 sick

20 Cloudy verry warm & Foggy morning, hoed corn in bottoms & hoeing Log ground corn

21 Clear verry warm - Finished hoeing corn by one o'clock  

22 Few clouds verry warm - Mrs Lyons called yesterday, requested me to attend to Robert's place - Settle difficulties &c. A. G. Barrow & Miss Swift here to day

23 Few clouds verry warm - Mr Gerardi "the Dancing Master" here to day

24 Few clouds verry warm - hoeing cotton above the third time since yesterday morning. scraping it verry light, some pusley &c. ploughing Pond cut of corn every other row. ground as dry as can be & hard, more for an experiment &c.

25 Cloudy cool & Damp. Wind East - Fine rain Last night, too wet to plough in cotton, ploughing corn evry other row. never had worse corn on old Land of the size it is waist & head high White and yellow looking stalks, Cotton beautifull, from 8 inches to knee high - raining above "in sight" & below, cleared off at 5 Oclock

26 Clear verry pleasant, hoeing new Land below "cotton", ploughing every other row in corn Deep

27 Clear verry warm - hoed piece young corn at Gibson's planted some Goard seed corn in small piece of cotton - every other row - (bad stand of cotton) - corn verry much improved since the rain - Best crop at Gibson place by far I ever had - cotton half leg high & hardly a stalk missing clean &c. saw a cotton Blossom

28 Clear verry warm, several persons Came by. went Driving 6 shoote's at Deer all missed

29 Foggy morning verry warm

30 Cloudy verry warm morning Took 4 negros of George Joor 2 women 2 men - for $2000. part of money due me 18 months Endorsement. Cotton bluming in all 1st planting, hoed pond cut of corn
31 Cloudy foggy & hot morning, hoeing race track scraping where there is any grass or pusley, 3 men getting timber for Fodder house. running four furrows round cotton since yesterday morning - Mrs Joor came down

June 1 Clear verry hot day hoeing new ground corn Land cotton 4th time. tie vines thick, fine grass verry thick all over Gibson place

2 Clear warm day - not pleased with the appearance of the negroes received of G. Joor. hoeing Gibson place since yesterday dinner, ploughing 22 ploughs this side Little creek - several sick

3 Few clouds & verry hot morning

4 Clear verry hot morning "holliday"

5 Few clouds verry hot - Jno Holmes the Whig candidate for Legislature called to day

6 Cloudy verry warm - ground verry dry, continual wind blowing since it rained, Finished hoeing G f i s . place third time, hoeing Penrice new ground scraping grass & vines out & leveling through behind the ploughs - Went down to M's. Joor place Jno. Joor manager never saw a place in worse order, negroes hoeing cotton as though they were cutting bushes. Leaving as much grass or more than they cut, not half hilled 1st. time, there appears no system in giving orders. the Driver in presence of John ordering them to hoe up &c.

7 Clear verry hot day, Finished hoeing Penrice new ground part Little gate cut - brushing through, tie vines were pretty in it - never had or saw such a crop of cotton at this time of the year, from half Leg to near hip high well branched boiled & limbed - clean &c. corn verry good but wants rain, in bottoms Excepted - have only 50 Acres of cotton that is not first rate. old Land beyond the Gin house came up badly & cut worms - suckered some corn, old Land verry fine. new ground suffering verry much

8 Few clouds verry hot. hoeing cotton beyond the Gin house - & the only inferior cotton I have - 24 ploughs running in corn every other row, bottoms entire, stoped ploughing corn too dry & hard - Finished hoeing cotton 3d time 5 OK

9 Clear verry warm, went drawing the sein Caught great many Fish hoeing corn in bottoms & made dam in bottom field "pasture"

10 Cloudy some prospect of rain hoeing corn in old Land hilling it. wants rain, Potatoe vines have grown finely, take my crop entire I never saw such, all persons below
me for several miles are in the weeds & grass tie vines &c. cotton small & badly shaped. Finished running round cotton 4 Furrows 2d time

11 Verry warm Early - 6 O\(^{\text{th}}\) cool wind came from the North negroes Holliday, excepting timber gathers &c.

12 Few clouds verry warm, ground as dry as can well be, Both corn and cotton suffering for rain - M\(^{\text{r}}\) Riddel & Jno Joor rode over my crop this evening they have seen no crop at all to compare with it, from half Leg to waist high bolled & formed as well as can be for the season several grown Boles on a stalk. the 1st planting

13 Clear pleasant wind from the North - hoeing corn early in the day - hoed cotton this side Little creek, Began Breaking out middles of 2d Hilling. & started 9 scrapers in old Land once and twice in a row

14 Cloudy cool, must have rained some Where above - all hands in corn this morning. two Whip saws, sawing timber for flooring scaffolds Fodder house &c. Carpenters building house for servants, hoed over race track cut after dinner. 60 acres leveled the dirt through - no grass any part of the plantation

15 Clear quit cool since last evening. never saw my corn worse burnt than the new ground in places, hoeing lane place new ground splendidly branched & formed bolled &c. Ginney Jerry has not been seen since Monday morning. ran off and for, What can't imagine - Came up Sunday for a dose of oil, has been for 8 or 10 days getting timber no one to watch him his old habits returned "of shirking," will shoot to kill him if an opportunity offers - otherwise will sell him, am satisfied will allways run away unless constantly watched - has not been touched this year, nor have I said a word to him, pray for a shot at him

16 Dark Hazy morning, constant wind from the North, stoped ploughs. running 6 Harrows in old Land middles & 9 scrapers finished above. scraping G\(^{\text{ss}}\) since dinner. Several sick Mrs Joor here since yesterday

17 Cloudy threatning rain, never was more wanted. The most outrageous circumstances happend above here on the river ever heard of in this country, two runaways went to an old man\(^{\text{s}}\) took him and his Daughter ("simple minded") carried them back in the swamp killed the old man, & Whiped the Girl most unmercifull, forcing her to submit to their hellish de-signes\(^{\text{s}}\), short time after went to another house killed the owner then took his wife & young child off with them treated as the former, "they had a negro woman with them she prevented their killing the White women" the married woman shoed
great presence of mind. tearing pieces of cloths & dropping them as she went along was that enabled persons to trace them up, they were Caught and Burned alive, great many to witness it & several hundred negroes &c. Burning was even too good for them - Hoe hands out of work in the field at 4 Ok - sprinkle rain at 5 Ok, hard rains in the North East & South

18 Cloudy warm & Damp morning, Holliday & dinner for negroes - hard rain for 10 minutes - shower this morning hard rain for 10 minutes at 4 Ok - rain light till night

19 Raining verry hard from day light till 7 Ok appearance of Rainey spell, the making of my corn, Robt. J. B sending after Potatoe vines

20 Cloudy verry warm - planting Potatoe vines, Not rain Enoughf to wet the ground in the corn - in fine order to plough, Hard shower at one oclock, planted part of Potatoe vines by forcing them down through the Bed with a forked stick or grove in the end &c.

21 Cloudy warm - Jack & Ben Caught A. Dunbars old negro Demps, Finished working & planting Potatoe vines.

22 Few clouds warm wind from the South - Sucklers spinning, Uncle Bat. told my boy to turn old Demp's Loose & let him go. been runaway some months, Dunbar treats him verry badly old & cripple, a verry Bad Example. he shall not stay in this neighbourhood - stoped ploughs, hoeing since dinner

23 Rain few minutes "hard" at 6 Ok All hands cleaning up & cutting down small trees in pasture. Rain at 12 Ok hard rains all around. Corn improving verry much - Cotten growing verry fast, great many Bolles. some rot in New ground - ground too wet to work

24 Clear most pleasant morning for some days - hard rain at 12 Ok

25 Clear warm - Tie vines and grass have come up as thick as can well be. ground rather wet to plough or hoe - Robert J. B child - Carey - died last night

26 Attend the funeral this evening hard rain this evening - Verry heavy Fogg & cloudy since have an abundance of rain for the present. grass & tie vines look scary.

27 Sprinkle of rain at 7 Ok - started all hands in the field this morning. hoeing ploughing & scraping - running scrapers before the hoes close to the cotten faster work for

89 A very unusual course of action for a planter.
hoe hands. Working old Land Back Gin house - ploughing Lane new ground. Light shower at 4 OK

28 Few clouds wind N. West - most pleasant morning in some weeks - Working at Gibson's place. Light rain from 4 OK till night.

29 Clear very pleasant morning, hoeing Penrice new ground vines & grass very thick - never saw as good a crop as I have at this time, the only fault some places rather thick - I fear - corn very fine.

30 Clear very warm. Finished hoeing all old Land that was in corn last year by dinner. Cotton from 2 feet to 6 feet high & well branched & boiled - hoed two thirds of race track out. better than I ever saw it.

July 1 Few clouds. Very hot - hoeing Gibson place - fine grass very thick, hard wind from the West at 11 OK rained one hour steady - very cold. Dark clouds & continued Lightning in the West - at Dark.

2 Cleared off after day light cool North East wind. Finished hoeing Gibson place - excepting part new ground - by 2 OK.

3 Cold morning - Few clouds in the East.

4 Clear, very warm day. Went to Town. Voted Henry Johnson for Gov. J Holmes for Representative, A. G. Carter Senator H. Buhler for Congress Whig Ticket - Old Grays mulatto family past here yesterday. on their return made my negro get as many horses as they could & gallant them from End of the Lawn through, no doubt the greatest indignity I could have offered them - they will never pass here again.

5 Cloudy cool threatening rain, started 19 ploughs yesterday 5 scrapers, all the new ground to hoe - & very grassy, several sick, Wm. Joor came down to day.

6 Cleared off Last night, warm. G. Jerry came home this morning. Appearance of uncom. hard rain in the East. Light sprinkle here at 5 OK - Hail in the East.

7 Morning clear very warm, went Driving no Luck - sprinkle at Dust, hard rain & great deal of Lightning in the East.

8 Very foggy morning no clouds, hoes & ploughs done small days work yesterday.

9 Cloudy morning, Appearance of hard rain above - sprinkle here at 5 OK.
10 Clear very warm, not quit half crib "small" of corn - Cutting Corn for horses. D Barrow & family Rosalie & Amanda here to day - Mary B. & Amanda the handsomest Girls I ever saw Rosalie Beautifull in maners & goodnes &c.

11 Clear warm heavy Dew. cotten not as good for want of ploughing soon after the rains, Gibson place fallen off very much in the Last week - Several sick one very sick. Son James sick this morning from exposure yesterday, all day - hoed crop 4\textsuperscript{th} time & half 5\textsuperscript{th}

12 Clear warm - James very ill. inflammatory sore throat, Light shower rain, finished ploughing above this morning 6 Ok. all clean above. middles fowl all below drill clean 24 ploughs running

13 Clear very warm, James very ill. perfectly delirious, Walker attending on him - pulled some Fodder, several negros very sick effected same as James

14 Clear very cool. James still very ill - Brain very much affected sprinkle rain, want rain very much pulled 30 acres Fodder

15 Light rain at day Light, James very ill all night throat some better, has not taken a Gill of nourishment since Monday - the Baby (Amanda) sick Last night, John with Fever this morning

16 All the children sick except daughter Caroline - all very ill - scarlet Fever

17 Children very ill

18 Children very ill

19 James some Better Dr Walker attending them, Poor Little Bat died this morning six 6 o'clock. congestion of the Brain & stomach, never shall believe but if he had of been vomited well & Blistered in time But he would have lived

20 Poor Caroline taken this morning at 3 o'clock. never saw her more gay than all yesterday, 'till she found out poor Bat was no more

21 Poor Caroline died last night 1/2 past 12 Oclock 22 hours sick, all for the want of an Emetic. Began giving her one the Dr came & persuaded me changed it to Calomel & Rhubarb - no effect. congestion soon followed

22 Children Better & seen on the mend, Poor Caroline & Bats place seems a Gulf unlimited every place seems wrong. the other children constantly enquiring after them. Who could in-
form a poor orphan, surely none that has received the shock that I have, one just after one & hardly cold, Dr Walker pro-
nounces it Scarlet Fever, so far I have cured every little ne-
gro by constant Emetics Bleeding in the 1st stage

23 Never in my life have I felt or witnest such times & feel-
ings as for the Last week - having company relieved us some this morning we are alone - Enough! God will be done - can never repay the kindness of Brother Ruffins family, run-
ning the risk he did. Rosalie with us constantly & himself, she & her Ma - both are attacked with violent sore throat, it seems the family are all doomed to sore trials this summer. Robt J. B. is this morning very ill. Bennet J. B wife allso - my four children left are on the mend - but helpless, great many negros sick sore throats &c. cloudy damp day, rained
yesterday, sprinkle rain

24 Cloudy warm, children mending, James a perfect skel-
liton - number of negros with sore throat

25 Cloudy, raining all round me want rain very much, never saw a crop of cotton in my life Bolled as thick as they stick - & nearly to the Top. pulling Fodder

26 Cloudy very warm sent for to see A. G. Barrow been sick 5 days. Dr McKelney attending him giving him nothing but snake root, found him running in to conjestion left him at 1/2 6 - stoped every hand to pull Fodder

27 Cloudy very warm - raining in sight. A. G. Barrow died last night of scarlet fever. died for want of bleeding & a purge in the beginning - down right murder lay 5 days with slight sore throat for want of natural Evacuations - conj-
estion of the stomach took place

28 Clear very warm. raining all round yesterday. pulling Fodder all hands - putting second house for Fodder, several sick sore throat scarlet Fever

29 Raining "Light" at 8 Oclock. Women spinning. My chil-
dren mending Cliffords mouth & tongue broke out yesterday better to day, Face little swelled - one of Ruffins children taken sick yesterday, Rosalie & her Ma well - went over to Ruffins, all better, Very hard rain at Ruffins and part Robt. H. B. - fine shower here at 5 Oclock this evening, it seems very hard for me to get a rain. near six weeks since I had a rain to do any material good 1/2 a mile of me plenty of rain - the Whole time.

30 Cloudy warm, hoeing this side Little creek all hands, Very hard rain at 1/2 2 Oclock - hardest rain since winter, sprinkling during the evening, cool - Mrs Joor came over from Carolines this morning, she is much better. nearly well of the scarlet Fever, James John & the Baby well Clifford still
Looks badly, pale & little swelled

31 Cloudy warm morning - went over to Ruffins Little Olivia some better, in returning never saw a more Frightfull appearance in the Heavens. Dark as could be and evry mark of a destructive storm. passed to the East. began raining at dark considerable fell during the night

August 1 Cloudy or Hazy morning, quit cold wind from the N. East, several verry sick negro children, working roads in field & towards Purnells - Sucklers spinning, cleaning out well at the House

2 Cloudy & most remarkable weather I ever knew at this season, Like October - Fire necessary for comfort. all hands hoeing

3 Cleared off since sun rise verry cold, Went to Ruffins yesterday morning his daughter Olivia verry ill, sit up all last night Better this evening, suffering from Putred sore throat. Finished pulling Fodder all 1st or old Land

4 Clear cold morning, sun hot Com'd Picking cotten this morning 16 hands, ought to have been at it 10 days ago - Averaged 45 by dinner, 5 or more Bolles open evry part plan-tation - several sick

5 Clear pleasant, Worked the road as far as the swamp

6 Cloudy damp cold morning - Went to Town to attend a Family meeting, postponed 'till 16th all women Picking cotten yesterday, 8 scrapers & ploughs running to day - great many sick, 3 of Ruffins children with scarlet fever

7 Few clouds. warm, went over to Ruffins 5 of his children sick, better & on the mend to day

8 Foggy pleasant morning Picking cotten at Gibson place, all hands & several men putting post under Gin house - 105 picked by dinner 60 Picking

9 Foggy verry pleasant, All hands hoeing at Gibson Bunches of grass & some tie vines too Large to Leave

10 Clear verry warm. all hands picking cotten between 8 & 10 Bales out. Cotten opening verry fast. suffered verry much for rain as far as I can Learn there has been too much, great many grown Bolles, Light rain would be of great service to my crop, probably would stop the rust, Ruffins children all recovered from the scarlet Fever. Except the infant Hilliard - started Trasher this morning, & one Gin

11 Clear verry pleasant morning, appearance of rain above "yesterday". 15 Bales out Ten behind last year.
12 Cloudy very warm - wind S. East. Averaged yesterday "65 hands" 142 lb clean cotton. opening very fast. sprinkle rain at 3 O'clock.

13 Few clouds very warm - want rain very much. sprinkle Rain at 12 O'clock - several sick sore throat.

14 Shower rain after day Light. fine rain at 2 O'clock &c. hands picked well yesterday, over 100 acres & av. 173 lb clean cotton 280 lb the highest

15 Cloudy damp morning. All hands hoeing. fine Tossel grass come up very thick in the last week in new ground above

16 Cloudy very hot day - went to Town to day to attend a family meeting touching the int't of Robt. H. Barrow a settlement with his mother "Mrs. Lyons". She brought her Acc' showing a Ballance due him of $87,475 - in payment she offered a place on the river in East Baton Rouge 1000 acres 45 negroes Horses cattle &c. 3 vacant Lots in N Charles St. N Orleans all for $72,000 which was accepted by the family meeting Leaving a Ballance due Robert of $15000 at 5 pr cent interest

17 Cloudy damp and warm morning sprinkle rain last night. Light rain from 4 O. till 5. picking at Gibson place - going in for clean Cotten this year. never had such a prospect for a large crop. Very few places that is not loaded down with Bolles & perfect stand, must make considerably over 600 Bales unless uncom' bad Fall

18 Very foggy morning, cleared off yesterday evening, wind from West. several sick. Ruffins family all had the scarlet fever & recovering - shipped 12 Bales cotton yesterday 25 Gined 40 out

19 Cloudy damp morning - picking cotton above - fine picking for new land, hands picking first rate, never suffered as much from sun & heat as I did to day weighing cotton at 12 O'clock

20 Cloudy damp morning, my driver caught Fills Jerry with a large Rock in his cotton 10 lb. Jailed him for it till 1st Jan' next. 90 hands picking finely. Av. 194 lb day before yesterday 7 that never picked before this season, Leaving them out Av'd over 200 lb. Began raining at 1/2 3 O. steadily till in the night. in returning from weighing cotton after dinner Old Judy called me to see Candis' child Mintey, said she believe it was a little sick, discovered the child dying, "pulseless", Old Anzy "the meanest negro but two I ever saw

90 An unusual punishment in view of the fact that the picking season had just begun.
or knew* sent it to Judy early in the morning as sick, saw me pass through the Quarter, and was at Gin House all the morn­ing, their carlessness alone caused its death. pulse never returned died in 8 hours

21 Cloudy damp and sultry morning, great deal of rain fallen since 3 O&

22 Cloudy damp & sultry morning, My Baby quit sick all Last night Bad colc & coughf, all the children have it, White & Black. over 55 Bales out Saturday - Hoeing to day. too wet to pick cotton, Verry hard rain this afternoon. Last­ed 'till nearly night, cleaning & chopping weeds in the Quar­ter - Ginning at Gibson place to day

23 Damp Foggy morning, Hoeing Pressing & getting Logs for a Jail, several negros sick colds, one or two cases of scarlet fever, Bleeding When first taken and Emetics immediate­ly. will cure it in ninety nine cases in one hundred. Most of Physicians object to Bleeding from the fact the pulse is so small, it is certain to rise When you bleed in the 1st stage - they bleed mostly after trying other remedies no doubt will these prove fatal in a majority of Cases - shower at 1 O& picking cotton since dinner, great deal open

24 Cloudy verry damp & warm, it seems our family are particular unfortunate this year Robert Loosing his only child, my two, & now Ruffin his youngest child Hilliard died Last night, the scarlet fever Left it with rising under its Jaw, never recovered from it, my family all with verry Bad colds, the Baby "Amanda Rosalie" quit sick few nights ago & now with Constant cold clam'y sweats. Clifford slightly so & Bad coughfs - hard shower after 3 Ok.

25 Cloudy verry damp morning chopping weeds round & back of the house Lot, cutting corn down for turnip? and off of Potatoe slips

26 Cloudy verry warm morning, some appearance of clear­ing off, since 9 O& Never more sickness 15 sick & Lame - 3 children - scarlet fever - Mrs Flower & Joseph Joor over to see us this evening

27 Clear very warm morning, great many sick, sent 8 Bales cotton to Town 20 in all. Mrs A. G. Barrow & Miss M. Swift came up this morning, Mary B. is really to be pitied Left with an enormous debt and her husbands relatives Began to show their unfeelingness immediately after Albert's death, & wishing her to give up every thing to pay his debts Leaving her pennyless, & one child to support. she is now bound for $10,000 - Debts of Alberts contracting, I advised her to pay nothing more than Whats she was Bound for, untill those were settled, she could then do as she thought best and able
28 Foggy very warm morning. Riley still threatened with Lock Jaw - Sent for Walker

29 Few clouds pleasant morning, great quantity of cotten open, the old time rot doing great injury to my crop, great many sick for the last week

30 Few clouds warm - hard rain on one third of plantation yesterday evening 5 O'f - 20 Bales or more on hand too wet to Gin, weather keeps so cloudy & cotten so green & heavy all most impossible to dry any or more than one scaffold full in a day - Several sick hands picking with great spirit to day

31 Few clouds pleasant morning, Hands picked Extremely well & in new ground, as high as 355 lb. Aver 230 lb. taken the children that never picked before & women not in situation to pick their best & the average would be over 250 lb. picked 16.265 lb. 9 Bales, hard rain yesterday evening not far off - Very hard rain at 12 O'f never hated to see rain fall worse, negros were in better Cotten than have been this year, and were trying themselves, several had 150 160 & 195 by 1/2 10 Ok - chopping down coffee in Pasture since 2 O'f

September 1 Cool cloudy & damp morning, never was so Bothered with wet Cotten all under the Gin house scaffolds & pilled up on seed in the yard - that picked of the hottest day we have had much too wet to Gin, over 100 Bales out. hard rain above & Below - Dr. Walker here to see Riley's Foot - says it's the Dangee Fever instead of the Lock Jaw - says there was the hardest rain hail & wind from the Big Bayou Sarah down that has been since 1831 - Mr. Butler told me the same - "hapened yesterday"

2 Clear since day Light pleasant, hands picked Verry high yesterday, in old Race track, best Cotten ever on that ground 1/2 a Bale off of it now - no storm will make at least one Bale to the acre - never so troubled with wet Cotten heating & no room yard full - picking at Gibson's place to day - Aver yesterday 239 lb clean cotten as I generally pick - shower at 1 O'f.

3 Few clouds pleasant morning, picking old Land beyond the Gin house Aver yesterday 205. started the Gin yesterday noon at Gibson's - hands seemed determined on a Brag days Work to day - picked upwards of 6000 by 1/2 10 & was getting in much better Cotten, Began raining at 12 O'lock - raining off & on till 5 O'f - one hundred and Thirty Bales out or more - Fifty Four Pressed in N°

4 Few clouds, Wind still from the East. Never had or saw as much cotten open in Sept. as I have & had from 10 days past - fields White Evry Where.
5 Clear very pleasant morning, Picking at Gibson place, several sick, one with sore eyes - cleared off since 10 o'clock picking trashy cotton

6 Clear very warm, the creek was clear yesterday dinner at 3 o'clock rising as far I could see no clouds perceptible, sun very hot

7 Clear warm morning - cotton at Gibson place fallen very much two thirds of it dead, all dying, very bad to pick

8 Clear pleasant morning

9 Clear warm, sun all most insupportable - Never saw pretty picking in my life as the hands are to day, Penrice new ground & Little Gate cut. 700 weight open to the acre & opened since the rain - Very light - Average 240

10 Clear warm - picking in Little Gate cut, never saw such picking, hands in fine spirits

11 Few clouds Very warm - "But one day" yesterday was the highest average I ever had made - Average 305 I think the best days work I ever knew so many small ones that never picked before this season - two of the best women hands not in a situation to pick heavy weights, day too hot for me to stand the sun cotton dry, & ground had been pick'd twice part of it 3rd time - hard in thebole. "Little Gate cut" didn't finish it, the highest pick'd was 520 lb by Atean - in all 21945. "or 305 each" 91 72 pickers, 14 bales - pick'd this week 53 bales & three days in miserable cotton at Gibson or would have pick'd over 60 b. One hundred & eighty bales out last night Ninety five or more Ginned in 9

12 Damp foggy morning Began raining yesterday 2 o'clock - several showers this morning, women spinning men worked the road to the Big road, pulled some corn old corn gave out last shelling - 3 very sick negroes. Bilious pleurisy inflammation of the Liver &c.

13 Rainy day Very warm - spinning. Trashing Cotton &c.

14 Raining and appears like continuing &c. Drag'ed a piece of Bagging in the green pond caught more fine Trout than I ever saw, some weighing 3 lb put near or over 100 in the pond in front lot. Great many perch shiners miners &c.

15 Cloudy very warm. picking Cotten. great deal open & rotting very fast. some wet Cotten on hand that was picked 3 weeks ago. unable to dry it rain at 12 Ok.

16 Cloudy cool East wind, Women spinning &c. Picking cotton since dinner - several shower this afternoon

17 Cloudy cool East wind, wintry Looking day - Emily quit unwell cold Toothache year ache &c. Some appearance of clearing off.

18 Cloudy cool Wind from the East. Hands picked very good weights yesterday had it been cleaner. avg 236 - One hundred & ninety Bales out. 128 Pressed, part force picking cotton this afternoon

19 Raining at 7 Ok. Verry Darke Morning

20 Rainey morning. picking since dinner

21 Cloudy warm morning, no appearance of clear weather as yet. shower at 1 Ok - constant rain from 3 oclock

22 Cloudy warm - picking cotton at 7 Ok. Began raining at 11. Women spinning since dinner, never such destruction from rot in cotton. seems a small Bug makes small hole & then rots. have about 200 Bales out, & 300 open in the field - this weather continues much Longer, Can't make much. I did not think (Barring a storm) could make under 600 Bales

23 Cloudy morning, Began raining at 1 Ok. most rain yesterday & to day that has fallen this summer - My Hands have divided themselves in two compays - Atean & D. Bartley the Head$ to day at 11. only 12 "$ difference - highest picked 275 lbs, but for rain would have done the Bigest days work ever done by them or I ever heard of$2

24 Clear for the 1st time in 14 days. 30 Bales of wet cotton on hand - Cleared off at 5 Oclock P. M - never saw worse cotton than the hands this morning. hulls & all

25 Clear cool & pleasant Morning, Compelled to have all hands drying Cotton to day - Sunday.

26 Clear, morning & last night Quit cold, Emily went to Town this Morning. While there was taken very sick Pauletic on one side inflamation in the Brain - spinal attack - sprink­le rain this evening

$2 Contests of this sort were apparently not unusual at High­land.
27 Cloudy cool Evry appearance of rain

28 Few clouds - pleasant - Emily much Better - picking at 

29 Few clouds wind East. Threatening rain - Emily improving. B. S. Joor came down Tuesday - Went to Miss Swifts A. 
G Barrow property appraised. am? $4700.

30 Few clouds cool wind from the North. Nearly every 
cotton seed spoiled in & out of the field W. H. & Sister 
Eliza called by this morning are well pleased with their 
situation on the Island fine Fishing & Hunting - Verry hard 
rain this evening, M? Joor Mr Haile & Mrs Randolph came 
this evening 

October 1 Clear Beautifull morning, Two hundred and Fifty 
Bales out in NW over 260 out - 170 Gined 160 Pressed in NO 

2 Clear Verry pleasant Morning Aveaged yesterday 245 
1b trashy cotton never saw cotton in worse order for Pick­ 
ing, weeds grass & perfectly rotten, Bolles sticking to the 
cotton

3 Clear cool & pleasant morning

4 Few clouds warm, Went to Town. still the cry of hard 
times &c.

5 Cloudy Damp morning. Wind from the East. W. D Boyle 
& L. Smith here all my cotton so rotten, impossible to pick 
it clean, second growth nearly hid every thing - & open so 
Long. saw M? Turnbull yesterday the only Independent man 
to be met Fat & pockets full of money.

6 Clear pleasant morning picking old Land in front, at 
Least 1000 1b to the acre 3d picking have 150 Acres of 
new Land verry White & as trashy rotten as can be. sprinkle 
rain at 5 0" 

7 Cloudy warm. wind East - trying to get clean Cotten 
picked next to an impossibility - Av. 193

8 Few clouds warm sixty nine cotton pickers yesterday. 
Began raining at 3 0" cool wind from the West first time 
its has Blown from any other than East in two months

9 Raining quit hard, considerable wind from the West North. 
cold Emily children went to MT Turnblls yester­ 
day. rain prevented their return last night. Little pros­ 
spects of their return to day - 300 Bales out in NO 190 
Pressed in NO 205 Gined - will make of 400 1b over 320 Bales,
no prospects of any more good cotton to be gathered from the field

10 Clear cold morning - cleared off in the night. picking clean cotton in old Land. intend going over all that's fresh open - Leaving that & that Bad for Last

11 Clear quit cold Last night & this morning, Went to Town, the news N. Orleans is really distressing cotton selling from 4 to 6c cash 7 3/4 to 8 on 30 & 40 days - all for the want of specie & not being able to negotiate Bills & c.

12 Clear very pleasant morning. seems nearly an impossibility to get through these times - my merchant "Ledoux" writes me, he anticipates Better times in the course of two months, Trying to make fancy cotton, even that will hardly sell - Sister Eliza here to day - she is very much pleased with their situation on the Island

13 Clear very pleasant, my hands have not picked to suit me for some days past. Cotton in new Land perfectly rotten

14 Clear pleasant at Sun rise - at 7 O'clock cool wind sprung up from the North

15 Clear quit cold morning, near a frost if not quit one - Began picking cotton for Quantity - and am certain trashier stuff was never seen - 370 Bales out to night or more of 400 Lbs 203 pressed 225 Gined. great quantity open, near 200 Bales to pick

16 Clear cold mornings, dews very heavy - Mrs Joer here Last night Putting up hogs to Fatten

17 Clear very pleasant, Began to pick all the Top & Fresh open Bolles for clean cotton, after going over will return & go for quantity

18 Clear pleasant morning - sun hot at noon

19 Cloudy cool & damp wind from the North. Hands picked better yesterday than they have done in two weeks av 196lb. Am Certain the Rot (old time) has injured or cut my crop of at Least 150 Bales

20 Few clouds cool N. East wind

21 Few clouds pleasant morning picking in Little Gate cut & the 4th time - one Bale to the Acre picked off of it - now 600 to 800 lb, splendid picking.

22 Cloudy warm - hand picking well - 8 to 8 1/2 Bales a
day

23  Rain at day Light, steady rain from 11 O'K - Picked 50 Bales last week - at Least 400 Bales out in N° 245 Gined - one Gin (only) running - owing to trash in cotton & having but one Trasher

24  Damp Foggy morning warm - picking Verry Trashy cotton - put up to fatten 52 Hogs

25  Clear cool wind from the North, sprinkle rain yesterday evening. great many Rain Bow's

26  Clear cold morning Quit a Frost. Rec'd a Letter from N. Orleans containing still Bad news. Cotton down to nothing. & money verry scarce

27  Clear morning quit cool 'till 9 O, Light Frost. Picking at Gibson place

28  Clear Frosty morning

29  Clear pleasant. Light frost, hands picked badly yesterday worst days work this season

30  Clear cool morning, Sun verry hot after 9. Between 445 460 Bales out in N°. Between 460 & 485 of 400 1b - 265 Gined in N°. the cotton I picked during the rains & became perfectly hot & rotten is now considered the Best cotton I've made - & too good for the English market so writes my Merchant.

31  Clear pleasant morning. sun hot after 9.

November 1 Clear pleasant Fall day. Few clouds in the afternoon

2  Clear heavy dew, pleasant - picking clean cotton in morning trashy after 1st weighing - Mrs Turnbull called to day making flying visits - I was taken this morning with verry strange feelings blood running to the Extremities painfull at the End of my fingers hot & cold for two days, nervous fever

6  Raining wind North - at Breakfast time, Raining verry hard yesterday, my first morning out of the room, Friday night Jack let Jerry slip for the purpose getting a pig thinking as Jerry was Jailed at night there would be no suspicion of him - for some reason told Alfred Jerry had a pig in his house A. went and found it as Jack thought. put him in Jail & in the stocks in the morning there was nothing of Jerry stocks Broke & door - no doubt some one turned him out - one concerned in the Pig - gave about a dozen severe whipping in the Yard & all - Jack old Jenny & Darcas the most severe hand sawing
7 Clear Lovely morning. B. J. B. & Robt. J. Barrow here to day - My nephew Robt. J. Barrow came to see me on Friday & Saturday just returned from College - quit fine looking & dignified

8 Clear cool & pleasant spring morning

9 Few clouds cold & windy - Luther Smith Came up Last night with his dogs for a Fox hunt no Luck

10 Cloudy after 8 O. very cold - stoped at noon to dig Potatoes in returning from Fox hunting this morning, had a race after Ginney Jerry, owing to dogs being tired & R. negros got away

11 Cloudy damp & cold wind from the East, Digging Potatoes since yesterday dinner - Com® raining at Eleven Oclock, hard & steady. Mrs M. Barrow & Miss M. Swift came this morning as the rain set in

12 Cloudy very cold North wind, Digging Potatoes.

13 Clear cool morning, pleasant day

14 Raining, cold East wind - 303 Bales pressed in No. over 500 out in No. near 100 to pick. the bottoms & 6 acres at G®® nearly filled one Large crib of corn. will have 5 Loads. the 6 acres at G®® made 15 Loads of 20 Barrels each, 50 Barrels to the acre. best turn out I ever made.

15 Cloudy very warm - digging slips - Very heavy rain at one O® women spinning

16 Damp cloudy & very warm ground very wet - spinning Trashing cotton &c. showers through the day

17 Cloudy very warm morning Very heavy rain last night & since 7 O®, wind got round to the North 1/2 7. turning cold. Ginning at Gibson place to day, spinning trash- ing cotton, putting sleepers under crib - making very bad cot- ton, stained &c. Turned very cold since dinner Thermometer fell 35 degrees

18 Few clouds as cold as can be, 42 degrees colder than yesterday, pulling corn in New ground - ground frozen

19 Clear very cold Freezing day Robt J. B. rece® 3 Imported Hounds sent them to me, one very fine Looking, one Like a cur

20 Few clouds cold. ice.

21 Sprinkle rain at 7 O. cold
22  Raining constant since yesterday noon "cold" - picked 15 Bales cotten in 3 weeks past - went driving yesterday killed two Deer.

23  Cloudy cool wind North, Raining all night. Cleared off at 10 .

24  Clear very cold Freezing - Gathering corn

25  Cloudy cool East wind - threatening rain - rainney evening - Taken sick this morning

30  Clear cold wind from the North, Verry bad rainey weather since 25. Left my room to day first time in 5 days Bilious attack, now constant sower stomach. Verry week & very much reduced - pulling corn "my Last" turning out moor than I ever made - Rob. H. B called by from the Big hunt from Red river, killed 10 Deer, Bad weather all the time they were up - &c.

December 1  Clear cold Frosty morning

2  Clear cold Frosty morning

3  Clear pleasant spring day sister Ann & Dr. King came to see us, just from Kentucky

4  Cloudy after 7 O. pleasant

5  Cloudy warm appearance of rain - have been hauling corn for two weeks to day to finish never made such a crop, 5 cribs packed full &c. went to Town - verry hot

6  Clear verry warm Towles & others hunting no Luck.

7  Clear warm & hard wind from South more like March &c.

8  Rained verry hard Last night winter rain this morning, cool wind from the West, Trashing cotten

9  Cloudy Verry Cold, Appearance of snow

10  Cloudy cold East wind

11  Cloudy cold - Dr. King practising on two of my negros - & my family &c. Dr. King called by to day - much pleased at his description of Mesmerism or animal magnetism. he says it is not a humbug - &c.

12  Cloudy verry cold & disagreeable day - appearance of snow

13  Clear verry Cold ground as White as snow
14 Clear very cold

15 Clear very cold

16 Clear very cold

17 Cloudy cool - working the Lane turning the water off of the Lot. Finished picking cotton yesterday

18 Cloudy cold

19 Cloudy, Threatening rain Went to Old Jo. Grey's sale negroes went very high considering the Times

20 Rain in the night warm Cleared off Like spring

21 Clear very pleasant day Bought two mules at Greys sale twelve months credit - $183.

22 Cloudy very cold North wind

23 Clear very cold - Lewis Stirling has the Small Pox on his place, vaccinating all the children

24 Few clouds Freezing - Went up to the Big hunt. My two dogs Rashley & Pet out ran the whole crowd

25 Cloudy damp E. wind

26 Cloudy cool East wind - after 10 summer day

27 Few clouds spring day Rosina & Mr. Grosbeck called by to day - Negroes seem lively though the times are hard Eat & drink plenty

28 Rain at day Light & very hot, summer day, Gave the negroes as much of Evry thing to eat & drink during the Hollidays as they Wanted times so hard no able to give any thing more

29 Clear cold

30 Clear cold morning

31 Cloudy very cold Dr. & Mrs King Mr. & Mrs Gosbeck here - Negroes preparing for a dinner
January 1 Clear pleasant spring day Much alarmed A negro broke out like the small pox. King thinks it Chicken Pox, small Pox on several plantation in the Parish

2 Cloudy Verry warm - rain after dinner

3 Clear pleasant Cool wind from the North

4 Cloudy Cold East wind

5 Cloudy Verry warm - Dr. Potter the Dentist here & extracted 4 Teeth for Emily - 446 Bales Pressed. 460 in N° "Gined"

6 Cloudy warm, 10 Women spinning, 4 men Getting House Board$. 2 getting rails - others trashin Cotten

7 Dark dismal Looking morning as hard a rain & wind Last Night as ever I heard "here."

8 Clear Freezing day & never saw as White a Frost, cloudy after 2 Oclock

9 Raining cold East wind

10 Clear Beautifull day, Ruffin's Boy in attempting to cross Big B. Sara came near being drownd lost several letters paper &c.

11 Clear cold morning ice

12 Clear Freezing morning cold N. Wind

13 Clear Verry Cold Freezing day

14 Clear cold morning, pleasant in the sun - Clear cold morning, ice at 1/2 1 0. Verry pleasant the sun - Mrs. A. Barrow here to day

15 Clear pleasant day - My Old negro Orange died last night of Old age - Considerable over 100 y£§ A more perfect
negro never lived, faithfull honest & purley religious, never knew him guilty of a wrong

16 Few clouds in the East, pleasant. Began cleaning up. Burning logs knocking down stalks - several sick with Chicken Pox - 468 Bales pressed to day in NW 495 Gined

17 Few clouds pleasant spring day

18 Cloudy Verry windy & warm had a run away frollick with my Buggy Horse in going to Town - no damage

19 Cloudy warm & windy day Went up to Robert J. with family.

20 Cloudy Windy & Verry warm.

21 Cloudy Verry warm.

22 Foggy damp morning, Number of cases of Chicken Pox, Vaccinated all my negros, Old & Young Most of them with good taking scars, but have now the appearance genuine

23 Warm Foggy morning - started 20 double ploughs this morning

24 Cloudy verry warm ploughing old Land above for corn & sweet Potatoes. planted 4 acres in sugar cane. "Creole & Ribbon"

25 Cool Foggy morning, Wm Joor Came down from Woodville, Went to Town yesterday a farther decline in Cotton, I am making application to get a Loan out of the Union Bank

26 Damp Foggy morning, warm, Never knew as pleasant a winter. dry spring weather for near two months - 507 Bales Pressed to day in NW 525 Gined in N?

27 Cloudy warm morning, rain at 10 Oclock turned cold at 3 O2

28 Clear cool morning. Cloudy at 9 O'k - W. H. B here Last night, Times verry gloomy in N. C.

29 Raining at 8 O'k cold rain, over 530 Bales pressed in NW

30 Cloudy cool morning, cleard off at 4 O'k too wet to plough

31 Cloudy Cool Wind from the North

February 1 Clear & cold as can be - a storm Wind from N.
West since last night - Mrs. Joor came down yesterday

2 Clear still cold morning everything frozen

3 Cloudy warm - threatening rain.

4 Cloudy warm - threatening rain. Hauling Seed on corn
Left Home for New Orleans this morning, raising money &c.

15 Left New Orleans yesterday evening 1/2 5. Very Hot - this morning evry thing Frozen & as cold as can be

16 Clear freezing day

17 Clear Very cold night

18 Cloudy cool - Aunt Bat. Barrow died Last night of Bilious pleurisy, Want of proper attention in the beginning

19 Rain at day light. Warm - Went this evening to Aunt's funeral.

20 Clear cool. Breaking out middles for corn 3 1/2 cribs of corn "or more" Jno Joor married to Miss S. Johnson last Week

21 Clear spring day - Broke old Ben of Hog-minding. put Henry at it. 23 double ploughs running. Jo's Joor settled in St Francisville to practise Law.

22 Cloudy damp & windy day.

23 Cloudy warm Mr. & Mrs Groesbeck here last night, threatening rain cool wind from N. West

24 Cloudy cold N. wind, Mrs Joor here - she offered me the plantation Bought of McDermott for the debt due me next October. $20,070, I did not wish to take it. Wanting money, agread to take it. offered it to Union Bank on stock Loan She seems yesterday unwilling to pass Titles &c. Will see to day - has raised to $22500 I to pay $3500 in Canal Bank at 8 ptf c% & receive only $1400 pr annum rent - due me to day $19187 - the greatest shylook I ever knew could not ask more, a clear loss to me of $6000 or more - admitting the place worth that $22,500.

25 Few clouds cold. Son John killed two Wild Geese, & seems proud as Lucifer - went down to Mrs Joor to conclude the sale. no Notary came

26 Clear cold Frosty morning. Very pleasant in the sun - like Indian summer.
March 13 Returned from N. Orleans this morning Very Cold Winter day. rain every day in N. O. & colder than Jan - the Comet appearing in the west for 10 days past.

14 Clear cold Frosty morning have planted two thirds of my corn - doubtfull of its doing well - ground very cold - some planted two weeks ago.

15 Cloudy cool morning - Went to Town - turned warm - began raining at 4 O'K & cold as could be. To face it - in my buggy - got wet & nearly frozen.

16 Clear & the coldest morning this Winter & the coldest I ever heard of at this season of the year - corn must all rot, every thing frozen, several sick.

17 Clear cold Freezing morning - Evry thing frozen. Corn planted near 3 weeks just sprouted & as yet looks sound, 595 Bales pressed in NF - Bought 25 Barrels Mess Pork. Cost $7.62 1/2 ct 35 Prime cost home $5.12 1/2. 22 Casks Molasses 13 1/2 ct $600 - Had to Buy 300 Hhe of sugar at 31/2 C payable 15 November '43 & 1st February 44. to raise money. got advance on it $7000 - more than probable may Loose. had rather run the risk than to be harras'ed to death &c.

27 Returned Home from N. Orleans with family this evening. Very hard rain at 2 Ok. Turning Very Cold. Wind North - ground covered with snow last Saturday. seems no End to Winter. Corn will all have to be planted over.

28 Clear Verry cold, ice - every thing seems to have gone on well during my absence. My negroes certainly deserve great credit - or uncom-on good driver "Alfred" - James & John were much pleased with their trip. Times still worse in the City. My prospects are verry flatering in relation to my sugar speculation.

29 Clear cold Frosty morning. Wind East - stopping Washes in Clark place since Monday.

30 Cloudy Warm Morning. The Comet & the Millerites is making great noise, some going crazy. Miller predicts the world to come to its End between 21st this & 21st next March '44. - The comet now appearing is conclusive with great many. Ruffins seem to think we are gone Suckers - cured him of spell. Sickness by throwing themselves at his feet praying for permission to have prayer meetings he belaboured them so well which caused the preperation to flow & cured him.

31 Cloudy Wind from the North. Began raining Lightning & Thundering at 3 1/2 Clock - as hard as ever it did - Nearly all night - Sent all ploughs over to plough for Ruffin. rain
stoped them - Dr Potter the Dentist here since 29. & Jo's.
Joor - Men working at Clark place stoping washes making
fence - Went driving no Luck - Never knew the Little creek
as high

April 1 Thin cloudy & cold mornings ploughing for Ruffin

2 Cloudy warm. threatening rain, Negros wished to go
over to R.H. B. to meeting forbid them, 1/4 of the White
population are run crazy on the subject of Miller propohesy,
that the world would would come to an End some time this year -
The appearance of the Comet will confirm the opinion - so be it

3 Light rain during the night spring day, corn coming
up in New ground, planted 6 weeks ago - Moving running Geer
for Gin from Gibson place - putting Shed House 50 feet square
- for 14 feet Wheele

4 Cloudy damp wind from N. East. Never saw the ground
so smoothd over & laked by the Last rain. as though it had
been glazed over with trowel. - Wet & sticky, will have to
plough up nearly all my corn

5 Rain during the night, Light rain at day Light. Cool
damp wind from North - intended ploughing up my corn & replant-
ed to day but for the rain. ploughed 3 days for Ruffin - 23
ploughs - replanting corn since Breakfast droping it water
furrow, uncovering first planting & covering this - may get
double stand

6 Clear genuine spring day. Most Beautifull one in two
months - ploughing up or opening ridges in New ground re-
planting the corn.

7 Clear Cool night & morning, Most delightfull day, some-
what Hazy - the season three weeks or more behind Last year,
Six hundred and Ten Bales Cotten Pressed in N. & greatest abun-
dance of corn & Potatoes, & three Epidimis on the plantation -
Finished replanting Corn ploughing up middles in corn

8 Clear spring day - cleaning up Large Bayou for corn -
Holliday since dinner

9 Cloudy damp & Hazy morning this time last year was
ready to scrape cotten. Began on the 11th Worst year since
my planting days, ground with thick crust on it, several hands
left by Measles & scarlet Fever with chronic disease of the
Liver Breast &c.

10 Dark Hazy morning sun as red as fire, quit cold
Wind East, Began planting cotten 6 ploughs - double harrows
before the ploughs, &c.
11 Dark smokey morning. Pleasant negroes are much frighted the thoughts of the world coming to an end any day.

12 Cloudy warm morning. Most growing night this season, My children & servants caught the Epidemic Sore Eyes in N. Orleans. ploughing bottoms for corn.

13 Cool Foggy morning, Went to Town - dull & Dusty roads, ground drying very fast. Cool N. wind. 10 ploughs planting Cotten 20 Harrows

14 Cool Foggy morning, Began dropping seed "Bought of Hall from Petil Gulf"93 two feet - 150 Bushels to plant. 150 Acres. Dr Pharish Calliham stoped with me Last night, an old Fox hunter - has five hounds. Now Living on Bayou Dealaze94

15 Cloudy Verry warm day. Miles Kelly with saddle Horses with me Last night.

16 Cloudy Verry Hot morning, Some appearance of rain. dropped 100 acres of Bought seed at 2 feet. Bennet J Barrow Robt. J. B & myself have in contemplation, a Loan from Mure of Eourope for 80 or 100,000. Ruffin also - Gave my negroes a Lecture "to day" upon the folly of their belief that the world would End to day, & their superstitious belief in Dreams &c.

17 Dark rainy morning fine rain before day - great deal of Lightning - Never came in a better time, ground was uncommon dry, Cotten coming up Where it was covered well, will make an effort to raise my Gin House, between showers. No rain from 8 O' Verry hot

18 Raising Gin House few ploughs for Potatoes, seeding corn women since yesterday dinner - Clear cool morning Clear cool morning, Planting sweet Potatoes since Breakfast.

19 Clear cool morning. Went hunting with young hounds this morning, had the Bad luck to loose my Watch, have looked over the course I went, intend sending a number of hands, may fine it, uncommon hard rain at 4 ocklock & till dark. Cotten coming up except Where covered too deep.

20 Dark Damp cloudy morning, Wind East. Seeding corn. nearly finished planting Sweet Potatoes 10 Acres planted, The Epidemic sore eyes has got among my field hands, rain at dark. great deal of Lightning

93 Petil Gulf cotton was a short staple variety from Petil Gulf, Mississippi.
94 In Avoyelles parish, Louisiana.
Cloudy, Wind East. hoeing new ground corn, too wet to plough. Mr. Joor came from Woolville yesterday. Never had a more gloomy prospect for a crop both corn & Cotton. Crab grass as thick as can be. Several hard showers since noon.

Never within my knowledge did it rain as much as during last night. the creek over its bank, bottom field a perfect sheet of water, running through by the Green pond. Taken way fences every where, continued Lightning from 1/2 hour by sun 'till Six O'clock this morning, Clear in the North, Wind East. the plantation literally washed away - No doubt the negroes were alarmed to morrow is the day, instead of Last Sunday that the world was to be destroyed - The creek is much higher than old Joshua ever saw it since it was a small branch near 30 year ago.

Dark Foggy morning, the sun set clear yesterday, & the appearance of Clear weather, this morning threatening bad. Got Mr. Joor to cross the creek this evening, just as he reached the shore down he went, after several hard struggles horse stuck & off went Billy &c.

Cloudy Hot morning - the creek ran over its Banks Where Penrice joins Gibson place, took away all the fence to Little Creek - & filled my field full of Logs. Worse than a new ground - Mr. Flower tells me that all the Fencing on Big B. Sara has been carried off from Bluff to Bluff more than half mile wide. I never heard of it being as high. destroying large fields unfit for cultivation this year. ploughing corn two Furrows.

Heavy Fogg this morning, seeding corn, some splitting rails, More pleasant since yesterday noon - cotton all up finely, one days planting old Land in Penrice field, few acres at Gibson.

Cloudy warm morning. Finished ploughing corn 1st time by dinner. Finished seeding corn by dinner. Dr. Potter the Dentist here since last Friday. Taken sick, two chiles & now seems as though he was at Home & no hurry to move, shows how necessary to be cautious 'till one knows another, before being too polite, to Northerners in particular, & Foreigners &c.

Hoeing new ground since dinner, ten No. 4 Double ploughs Barr ing off cotton, two furrows only, since dinner.

Cloudy Verry warm & damp - Repairing fence at Gibson place & finishing planting cotton. sprinkle rain at day Light. stopped all hands from jobs to work corn & Cotton both suffering for work, Cotton 1st planting with form Leaves - two small cribs of corn untouched. Large crib 2 63 full "or near" of shucked corn, dropped rain at 2 O'clock. Turned cool. wind from the North.
28 Clear quit cold. wind East Finished planting cotton by dinner, ground very hard, covered it with double Horse harrow. All hands hoeing corn since dinner, making one lick between Each hill & thinning it, Looks well 8 to 14 inches high

29 Cloudy pleasant morning, Ten doubles ploughs No. 4 Barring off Cotton two furrows. Turned very warm yesterday noon at 5 O'clock turned cold sprinkle rain from the East

30 Clear cool wind from the North Began raining last night at dark and never rained harder, Broke my dam in front Lot, & carried of Fencing that never was moved Before, on Back part of plantation Loosing my fish. I regret more than any thing else, finest Trout I ever saw, &c.

May 1 Clear cold morning, repairing dam. "temporarily," intend to make the next one to stand. Finished hoeing corn 1st time Began scraping Cotton at Eleven oclock 50 hoe hands, ground laked & heavy

2 Thin clouds cool morning, cold East wind, Very much like rain - scraping drooped seed Very tedious, cut worms at work

3 Clear cool morning sun Hot, Several sick, Have the best prospect for Hogs I ever had over 300 head. now mostly crossed with Berkshire, Easily kept fat, small bone, Black, half-Breed spotted

4 Clear morning quite Cold - Finished scraping new Land above by 9 O'clock, replanted drooped cotton, Old Land first planting as grassy as can be. I am more behind in comparisor with my neighbours than ever I was, being from home Last of March, ought to finish scraping Cotton this week, now will not finish before last of next

5 Cloudy damp East wind Finished scraping cotton above, 200 Acres by sun up

6 Clear Summer day, Went driving with James & John. no Luck, Ground getting very hard & dry

7 Cloudy Damp morning, Went "for the first time" to look for Ginney Jerry Last night. no signs - Jno. Towles and Charles Percy caught him this morning, near Where I supposed him to be, near or between Mrs Stirling's & Courtneys. What seems most singular, that I've never looked for him but once Each time of his runaway &c. but that he was caught the next morning. Looks as fat as can be, been out six months and three days.

8 Cloudy warm & damp morning. hoeing piece of bottom
below Quarter in corn last year. as grassy as can be. Several sick, hard rain for 5 minutes at 2 O'clock

9 Very hard rain at 6 O'clock this morning, for 1/2 an hour, sufficient to raise my pond within 2 feet of its running out, 12 feet water in it. Working at it at damming the lane.

10 Foggy Equal to a small rain, crab grass showing its head in great abundance - Miss Swift Mrs A. G. Barrow & Mrs Jno Joor here today.

11 Very warm, morning, hoeing over Little creek since 3 Ok yesterday, cotton all looks uncommonly fine, for its age. Began moulding cotton at 1/2 10 with 10 ploughs, one furrow.


14 Very warm. Wind South, appearance of rain.

15 Raining very constant from 2 O'clock till seven & very hard. Great deal of Lightning hoeing & ploughing since dinner in new ground corn, scraping Potatoes. find stand.

16 Very hot. Foggy morning started 15 ploughs in corn - 5 double "still" baring off.

17 Cloudy very warm - went hunting. Killed a fine Turkey.

18 Cloudy damp morning - Finished barring off by Breakfast. Running one furrow only round corn. Finished running one furrow round corn 4 O'clock, 2nd time.

19 Very cool North wind. Finished scraping cotton this morning sun up. Hilling 10 acres new ground. Hoeing corn since very grassy in new ground. Moulding cotton 19 ploughs since yesterday 4 O'clock. Looks remarkably well 8 & 10 inches high all first planting or two thirds of my crop. Fine grass very thick in some of it, 13 days scraping Cotton, the worst scraping I ever had.

20 Clear cold night & morning. Finished moulding cotton above "one furrow" by Breakfast. Cut worms using up all replant corn in old land looks as fine as ever I saw it cotton fine.
21. Cloudy cold morning, sprinkle rain at 12 A.M. Went
driving to gratify Robt. H. B & Young C. Mathews. Killed fine
Buck in the drive. Mathews missed, dislike hunting on Sundays.
a day of all others I wish to be at Home.

22. Clear cool morning, cleared off Last night appearance
of hard rain below, during the night. Moulding cotton below
with 20 ploughs "one furrow" fine grass looks much like be­
coming Benl Green

23. Clear cold morning & night. several sick, Finished
hoeing corn second time by 1/2 7 Ok. Began hoeing cotton sec­
time at 8.

24. Clear pleasant, several sick Rosalie & Amanda here
yesterday helped considerably at the sein, Dark clouds &
heavy rain below at D Barrows. dropped here

25. Foggy morning warm, Finished moulding 1st planting
yesterday dinner, hilling new Land above, Lice ruining it in
places scattered over the place more than I ever saw them

26. Foggy warm morning, Cotton forming for 10 days past,
Finished moulding cotton by ... o clock. running the Bar
next to to cotton & throwing one furrow back to first 100
acres moulded, hard rain laked the ground. too hard for hoe
hands, 19 ploughs running, several sick

27. Clear very warm, Went to Ruffins Expecting to meet
M* Black of N. Orleans through him & M* Mure "the consol." we
anticipate raising $110,000 for Ruffin B. J. B Robt J B
& myself, on 5 years at 4 or 5 pr ct.

28. Few clouds, warm South wind M* Black spent the day
with me

29. Cloudy cool north wind. hard shower of 3 minutes
during the night. sent carriage for M* Mure to day, I look
forward to next fall with the greatest anxiety, dreading to
hope or think of success in the Loan of $100,000 - ploughed
Potatoes

30. Clear quit cold fire comfortable, M* Black brought
me act. sales of my purchase of sugar sold in New York for
4 1/4 & 4 1/2. will have to pay Jacob only 10 pr'ct. for the
amt I gave him for it, ploughing bottoms for corn, & ploughing
out middles in corn, ten double & ten single ploughs. Met at
Ruffins to day draw up & send our authorization to M* Mure
of Europ to make a Loan for us of $100,000.

31. Clear very cold night. great injury to cotton, had
Began forming Beautifully from 8 to 18 inches high all 1st
planting, Corn uncom* fine from waist to over head high
June 1  Clear cold night and morning, ground getting as dry as powder. Went to Town yesterday, times very dull. Court just closing, great deal of Litigation, Endorsements &c.

2  Clear pleasant, Sun after 12 till 4 very hot. dry wind from South, everything suffering for want of rain, stopped hands from hilling 1st planting to scrape & kill out worms at Gibson place "young cotton" cleaning every thing before, never saw them as bad

3  Clear sun very hot. Went Fishing at Rats. Lake, caught great many

4  Clear pleasant morning, sun very hot, hung my sein to day, dragged it this evening all small fish

5  Clear very hot, went to Town. very dusty, few clouds in the West since noon.

6  Clear Fresh breeze from the North, Finished planting all the Bottoms in corn, hilling young cotton, ploughing out middles sprinkle rain at 12.

7  Clear very warm, The Dentist here Extracting Teeth for Mrs Haile & James & John, Carpenters working at Gin house finished breaking out middles above & two thirds below, Went to the Miss Swifts & Mrs Joors

8  Cloudy very warm, appearance of in several directions, Finished hoeing cotton second time yesterday 6 0" could have finished 2 days earlier, Cotton Blumes yesterday, ten days later than last season, 2 small cribs of corn & 200 Barrels over, getting boards in the swamp, crop clean excepting few middles & bunches of grass not well cut in hilling, hard shower at 12.

9  Cloudy warm. planted Peas yesterday, shower at 12 0. Finished my sein. over 60 feet Long. Caught many fine Trout out of green pond

10  Raining, & appearance of rainy day, crop in fine order. all first planting from one to two feet high well branched, Finished breaking out middles last night, excepting small piece at Gibson where the cut worms are cutting it down. hard rain at 11 0".

11  Cloudy cold morning, rained Last night, Verry rare occurrence, to rain at night in June

12  Hard rain during the night. Winter rain during the morning Bad gloomy looking day wind from East. working my roads swamp &c.
13 Cloudy warm morning, and East, ploughing corn, part
of it middles not broken out this year, looks well, cotten
growing very fast, bluming well since the rain set in. nev­
er knew rain to fall more gently at this season wet the
ground with out running, several showers at noon

14 Few clouds warm sun. pleasant breeze from South East,
Tie vines coming up thick. corn improving rapidly

15 Shower at 6 0. Verry warm Killing out worms at Gib­
son place, ruinig 60 Acres or more in one body cutting &
making Bad stand all the place, fine grass & Tie vines thick
as can be, Several showers at Gibson between 10 & 11 Ok,
ploughed part new ground corn looks well, 450 acres of good
cotton, for its age as good as can well be, 150 acres very
inferior, young & cut worms will nearly destroy it. Several
sick, threatening very hard rain, uncom hot.

16 Cloudy Hot night & morning shower Last night, run­
ning one furrow round cotton, hoes behind cutting through,
Easier on hoe hands. fine grass & Tie small Easily killed.
scrapped new ground yesterday side at a time, slow work. cut
worms still using up young Cotton. Verry hard rain

17 Cloudy Verry hot morning Went to Rat Lake fishing
Bit well

18 Cloudy Verry hot morning Warmest weather for few
days we have had, nights very hot, corn improving very fast,
great many in the grass, Fine grass & Tie vines thick as can
be & ground very wet

19 Cloudy warm & Foggy morning J. Joor here Last night,
running one furrow round cotton, hoeing above scraping,
ground wet, corn silking & Tosseling - Hard rain several
shower during the day, Went to Town to attend a meeting of the
creditors of A. G. Barrow.

20 Clear pleasant morning all hands hoeing since yester­
day evening, ground wet as can be, Penrice bottom & old Land
below "in corn Last year," crab grass & vines threatening to
take it water standing in every row

21 Clear pleasant morning. ploughing above one furrow,95
Finished hoeing over Gibson place 1st planting by ... Ok,
Cut worms have quit since the rain - Several sick, cotton at
Gibson grown too fast Large Leaf & Leggy

22 Clear warm morning, rain at 5 Ok River & swamp rising
very fast

95 Time omitted.
23 Clear *very warm, went Deer hunting yesterday & to day.

Deer Leaving the swamp.

24 Cloudy *very warm hunting to day, very hard rain below mist here at 5 Oh.* working young cotton ran one furrow round it. ground very wet for fear of drowning out & grass was compelled to do so, very fearful of doing great injury unless it rains on it, hard rain for one hour & 3/4 after 5 Oh.

25 Damp cloudy morning, Corn very fine. 1st planting cotton fine, new Land some places grown rather fast young cotton improving very much, several sick, rain from 4 Oh till dark.

26 Rain "hard" at 6 Oh. Very warm wind East "still" ploughing from necessity, ground wet as can be. running one furrow only. Penrice bottom looks very much like making hay instead of cotton in corn last year & too wet to work.

27 Several showers before noon Very hot & oppressive day heavy rains in the S. west, ploughing one furrow at Gibson place. wet & heavy, Cotton drill. Excepting bottom Land in tolerable order. some vines & fine grass just up - Cleared off in the North since 4 Oh.

28 Clear summer morning warm - wind South, stoped ploughs too wet since cleared off, plough hands putting new Geering Beam in Gin house - Old Dennis Burnes here to day. Been working in Genl Joors family for 20 years, Employed him to build me a press.

29 Clear warm morning, ploughing one furrow & 4 furrows Barring off young corn - hoeing new Land above, cotton & corn still very fine. uncom hard rain between 4 & 5 Oh. Wind leveled the new ground cotton furrows leveled with water, had just began working Penrice bottom, thick with crab Grass only one furrow round it, looks well tho young.

30 Cloudy threatening rain, Very warm, several light showers during the morning, throwing two furrows to the middle in Lane new ground, very bad ploughing & hoeing owing to cotton being blown down. Several sick, yesterdays wind blew the cotton more than any wind since 1834.

July 1 Cloudy warm - Heavy rain - went Hunting great many Deer.

2 Cloudy very sultry & wet Hunting to day Killed verry Large Deer - son James shot one Lost it in the water.

3 Cloudy cool wind from the North Cleared off at 4 Oh. Hoeing Penrice Bottom, ploughing out middles Making Baskets.
4 Clear pleasant day. Big doings in Town. & Election going on for Congress, Hunting to day. Jas. Flower jr. Mr. Thuer Lafare Hurlburt, John & James, 8 Barrels fired at one Large Buck in open field & then let it get away, Killed Large Doe in the drive, Finished ploughing above. ploughing Penrice Bottom since

5 Cloudy very warm day, several sick, Went to Ruffins his crop very grassy, Wm. & Eliza here yesterday. Just from the Island, Water destroyed 200 Acres of his Cotton, D Barrows crop on the river ruined, shower in sight.

6 Clear pleasant morning - Finished ploughing P. rice field by 0k. ploughing Gibson p. since 23 ploughs. Went down to see Bennet J. on the river

7 Cloudy very warm - very hard rain at 10 Ok. more water on the ground than from any rain since it set in, every furrow full,

8 Cloudy very hot day, heavy rains all round. never knew as many Alligators to be in the swamp. caught two of my dogs

9 Heavy clouds around the Horizon, very warm. Son Clifford taken quite sick in the night.

10 Cloudy very warm morning. Finished Breaking out middles 2d time at Gibson plac, by 11 Ok, hoeing P. R. new ground very grassy. Tossel grass - Son Clifford some better this morning. Alligators caught one more dog, 3 in all.

11 Few clouds. very hot Clifford quit sick during the night, negroes getting quit sickly for few days past, very hard rain at 12 Ok several hard showers after dinner, ground Where ploughed lately very wet.

12 Foggy hot morning, Went to Town - Robt. J. B. came by with me, thinks my crop the Best one in the state - or as fine as he ever saw, in fine order "remarkable" for the season some fine grass in drill & middles, ploughs will be through to day. hoes the worst to morrow, cotton from hip to head high as thick or wide as it is high, well formed & Bolleing very fast

13 Clear, Foggy morning very hot. several sick & pretending to be, Went down to Mrs Joors & Miss Swifts, sprinkle rain here, heavy clouds in N. E & South

14 Clear pleasant morning, River falling quit fast.

15 Cloudy very hot day, good many hunting with me to day - killed two Deer
16 Clear Excessively Hot day morning pleasant, Verry hard yesterday & day before. Went up to see Robert J B J & W H. crop? never in my life saw such a prospect as Robert Has, cotten Half Leg to knee high - turned yellow - Crab grass high as a horses belly, middles never broke out since cotten was planted, Bennet verry little better, William Less grass, but poore cotten, they can't half crop?

17 Clear Hot morning, hoeing sager cane. running scrapers a Head of hoes, plantation perfectly clean, Excepting 3 days hoeing at Gibson place, some small Tossel grass in places about. ploughing young corn in bottoms, never worked since it was planted, weeds & grass & water nearly destroyed it, several hands quite sick, All of Sister Eliza children sick & herself all convalesant but one

18 Few clouds in the East Verry Hot, never saw negros appear to suffer more from heat - great many sick - several quite sick

19 Cloudy verry warm, sprinkle rain Last night, ploughing Penrice field, 15 ploughs. six scrapers before the hoes at Gibson place, Cotten verry fine - only thing against my crop "if any thing" rather thick in few places, Large well Bolled for its age & well branched & Loaded with forms. one Small crib full of corn, one fourth of small crib - & one fourth of Large crib of sucked corn, as hard rain as ever fell at 5 O' - too wet to hoe or plough

20 Damp cloudy morning, all hands at Gibson place. 8 women spinning, "sucklers &c" wind & rain yesterday broke down great deal of cotten, fearfull my cotten is too Large.

21 Cloudy damp morning, ploughing young cotten. Ruffin rode over my crop this morning - thinks it the Best crop he ever saw. from hip to over head high 1st planting. 100 acres young cotten 1/2 thigh to shoulder high, well Set Bolled & formed, my crop by far the Best I've seen - and only crop as far as I can Learn that is not suffering from grass.

22 Few clouds verry warm - went drawing the sein - gave the negro's a dinner, two negro came near being drowned, Israel got over his head & was under some minutes D. Nat attempted for Ben first Israel carried him under, he broke loose Nat then went after him. Israel rose nearly Exhausted & caught him round the neck, & carried him under, as I thought both were drowned, Ben Being a Brother of Nat, seeing the Blubering made in fortunately they rose, Nats mouth barely out of the water. Israel still choking him, Ben seized their hands & others on shore his thus was Enabled to save, Israel seemed not to be hurt in the Least, & must certainly been under 10 minutes, so thinks several persons that witnessed it besides myself
23 Clear warm day, great Sick negroes to day, Mostly growing out of their frolick yesterday

24 Clear very sultry morning, 6 scrapers running, 14 ploughs. Seven sick. hoeing new Land above. some Tossel grass at the Edges of the Limbs, ploughing young cotten at Gibson place - since dinner, scrapers running below the Quarter, 6 negros very sick

25 Clear very hot sultry morning. Little negro died Last night. the honest candid & Likely one on the Place - Hetty & Demps child Robert. sick two days before anything was said about it. Buissey with their dinner saturday, neglected the child. Killed by worms producing inflammation mortification took place very soon

26 Clear very warm, Thundering this morning. Employed a negro Black smith to work for me, at $1.50 pr. day, hoeing corn in Bottoms. Been suffering for work, for three weakes, 5 hands sick, one child very sick, Verry hard rain & wind from 4 'till 5 oclock, Sister Ann & Dr. King returned from Kentucky owing to Bad health of Sister Martha, sister Eliza & William here this evening

27 Clear warm morning, William Eliza & Rosalie & Amanda here last night. stoped scrapers. too wet, negros getting out of Geer for 5 days past. shower at noon

28 Cloudy warm, appearance of plenty rain, too much on upper part plantation, Gibson place suffering for ploughing & rain, Verry hard rain & wind at Gibson place

29 Damp Foggy morning, Verry warm - too wet to plough at Gibson place yesterday after dinner, ploughed the road, no rain above the Gin house home - Dr. King and Sister Ann here to day, Verry hard rain at 12 Oclock

30 Rainey day, hard as can bore down. Dr. Potter the Dentist here since last night, impudence of all Low Bred fools - stoped raining at one o'clock

31 Dark Cloudy morning, rain during last night, several showers Before Breakfast, making Levee in the Lane, & enlarging the Dam. some getting out timber, quite a number sick, Sale of Albert Barrow$ property to day, "probate." hard rain at noon

August 1 Cloudy cool, East wind, Cotten shedding very much owning in a great measure to being too thick, rotting, Entirely too much rain, several sick, more relaps$ than I ever had - Misty at 11 O$ never in my Life saw cotten fall off as my crop has in 3 days past. Litterally ruined, nearly every thing off of it But few Bolles & young forms at top.

2 Clear October morning, quite cold fire comfortable,
cleared off yesterday evenir, cool North wind all day all hands pulling Fodder ground too wet to plough 11 hands sick.

3 Clear pleasant morning, all hands pulling Fodder, nearly all the corn shuck White, Several sick. Old Jarvis thinks my crop the Best in the Parish

4 Clear pleasant morning, Alls hands pulling & taking up Fodder, so far never saved Better, 5 hands sick this morning, Several children

5 Clear very warm, got up this morning with swimming in my head got in a cold Bath, taken instantly with violent chill & ... of Blood to the head. never felt so singular

6 Clear warm morning, rain at noon, some Better to day

7 Cloudy warm, threatening rain sprinkle at 2 0. much better to day only under effect of medicine.

8 Cloudy heavy Fogg, saved all old Land Fodder, William Joor sent for me yesterday noon Went to see him, found him very sick, sit up with him all Last night, & sick my self, fell much wasted from it, great many negroes sick, Fever worms &c. sprinkle rain at 3 O. Mrs Joor & Mrs Flower returned from Woodville

9 Cloudy Damp & cool morning, never knew negros as hard to cure as they are this sumner. 15 ploughs running middle of row. hoeing young cotten, never saw cotten rotting as fast at this season of year, my Whole crop too thick, but for that would I think make 700 Bales good season from this out

10 Damp foggy morning, Verry hard rain on all Lower part plantation, none at the House. hoeing new ground above. & pulling some Fodder, shower this afternoon

11 Rainey morning, Returned from Mrs A. G Barrow. her son Bennet quite sick. William Joor not so well this morning, Old Capt. G. Howell died this morning, perhaps no one ever died less regretted Even his own children will rejoice

12 Cloudy warm - went down to Mrs A. G Barrow & Mrs Joors Bennet H. Better, William very ill, Violent congestion, dying from 12 O. this morning - shower rain

13 Cloudy Verry warm, returned from sitting up with William Joor last night Left him as near dead as could be. seemed perfectly at him self & not at all conscious of his near approach to death, the doctor was still trying to restore him When I left at 6 O should he be so fortunate as to restore him will be the most remarkable case possible - Dr King better to day came near Bleeding to death yesterday, Bled him self the day before - trying to avoid the chill by keeping warm - his arm began Bleeding,
they found him sinking sis: r hapneed to run her hand under cover & discovered it with great difficulty restored him
William Joor died this morning 7 1/2 Ok

14 Cloudy Verry warm - Old Lucey very sick, violent Billious attack, not attended to in time

15 Clear warm day. Went to Town

16 Cloudy Verry warm - by accident called by sister Martha's found Little James very ill in fact fast approaching death, the Dr told them other wise, they seemed to think so. however it was not before they tried to rouse him & couldn't do so. Dr McKelvey Began then & in fact so much alarmed that just sanctioned every thing I proposed, by hard work with the assistance of Mrs S. Stirling got him through the night, we produced a reaction after every Dr had left this morning Brought him back so far as to recognize every one, but was too far spent & died at 9 O. this morning, Turned very cold at 6 P.M.

17 Cleared off since 7 O. last night quit cold, fire comfortable, Returned this morning to the funeral of poor Little James Turnbull, Seven years old

18 Clear Very pleasant. Began Picking yesterday with women & children men on the roade, Very good picking, 135 lb picked from Breakfast till night - Clear pleasant, 8 men on the cause way - some making scaffold, others picking cotton Very hard rain at 2 O'clock.

19 Clear pleasant morning, worked road yesterday evening out to Town road - working road in field Mrs Frazier came down from Woodville - picking cotton since dinner, cotton at Gibson place, good picking weather from this time will make more than ever did, too much rain on home place, & too thick

20 Cloudy cool morning - Four Beles picked, Rosalie & Amanda with Miss Crab rode over this evening on Horse Back

21 Smokey cold morning, good picking - 54 hands picking cotton day, 12 on road 2 sawing

22 Hazzy cold morning, thick clothes comfortable. All hands on the roade, Finished it.

23 Clear cold night & morning all hands picking Cotten, Ay 124 lb 58 pickers two sawing two carts hauling several sick

24 Clear cold night & morning, every appearance of Indian summer, one more added to the family this morning, a son - Mrs. Frazier returned to Woodville to day. Several sick, picking at Gibson place Cotten much better their than at home place tho not as well open. Lower corner very fine
cotton & new ground both better than last year. Mr. Potter of
E. Feliciana here this evening - intends establishing him self
in the city as weigher of cotton as direct agent from the
Planter.

25 Clear Very warm, baby very sick, sent for Percey -
William & Eliza here

26 Clear hot day, hoed 'till dinner Baby very sick
Torper of the Bowels, Dr. Deshiel here partner of Percey

27 Cloudy cool wind Early, sun very hot. Baby seems
much better since 2 O. last night, Mr. Hurlbert better. Mr.
Burnes well. Son Clifford sick slight, very hard rain at
3 O. Mr. Hurlbert quit sick.

28 Few clouds Wind N. East warm. Childred better,
Mr. Hurlbert complains very much, "thurst," &c. some hands
digging out Gin race. picking cotton

29 Clear pleasant, Pressed 14 Bales to day, Baby better
Clifford running about. Hurlbert nearly well - 4 hands in
the swamp getting scaffold boards - two sawing. 2 hawling

30 Hazy pleasant morning, raising gearing Beams for
Press, Heard yesterday that Bennets J. wife was Expected to
die, miscarriage, good many sick 17 Bales pressed

31 Clear pleasant morning, Wind South, never knew cotton
to open as slow as it does. stalk very large & thick. Bolles
not as close to the body of the stalk as usual, more to the
top & end of the Limbs, can form no idea how it will yeald,
Leaves fallen off Earlier and faster than I ever saw, Lane
place new ground fair cotton part of it good as ever it was
Tobacco new ground one half fair other not midling, Gibson
place & new ground adjoining it Better than ever it was,
Penrice field some place tolerable, others very inferior

September 1 Very warm morning, Rain at 3 O. Dr. King &
Sister came up to see the Baby

2. Few clouds very warm dan - uncom- - hard rain at
2 O. hard as could pore during the evening - creek quit high
William sent here to night for the Dr. Cupping instruments
Little Ruffin quite sick

3. Cloudy very warm, rainyey afternoon, Mr. Black & Robert
called this morning

4. Damp cloudy morning, Worked roads in the field. Very
hard rain at 10 Ok spinning since, putting sleepers in Gin house - pressing - Mrs A.G. Barrow & her sister Miss Ann Swift called this morning, James very sick with Le Gripp Sent for Dr. King - Mr. Hurlburt still settled chronic attack of the Lungs. great many negroes quite sick. Old Anzy quite sick

5. Cloudy warm, James very ill all yesterday & last night. much better this morning, hard rain from 11 till 3 o'clock - too wet to pick cotton spinning

6. Cloudy cool Damp East wind, James still improving slight attack of chill this morning, Dr. King called this morning, sister Eliza Rosina very ill, went to see Eliza3 children. found them better, Turned quite cool wind East, picking Gibson place - no dry cotton to Gin 40 Bales Gined - 60 out

7. Cloudy Damp East wind James still mending - sale of A. G. Barrows Estate to day - as hard rain as ever fell at 3 Ok

8. Cloudy warm - too wet to pick cotton, spinning, working Lane & roade - Went to Eliza3 this evening

9. Cloudy Damp, John taken very sick last night, returned from Eliza 9 Oclock - hard rain yesterday evening, sprinkle above Bennets - great many sick - Rosina Better When I left, Rosina worse this afternoon - Dr. King called by

10. Few clouds warm morning, John not so well this morning. Effect of medicine I hope, never saw as dark a Tongue on any one. not much fured

11. Clear warm day cotton opening very fast in two Last days children all convalescent.

12. Clear warm - hands not picking overly well - highest 215 young cotton 1st picking

13. Clear pleasant morning Gined none this week. running the trasher. started one Gin to day Seventy five Bales out.

14. Few clouds very warm - Ben. Joor came down yesterday

15. Damp cloudy morning, cleared off since dinner, I have very Bad pain in my hip & one side & small of Back, great difficulty can get about, from cold - put up to day an iron screw press of Newells patent. single screw, great many sick, threatning rain all day.

16. Heavy Fogg this morning, hands improving in picking - cotton opened very fast this week, my hip much better this morning
17 Cloudy heavy rain below - All hands trashing cotton to day, as punishment for picking trashy. told to pick it clean.

18 Few clouds in the East, verry hot night & morning, Levi went to Town with Load of cotton Saturday. Killed his best ox from heat, over driving - uncom-m hard rain & wind at 3 Oclock, wet nearly every place about the Gin house. something over 100 Bales out small crib two thirds full of old corn - pulling up dirt round gns Gin house since 4 Ok

19 Clear Verry pleasant morning, spinning, working Lane &c. too wet to pick cotton Early this morning, Cleared off

Last night, Dr. King called to day. informs me that Robert J. Barrows child died this morning, will go verry hard with Robert owing greatly to his peculiar state of health - only child, owing I think to their manner of treating children "irregular" Dr. Gee & Dr. Percey attended it

20 Clear pleasant morning, Heavy rains all around for the first time & not here - Wm Munson here. Miss Swift Better to day

21 Few clouds Verry warm - wind East. picking this side of Little creek trashy from the rain on Monday, immense deal of cotton rotten from bottom to top of stalks - Started one Gin new Gin house yesterday

22 Cloudy Sprinkle rain at day Light, warm, wind East.

4 women trashing cotton

23 Cloudy warm, hard shower at 12 oclock - went to picking cotton after Breakfast & again at 2 Oclock

24 Damp cloudy morning wind still from the East, been so for nearly a month past, Capt. Lawent's boat the Clipper No1 Blew up on the 22d at Bayou Sara Killed nearly all on Board - throwing some persons nearly a mile others threw walls &c. one man threw Bakers hotel wall on a Bed remained sensible for several hours after, Capt, L. Escaped unhurt, all forward of the Wheels blewed off, several houses ruined by falling of the Engine on them &c.

25 Some what cloudy verry warm day for Sept. Several verry sick very sick negroes, L. Burnes sick

26 Clear verry warm - picking at Gibson's place - never saw betterier picking, & by far the Best of this season - in fact the only tolerable &c. pressed one Bale of 500 lb in my new press. early come to peices - strengthening &c.
27 Cloudy cool North East wind pressing with three convalescent hands on my new press - does not come up to my expectations tho much faster than any I ever had or perhaps saw. hard rain at Gibson place 2 Ok & Light rain of 1/2 hour here too wet to pick cotten

28 Clear cool East wind picking at Gibson's. cotten verry wet, can't get a Clear sunny day to dry cotten sufficient for good ginning &c.

29 Cloudy several showers during the morning. hard rain at Gibson place - 20 Bales wet cotten

30 Raining & verry warm, sun shining in the East. women spinning, men moving cotten & pressing - Verry hard rains during the day

October 1 Cool Cloudy morning, Verry warm after 10 Ok over one hundred & fifty Bales out - Eighty one pressed in N° - 90 Gined

2 Cloudy warm morning, verry hard rain at noon

3 Cloudy, several before 10 Oclock. picking Cotten since, hauling Cotten to Rats. Landing, 20 Bales wet cotten on hand, some on scaffold week

4 Cloudy Cool Fall morning, Several Sick, Cotten verry much injured, will be verry short crop made, price improving, sold 8 Bales at 9 £ corn - cotten, a short crop no doubt will run it up to 12° or 14° Mr Burnes finished working for me - Am't. of $140

5 Cloudy verry warm. Raining verry hard from 9 till 12

6 Cloudy verry warm - 100 Bales pressed, More than 120 Bales behind the Last two years - Cotten growing finely on the scaffolds. Verry hard rain at 11 Oclock from the South West, Women spinning men trashing cotten, Mr Burnes Left here this evening, for Fort Adams, 54 Bales hauled off

7 Raining verry hard since midnight, Wind out of the East for once, from the West, turning cool - spinning trashing cotten &c. Cut my leg six inches below the knee with the Ad.'s on the Bone with all my force through the edge of Female, &c. verry painfull last night, Last accounts from New Orleans & Europe still more encouraging for the Cotten planter - two Gins up in New Gin house, run finely, Trasher running in the old one - Raining uncom--- hard at 12 O. Wind verry cold & hard from the North
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8 Clear cold October morning - Verry Fogg prevented Frost, 4 months to day since the Bad weather Began, yesterday evening 1st time the Sun has Set clear since 8th June

9 Clear pleasant day, Went to Town. Verry dull & poor looking place

10 Clear quit cold morning - several Sick, had Fever myself last night, from my leg no doubt.

11 Taken with coldness & Fever during Last night, & to day at one O\textsuperscript{K} with violent conjestion - numbness of arms & Legs - & my Tongue stiff & delirious. Ruffin came & made Dr. Deshield Bleed me all that saved my life - all agree I must have died if a second chill returned, gave me 60 grains of Quinine in 4 hours. Large or in fact 3 times as much as generally given, can say now never was sick Before

12 Verry Bad to night perfectly Def. Dr. King attending me since yesterday 3 Oclock

13 Some better - suffering Quinine

14 Verry sick to day reaction from Medicin

15 Frost Light Great thurst all last night & Fever. feet Burning up - better since day Light

16 Convalescent but perfectly prostrated

17 Passed Bad night Last night - sitting up can Barely walk, all this time this most Beautifull & delightfull weather - Several Light frost - Record all back to the 10th to day, find it verry difficult to write, much better this evening - Verry much gratified at the attention of my friends, Could not of Expected as much, from as many &c.

18 Few clouds since morning - quite cool - Mrs Joor here last night. Verry sickly above, Able to walk about the house to day - rode to the Gin house this evening in the Buggy Verry disagreeable

19 Clear pleasant Fall day - Caught a runaway yesterday, came to the hands Belongs to Mr Wederstrand, pretended to be looking for Uncle Bat\textsuperscript{S} - I do not feel as well this morning as I expected, My Leg Looks Badly, want of attention during my illness. Cotten opening very fast.

20 Clear pleasant day - With pain in my side this morning "Liver" Av\textsuperscript{D} to day 180

21 Cloudy pleasant. threatening rain -picking verry good weights
22 Rainy very hard at 8 O'clock - stoped raining at 12. Cloudy since wind East. D. King here.

23 Cloudy - Verry warm, Sun out at intervals. Picking at Gibson place - for weight - rotten and as White as can be.

24 Damp - cloudy & hot day - Hawling cotton, between 225 & 250 Bales out. 146 pressed in N. ground off of new corn this week - old Enoughf to feed on some time yet - hard rain at 40º.

25 Cloudy - very hot, raining at 1/2 7 0º.

26 Cloudy - very cold - some rain during the day - Young Dalton the first Lawyer at St. Francis ville died at Mrs Mathews Tuesday night of Yellow Fever - Jos Joor his Partner taken yesterday morning or day before with the same Fever at Mrs Mathews started to see him Buggy Broke down - he is better to day.

27 Cloudy - very cold - hard wind blowing from N. East. real winter day. Trashing cotton, spinning, &c. Feel more like getting well "to day" than since I got out of Bed - Cleared off - very cold after 10 O. Went down to see Joe Joor at Mrs Mathews, was taken with chill & Fever while there All from attempting to get there yesterday, Buggy shafts Came Loose - got my feet wet going to Flowers & returning.

November 2 Clear pleasant day. Will make one effort to get out to day for the first time since 28 Oct. now Labouring under Chronic Dyspepsia of chest, pretty well used up, Hands not doing much lately just got shoes from N. Orleans 80c pr pare & 87 l/2c pact - rode to the Gin house in my Buggy - very pleasant out. 8 hands trashing after the Trasher to keep one Gin running - 260 or "upwards" Bales out in N. 169 Pressed in N. 195 Ginned.

3 Clear pleasant frosty morning, & not so well this morning - seems I am in veriy delicate situation - Dyspepsia in its worst form - Am as poore as can be. very foul tongue, no appetite &c. hands picking veriy well.

4 Few clouds - warm - went over to Ruffins driving, rode in my Buggy - poor hunt. staid all night at Ruffins.

5 Raining - Light shower at day Light. returned home this morning, Verry warm, Receivd this morning from A Ledoux & co the most Liberal Letter for this many a day - offering to renew with me the am. of my acct. &c.
6 Damp cloudy morning, wind East. put up 18 Hogs yesterday to fatten, have changed my opinion of the Berkshire hogs, Poore breeders, Let the Buzzards Eat evry pig - rainey day

7 Dark cloudy morning, wind Verry cold & blowing very hard from N. East, hard rain in the night, I think myself much better, My Tongue still verry foul Cleared off since noon

8 Clear verry cold morning, digging Potatoes since yesterday. Never saw them turn out as few Eating ones great many plantings, M'd Hornsby stayed here Last night has a patent for making mills grind corn & cobs up into meal, intend fixing myne - price $40 - Mrs Joor called this morning - 203 Bales pressed in NO

9 Cloudy summer day - Finished digging Potatoes - Robert H. called to day Verry much improved from his trip to the North

10 Dark Foggy & verry hot morning, picking cotten at Gibson place

11 Verry cool wind from the North, hard rain last night - Verry unwell after returning from Fox hunt. B J & wife here

12 Cloudy verry cold N. East wind at 4 O'K taken with chilliness & Fever, for fear of ice tonight started all hands to cutting sugar cane - since dinner

13 Clear cold morning, taken verry sick, hard chill & fever all day, sent for Dr King, cloudy threatening rain after noon

14 Cloudy warm took 40 g Quinine this morning missed chill & fever head verry much effected by Quinine

15 Cloudy summer day, rain to day. Feelle much better to day, in facy better or more clear of disease than since my 1st. attack - King sent me a mixture to take at 7 O. took it & never was so out done, in my Life nearly killed me vomiting & purging me till 3AT a. m. he & Huffin got here & finally relieved me, there was no necessity for my taken any medicin, tho King had no idea it would act as it did owing to my peculiar situation, week stomach &c. Blue pill & Turpentine

16 Feel easy but prostrated - & knocked back & very warm & plenty of rain, improved this evening

17 Fealing all right & slim morning, very well - up at 6 but very weak, intended taking alone a letter as much
as I want been starving & d*ing on Bread crackers & water 'till I am certain it has caused both of my relapse's. Most retched weather, will make no crop & at that more than any one I hear off - do not think any one will make 7 Bales to the Hand - 5 weeks and three days since I was taken sick - hope now I may recover &. to morrow Ruffin & others are going up to camp out & hunt up Red river & some Bayou emptying in R R - intended going but for my Relapse - cleared off fine summer afternoon

18 Damp Foggy morning - pulled some corn yesterday, All the shuck, on it for oxen

19 Cloudy pleasant morning, wind East. have never in my life knew or heard of just such a year, or any one to Compare with this - day before yesterday Cleared off pleasant & wind from the North. Sqn set Clear & after one week's bad weather, & now Cloudy threatening rain, some rain Last night, I am reduced to a skeleton, Constant foul Tongue & no appetite.

20 Clear and pleasant a spring-Like morning as ever seen - picking cotton at Gibson place. stoped Ginning all hands to picking, to Let the trash rot more in cotton

21 Few clouds spring morning - warm, hauling cotton to Rat's Landing, 227 Bales pressed in N°, - 320 out in N°, great deal of cotton open at G's place

22 Cloudy Damp, Went to Turnbulls family &c. James Flower j. down with Yellow Fever

23 Dark, cloudy morning, hard Wind from South, hard rain at Eleven O'clock returned Home this morning, feel much better than I have felt since first taken sick, or in seven weeks. J Flower better to day

24 Cloudy very warm - Taken with diarrhea yesterday evening, Dr. King to see me to day. Very sick all last night Fever & Bowel &c. rain - rain all night

25 Cloudy & rain at 11 O. better to day but very weak.

26 Clear at day light & cold - warm before night & threatening rain - better & little Clear of uneasiness in Bowels

27 Cloudy hot day & rainey James Flower Jr died on the night of the 25 - last Saturday

28 Verry hard rain at 7 O. & no appearance of stopping

29 Raining uncom--- hard at 7 O - sitting up to day, & Recorded back to 23d very weake
Cold steady rain since yesterday morning, wind got round to the East, it appears impossible for it to remain 12 hours in one Quarter, near constant rain since the 8 of June or since Last February, ruining to What cotton is in the field & corn nearly et up by weavles - Rested better last night than I've done in two months - in hopes my system has at last recovered from anything like congestion or Dyspepsia - men trash ing cotton, women spinning - Best knows from Europe than for many a day past, ratification of the treaty with China - thus opening an immense trade for cotton Equal to the consumption at present - tho cotton has not as yet felt the Benifit here owing to the impression that there will be an avrage crop & the uncom-\textsuperscript{2} Large one last year - by January the fact of a short crop will be known & must go up to a high price - at any rate another crop must pay as well - I've sold this year so far from 7 1/4 to 9\% - if able would not ship a Bale 'till January - my crop will fall short of last year 200 Bales I fear from present prospects

December 1 Cold steady rain since Tuesday - I am mending slowly. confined "still" to a warm dry room - and mint Juleps at 11\% - must take me several months to regain my usual health & strength - Two hundred & Fifty Bales pressed in No. 258 or 60 Gined

2 Clear cold day. I feel much better this morning, This afternoon 1/2 past 4 Ooclock my two Gin Houses took fire, "adjoining" & in ten minutes or Less were one solid sheet of Fire, over 100 Bales of Cotten Burned, 40 Pressed about 5 Gined 60 in Seed. Robt. J. B Jno C Joor & D\textsuperscript{r} King hapened here to see me & witnesed it from the Beginning - with difficulty Fill got out, mules singed - Caugh from Brush. presumed. Greased but few minutes Before, Essex had steped to the mill few feet off - Hartlet Ginning, - the second Gin House I've had burnt. Being confined to ny room makes it worse on me - a severe Loss at this time - Have felt in better spirits for 6 weeks past than for 6 years past - & thought two more crops would set me easy, how un-certain are things in this world - a Loss of $8000 or more

3 Clear Freezing night & ice this morning & the only White frost this Winter - put an End to Yellow Fever Mrs James Flower came with Emily - is really distressing to see so young and lively a widow

4 Cloudy Damp & cool, appearance of rain, pulling corn - 8 Hands getting timber for mill & Gin House Mrs Joor came down Last night
5 Cloudy Damp, Windy & cool - Caroline Flower returned to Mrs Mathews with her Mother - wind N. East, I am still mending, on mint Juleps & nitric Acid

6 Raining hard since midnight Ruffin here to day, makes Verry short crop, as evry one does - turned cold at Dark

7 Cloudy quit cold this morning - gathering corn - number of hands pretending to be sick. knowing I am not able to go out as yet

8 Cloudy cold East wind - Several pretending Sick - I am still improving - Living in clover, on Boiled milk & Broiled Birds & old Whiskey Juleps - sent to Town with cart "L. Dave" got Mr. Hurlburt to got and meet him and search for Whiskey. knowing I was unable to get out would certainly bring some - found two Gallons - seemed much surprised that Mr. Hurlburt should offer to interfere in a case like that - When able intend making several of them suffer for their taking advantage of sickness to act the rascal - Patience end him in particular - she pretending to rising on her hip for several days or in fact for 10 days past & no sign of any thing the matter

9 Cloudy turning warmer - am improving. I think more so than since my first attack - making road through to the Lane place "Ruffins" to Hawl my cotten there to Gin & to grind. Corn turning out so far verry finely

10 Few clouds damp morning. wind South - Dr. King here Last night - Began taking Sheldon "Stoutons" Bitters this morning - made all women Excepting Lize spin me 6 cuts - Lize the only one that ever does her task - repairing Ruffins mill at Lane place to grind at - & Gin their &c.

11 Raining hard since midnight & verry warm - stoped raining at noon. Miles Kelly called by with saddle Horses several verry fine ones - Robt. J. B here bought small mare Beautifull & rides finely - number of Drovers seemed to pitch for me to night

12 Cloudy Very cold - Cleared off at 1 O.k. Drovers here all night Bought as fine a Brown horse from Kelly as I ever saw, made uncom-n well from the ground up rides well, in fact perfect as to forms, Both for Beauty & service - pace a mile in 3 minutes & the only fast pacer I ever saw that rode well slow - price $200 1st March next if I like him by that time - B. J. B. here this morning purchased of Kelly verry fine Buggy Horse

13 Clear verry cold morning, cloudy after two oclock -
Rosalie & Amda here to day, Emi y off to Town till verry late - rode as far as the Burnt Gin house this morning, feel much better, in fact well to What I've ever felt since attack

14 Cloudy threatning rain - Mrs Haile came down

15 Raining last night Cloudy damp this morning - Mrs Haile returned to Woodville - all four of my cribs full of corn, & 20 loads to haul - not as closely slip shucked as usual - cotton picking now verry trashy - the waggon Loaded with corn ran over Little Daves arm & broke it between the Elbow & wrist - "yesterday" - Began raining at 2 oclock "hard"

16 Raining as hard as it can from since yesterday - no luck in raising money through M' Mure, the English consul for New Orleans Raining very hard all day, Wind round to the North after 12 Oclock, Have never seen any year any ways like the present has been, raining constant since 8 June - And no appearance of ever stoping, About 30 Bales to pick, very rotten & trashy, improving very rapid in price 1½ since Beginning of this months now as high as 11¢ - for Best and no doubt but will be at 12 or 13 c by spring, Bright prospects for next year

17 Cloudy Damp and cool - rode round through by Ruffins & by Lane place on my new Horse. much pleased with him - Felt no fatigue from the ride, would do well but for my Bowels not regular too much action from debility Easily effected by dampness of the weather

18 Cloudy damp disagreeable day - am not so well this morning - pains in stomach & Bowels - Demps Laying up with sore Eyes - or Loosing his sight, no appearance of inflamation - L Dave arm not doing as well as I wish - steady cold rain from 11 oclock

19 Raining all Last night - and this morning. cold & disagreeable - not so well as I have been - D'King came up to day - to see L. Dave's arm & Demp's Eyes

20 Raining all last night - misty morning. never saw as Long continuation of Bad weather - Steady rain after dinner - D' King rode my new horse, very much pleased, wants him very much - hard rain at 3 Oc

21 Misty Dark Cool & most Disagreeable morning

22 Cloudy damp morning - Cleared off at 11 Oclock. Like April day since - never saw a more welcome change - Bought
23 Kentucky Heffers one uncomR arge 2 yr-old Bull - 3
$150 in 12 months

23 Clear morning, went Fox hunting this morning. first
regular one this Fall, out 7 hours & stood it first rate

24 Clear and as delightfull day as ever I saw. Old Mrs
Taylor died yesterday. the Mother of Mrs David Barrow

25 Clear delightfull morning Df King & several went out
with me this morning Fox hunting, quite a number joined -
Very fine hunt. run of 2 hours & caught.

26 Clear cold morning, Ruffin Brings much better news
from the City - money plenty & Cotten still improving - Very
dull Christmast

27 Clear quite cold morning - great many Fox hunting -
no Luck - Verry much fatiegued

28 Clear verry cold morning - Mrs Flower here

29 Clear pleasant day - W. H. B here - went down to Miss
Swifts

30 Raining cold East wind - Dr Curries here on Business
- a lot I sold his wife in Woodville belonging to Pa's
Estate wants title &c.

31 Cloudy warm morning - rainy afternoon - Miss Swift
here to day
January 1  Yesterday Ended the most remarkable year in My recollection, more rain more sickness poorest Crops & general distress than any year know - this morning Cleared off at 9 O - raining very hard all night decidedly the most flattering change this morning than I've seen in 6 months cool wind from the West. picking Cotten - getting timber hawling Coal wood &c. hands seem in fine humour & all well - Excepting Demps with sore eyes & L Dave with Arm broke.

2  Clear cold day - wind North.

3  Clear very cold - N. wind - 4 hands getting Boards for mill & Gin house - Killing hogs - Emily went home with Miss M. Swift - Mrs. Flower here seems really in a very distresed situation alone & unprotected

4  Clear very cold - went over & gave Robt. H. overseer a perfect set too intended caning him - if he said any thing

5  Few clouds very cold

6  Raining - cold East wind Mr. Linch called to day - Dennis Bynes came to Build my running Gear for Gin and mill

7  Damp, misty day - warm

8  Rainey morning. Women spinning, Some trashing cotten - Began Ginning at Ruffins to day - Bad day for so glorious a one - Gave Robert H B. rules for government of his negros

9  Dark misty morning - hard rain at 11 O went over to assist in Appraising James Flower jr's property - Amounted to $31167.65 Land negros &c.

10 Hard rain during the night & very warm - rain after day light - Df King here since yesterday - tending on Demps with sore Eyes & Nat. B. diseeses &c. daughter Amanda little sick since yesterday - women stopping washes since dinner.
11 Cloudy warm wind Eas., picking cotton - hard rain at dark

12 Dark cloudy morning - wind South, rain during last night - several negroes with pleurisy - Robert H overseer quit sick, sent here last night. Raining at 11 O'clock warm as summer weather - Dr King returned creeks up - he is as mad as a madder hare - who could be otherwise such weather as this & no appearance of stopping raining at this moment & sun shining

13 Cloudy cool N. East wind

14 Cloudy Damp morning - hard rain at 3 O'clock & continued

15 Rainey day & verry hard since yesterday evening - considerable thunder and lightning during last night & today - turned cold since 12 O'clock hard rain all day - Dave Bartley verry ill from pleurisy - relapse & neglect of old Anica - the meanest old negro on Earth - women spinning - men and boys trashig Cotton

16 Clear coldest day this season - ice till late in the day - Left Home for N. Orleans - old Howells place & negroes selling to day

27 Clear verry cold - Returned from N. Orleans - times better than they have been in 4 or 5 years - some cotton as high as 11 1/4 c sold by A. Ledoux & Co money more plenty - at 10 to 15 pr cent pr annum

28 Clear Verry cold morning.

29 Clear cold morning - but most delightfull day - ploughing 6 days - 13 ploughs - 10 to day - Blacksmith "old Heren" here repairing - hawling cotton to Robt. H. B to Gin - Cotton selling in N. Orleans from 7 1/2 to 11 1/2 - times greatly improved - not quite as Easy to raise money as it was 3 weeks since - owning to heavy speculation in cotton, evry one anticipating great rise in the article - English buyers not in the market prices being above their limits - the belief in Europe is the crop of 1843 will am't. to 1800.000. But certainly will not - as soon as that fact is known cotton will rise greatly - or higher than since "37

30 Clear pleasant morning - Ruffins family here to day. sprinkle rain at 4 O'clock. 15 ploughs running
31 Cloudy pleasant. Hard rain at dusk

February 1 Cloudy warm morning

2 Cloudy Verry warm day - ploughing above 3 furrows for cotton Laping 1st furrow in new Land & wide rows. 15 ploughs "dowble"

3 Cloudy threatening rain - Went to Town, verry warm.

4 Cleared off wind from the West at 10 O* warm as April - saw one of my young hounds "Echo" climb up a tree this morning 14 feet catch a Fox & jump out with it into a hole of water in among the pack

5 Clear cool - But pleasant morning. attended the sale of James Flower jur sale of personal property. few things sold - I purchased one two horse waggon for $33 & one small desk for $10 - raining slightly since 5 O. & dark

6 Clear in the North cool N. wind Ruffin & Robert J. here yesterday evening - wished me to negotiate a Loan through the Kentucky Banks by assistance of Mr Kennedy of Louisville for three of us --- $50,000

7 Cloudy verry cold North wind

8 Cloudy verry cold

9 Few clouds quit cold Frosty morning - ploughing corn Land for cotton Laping - & 3 furrows. Bad ploughing from old crab grass - 18 ploughs running.

10 Cloudy verry cold disagreeable day

11 Clear cold Frosty morning. went driving verry Early no Luck

12 Cloudy pleasant day - ploughing old race track field for cotton

13 Few clouds pleasant. Mrs Mary Routh died yesterday at her residence mouth of Red river - Buried at Mrs Wades to day - Leaving a husband & two children 11 & 14 yrs of age - Steubens & Rosealthia

14 Clear most Beautifull morning, L. Dave gone to work - arm well. hawling seed on corn Land - Women making fence - Sucklers spinning - 18 Double ploughs running - 4 Teams Ginning

15 Clear verry pleasant - went to Town in the carraige with W. H. B.
16 Clear cool & pleasant morning

17 Clear Frosty morning - went Deer hunting over to Ruffins Col Semple & Mayrant with me - killed one Deer

18 Cloudy or Hazy morning - Mr Byrnes returned from New Orleans. Between 6 & 8000 Bales cotton burnt up at the upper cotton press

19 Clear spring day

20 Cloudy threatening rain. Began planting corn this morning in new ground only

21 Cloudy appearance of rain - several sick. Jno Mayrant here. out Driving yesterday Bad luck for want of standers

22 Cleared off since day Break. Like spring - very pleasant.

23 Clear very pleasant day planted in all 120 acres of corn

24 Clear pleasant spring day - cool nights & morning few days past

25 Clear pleasant spring day went Driving in the swamp

26 Clear, but smokey morning - never saw more pleasant weather than we have had for two weeks past - Jno E. Barrow & Lady with Miss M Swift & Mrs A G Barrow spelt to day here & who should come but two D. Yankee? to see Mr Hurlburt and the impudence of their section of country, gave them a hint to Leave that no southernor would mistake - ordered their horses Back - Left Home with family on a visit to Mr Semple in Mi

27 Clear summer day - returned home this evening after dark

28 Clear summer day, Miss M. Swift & Emily gone to R. J. B. - ploughing at Gibson place - two days - 3 furrows. finished fencing yesterday. cleaning up bottoms for corn

29 Cloudy Early - threatened last night strong South wind - several sick negroes. colds &c. hauled 14 Bales to the river to day

March 1 Cloudy warm damp morning - stoped running round to have the ploughs sharpened, breaking out middles in 50 acres for corn - first planted or all that is planted sprouting finely - several sick several light showers since noon
2 Dark cold & cloudy day. working at Clark place - very hard rain last night, much wanted

3 Few clouds pleasant spring day - turned cold after noon

4 Cloudy very cold North wind, ploughing Clark place three furrows for cotten - all finished at Home 3 & 4 furrows - several Verry Sick negros L. Betsy near Death I fear

5 Cloudy very cold morning. Dr. King here this morning Betsy Better - Demp$ will I fear loose his sight - and probably never recover his health, Mrs. Jno Joor & Mrs Flower were in New Orleans and rising in Europe, owing to heavy speculation in this Country now they are unable to hold on - a most distressing accident happened few days since, below mouth of Red river, two S. Boats ran a foul, Desoto & Buckeye. the Latter sunk Destroying the Lives of over 60 persons - 3 cribs & one third of corn two small ones & one Large - &c. Bad weather for corn that was sprouting

6 Cloudy Damp cold East wind - sprinkling rain at 10 Ok Breaking out middles at Clark place

7 Cloudy warm - great deal of rain fallen since yesterday noon - Breaking out middles to day Working on fence at Clark place ponds &c. ploughing since dinner - hard shower at 4 Ok

8 Few clouds, sun warm - appearance of spring again

9 Cloudy pleasant North wind - 125 acres middles broke out to night - 18 Double No. 4 ploughs. Cleaning up the Quarter

10 Cloudy cold East wind - Mrs Joor Jno & his Lady here to night

11 Cloudy Damp morning - shower rain at 12 Ok threatening rainy evening. planting 50 Acres of corn - 170 a$ planted this evening - 140 Acres up tolerably well - Birds & coons very Bad - Mrs Joor & Mrs Flower here - Jno. Joore & Lady Left in the Buggy for Woodville with young infant & no nurse - several showers during the afternoon - Breaking out middles in race track piece shallow owing to weak horses - not very material about the middles being very deep - Dragged the sein in the Bottom field pond, one Draw only & caught 600 fish mostly catfish - Dem made and fish in it only one year. immense increase - Drew small part about one 10th of the pond intend making a fish Lake of it

12 Steady rain greater part of Last night - Appearance of clearing off - very warm this morning - finished cleaning up - carrying woods Earth in the Garden
13 Cloudy threatening rain - very warm. corn not all up from being covered too deep - Killing Birds with Nux vomica.

14 Raining constant & very hard since Last evening - Very hard rain yesterday at 12 a.m. made a Levy across the mouth of pond in bottom field - intend using it for two purposes - water for stock & Fishing, warm and no appearance of ceasing to rain.

15 Cloudy - & cold wind from the North.

16 Cloudy very cold N. wind.

17 Clear Beautiful day - Frost Cold night & morning - Sun very pleasant - fearfull of Fruit & corn being much hurt by this morning's Frost.

18 Clear Frosty morning.

19 Clear spring morning - Went to Town - times dull. cotton falling or dull sale.

20 Few clouds in the South. thin cool Breeze from South - do not like the Appearance of the weather this morning intended to plant Cotton to day - hauling 500 Bushel of cotton seed from Town - Finished hoeing "1st time" new ground corn. Finished Ginning at Robt. H.B. yesterday - 20 Double ploughs running to day.

21 Clear very cold N. Wind - Began planting cotton this morning - quit - too cold - Finished Breaking out all the middles above & at Gibson place.

22 Smokey Looking morning - not as cold as yesterday. replanting corn - Last planting not up - negro woman Patience very sick Billious pleurisy - & 3 days sick before let it be known her habit. & been severely Whiped for it to no effect doubtfull if she gets over it, caught this time unco mean.

23 Clear very cold - wind prevented severe frost last night - planting cotton since yesterday dinner dropping it 2 feet to 30 inches.

24 Clear very cold - Frosty morning coldest morning Excepting 3 this winter - corn Looked yesterday like Hot water poored on it. ground being uncom dry or would do no great deal new damage Fruit &c. the Boys with Clifford on horse back took all my hounds Reabbit hunting caught & killed 25.
25 Smokey cool mornin: - planting cotten 5 ploughs -
dropping new & good Land 50 inches - China trees in Blume -
Locust Bluming ten days ago three weeks earlier than I ever
knew them owing to no winter has the appearance of an early
spring from the trees - but the weather still Backward - corn
Leaves killed & Looks retched

26 Cloudy damp East wind - 15 acres cotten planted
by 8 0. to day - Finished Breaking out middles this morning
by 9 O'k Breaking up bottoms for corn - 1/2 days ploughing
middles at the Clark place. Martins have not made their
appearance yet 15 days so far behind their Latest time to
my knowledge. several cool showers after 3 O'k

27 Cloudy warm & Damp morning threatening rain -
planting cotten in new ground this side Little creek,
ploughing corn first time. 2 furrows. Several personc
have scraped some cotten - no doubt the Last frost has killed
it all - Appearance of dry weather since 4 O'k wind cool S.
west wind

28 Damp Cloudy morning. 7 Harrows planting Cotten - Bad
planting in corn Land grass not rotted since Beded up,
running Double harrows before opening - in corn Land

29 remarkable day - Clear pleasant spring morning - Cool
West wind after Breakfast. turning colder at dinner - real
winter at 5 Oclock, had to quit work - so sudden was the
change hard stormy wind from the North. & cloudy- women
Lize left the field well & just as she reached her house was
taken with violent pain in Breast & right side Pleurisy
"Bilious" Dr King calls it Nemonia

30 Cloudy very cold N. wind, too cold for hands to work -
stopped - Coldest day I've felt this year. Some snow early
this Morning

31 Clear very Cold Frosty morning - real winter weather
must certainly destroy most of the Fruit - and all the cotten
that was up - none for me - corn killed down - ice here & ice
at several places in the Parish

April 1 Clear Light Frost - sent Amanda "Ruffins" an
empty Box for April Fool women bringing woods Earth in the
garden - Ploughing up Bottoms for corn - & running double
harrors over Last planting of corn - 5 negros with Severe
Pleurisy. several others Lingering Amanda was fooled &
wrote to Robt J. that I was Very ill & to meet Ruffin here -
his being sick prevented some more fun - Mary wrote word to
know the true situation of my health & Robert would Come as
soon as the chill Left him - sent word better &c.

2 Clear pleasant spring day Dr King here to see my sick
ones 10 in Number with Pleurisy & coughfs. it seems I am never to escape the Epidemics for half the place seems sick - fearfull will Loose one child & one grown man &c.

3 Clear pleasant day. D'King returned this morning all the sick ones better - W't H. here

4 Cloudy wind East & warm. D' White of Mi. here Last night one of or as honest a man as ever Lived - much pleased to see him - Hard rain in the South. sprinkle here at dark

5 Cloudy threatning rain. Very warm - put as many planting cotten as could start. the Last Frosty morning killed great deal of my corn, have to replant some & plough up some

6 Damp warm & cloudy morning - Misty rain yesterday evening 5 o'clock several very sick negroes an Epidemic influenza like Pleurisy & every thing else combined

7 Damp warm morning

8 Fine showers Last night - Few clouds this morning - pleasant spring morning - negros Better this morning - Martins made their appearance this morning first this season - near a month Later than I ever knew them - usually from 1st to 12 of March

9 Cloudy warm morning - D' King here to see several very sick negros - Old Burnes sick - tired to death of his slow movements towards finishing my mill &c. New ground to plant over killed by Frost. never was so out done in my life Finished planting Cotten all home - yesterday dinner - planting Clark place to day. more severe cases of sickness than I ever had - thought the Scarlet Fever Bad - sick my self - Potatoes to plant - corn to hoe & plough cotten just Beginning to come up - to concluud wish evry one I've had to pay money for was in Hell

10 Cloudy warm - planting new ground over in corn entirely killed by Frost - making Potatoe ridges & planting since dinner

11 Dark cloudy & Damp morning, Jenney son "old Bartley" as he was comfly called died Last night of this Epidemic here - strangled from matter collecting in throat & Lungs - several showers since dinner

12 Cloudy Damp & warm morning - Barring off cotten two Furrows cotten not up intend running two more a head of hoes &c. several showers after dinner - stoped the ploughs

13 Dark Damp & cloudy morning two Gentlemen to see Mf
Hurlburt Last night - young Evans one & the most conceited ass I ever knew - Robt. H. B here, 'tis said he is to marry Mary Barrow shortly - Most Beautiful woman but very Pickle minded - Stopped planting Potatoes - Hoeing corn all hands - cotton corn coming up in places - Several new cases of the Epidemic - Corn above Looks well again

14 Dark cloudy morning - J Joer here - Dr King called by this morning - Met with a quiet adventure last night among mules Jenneys &c. Judge Halen of Atakapas here to day

15 Dark cloudy morning - Every appearance of rain - One new case of sickness this morning one very ill - heavy clouds & rain in the South - Barring of cotton come up in spots - 18 ploughs - worked piece of corn this side Little creek, seeding corn P R new ground since dinner

16 Cloudy pleasant - South East wind, very much in want of rain - Both corn and cotton - Shower at 5 O'Clock.

17 Cloudy pleasant - Fine rain Last night - Made fine hoeing hoing & ploughing P. R new ground corn - Cool Breeze from the North at 6 O'Clock.

18 Cloudy cool morning - Lightning in the East last night - Quite unwell myself - Effect of the Epidemic I think - Bowels &c.

19 Cloudy disagreeable morning - Threatning rain - Mr Turnbull's negroes are cutting up a great many shins - 16 ran off & have defied him - are well armed killed two of his dogs while in pursuite of them - All this grows out of his having them preached to for 4 or 5 years past - Greatest piece of foolishness any one ever guilty of - No true Christianity among the Church going Whites - & how Expect to Preach morality among a set ignorant beings - Proper discipline may improve them & make them better - so Long as the same course & interest is kept up - &c.

20 Clear cool morning. several Very Sick negroes - Went Fishing to Rat's Lake

21 Cloudy cool morning - Negroes better

22 Cloudy warm morning - Mrs Joor & Mrs Flower came from Woodville Last night - Scraping cotton since Breakfast - 20 good hands

23 Cloudy very warm - L Hannah very ill last night. Scraping cotton one side or through at one lick.

24 Cloudy Hot morning - Negroes better - One new case this morning - raising post for Gin House
25 Damp Foggy morning - stopped 10 ploughs to scrape cotton & replant - 11 Ploughs Barring off - two carpenters working at Gin House & one hand - all others scraping Cotton

26 Cloudy Verry warm morning - Dr King here since Last night his horse ran off with him & Buggy. Left him with me to dispose of - &c. scraping race track cut. best stand on upper side place

27 Cloudy Verry warm - Went Below Bennet J. & Back of the French settlement Fishing James & John along never had better sport - Very Large Lake & continuation of Lakes for 10 or more miles - Caught in few hours 400

28 Cloudy threatening rain shower rain at 4 O\textsuperscript{K}

29 Few clouds Cool North wind - Had quite a Fight on the Lot this morning - two house girls, Mary & Sarah

30 Cloudy Very warm sprinkle rain at 5 O\textsuperscript{K}

May 1 Few clouds, pleasant wind from the South, scraping cotton at G\textsuperscript{4} S Barring off Clark place 10 ploughs. My corn looks Very Badly for want of proper work

2 Cloudy Damp morning Judge Hallern here since Monday. a perfect Poke easy - knows every Body every Where - & does not seem as if he ever done much. thinks of settling in B. Sarah - Lawer

3 Cloudy Very warm day - Finished Barring off cotton yesterday, Finished scraping Gibson place by ... 0\textsuperscript{K}96 ploughing corn second time, 12 ploughs, it looks badly Very much in want of rain - attended Muster to day poor turn out.

4 Cloudy Very warm - went Fishing to Rat\textsuperscript{3} Lake. Caught great many. Brought home in the wagon in Barrels 50 fine Perch alive put in the Pond

5 Cloudy cool wind - rain in the swamp yesterday, sprinkle here - never in my Life had or saw as Bad a stand of cotton as I have - replant Baked & rotten, took A Barrow\textsuperscript{3} runaway Home - after seeing my neighbours crops an perfectly disgusted with every thing on the place, And sincerely wish evry rascal & persons causing me to be in Debt in Hell riding a red hot iron

Bennet H. Barrow

\textsuperscript{96} Time omitted
6 Cloudy Very Hot. Went to Town as Juror. got on the Grand jury as Foreman against my wish &c.

7 Returned Home this morning fine rain over the creek sprinkle here & at D Barrows Home place - staid there last night - attend or was Looker on yesterday at a Democratic radical meeting in Town

8 Clear Very warm day - returned to Town on the Grand Jury - Found a true Bill against Young Baker for Killing his Father in Law

9 Clear Very hot & dry evry thing Burning up, corn suffering very much

10 Clear hot day. hoeing corn since Wednesday moulding cotton one furrow since Wednesday. stoped & ploughing corn this morning.

11 Clear Very hot day

12 Clear very hot. Barring off young corn in Bottoms since Friday evening - Building shed for corn & cobb grinder - went Fishing yesterday in Big Bayou Sarah - Emily & Miss Swift along no Luck Enoughf to Eat. &c.

13 Cloudy Very hot day

14 Clear Very hot. hilling cotton went to Town - got through with the Grand Jury

15 Clear not as can well be - Finished hoeing young corn in bottoms, Hilling cotton since yesterday evening - never had a worse prospect for a crop. one fine stalk & dozen mean ones no regular good cotton

16 Clear very hot day Went to Town

17 Clear very warm - Robt. H. B here last night

18 Clear Very hot & dry - Went Fishing with the Boys to Lake - Caught great many

19 Cloudy warm South wind

20 Cloudy Very warm - threatning rain. Moulding cotton at Gibson place - Best & most regular Cotten I have - I have the poorest Looking crop in this neighbourhood - irregular - from 2 inches to 1/2 Leg within 20 feet frequently. great many forms on some stalks. corn as good & much better than most all I've seen - grinding cobb& corn in Back mill to feed horses colts &c. rain at Dark
21  Dark cloudy morning, Fine shower Last night - quit cool at Dark - wind North. Miss M. Swift came up Last evening to go fishing intended to have a Fish fry to day, the Bad appearance of this morning prevented, fine shower for cotton at 8 O'Clock scraped Potatoes - ground in fine order for working - Barely Laid the dust in corn Land

22  Cool. cloudy morning, quite unwell since yesterday. sudden change in the weather - hilling or Leveling through cotten at Gibson place. 4 hands in the swamp getting Boards for Gin house.

23  Clear pleasant morning Quite sick last night Fever &c. 2 small cribs of corn - Began using out of one of them this morning - moulding cotten at Clark place - Finished all home yesterday 9 O'Clock ran one furrow round young corn & broke out middles in part of ground this side of Little creek. D Barrow sent this morning for a Mutton for the wedding to night.

24  Few clouds Very warm - saw Robert H. Barrow married to Mary E. Barrow Last night sufficient number there to make it gay - all seemed dull & Quakerish - son James was taken with fever yesterday, feeling so badly for three days past. sprinkle rain here yesterday evening - sprinkle rain at Dark the Trout Bit Very well in my pond this evening


26  Cloudy warm & Damp morning - Appearance of rainey day, several showers during the day. the Lice have nearly ruined part of my crop. all the corn Land above very much Eaten, stoped growing, corn wants a good soaking rain

27  Cloudy pleasant day, hilling Clark field. cotten Looks very healthy. from 6 to 18 inches high - irregular stand, hawling Boards out of the Swamp, river rising very fast, sucklers working sugar cane - ploughing corn evry other row, 20 ploughs

28  Cloudy pleasant. Finished hillling Clark place by 1/2 5 O'Clock yesterday evening - started two Deer round the field - had a very hard to try & get a short, hoing young corn in bottoms, Fine shower at 10. hard shower at 11 1/2 - most rain that has fallen since it Began this wet spell.

29  Raining constant since last evening 6 O'Clock & very hard pond in front Lot Broke round the End or would have run oyer & probably Broken through - Fever came on me yesterday 12 O'Clock &
remained on 'till near day light this morning. over 14 hours. from my severe ride the day before - ventured too soon - my misfortune - feel the Least well must go - Bridge taken off by high water on Little Creek - dam in Bottom field broken - putting more dirt to house lot Dam - Men raising Gin House

30 Clear cool S. west wind. hoeing cotten since Breakfast raising Gin House, tie vines & crab grass as thick as can be. ground very wet & glazed over

31 Clear cool morning - ploughing corn new Land. raised all the Gin house excepting rafters - Cotten Bluming generally through the field Where it has not been hurt by any insects. the Lice have Literally ruined 300 acres for me, all the upper side plantation most miserable looking - new Land part not 1/2 a stand - All looks well below excepting 40 acres new Land this side little creek, the seed I planted must have been old or were injured late coming up. now worms Lice & Grass hoppers a foul of it. negro's more healthy for 3 weeks past than they have been in several years - Ruffins family called by this morning. returning from Mrs Lyon's party - they report plenty of fun regret not going - fraid of relapse. &c.

June 1 Clear Very pleasant. Planted Peas. went Fishing to Hats Lake. River rising Very fast, & now nearly over its Banks swamp filling up

2 Clear Very pleasant. ran two Large furrow9 round part of cotten in corn land, Very grassy, scraping part side at a time. Went to Mount Demorse took several dogs along - James shot at a deer missed from excitement, Emily & children with Mrs Flower came down. caught good many Fish

3 Clear very warm day. Went to Town as member of the Police Jury. ploughed evry other row in corn above

4 Cloudy threatening rain. running one furrow round cotten below. hoes scraping side at a time. returned home to day. sprinkle rain since dinner. quite cool, Old Pond the well digger to day to dig a well at the House. several sick

5 Clear pleasant morning - hoeing new Land above - ploughing Pennrice bottom Tie vines thicker than I ever saw them - Grass accordingly. Sent & got a Barrel of Blue Lick water.97

97Probably from the Blue Lick Springs of Kentucky.
said will benefit my health - All old Land cotton below as
good or better than I ever had it at this season of the year -
old Land above improving Where the Lice have quit it, 120
acres new Land miserable Looking 1/2 stand & some stalks 2
inches high - & others 2 feet - Finished running round all
old Land below by . . . Ok - ploughing new ground above.

6 Few clouds Very warm - hoeing Race track field - went
Fishing & hunting at Mount Demorse - Caught fine mess of Fish
in the Back water and joined with spring water - makes them
very fine.

7 Clear pleasant morning - threatening rain all yesterday.
Mr. Turnbull starts for the North with family to day - running
cotton at Gibson: one furrow very good crop there. few
places Bad stand from worms

8 Few clouds Very warm - Emily Mrs M. Barrow & Miss M.
Swift went Fishing at Mount De Morse. had to sit on our
horses to fish Caught great many Perch - Light rain drove
them home early. shower on part the plantation, none at the
house.

9 Foggy morning warm - Finished running one furrow all
cotton excepting Clark place, & old corn Land. Went Fishing
again to day Towles & Leake - fine Fish fry

10 Cloudy Very warm - hands made a Bad beginning this
morning got out Late Ploughs &c. Began overseering in
Earnest, neglected my business all the year persuaued it
injured my health - negros very much out of Geer

11 Clear or Few thin clouds, sprinkle rain at sun set
yesterday heavy rain below & above - Finished running one
furrow round the cotton since it rained excepting Clark place
ploughing corn since since sun rise - hoed all above by
6. 3d. time 98

12 Clear Very warm - running one furrow round Bottom corn -
All corn Looks well, never had as promising Pumpkin vines -
Demp's has been doing nothing since Last November Dr King
thinking him for Loss of his Eye sight, gave him up - to
appearance seemed as well as ever gave him 25 cuts yesterday
morning & ordered him to work Blind or not. to show the
Amonadre. has ran off - will make him see sights as long
as I live went up to William Eliza etc - Came to
Robert & A Purnell Roselle & Ameline are going to the North
with Robert F a family. better stay here. Home - could not
the way there. can't find my kinda - sprinkle rain at
sun set.
13 Damp cloudy morning - Went Fishing at Rat’s Lake. Raining there all day, hard rain & wind here.

14 Dark cloudy morning, Ploughing Clark place 4 furrows. Hoeing through cotton below - began covering the Gin house.

15 Heavy Fog this morning, went to Mount Demorse Fishing. Fish fry never Et any thing superior to the Fish caught there, hard rain at 12 O'clock light shower home - Finished ploughing ploughing Clark place second time by 12 O'clock.

16 Foggy morning, hoeing part of yesterday at Gibson place. C. Mathews came over with Mrs Flower.

17 Few clouds Very Warm hoeing Gibson place, cotton evry Where "excepting some at G. P. taking the rust" improving - Breaking out middles vines & Small grass very thick. 25 Ploughs running, the swamp at Mount Demorse as high as I ever saw it & rising, Robt. J. B. & family Leave to day with Rosalie & Amanda for the North.

18 Cloudy, wind North. never knew the Fish "Trout" to bite in the Bayou Sara before this spring - Ploughing old Land below. hoeing Gibson place - Dr King sent for me.

19 Clear pleasant morning. returned from Dr King's - left him much better - Very dark clouds in the East & appearance of heavy rain at Dusk.

20 Clear pleasant morning. Finished hoeing all home 3rd time yesterday afternoon - hoeing Clark place - Breaking out middles at Gibson place - News came yesterday that the Texas Treaty had been rejected by the Senate, all owing to the rascally influence of Henry Clay - the present Whig or more properly Federal candidate for President - A Southern man with Northern principles, The Whigs oppose Annexation for no reason but hatred to Mr. Tyler "President" and to make or get Abolition votes for clay.


22 Few clouds pleasant morning Emily & children went to Mount Demorse for a Fish fry. fine sport.

23 Clear pleasant morning my crop is improving, yet not to compare with my neighbours.

24 Clear pleasant morning. Ploughing Piece of corn evry other row- shower few minutes at 12 O'clock.
25 Cloudy warm - hoeing ol. Corn Land above, never saw cotton branched as well generally as this season. Best season I ever saw for corn & cotton and evrything those having seed & got a a stand & not troubled with worms Grass hop & Lice have uncom crops - My cotton has 3 & 5 large Bolls on a stalk Bluming well. Lice Leaving it, fine shower at 3 O'Clock

26 Few clouds very warm - Jno Towles came by. went Driving & fishing, poore sport. crossed the cause way pickets all afloat. returning found half the cause way gone had to wade & Lead our horses - shower at noon - scraping side at a time corn gound in front

27 Clear Very hot day, heavy rains all around - started 7 scrapers a head of the hoes, makes easier work for the hoes - Old Tom Rawlins staid here last night. Lived here during my Fathers time - planter, from dissipation left his wife now worth nothing a (as he says) reformed man - formerly the life of the whole country Quik &c. ploughing corn evry other row

28 Clear pleasant, early, but very hot in the Sun. ploughing young corn in bottoms

29 Clear Very hot day. D'King sent for me yesterday, Went to see him Little sick chill & fever

30 Clear Very warm morning Went Driving, started great many Deer, River & swamp higher than it has been since 1828 & rising very fast - Bennet J. had to move out yesterday Ruffins has lost half of his crop allready

July 1 Cloudy Very hot - fine shower at 10 O'Clock much the warmest day this year, my crop in places & in new Land is most retchet now, the rust has Begun on it, two thirds of my crop improving & is now fair & some very fine - Large Bunches of grass through most of it causes it to Look worse - fine rain at 10 O'Clock & at 12

2 Cloudy Very warm. went to Town voted for member of Congress J. B. Dawson Legislators C. Davis J. Row, convention Thomas Scott, W D Boyle, & R Dupree

3 Clear very warm

4 Clear very warm - went Driving Killed 3 Deer

5 Clear Very hot. Went Fishing at the Back water at count Demorse. Emily & children River water up to the hills. fish Bite only Where some clear water runs in to the swamp

6 Clear very hot, went and found a number of persons raining in the Big creek fish fry &c. fine rain over on the pig road none here
7 Cloudy Very hot morning shower at 4 O'clock

8 Cloudy very hot. went hunting & fishing - working Clark place, scraping to middles - the River over Bayou Sarah - impossible to get farther than foot of the hill

9 Clear Very hot - Finished hoeing Clark place 4th time. fair crop on it

10 Few clouds Very warm - went up to W. H B yesterday, he is nearly overflown - Ruffin & B. J. quite drowned out, River still rising

11 Clear Very warm - suffering for rain

12 Clear Very hot day - ploughing Clark place - cottten very good, not suffering for rain. Went Fishing below Mount Demorse. Caught great many in few hours Very Large Perch

13 Clear pleasant - Went to see Dr King Last evening his mind keeps him sick nervous &c. Very hard rain at Clark place & all below the Big creek Little creek quit high as I crossed it

14 Cloudy warm - River still rising all Bayou Sarah under water except 60 feet in front of Holmes, go in shifts from the foot of the hill - sprinkle rain on Gibson field

15 Clear hot in the Sun - quite cool Early this morning getting out Press timber, hoeing Gibson place

16 Clear Very pleasant early in the morning - sun very hot after 8 O'Clock, Went hunting

17 Clear and as hot as can be. Last night the hottest night I ever felt - suffering for rain on cottten shrieveled up after 9 O'Clock evry Blume falling off. Bluming to the Top - my crop being Back ward & so much old Land must suffer seriously - rain all round me - great many had more rain that cared for - I had 7 weeks drought in the spring & now nearly 5 weeks since the water would remain in furrows one hour - one small crib of corn only - Began on it Friday Last - cottten opening very fast - 3 1/6 Boles on a stalk, opening since the 8th

18 Clear pleasant morning - stoped ploughs & scrapers to finish hoeing Gibson place, only two Days hoeing one days work for scrapers - unless it rains, will plough no more this year, cottten opening very fast. Fodder to pull

19 Cloudy cool West wind River falling, 10 scrapers running at Gibson Finished other side Little creek by Breakfast. Cottten Litterally Burnt up on old Land
20 Cloudy warm - shower rain at 10 Ok hard rain above quite a Number hunting to day

21 Cloudy warm - ploughing Potatoes yesterday first time this year. & hilled them - no ploughing in cotten nor hoeing to do at present.

22 Cloudy damp morning Light rain yesterday evening, hard rain all round me, most remarkable, I can't get a rain to do any good - ploughing sugar cane patch, intended pulling Fodder to day - pulling Fodder light sprinkle - Went Driving Killed two Deer.

23 Cloudy warm morning sprinkle rain at 2 Ok just enough to wet Fodder & do no good to cotten quit cold. hard rain above & below in sight creek up every day from rains above - picking cotton sucklers & children

24 Damp Foggy morning - Old Land Cotton nearly ruined, unless unco good season from this out. my new Land improved very much - several sick - Very fine rain at 1 Ok

25 Cloudy warm, went Driving Bad shooting 8 shots no deer, son James two shots & one snap - Deer came near running over him, shower again to day

26 Clear warm - pulling Fodder, all hands Mr Benjamin Building my Running Gear & Press

27 Clear pleasant day. Went Driving. I am suffering very much wit pain in my hip & back from wading in the water too much - Son James wounded Large Buck - &c.

28 Clear very hot sun, heavy rain above & below from appearances - I want more rain old Land nearly Dead & places

29 Clear Very warm in the sun. cool wind from the North - pulling Fodder - sucklers & children picking cotton, opening very fast, new Land cotton fine & improving rapid - good soil in Land Looks well & still making, well Bolled - tie vines & grass come up very thick in 3 day's past. putting up two sheds in the field, Loaned R. H. B place two Loads corn - My corn Looks very fine - young corn in bottoms fine as can be & never had a hoeing & only one ploughing

30 Clear very warm

31 Clear very warm morning. running scrapers evry other all women picking cotton
August 1 Clear warm morning went Fishing, Light sprinkle rain here. fine rain in sight & adjoining me

2 Cloudy pleasant East wind, 11 scrapers running, 4 hands sawing - 4 getting scaffold boards, 2 hawling, 2 making Baskets, 2 stacking Fodder - 2 putting up cotton houses - Very hard rain at 3 OK

3 Clear pleasant East wind Very hard wind & rain from the East at 2 OK Blew down a cotton house Essex was just finishing covering it it fell & crushed him to Death mashing his Brains out. postS were not in the ground deep enough - and only half of the number that were told him to put under it, just yesterday scolding about it - Bad Luck still follows me

4 Clear pleasant morning cool East wind, Dr King Left this morning. health Very much improved - Mr Hurlburt convalescent.

5 Clear Very warm - Getting stocks for Plank & timber for Press & scaffold with 25 hands - others Picking cotton & 11 scraping - evry other row.

6 Cloudy threatening rain. Taken yesterday with pain in my stomach. very unwell & no great relief - sprinkle rain at dark

7 Foggy pleasant morning - still with pain in my Bowells & stomach - &c.

8 Clear Very warm in the sun - Cotton opening very fast - now good picking - women children & men averaged 152 lb yesterday. several as high as 110 by 10 OK this morning - picking at Gibson place - avreaged 160 by 5 OK

9 Clear Very warm. several Very sick negroS.

10 Cloudy Very hot - 30 Bales out to night

11 Cloudy Very warm & sultry, Old Henin Blacksmith taken with very Bad pain in the stomach - Laudanum relieved him - sprinkle rain Last night - shower to day at 1/2 OK fine rain sight, never as much cotton open in this month as have at this time - never as pretty Looking in the Bole - hands seem disposed to pick well - excepting 4. Patience Thornton Easten Nat & Bets Nat, great sherks, fine shower on part place, at 2 Ock - cool wind

12 Cloudy Damp morning work the road across the creek - cutting Logs for seed & cotton House - Hoeing since Breakfast. women & children - Hard rain this evening
13 Cloudy Appearance of Bad day or rainey day - hoeing getting timber & pickets in the swamp, rained at 12 & untill 1/2 4 as hard as it could pore, considerable wind cotton very much bloun

14 Damp Foggy morning - hoeing cleaning out Gin walk getting out pickets - putting or preparing to put up Cato Lead fall again. Cotton materially injured, Lying down - must rot. Bolled to the Top, old Land nearly done, may make some top cotton. Favourable Fall - picking cotton since dinner

15 Foggy morning - Jno Mayrant & I went Fishing swamp water too muddy - Floating posts out for cotton House - putting sleepers in Gin house - Laying Floor &c.

16 Clear Very pleasant Morning Old M'r Byrnes came down yesterday. his health is very much improved - regret he was unable to do all my work, so seldom you find an honest man. Very hard rain at 4 1/2 O\textsuperscript{K}

17 Clear pleasant morning Hoeing, raising cotton house. rain at 2 1/2 Ok

18 Clear pleasant day Jno Joor & Lady here to day

19 Clear pleasant morning Picking cotton all hands except Carter & 4 others Clear pleasant morning Picking Where cotton has not been this year. trashy & rotten - 3 carts hawling scaffold Boards. 3 putting up scaffolds. 3 working at Gin house floor & cotton house

20 Clear pleasant morning. sprinkle rain at 4 Ok picking at Clark place

21 Clear Very hot

22 Clear very Hot - Trout Fish Bit Very well in the pond for two days

23 Clear very warm, several hands sick. picking at Gibsons great deal of cotton open evry Where, cotton improving some - forming for week past, shower rain at 5 Ok

24 Cloudy uncom\textsuperscript{l}y Hot

25 Cloudy as not as can be, warmest night & morning this season. Thomas Shilds of Mi here - the Convention for altering our State Constitution adjourned from Jackson FJI\textsuperscript{H}ien without doing any thing, assuming a power in the act, to meet in N Orleans in January
26 Cloudy Very Hot - great quantity cotton open - Cleared off after 12 Ok - Went to Town, great excitement on the Texas Question, rumour that England had Loaned Mexico $40,000 to invade Texas, all aimed at slavery

27 Clear cool Fall morning Cotton Dull sale in N.O.

28 Cloudy Quite cold & disagreeable morning, Picking new ground, Rotting in places - 50 Acres very Grassy, Bad picking in it

29 Clear Quite cold Last night, Fire comfortable, several sick, putting cotton in my Gin House & cotter house, cleaned up scaffold yard yesterday morning, Looks more Like doing Buisness, Two Band Wheels up

30 Clear cold morning, cotton opening very fast, Been in bad picking all this week, new Lands & great deal of young or replant Cotton, Better picking to day

31 Clear pleasant morning - Picking in Race track field as fine picking as ever I saw, picked well yesterday Hands remarkable well to day avreaging 235 lb. 69 Pickers over 10 Bales or 16222 lb dry cotton Light Dew on it

September 1 Clear pleasant morning - Picked Last week 48 Bales Bothered two days for want of cotton & two days in Bad picking new ground grassy, over 125 Bales out last night, But for being Bothered about Gin house would have over 150 B. out, Courtneys celebrated overseer W. Bryant doubts my hands 69 Pickers picked 16105 lb Saturday, & offers to Bet $700 they can't picke 16000 fair cotton, will take the Bet

2 Clear pleasant, Cotton making on Top very well

3 Clear pleasant morning, sun after 10 Ok unco. Hot, pulled up a road through my cotton field & dug a deep ditch to try & stop the Army worm or Catapiller from destroying my crop - on Robt H. B adjoining me and in small portion of my cotton, nearly ready to start my Gins

4 Clear warm day. M'T Benjamin went over to take Mr. Bryants Bet $500 for me & $200 for himself - Bryant Backed out - Catapiller in different parts of the plantation - Candis child 18 months died this morning, saw it yesterday for the first time, her usual carelessless - started my Gins 4 Ok

5 Cloudy threatening rain, My Gins run finely, 12 feet Band Wheels enables the gins great speed & motion to the Gin. makes fine Cotton, they are the improved Boatright, made in Columibia South Carolina - Gin from 5 to 7 Bales a day - herd rain at 3 Ok hands were picking finely
6 Clear pleasant morning, Cleared off Last night - hoeing piece new ground & working about Gin house.

7 Clear pleasant - Dr King here to day

8 Clear cool morning - hands picked very well yesterday, only "day" good work this week - av. 220 lb. some thing over 165 Bales out.

9 Clear cool N. East wind working Causeway to day Wade overseer, picking at Gibson place. The Army worm or Caterpillar has Began in Earnest in few days will be over the Whole place, my crop is now making more than any time since 15th June. would make very Large crop Barring worms & storm, must cut the cotton crop short equal to a frost on the 10 of Sept. some parts of the state Began Eating the cotton six weeks ago Alabama & Mi. also

10 Clear Fall weather for few day past. Jno & Joseph Joor went up to Woodville this morning. Peter Joor very ill. great many Deaths in Woodville disease resembling yellow Fever an Epidemic, seven sick to day - my youngest child quite sick yesterday. Fever &c. hard shower at one oclock. Dr King here to see the Baby.

11 Damp Foggy morning - cool Margarets child Edmond Died Last night sick as far as I know 30 hours. Mrs D Barrow & Miss Charity Barrow here to day & sister Eliza - I am quite sick

12 Taken this morning with the most excruciating pain that mortal ever had, in my right side & groin chord &c. never wished harder to die, near 4 hours before I got any relief, then by warm water & Morphia. & Morphia & Quinine kept up

13 As hard rain fell last night as ever did - am much relieved to day

14 Up & walking round the house to day. requires care & caution to prevent return of my pain

20 Cloudy warm rode out in the Buggy. hands picking better than I ever saw them avering all this week over 265 or upwards of 10 Bales a day

21 Cloudy threatening rain. worms have striped the fields, not a Leaf to be seen. cotton as trashy as can be - picking at Clark place. Very White

22 Clear turned Quite cold N. East wind after dark
23 Clear Fall morning - 67 dickers Saturday averaged 287. at 1600 to a Bale makes 12 Bales 65 Bales Last week a Bale to the Hand - 19195 lb My pain returned slightly Last night still dying in Woodville, upwards of 60 Deaths - Between 280 & 300 Bales out never saw as much cotton open & so easily thrown out no Leaves on the stalk hard rain would injure 100 Bales - picking at Clark place trashy & great quantity on the ground - sun Very hot since 10 —

24 Clear pleasant morning - I feel better this morning than I have in two weeks Sister Ann & Martha returned home from Kentucky on Saturday night Last - all well sister Martha's health very much improved - Emily quite unwell Last night

25 Cloudy pleasant, sprinkle rain before day - Raising Press - one Gin & Trasher running

26 Cloudy warm. Began raining at 10 O'clock Presser raised hands picking Very high weights - Averaging over 255 for two weeks past.

27 Cloudy cool wind East. Between 325 & 350 Bales out. Very hard rain at 1/2 4 0

28 Cold Rain from day Light, appearance very Bad weather for some time to come - spinning trashng cotton &c. two Gns running to day.

29 Clear cold winter morning Quite a Frost Thermometer Forty nine at seven Oclock, no injury from Frost - Mrs Charles Percey Died since yesterday

30 Clear Winter Looking day, Frost on the scaffolds & houses of any timber Dew rather heavy prevents general Frost old women Lying at the point of Death for several days past, over 60 years of age picking Cotten at Gibson place - never saw it more Trashy, Very White...

October 1 Clear pleasant morning, Old Center still Living speechless since Saturday, no idea she could then Live 12 hours

2 Clear pleasant dry North wind Went to Town yesterday by Turnbells, all Look improved by their trip to Ky. great excitement in the Political world the Democrats have at Last rallied on principles Dropped Martin Van Buren & Thomas Benton, united on Polk & Dallas as their candidates for President & Vice President in Opposition to the Whigs or consolidationist & Abolitionist headed by Henry Clay, & supported by such traitors "to Southern interest & rights" as A. Barrow & his clique - Begging for office should Clay be Elected - God grant he may be defeated, the main question is slavery & anti slavery & Texas &c.
3 Cloudy until 9 o'clock clear afterwards very pleasant. Pressed one Bale yesterday, Pressing to day, Lower follower Broke the second Bale, will Last till new one is made

4 Clear most delightfull weather as fine as ever seen - cotton seems to turn out more to the acre than I ever saw it never saw as many hulls left on the stalk - Very trashy - Pressed 13 Bales yesterday from 8 O' till 3 Oclock - the handsomest Bales I ever saw nearly round, Boxes at the ends keep it square till Bale is ready for sewing. 23 1/2 inches thick 4 feet 8 inches in Length - can put as much cotton in a Bale as 4 horses can pull, one horse can pull down a Bale of 400 to 420 runs up and down to within 5 turns without any resistance - Emily went over to Ruffins - Mt Benjamin Finished all my work this morning Am $300 - Very reasonable

5 Clear pleasant Indian summer weather, Went to Town returned by way of the Miss Swifts, they have 5 negroes runaway Mrs Barrow 2 out

6 Few clouds heavy Dews. Made all hands work at moving Cotton to day for disobedience of orders in putting Cotton away at night stopping entry &c. Press hands Press for only Pressing 20 Bales yesterday instead of 25 an easy days work.

7 Clear Quite cool morning 60 Bales pressed, one Gin running, trying to make good Cotton. selling now from 5 to 8 ct - poor Encouragement for a cotton planter thats in Debt.

8 Few clouds "since yesterday 10 Oclock". Quite cool morning went up to Williams this morning. anxious for me to go up to the Island Fishing Bar fish in great numbers. unable to under go the fatigue - Cleared off

9 Clear cool morning - not more than one weeks thick picking, must make very short crop, not much over or under 400 Bales out, pulling corn "sucklers" in Bottoms - hawling "one team" cotton to Rat Landing.

10 Clear Very uncom? weather cool nights warm sun - never saw as fine a Fall so far - all hands pulling 'till dinner, Pressing

11 Few clouds quite cool & Damp morning, went to the Miss Swifts, nearly all of their hands have ran off. from pure impudence founded in their "Negro?" religion, & wish by that means to run the overseer off, will see them put in order, my health permitting

12 Clear pleasant day - shipped to day 54 Bales cotton, will Finish picking next week weather continuing good never
knew hands to pick as well in my Life, Averaged over 200 to 250 for four weeks back - between 425 & 450 Bales out to night 84 Pressed 115 Gined

13 Clear pleasant spring day, Mr. Byrnes here since yesterday sick chills & Fever - negroes digging sweet potatoes

14 Cloudy heavy fogg & warm summer day - hawling Cotton to Rats Landing & seed cotton from Gibson place - hands picked 1st weighing worse than they have done this season considering the day.

15 Hard rain Last night at Dark, two men from Mississippi came Last night with pack of negro Dogs to hunt Miss Swifts negroes. Caught one woman this morning & very foolish endeavored to make her direct us to the Camp & fooled the day off to no purpose, Brought her to my house tried the cold water on her Ladyship.

16 Damp Very foggy, started again at day Light, at 9 struck the trail of 3 negroes took the swamp impossible for any of the Persons along to keep up with the dogs mud knee deep & water from knee to hip Deep, the dogs fought they out of hearing for 4 1/2 hours, never witnessed greater perseverance in any dogs after a Deer, didn't get them all for want of perseverance of the part of those attempting to follow the Dogs

17 Raining from 4 O' this morning, Feel pretty much worsted from the last two days. had no idea I could have stood 1/4 as much as I did - out again since dinner no Luck.

18 Dark cloudy morning, out after the runaways. Began raining Very hard at 9 O' Turned Quite cold & stoped raining at 1 O'K.

19 Few clouds in the East, Very cold wind from N. East. Gathering Peas - winter day, Very Little cotton to pick perhaps 50 Bales, Gave the negroes shoes last night.

20 Few clouds Cold East wind - pleasant & sun hot after 10 O'clock out Fox hunting. Came back sick Light nervous chill & hot Fever

21 Raining since last night Bad weather I fear from this time - quite unwell in Bed all day

22 Cloudy Very hot sultry since yesterday

23 Cloudy hot as can be - still quite unwell weak no strength of stomach head confused &c.
24  Cloudy  Very warm, Picking cotton at clark place
very White rotten & trashy, P. Doherty called by Genuine
Irishman, The Democrats have gained ground Very much since
the scoundrel Van Buren has been put down - the state of
New York will decide the Presidential Election, so thought.

25  Very Foggy morning  pleasant.

November 1  Cloudy  threatening rain - Yesterday was the
Democratic Barbecue in Town - some very cold days since the
25. "been hunting runaways of the Miss Swifts & Mrs A G
Barrow Caught three 5 out," with negro dogs, Very hard
rain few days ago - negros doing Very little for two weeks
Back, Cut sugar cane, pulled some corn & Hay. Bought 14
Mules & 3 mares for $1200, fine 3 year old mules, Emily & Mrs
Haile her best friend, went to the Barbecue yesterday - the
Whigs had a Barbecue on the 28, both humbugs James & John
were quite proud of their Polk & Dallas Badges & walking in
Procession with near 50 Boys all young Democrats

2  Cloudy  Very hot, went Driving with Jno. Towles no
Luck

3  Cloudy morning  Very Hot day

4  Few clouds  turning cool, went to Town, voted for
Polk & Dallas President & vice President, great many in Town

5  Hazy morning  cool & pleasant  returned to Town this
morning - hawling cotton to Rats. Landing - 175 Bales Pressed.
190 Gined. Pulling Hay yesterday - few days Picking

9  Clear Beautiful day & so for 3 weeks past. been hunt­
ing Miss Swifts runaways for week past no Luck after them -
Dog men Left for Mississippi Last night. never saw as fine
a Fall. seems imposible to rain, pulling corn & Hay 4 days
this week. digging Potatoes to day

10 Cloudy  Very warm - rainy day from 11 Ok

11 Dark Foggy & hot morning  several showers through
the day, spinning  Pressing & hawling in corn - 195 Bales
Pressed in No - Breaking my Mules in the Gin, Very fine
Looking & easily Broken

12 Rain at Day Light, wind from the North, Miss Swifts
runaways all Caught, 5 taken at Laurel Hill 99 - spinning
trashing Cotton &c.

13 Cloudy  turning very cold  went down to the Miss
Swifts  Whiped her runaways yesterday

99 Village about fifteen miles north of St. Francisville.
14 Clear very cold freezing morning digging Potatoes
15 Few clouds in the morning Very cold - Clear after
16 Clear cold morning - still & fine &c.
17 Cloudy pleasant - Rain at 4 O'K wind fresh from the North
18 Raining constant since yesterday 1/2 3. cold North wind, spinning trashin cotton &c.
19 Rain at day Light, cold - partially cleared off, Dr. King here to see Maria Very sick New Monia Breast &c.
20 Cloudy cool & Heavy Fogg, I was taken Very sudden Last evening with severe strangury
21 Dark cloudy morning - rain sprinkle at 8 O'K pulling corn in piece of new ground Maria better
22 Cloudy misting some, wind North, Maria very Low, Finished pulling all corn above by 1/2 10 O'K. Mr. Byrnes altering my trasher one Team helping Robt. H. to hall Large female Bothered with it several days.
23 Heavy Fogg, But remarkable pleasant day Maria improving
24 Clear cool morning - pleasant day
25 Clear cold morning, hauling Bales
26 Clear cool morning, Cloudy at 10 O'K Pressing, two Gins running since yesterday
27 Cloudy warm - sprinkle rain Last night - misting at 11 O'K hands getting Lazy - 261 Bales Pressed in No. - 861 Bales shipped
28 Cloudy damp & warm - Whiped all my grown cotton pickers to day, Dennis did not come up when called, ran off I expect, hope so they all want a set too & have been so for 6 weeks past, my inattention &c. made all hands stay at Gibson place Last night
29 Dark Foggy morning, warm caught Dennis Last night at the scaffold yard, fooled then by Bets Nat. gave him the worst whipping he ever had & ducking Finished picking cotton
30 Cloudy Damp Misty day
December 1  Cloudy, heavy rain. Last night, began fine and cold rain at 11 o'clock. Wind from the North

2  Dark, cold, misty day. Went to Ruffins. Times are worse now than ever were, cotton down to nothing & money scarce and commanding high interest, moving cotton out of the cribs, trying to make good cotton now.

3  Cloudy, cool mist. Finished moving cotton out of cribs. Women spinning, bawling hay, cutting coal wood, getting cypress pickets for horse lot & hog yard.

4  Cloudy, cool East wind. Turned very warm. Pulling corn since dinner.

5  Clear till 10 O'clock. Very hot summer day.

6  Cloudy, summer heat at day. Light, very hard rain & wind from the North at 8 o'clock & very cold.

7  Clear. Very cold North wind.

8  Clear. Very cold.

9  Clear. Very cold day. Attended the sale of J. Flowers. Land & negroes went low.

10 Clear. Freezing day.


12 Cloudy, cool East wind. Turned warm.

13 Heavy Fogg. Clear. Bracing North wind since 7 o'clock.

14 Clear. Very cold. Freezing morning. Out hunting this morning, caught a fox & cat. After putting the fox behind my horse & started through very thick cane & woods, piece ran in him under his flank causing most excruciating pain & fright. Started with me at full speed pitching & kicking up finally got me off & kicked me on my leg as I fell. I seemed for 1/2 an hour perfectly crazy. Took the fox off as soon as I could as soon as he smelled it struck at me with both feet & kicking at everything near him, supposed it to be only fright at the fox until seeing the Blood in his side & sheath, most remarkably gentle horse I ever knew.

15 Few clouds. Cold morning.
23 Clear cold day - Frosting - returned home Last night from New Orleans. quite unwell, Very dull times in the city

24 Clear cold day - Quite unwell - Went to Town

25 Cloudy pleasant day

26 Cloudy warm - Very hard rain after 12 Ok

27 Clear Very cold day

28 Clear very cold, ground White as snow - & frozen

29 Clear cold morning turning more pleasant woman Maria died (from her own carelessness) this morning - Robt H & wife here since yesterday

30 Few clouds cool

31 Cloudy cool Damp morning spring weather, Went to Town
January 1 Few clouds Early this morning, Warm spring day, Began work after the dullest Christmass I ever past, just now feel like having it. suffered very much from Bad cold & sore throat, the Prospects of the cotten planter seems quite gloomy from the immense am\textsuperscript{t} of cotten made, and still increasing - my own situation is better than for 10 years Back obtained a Loan of $24000 out of the Louisiana Banx on mortgage 8 pr ct interest I think wi'1 be able to get out of Debt without being cramped to Death, (Bad Beginning for New Year)

2 Damp spring morning - Went to Town. Bad news from Eoruope. Cotten still on the decline. supposed will be down as Low as 2 cents

3 Foggy spring morning - cleaning up getting Timber &c.

4 Clear spring day

5 Cloudy threatening rain, warm. misty "Fogg"

6 Turning quite cold rain Last night, William H B. here Last night - Went to Town

7 Clear cool still morning 369 Bales Pressed yesterday

8 Clear cold day Left home for N. Orleans

10 Returned home this evening from N. Orleans, Mistake in My mortgage papers

11 Clear cold

12 Clear cool spring day

13 Cloudy damp threatening rain 400 Bales pressed

14 Cloudy warm - Dr Callihan here two days Left yesterday, started 11 Double ploughs (for corn) this morning - 3 weeks Ginning yet
15 Cloudy Very warm - 1 Double ploughs running to day. Very hard rain from 3 0 till night. Amanda & Hilliard quite sick for two days

16 Damp warm Summer Like morning - rainy day - Went over to Ruffins

17 Cloudy pleasant N. wind - raining all Last night - spinning repairing fence - Ginning pressing &c. rainy day

18 Cloudy Very cold North wind - rainy after 11 Ok.

19 Dark misty & cold morning

20 Returned home this morning to Breakfast. Very cold - stopped 3 negroes this morning going to Town with meal - times Very gloomy in N. Orleans - Cotton prospects Little better - certain of much shorter crops than as calculate on - 165 acres corn ground ploughed - 438 Bales pressed in N

21 Cloudy cool South wind - went to Town - news that cotton had risen 1/2 cent.

22 Dark morning. Very hard rain Last night too wet to plough - Mr Joor came down Last night - A Grocer in Town by the name of Fetters accidentally shot his wife - died instantly, &c.

23 Cloudy Very cold day

24 Few thin clouds Very cold 19 Double ploughs running ploughing for cotton

25 Clear cold windy day - ploughing corn Land for corn.

February 1 Cloudy warm day - near making up my mind to give away my Dog so few Foxes great difficulty in starting have to ride 7 & 8 miles, Finished Ploughing Land for corn two days since - running 3 furrows for cotton

2 Cloudy threatning rain. draining Pond in Bottom field since yesterday afternoon. Millions of Cat Fish & Perch - Dr King & Sarah Turnbull came yp to partake of a Fish dinner

3 Cloudy Appearance of rain. raining constant from 12 0 till 4 0 H. B. here to day trying to sell out to Mr Turnbull or to get him to assist him out of his present embarrassments - by advancing William $20,000 would enable him to get out of Debt And Turnbull can not have Less than $125000 in money
4 Thin cloudy morning, quite cold - Very hard rain after dark Last evening Hauling seed corn

5 Clear freezing morning

6 Clear till 9 OK Freezing day

7 Cloudy damp & cool

8 Cloudy damp & cool morning, 23 Double ploughs running 4 days "since" - have the Best plough Teams I ever had - sold Mr Flower my old Mules & 3 mares

9 Few clouds, spring day

10 Clear cool morning - Left Home for Wm H. B. on the Island, "Red River"

11 Few clouds, spring day

16 Clear quite cold returned Home last night 1/2 OK

17 Clear cool & pleasant morning spring day - Finished running Round 3 & 2 furrows all Home by Dinner - clark place to plough - Making fence could have finished hawling out Seed to day - But waiting for Ruffin to get seed from me & to Hall others in return for manure - bothering me Very much - ditching pondy place in Bottom field - &c.

18 Very Foggy morning - running one more furrow in corn land - Went out Turkey hunting before day with Jno. Mayrent, satisfied for this season

19 Dark Foggy morning, equal to a rain - Ploughing at Clark (entree) - started trasher on yellow cotton

20 Cloudy spring morning - Kiled two fine Deer yesterday one with each Barrel - Very hard rain at 12 OK Wm H & family expected down to day

21 Cloudy warm day, started Breaking out middles for corn after 12 OK Ginning yellow & trash cotton

22 Clear warm day - Very hard rain last night of the day

24 Clear cool morning - Breaking out middles for corn - Ginning the Trashiest & dirtiest Cotton I ever saw. 20 Double ploughs running
25 Clear cool morning. pleasant day. out Driving with Jno Mayrant, Left him, never saw as many Ticks in one place as I saw this morning

26 Cloudy cool morning, Damp, Cleared off warm - planting corn in Hollow (new ground) New Blacksmith to work for me to day, Mr R. Chatham $2 pr day - 16 ploughs only to day - Pressing my Last cotton, Finished Ginning yesterday evening 4 0

27 Clear turning Quite cold since day Light. Began planting corn covering with seven ploughs - Mrs Joor here to day

28 Clear, Hazy cool morning, Repairing the Piano - tuning &c.

March 1 Raining hard since day Light. house full of perfect Low creatures

2 Cloudy warm several showers through the day

3 Raining, & very warm - making fence - regret planting corn - may come up warm weather continuing

4 Cloudy. several hard showers this morning, turning cold since dinner - working on Dam in Front Lot & stopping wash by the crib.

5 Clear most delightfull day stopping the Leake in Green pond dam - started ploughing since dinner

6 Clear, spring day. Martins made their appearance this morning - went to Town - report says, Texas has been Annexed, (Fact 14.)

7 Cloudy damp East wind - Cotten on the rise - planting corn again

8 Cloudy Very warm - Mrs Joor & Mr & Mrs Jno Joor here to day, E J B. J Mayrant Hurlbert, & myself driving killed one Deer. Mayrant missed one in 30 feet

9 Cloudy summer morning - Wind South - Mr Hurlbert killed his first Turkey last evening

10 Raining very hard & cold since Last night, Taken to day with Fever & slight sore throat, ploughing since dinner

11 Rainey day, wind North
12 Raining & no appearance of stopping. I still feel bad weak & don't know the cause no Appetite Epidemic influenza I presume John & Amanda & their mother all have it great many negroes sick with it Mr. Byrne fell with the ladder off of the milk house.

13 Raining all day steady gentle rain. I feel very sick this morning Breat &c.

14 Cloudy cool morning, some appearance of Better weather, Mr. Byrne complains very much of his side internal Bruise from his fall - Eye cut - knocked senseless. Clifford accidentally saw him fall or would have remained in that predicament for a long time I feel some Better to day - But little work done this week, women spinning - Jno Mayrant persevering after wild Turkys - corn coming finely so Mayrant says - 170 acres planted, weather stoped me from planting more

15 Clear cool day

16 Clear cool & pleasant day

17 Clear cool morning. Summer evening

18 Clear turning quite cool - Cloudy at 12 o'clock threatening rain wind N. East. Caught some fine Trout fish out of the green pond

19 Dark cool smokey morning planted corn yesterday, all except bottoms, running 5 iron teeth harrows over second planting corn

20 Clear Very cold North wind & getting colder - Bought Molasses at 23 1/2 c. pr. Gallon

21 Clear 'till 6 o'clock darkened up sleeted & very cold

22 Cloudy & smokey cool Finished Breaking middles by 10 o'clock this morning, ploughing bottoms for corn, went to Town

23 Rain. "Light" Last night. Cloudy threatening Bad day - raining slow during the day

24 Great quantity fallen since Last night, too wet to plough - spinning, men making chimney & clearing land

25 Cloudy (early) & cool morning
26 Began planting cotton this morning 6 ploughs & 6 harrows - Cloudy warmest day this spring

27 Cloudy warm - seven harrows & ploughs

28 Cloudy warm 10 ploughs & harrows planting cotton since dinner

29 Cloudy summer day. 9 ploughs & harrows planting Cotton "double harrows" covering cotton more than I ever did seeding corn sucklers &c.

30 Cloudy warm threatening rain - Boys Mr Mayrant & Mr Hurlburt went Saturday to the Big Lake below B. J. B. Caught great many fish - 305 acres cotton planted Last night

31 Cloudy damp South wind cool rain at 4 0K

April 1 Clear cool morning wind East, planting cotton at Gibson place since yesterday dinner - cleaning up water Mellon patch - Robert J. B wrote me a note this morning to meet him at early Breakfast to go a Fishing April fool day

2 Clear very warm, went Fishing to Rat Lake poor sport Jno. Mayrant with me. he became quite disgusted at his own fishing

3 Very Foggy morning - Finished planting cotton at Gibson place yesterday 0K - 590 Acres planted Last night - allowing each harrow to have planted 10 Acres a day - usual day's work - Ruffin fauled seed enough to plant two 3/4 of his crop without returning me a seed - as I expected - Last year closes my Folly - have been eternally waiting on other people or trusting to their own sensibilities, sprinkle rain at 4 0K Very dark clouds in the West - Finished planting cotton all home - by 4 Oclock this afternoon - ploughing & hoeing new ground corn

4 Cloudy pleasant. Fine rain during last night, just the one to bring up corn and Cotton - planted cotton Clerk place - Finished 1/2 0K 9 days planting - allowing each harrow & plough to put in 10 Acres a day - will make 755 Acres in cotton - including the Bottom field will have in 300 acres of corn

5 Cloudy warm & damp morning ploughing corn hoeing new ground corn till 9 0K seeding corn since

6 Dark cloudy morning - was overtaken at the Big Bayou Sarah (Lower road) yesterday returning from town by as hard wind as ever I felt - trees blown down in every direction dangerous to move - slow rain after it, heavy rain below from appearance
7 Cloudy quite cold - wind North - Fearfull of the cotton - nearly all up. seeding & ploughing corn - Cleared off after 10 OK.

8 Clear quite cool morning. Finished putting seed around Corn by . . . 0\textsuperscript{th} 100 replanting it, Very Bad stand, Finished running two furrows in a row by . . . 0\textsuperscript{th}. ploughing Potato for ridges.

9 Clear cool morning, all hands making sweet Potato ridges - returned home at dark staid at B J B. place Last night - took provisions with us - J Mayrant along. Caught good many Fish Perch - tolerable Fishing only.

10 Clear cool morning Began Barring off cotton this morning - planting Potatoes.

11 Heavy Fogg this morning. Finished planting 8 1/2 Acres of Potatoes by 10 0\textsuperscript{th}. hoeing corn since, ploughing corn a head of the Hoes two furrows in the rows that were Bared to facilitate the hoeing.

12 Few clouds pleasant morning Emily taken quite sick just as I mounted my horse to go a Fishing, Dr King to see her.

13 Few clouds pleasant morning, cotton looks Badly slight frost few mornings Back, Emily much better this morning, Boys got home at dark Last evening, caught several hundred Fish - M\textsuperscript{t} Hurlburt & Goy Jack gone to explore the swamp to get a road through if possible.

14 Cloudy warm - hoeing corn & Barring cotton bothe look improved - sprinkle rain at 4 0\textsuperscript{th}.

15 Cloudy warm morning, Finished hoeing corn first time by . . . 0\textsuperscript{th} 101 scraping cotton since, sent for by the Miss Swifts, they are over head & years in Debt and plantation the worst possible fin & are going to morrow to start for Ohio to spend the Summer the way the world goes. Very hard rain - too wet to hoe or plough since 4 0\textsuperscript{th}. worked on Green pond dam.

16 Dark cloudy morning. Sent waggon to Rets. Lake to bring Fish home to put in the pond - J. Mayrant along. too Lazy to Live - Brought 59 home a live - Great Hail storm at Wades & above, some Fell here as Large as a Hens\textsuperscript{s} egg - Very heavy rain - too wet to plough since dinner.
17 Rainy Very Hard at day Light - Dr. King Left this morning before Light & in the rain - had to swim our horses across the Bayou in Ruffins field yesterday in returning from the Lake. scraping cotton since dinner all hands - 1 day & one 3d of another scraping cotton to night

18 Cloudy Hot morning all hands scraping cotton

19 Cloudy Very warm - went to the Big Lake Fishing. caught Very Large Perch - poured rain at 2 O. rode Home wet

20 Emily quite unwell very Low spirits seems to think of Death in fact think's she is not to survive this year out - Made our solemn pledge never to marry - she made an exception, unless I would marry, or wished to marry her sister Mrs Halle, because she knows Mrs H. will be Kind to her children - I well know that Emily will never violate the pledge and I will not - makes me Very miserable to see her in such Very Low and I think groundless Feelings - out with such thoughts. sufficient for the day is the evil thereof - I am a strong believer in Presentments and am much annoyed by the above fears of Emily, willmark this time proves all things, God grant she may be wrong, Just now feel as tho we could have some means of enjoying ourselves, fair prospects of getting out of Debt, my run of bad luck must certainly end shortly, nearest friends have been my Dearest ones - sorry am I compelled to write down ( so wrong) a fact of this nature, Had I only taken the advice of Emily would never have been in debt Who could have been more happy than we - The world will think strange of such a request as Emily has made above, But Why should we care for the opinion of any one Where our happiness is in View, & injuring no one, Emilies feelings and situation at this time, makes me reflect on the past and think there are many things neglected that might have been done. & ought to have been, for our mutual happiness - human nature to postpone for to morrow What could be done to day, it Grieves me verry much to see her so completely convinced that none of her family care any thing for her, but one exception, or may say two, one of her sisters is young & thoughtless therefore excusable - for we are all more or less the creatures of circumstances, a Mothers influence or manners have there due weight, I cannot say much against Emilies notions for in all her opinions time has proven her correct, my entire transactions with the family has ended Just as she expected and predicted, her reasons for forming such opinions I never knew, I acted for the Best and so far have never injured any human being to my knowledge, But will try and
take care of my own the remainder of my life - shall quit Fox hunting - and study amusements with my wife & children, God speed and end to all my troubles, hope in a short time to be able to start some Where with all the family for health pleasure & happiness - 20 April 1845 - B. H. Barrow - sick and worn out from yesterdays folly - will try and rest a while - the Cloudy warm - heavy rain yesterday

21 Cloudy damp disagreeable morning. ground too wet to hoe or plough - Am at both - corn looking fine - cotton behind the hoe hands coming up a second stand - seed planted too deep hoeing it Just enough to bring it up - crab grass Very thick, hoeing old Land above

22 Cloudy damp & very warm morning - two cribs of corn untouched 1/2 crib "Large one" of shucked corn

23 Cloudy warm South wind, Clear after 4 O'K Finished Barring off cotton at Gibson place by 1/2"9 Ok scraping cotton below, ground very wet

24 Cloudy damp and warm

25 Hard rain at day Breake Much cooler than it has Been for some time - Blacksmith here since Tuesday, making me 10 hoe harrow s, Judge Wade lying at the point of death, general breaking down of his system nervous &c. Some better yesterday morning, Finished Barring off all except Clark place by dinner, Moulding cotton all the ploughs one furrow, since dinner.

26 Cloudy threatening rain went Fishing with Mr Hurlbut Jno Joor & the Boys to Cat Island Lake - poore sport worried with the flat, Boy George did not reach home 'till 10 O'K at night Very dark ride through the swamp had to return back 1 1/2 Miles bridge gone &c.

27 Cloudy warm, summer weather, Jno Joor Lady here since Friday night left this morning

28 Clear pleasant morning, first clear morning in a Long time, shower yesterday evening at 5 O'K Hoeing at Gibson place shower rain at 2 O'K

29 Cloudy very warm - Began at day Light Overseering - Coffee at day Light out 'till 12 - negro's worked harder to day than they have done in at least 5 years

30 Cloudy warm, rain in sight - Finished hoeing Gibbs place to 5 acres
May 1  Foggy morning  Finished Gibson by 9 Ok  hoeing below  Ploughs Barring off Clark place - ploughing corn yesterday one furrow - moulded 170 Acres cotton - Judge W. C. Wade died Last night. Burried this evening  Sick for three weeks past

2  Cloudy  Very warm - Light shower yesterday at 4 Ok  Finished scraping cotton all at Home by Late dinner, hoeing corn second time since dinner, ploughing corn one furrow 23 ploughs, Any quantity of grass

3  Cloudy  hot day. rain last night, Went Fishing with Boys to day, Caught good many fine Perch - Jno Towles & B J B along  raining frequently during the day, planting corn in bottoms since dinner

4  Cloudy  damp  hot morning

5  Very hard rain at day Break. Appearance of Very bad day, constant heavy rain from 8 0clock 'till 5 1/2 Ok  will have a hard scuffold to keep Genl Grass down - Where I Barred cotton early, middles Green with crab grass - women spinning - Men doing nothing

6  Damp  cloudy morning, setting out sweet Potatoe sprouts - & Hoeing them - ploughing out middles in new ground since dinner

7  Cloudy  cold North wind  Fire Very comfortable, Ruffins Eldest daughter (Rosalie) Married yesterday evening to Charles Hunter of N. Carolina  second cousin - scraping Clark place, crab grass all over my plantation, Excepting Where I scraped Last 4 days work - Ploughing out middles in cotton, Cleared off cold

8  Clear cool spring morning, Cut worms getting Very Bad, am Very fearfull that they will injure my crop greatly, Lice evry part of the place - Finished scraping Clark place by 1/2 4 Ok. sucklers putting seed round corn (yesterday), The newly married couple here to day (Mr & Mrs Rosalie) Hunter, And Amanda

9  Clear cool morning, Hoeing & thinning corn since yesterday 5 Ok (evening) Cut worms & Lice are doing me greater damage & more extended over the place than I ever knew them, cool nights (now) Very favourable to cut worms - ploughing below moulding & breaking out piece in corn Last year Very Grassy
10 Cloudy morning Very hard rain to day after 1 Ok & Hail Very thick & small - in the swamp Fishing - got a soaking, too wet to plough

11 Clear pleasant morning

12 Clear pleasant morning, moulding cotton one furrow Finished hoeing corn second time by . . Ok102 - hoeing Cotton scraping through it too wet & worms too bad to hill it - Woman Patience Began acting the rascal for some days past. Planting corn in Bottoms since dinner, covering it with harrows, opening with double horses two furrows, one furrow thrown each way, weeds & grass very thick in the Bottoms, Bottom Field Litle Turfey, Looks Very rich, planting it with Boat corn

13 Pleasant, Foggy morning some hands hoeing cotton Finished planting all the Bottoms and the Bottom field to 15 acres

14 Rain before day as hard as could poor, and never heard heavier & more thunder, Am worse in the grass tha I ever was at this season of the year, 300 Acres to run round with the plough:s, bothered by Attempting to make corn in the Bottom field, the worst year could have hit upon, raining off & on for near two months, All hands Hoeing since 10 O'clock winter rain after dinner, sun set clear, cool

15 Clear cool morning, all hands hoeing scraping through cotton, &c.

16 Clear Very cold morning, cold North wind Blowing since yesterday, Fire comfortable, cotton Looks Badly from Lice. corn Very fine, from half thigh to head high, cotton forming for week or more past

17 Clear cold morning, Went Fishing with Boys - fine sport. negroes holiday part of the day

18 Clear cool morning Cotten at Gibson place looks much better than any I have. not eaten by Lice

19 Clear cool morning, never felt or saw purer weather for few days past, Finished moulding Gibson place by 1 Ok hoeing P R new ground Very grassy scraping it

20 Clear pleasant, By some carelessness have Lost a Letter from the Miss Swifts enclosed were two of three

102 Time omitted by Barrow.
Blank notes & power of Att\& to me as their agent, never in my Life had any thing to worry me as much - recollect of having it at my desk. suppose some of the children have destroyed it Went to Town

21 Foggy pleasant morning Damp - shower rain at 1/2 5 Cm - hilling cotten with hoes First this year. heavy Baking rains had to scrape second time, replanted old Land in front with corn Lice ruined the stand, Finished moulding all except Clark place, & Breaking 175 acres Middles

22 Few clouds Very warm morning, shower at 2 Ok

23 Few clouds pleasant - hilling cotten P R Bottom ploughing P R new ground

24 Foggy warm morning Ploughing Little Gate cut of corn every other row, sprinkle rain at 4 Ok

25 Cloudy damp morning, Went exploring below B. J. B in the swamp took 3 men along to make Dugouts made one, poor Fishing Bennet J. B. shot his horse with Rifle going through a thicket, will carry his gun cocks down, second horse he has shot

26 Cloudy cool morning, want rain Very much, Moulding Clark place

27 Clear warm morning, Finished moulding Clark place by 8 Ok hilling cotten Gibson place since yesterday, want rain on corn Very much. ground Very hard & dry from Baking rains, & not able to plough it as soon as I wished, started two more ploughs - Woman Baceas during my absence on Sunday Last Cut her husband (Dice' Nat) in the Hip with a hatchet. Very dangerous cut - will make her sick of the sight of a Hatchet as Long as she Lives - ploughing corn evry other row, Looks finer than I ever saw it, will make more if good season from this time, One Small crib of corn & one Fodder crib full - one fourth of Large crib of shucked corn

28 Few clouds Very warm, 25 Ploughs running two sick one hoe hand - 3 in all - Finished hilling Gibson place by 0 Ok Cotten at Gibson place Looks well the only place the Lice have nut ruined the stand, Where ever the Lice have not been on the cotten from 10 inches to two feet high, not as well set as Last season, wants ploughing on 160 acres scraped after the Last rain & ground wet, causes it to Look Very Badly ground baked, Labour thrown away working in the wet, grass has grown faster this spring than I ever
saw it, middles quite grassy nearly every Where, bottoms in corn nearly a wilderness weeds &c. corn up & wants work Very Badly. Bottom two thirds planted & up, Bad year to have undertaken to tend it - Robert J. B here to day thinks my crop Very fine much the Best Any where &c. his must be very Bad from his description, Dr King called by.

29 Raining at 6 O^k "light", Very warm - Cleared off went to Town - Cotten Blume

30 Clear pleasant morning - Running one Furrow round new Land Cotten above Looks fine, forming finely Best I have seen this season, 25 Ploughs running. Young corn in Bottoms suffering Very much for work, nearly hid by weeds grass, &c. Putting new Sills "Cypress" under Back part of the House. Finished hilling Cotten 1st time or second hoeing by Dinner - running one Furrow round cotten this side creek

31 Clear Very pleasant, Went Fishing Below Cat Island. Ruffin, young Stirlings &c. no Luck too Late in season

June 1 Cloudy morning Very warm - want rain Very much. working my bottom corn yesterday Barring it off & scraping it, Very weady & grassy H. H. B. sent to day to Borrow corn, got two Large waggon Loads

2 Cloudy Damp E. Wind, went to Town as Police Joror, sprinkle rain, much in want of it

3 Cloudy warm - Miles Kelly of Bollen Green My, here with fine roan saddle horse, Robt. H B Bought him. hoeing bottom field corn

4 Cloudy warm - Finished Ploughing all cotten Above by . . 0^-103 second time & part the 3^- time. Finished hoeing bottom field & planted 5 acres more by 11 O^k. Had quite a Frolic Among the negros Last Sunday missed several of my young Hogs. found 8 or 10 Guilty, ducked & gave them a good thrashing, Mr Ginney Jerry next morning Felt insulted at his treatment & put out, would give "freely" $100 to get a shot at him

5 Raining Very hard at 7 O^k Fine rain after Dark Last night, planting Potatoe slips & ploughing corn. Dr King here Last night. I have been quite unwell since Monday, worse yesterday evening, Fullness in head &c.

6 Clear pleasant morning, hard rain yesterday at 1/2

103 Time omitted by Barrow.
40\textsuperscript{K} on part of the place, Take quite sick at 110\textsuperscript{K}. Fever nervous congestion &c.

10 Damp sultry & Hot morning up & about the House to day. But Feel Very Badly effects of Quinine & weak - wish Very much I could Leave for the White Sulphor springs, Va - several Very hard rains few days past, ploughing out middles hoeing through cotton, wants thinning badly, Looks fine. planted Pease on the 6\textsuperscript{th}, have a very fine crop, Mrs Joor came from Woodville to day.

11 Cloudy warm, rain Last night, somewhat improved to day. Feel stronger, several sick negro Ploughers doing Bad work. My Foreman "Atear" sent for me this morning unable to go, Have heard nothing of my runaway as yet - Old Dennis Byrne Left yesterday for Ohio to see his Brother &c. Just from Ireland - ploughing at Gibson\textsuperscript{2} hoeing new Land above.

12 Cloudy damp & warn, Planting Peas below the house - in young corn, Feel much stronger this morning.

13 Clear Very warm morning, hard shower at 110\textsuperscript{K}, hoeing cotton this side Little creek bad stand on 15 acres But remarkable fine Cotten, will avrage knee high over the Whole place & as well set as can be, middles broke out grass not dead. Looks Very Bad "all below," Tie Vines and fine grass Very thick evry Where, intend starting scrapers two furrows in a row close to the cotton ahead of the hoes, hard shower at 120\textsuperscript{K} - Finished Breaking out middles all except Clark place.

14 Clear pleasant morning started 10 scrapers a head of hoes above, running one Furrow round young corn - all my Corn Looks excepting Pond cut injured in some way - Have got more Crab grass in cotton than I ever had, perfect mat in some places all the flat Level places.

15 Clear warm morning, Light Fogg.

16 Few clouds, warm - ploughing out middles at Clark place, scrapers & hoes in upper field Cotten Looks uncom\textsuperscript{3} fine evry Where, corn improved silking &c. Black Smith here.

17 Clear warm - ploughing corn in bottom field one furrow, quit Clark field, 1/2 done.

18 Clear pleasant morning - Finished hoeing 3\textsuperscript{rd} time all above (except 15 acres young cotton) by Breakfast, scrapers & hoes in P R. new ground.
19 Clear pleasant morning - throwing four furrows to the middle in Penrice bottom broke out when very wet grass all matted against the cotten, hoeing behind the ploughs

20 Clear pleasant morning, Went to Town, Provisions getting down again, Finished ploughing Clark place second time (out)

21 Clear Very hot day. Light shower yesterday, Mrs Joer here since yesterday, Boys & Mr. Hurlburt gone Fishing in the River "to day" - Emily not so well, sent for Dr. King

22 Clear Very warm, corn wants rain Very much. Cotten will suffer for it before many days, ground Very dry, 3 miles above me they have had no rain. Corn Literally burnt up

23 Clear, very hot day. Light shower yesterday, Mrs Joer here since yesterday, Boys & Mr. Hurlburt gone Fishing in the River "to day" - Emily not so well, sent for Dr. King

24 Clear, very warm morning two hands getting well curling since yesterday- 200 acres grassy old & young grass, 100 acres vines & fine grass, Cotten Looks Very fine, corn fine beginning to want rain Very much

25 Clear, ground as dry as can well be - Hoeing at Gibson place, Finished ploughing all Home by 6 o'clock. Started scrapers at Gibson place - ploughing a head of hoes, running the Bar (one furrow) next to the cotten, & Breaking out entire

26 Clear cool pleasant morning Jno. B. Dawson Died yesterday Lingering for Long time, the Member of Congress from this District - Wm. H B. & Eliza here to day, Clifford sick since yesterday stoped scrapers Finished ploughing G. place out second time by 4 o'clock

27 Clear morning, 8 scrapers in new Land 17 Ploughs above, hoeing above want rain Very much both corn & cotten. Cotten from knee to Breast high, grown too fast. dry weather will injure it Very materially

28 Clear Very Hot, warmest morning this year, suffering Very much for rain, cotten must shed every thing But Bolls rain or not

104 Time omitted by Barrow.
29. sprinkle rain at 2 Ok heavy rain North East & West.
Very hard wind here - Cloudy damp morning.

30. Ploughing new Land above hoeing Gibson place, James
taken sick yesterday, Light shower at 4 Ok hard rains all round.

July 1. Cloudy warm Finished hoeing cotton 3rd time
(excepting Clark place) by 10 Ok ploughing also, Cotton
at this time as fine as can be, from knee to shoulder high
well Boll & formed. Thundering & Dark clouds in the West
at Dark.

2. Cloudy at 5 Ok Clear at 6, & warm - Ploughing young
corn in Bottoms, Looks Very fine, Bad stand, old corn all
most past recovery, all thin spots burnt nearly to the Top
sprinkle rain at 4 Ok "cool".

3. Cloudy damp & warm - Finished hoeing cotton third
time except Clark place, & 100 acres 4th time by Ok
working young corn in the Bottoms, Looks very fine, bad
stand in parts of it, Corn nearly past recovery for want of
rain, cotton most of it, wants rain badly - Bottom field
corn Very fine. (Boat corn) regret not planting my own
kind, thought it too Late - one Fodder crib full one small
corn crib 1/2 Full & 3 or more grindings in Large crib.

4. Cloudy Very warm - quite unwell - Very hard rain
below, poor affair of July Frolic in Town.

5. Cloudy Very warm - sprinkle rain from 4 Ok till night.
Gave the negroes a dinner - Emily quite unwell, Mrs Joor & Mrs
Flower came down.

6. Cloudy Very warm Emily Better, some better myself -
Emily confined to day - Fine daughter, several showers
(Light).

7. Clear pleasant. Dr King here Last night, Emily doing
Very well, hoeing Clark place, Ploughing old Land above, not
near enough rain for corn. if it is past recovery, Very
hard rain at 3 Oclock.

8. Clear Very warm. Working sugar cane, too wet to
plough, sprinkle for minute or so.

9. Clear Very warm, Dr & Mrs King here this morning
Mrs Joor & Mrs Flower, & Jno Mayrant, Emily still quite
unwell, Infant better since day Light, Feele (myself) Like
going well again &c.
10 Cloudy Very Hot morning, warmest morning this summer, running 10 scrapers ahead of the Hoes at Clark place, finished by 11 O'clock, 12 Ploughs above, never had as fine or a better crop—First rate every Where, part of old Land in front of the House high as my head—rows nearly locked, well branched & bolted—several sick—Emily much better than yesterday, sprinkle rain at 4 O'clock; heavy rain in sight.

11 Cloudy Damp morning, hoeing young corn, looks well.

12 Cloudy Very warm, light shower on part place.

13 Clear pleasant West wind all day, Emily much improved.

14 Cloudy Very warm—Mrs Joor & Mrs Flower left this morning, Mrs Flower mad eternally contradicting me, came to very blunt words, yesterday her servant girl was saucy to Amanda James gave her two light licks & such a crying! Mrs Joor observed the girl forget herself thought she was talking to negro. A fine compliment indeed, Emily much better, son John taken sick "slight" yesterday evening, sent for Sister Ann—she came this evening.

15 Clear Very warm, wind West, pulling fodder, very little old enough, corn ruined for want of rain, 8 hands sick, great many children, first sickness.

16 Clear Very warm (or Hot).

17 Clear pleasant morning, several very sick negroes, stopped the Ploughs to pull fodder, scrapers running at Gibson place, Emily improving slowly, funeral sermon to day in Town to Genl Jackson by Rev. Mr. Nicholson of N. Orleans. Very hard on all Lower part place, light rain on part above, sprinkly towards Ruffins, caught great deal fodder down—Dr. King here this evening—Emily quite unwell since 10 O'clock.

18 Few clouds damp morning, Emily better this morning, relieved by blister &c. scrapers in corn land above, never saw as fine a cotton crop as I have, every spot first rate, one crib (Fidder crib) of corn & one third of small crib, my crop of corn is better than I thought. Some very fine.

19 Clear pleasant morning. Pulling fodder, corn much better than I thought, by Letter from New Orleans learned much better prospects now I think will make near 700 bales of 400 lbs. Cotton opening in new land.

20 Heavy thunder in the East, & rain at dark.
21 Clear Very pleasant morning, sun Hot, all hands pulling Fodder, Cotton opening rather Fast, Sister Ann still here nursing Emily & Baby. Fine rain this afternoon - Mrs Haile came down this morning.

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27 Emily Very Low.

28 Cloudy Very warm, Emily Taken Quinine & morphine and all stimulants the stomach will bear, I think is on the mend again, sprinkle rain.

29 Cloudy Very hot, Emily little improved, Cousin Olivia sit up with me last night - Taken the Baby off from her, up stair woman icy nursing it Looks badly, Mrs Joor (Mrs Haile) & Mrs Flower (Attending to it) Nursing Emily, not to her liking I know, but hope for the Best, Began Picking cotton to day, woman & Boys &c. great deal Open - crop still uncool fine - good season would make 700 Bales if able to pick it fine shower "at noon" for cotton.

105 See Louisiana Chronicle, Aug. 21, 1841.
30 Cloudy Very warm Emily Very ill during the first part of the night, sent for Dr King seems composed but not as well as she was yesterday, Began the mercurial Friction to salivate her if possible, I think her situation very dangerous - the Baby begins to improve - A new dream seems to have come over Mrs Joor, moes Like a new being this morning had & done several things quite off hand, And Appears highly Flattered at the result of her efforts, Better Late than never, All hands on the roade this morning, Others Picking Cotten

31 Clear Very cold N. Wind Emily much improved this morning, Cousin Olivia with her Last night, sister here this morning

August 1 Clear Very cold disagreeable morning, Emily sallivated - Better &c. Finished working the road yesterday, Picking Cotten making scaffolds &c. several negro's pretending sick, Very unfavorable weather for cotten, dry cold N. East wind to day

2 Clear Very Hot & dry

4 Clear Very Hot, & cold nights Began Ginning to day Cotten Litterally dried up Looks like rust or struck by Lightning - Ploughing piece cotten below the House

5 Clear Very Hot evry thing Looks burnt up, Ploughed Clarke place, Emily Better to day some hopes of her recovery, change of diet been feeding her, now on Arrow root & Gum water to relieve the irritability of the stomach, the matter all this time, the Dr thought it mere nervous & would go off with strength, couldent strengthen with it

6 Clear Very warm morning. Dr King and I had quite a dispute last night he denying my ever telling him he ought to Blister her, or that she was so previous to her present situation determined he shall occupy his true position

7 Clear warm day, hands not Picking well, Very clean cotton, never in my Life saw such Bad effects from dry weather on crops, Emily improving

8 Dropping rain, hard rain below, threatning here, Very warm Picking Clean Cotten - crop has Fallen off more than any one I ever had - thought would certainly make 700 Bales, now think if I make 500 will do well - Emily's strength Very much improved, Cousin Olivia has taken the Baby over to her House, sister Ann returned Home this morning, Good news from Europe for the cotton planters- Larger sales during one week
than ever before known "60,000 Bales." great demand evry
Where for goods, immense increase in consumption 9000
Bales weakly increase - two fine showers - worked road in
the field

9 Cloudy Very warm, Pressed 16 Bales fine cotton, Emily
improving slowly - Hard rain at 4 O' wind from the North, Mrs
Haile & Mrs Flower Left for Woodville this morning early, sis­
ter Ann returned to stay & nurse Emily &c. several sick
negroes

10 Cloudy Very warm, shower afternoon, Emily not so well

11 Cloudy Very warm, shower afternoon, hoeing 'till dinner,
Charles House Burned down, Emily much worse to day, I Fear
will never recover, A hard thought

12 Clear morning pleasant. Emily9 Better to day, Fine
shower at 12, all to no purpose I fear, cotton too near dead,
Sister Eliza here to day, Looks Badly, so much sickness &
Loss in her family &c.

13 Cloudy warm morning, Emily Passed a Very Bad night, A
wonder to me how she has been able to stand so much, Giving
her nothing but nourishment, and applying external remedies -
Leeched freely on the Head this morning

14 Clear Warm, west wind Emily really Looks better
nothing seems to be the matter But her Head Brain & deler­
ious for 3 weeks past, Cousin Olivia over this morning, says
the Baby is improving, Amanda (Ruffins) is perfectly delighted
with it, does all the nursing

15 Cloudy & Foggy morning, Cleared off Very Hot & dry
North wind, Crop literally ruined 1/2 grown Bolls opening,
Emily Looks as if some improvements had taken place, excepting
mentally, her eyes Appear crossed Very weak &c. DT King
thinks she is certain to recover provided no organic injury
in the action of the Heart - her Paroxisms ar shorter and
more Light

16 Clear excessively Hot, Betsey Ratliff here all day,
Emily improving

17 Clear pleasant morning, Emily improving, sprinkle rain

18 Clear Hot since yesterday, Emily Very sick Last
evening from excitement of my Whipping Daughter Amanda,
unexpected, And never more miserable in my Life, till I saw her in a sound sleep from 11 O’f till 1/2 5 this morning. she seems as usual this morning, free from any more excitement will pass off. I hope without any future injury, Every thing Burning up for want of rain. none to do any good for near two months, great quantity cotton open, nearly all dead. Goods news from England two Last acct’s immense sales & unprecedented demand evry way. some consolation

19 Clear. Hot, night’s Very hot hands Picking Very well, Emily Passed a good night - improving slowly, Very weeke.

20 Clear pleasant from 3 Ok in the morning untill 9 Ok after that as hot as can be, every thing Burnt up, Emily still mending slowly, sister Eliza with me Last night, great deal of Cotten open I am told, been in the House now 8 weeks as nurse, two of my children went Home with Eliza.

21 Clear Very Hot, I thought Emily would certainly Die Last night. all the family here expecting it, in a deep sleep now from morphine, Gods knows how Long she may Live.

22 My Beloved wife died this morning seven Oclock, Leaving six children, I feel as tho she could have been saved by proper medical aid, yet I have had all ways more confidence in Dr King than any man I ever knew. Deep seated injury for years no doubt. And her delicate situation prevented much that might other wise have been done - & then her confinement thought all would be well and Looked som from week to week. But Alas, how uncertain, my poor children seem ten thousand times more Dear to me, And as all I can now do for her that was nearer to them & me is to carry out her dearest wishes. to deceive her I will not, though painfull the Loss - she could not speak for days distinctly. yet Whispered my dear children & gave us a dying kiss, perfectly sensible, Enough with the deepest prayer for her & her Little ones. I close this, God Bless her,
26 Cloudy every thing Burnt up, Cotten nearly dead too late for rain to do me any good, great deal open, over 100 Bales out, sister Ann putting every thing to rights for me, sister Eliza here today, I feel a load that is much too heavy for me carry Long Where ever I turn my Eyes Emily is there to see my little innocent children in perfect happiness & she the most dear not present to enjoy it, is too severe for poor creature Like me, I must have them round me, than I look for her sweet smile oh God

27 Few clouds Very warm

28 Cloudy Very warm Hands Picking well averageing over 200, 3 or 4 sherk's sold 14 Bales cotten sent down ten days Ago. "Gined as picked from the field" at 9 1/8 &. Sisters Martha & Eliza with me Last night, sister Ann still here

29 Cloudy warm

30 Cloudy Very Hot. Hands Picking finely, Hard rain at 5 Oclock

31 Cloudy very warm - showers during the morning never feared a rain as much as at this time, at least 200 Bales open, hangs out & easier to Fall than I ever knew it, over 150 Bales out, 56 Pressed, 90 Gined, 20 wet, Hard rain from 12 to near 2 Oclock Went over to Ruffins 1st time way from home in near 3 months

September 1 Cloudy Very warm shipped to day 43 Bales in all, Picking Gibson place Very White, Cotten dead all Leaves off, Early Cotten, Late Cotten seems to be doing Best, Between 170 & two hundred Bales out, one Fodder Crib of corn, (old), never saw as clean cotten picked as Ruffin has, and only closed 1/4 p.c. higher than my own, he averageing 150 lb my hands over 200 lb & none at the scaffold, sprinkle rain at 4 Oclock

2 Cloudy threatening rain, Wind pleasant & from the North since 10 Oclock, Hands picking trashy cotten, Ginney Jerry still runaway, misfortune seems greater & greater every day to think of the society of her that was nearest & dearest for 15 years, all most drives me mad, no one to sympathize with, or enjoy the pleasures of this world, the children's merry Laughter all brings the severest pangs, ength - Very hard rain, worked road in the field

3 Damp heavy Foggy, warm, rain at noon, working about Gin house, women spinning, Very hard rain at dark
4 Dark, cool morning, as Gloomy Looking as can well be - 88 Bales Pressed, several sick, sent after a Pack of negro dogs to hunt my Man Ginney Jerry, Raining hard steady after 12 O' spining trashin' cotton &c. I really feel as tho I could not bear up against this misfortune, gets worse & worse.

5 Cloudy & cool morning, Sister Ann still with me, putting every thing to rights, clothing &c, Robt. J. Barrow child died at Covington Kentucky, poor Robert seems particular unfortunate, tho if he could see my situation house full of little ones, he would think his situation the Best, rainey day, strange to day found by opening a Letter in one of my Drawers the notes of the Miss Swifts in their own letter, Mistook the Letter, opened it to day thinking it was one of Col Clark, never trust my memory again, caused me more uneasiness than any act of my Life, Fortunately arranged their business without it, the Man owning the negro dogs called by this morning.

6 Cloudy Very warm, The negro hunters came this morning, were not out long before we strick the trail of Ginney Jerry, ran and trailed about a mile, treed him, made the dogs pull him out of the tree, bit him very badly, think he will stay home a while, never saw such trailing as one of his sluts did, raining every day since Jerry left his camp Monday, & they trailed him by bushes, to his new one & caught him, Very hard rain at 2 O.

7 Clear but heavy fogg, Warm, Very hard rain at 12 Ok took the children up to Eliza this evening.

8 Clear pleasant morning. Heavy Fogg, worked road out to Big road, Cotten sprouting in the field, Picking since Breakfast.

9 Clear Pleasant. North wind, went over to Ruffins with children - Heavy rain towards town - Hands Picking Very Badly & as trashy as can be.

10 Clear Very warm, Cotten Very Rotten, Cotten Falling 1/2 pr ct. no demand as yet, no shipping in the Port of N.O. Rain as hard as could Pore from 12 to near 3 O' ruined me.

11 Clear pleasant morning, By Letter yesterday learn that cotton has fallen 1/2 cent, hoed 'till 9 O' Picking Cotten since - sun Very Hot, hard rain for short time after 3 O' showers during the afternoon.

12 Clear warm morning, am losing more by rains now that I ever lost in comparison to the crop.
13 Clear fine morning. if it will only hold so, to see such fine morning and my reflection of what would & ought to be the enjoyments of all this House, were things different, gives me a heavy Heart, God knows I feel it if ever man did, a childless man might drown his feelings in great many ways.

14 Cloudy cold North East wind Cleared off. Like winter

15 Clear cold morning, Like winter - Ruffin sent word over he had the chill again Last night for want of good Purge &c. Jno Mayrant here

16 Few clouds, cold morning, Time grows heavier on me, Good news of the cotton market, can't enjoy it, good news seems to sit heavier on me That bad news, Oh that Emily was alive & here - went down to the plantation of the Miss Swifts & Mrs A. G. Barrow evry thing going on well - dined with Jno Mayrant at Mrs Joors

17 Clear morning, weather moderating, some Where about 250 Beales out, Ben. Joor came down.

18 Few clouds, pleasant

19 Few clouds Very warm - summer day, several sick, Old Byrnes returned yesterday - Looks in much better health, doped rain

20 Cloudy damp morning, Ben. Joor & Mr Byrns Left before day this morning, Light showers through the day - Pressing.

21 Hard rain Last night. Turning quite cold. North wind - Several sick

22 Clear Quite cold.

23 Clear, Fire comfortable, not as cold as yesterday morning Peter Joor to see me

24 Clear pleasant, Mrs Joor came down 22d P Joor left this morning took with him my Leviathan Colt, 4 yrs old, Very fine horse. Hands Picking Badly. few exceptions Lize, Betsy & Margaret, Atean Dennis I Fanney Bella &c.

25 Clear, cool early, pleasantafter 8 Ok, Dr King called this morning

26 Clear pleasant, Cousin Olivia and Amanda "with my poor
Little Daughter" spent the day with me yesterday, she has the Eyes of her poor Mother, to Look at her makes me most miserable, knowing how much she has lost and the pleasure my Dearest wife would have had in her — God protect her with the rest

27 Clear cool morning, Went to Town a Police Juror children left at sister Martha, Quite unwell yesterday & to day

28 Cloudy warm & damp East wind, threatening rain, Ruffin over this morning, his Boy Henry ran off from him this morning, sent up after the negro dogs.

29 Raining in Torrents, one of Robert H. $ negro's ran off & came to me this morning, took him Home, Ruffin sent for me to join him in the hunt after his Boy Henry, rain too hard to trail it off Where he was seen the morning before

30 Cloudy Very Hot, out after the Ruffins Boy, satisfied he has made for a Barrows place on the coast

October 1 Few clouds pleasant, wind N. East, J Mayrant here

2 Cloudy damp & cool — Mrs Joor Left for Woodville this morning — James & Clifford went to Town shopping

3 Cloudy cool East wind, damp, shower at 12 Ok went over to Ruffins with 3 children — Cousin Olivia has offered to cut & make my children's cloths, Poor Emily has Left some friends to see after her poor Little ones

4 Cloudy pleasant, Good news from Eou rope, Cotten improved 1/4 c to 1/2 c, Mayrant & Hurlburt gone Fishing to the River, Picking Cotten as trashy as can be, 179 Bales Pressed 200 or more 2ined in N° — over 350 Bales out — Cleared off at 3 Ok wind North

5 Cloudy quite cold N. East wind, went up to sister Eliza's yesterday, my crop will fall "150 to 200 Bales" short of What I thought in July

6 Clear quite cold morning

7 Cloudy damp morning, threatening rain, 198 Bales Pressed, 179 shipped to day — shower at 10 Ok Hands picking Low weights, for some time past, Very thin Cotten, not more than two weeks picking, poore crop

8 Dark Foggy & warm morning sprinkly rain at day Light, had quite a Prollick with my saddle Horse, afraid of an umbrella, roped him 'till he seemed used to it, on getting of
at the Gin house, fastened it through the Circingle and a way he went ran under the Gin House & out never stoped 'till it was torn to pieces, gentled him before I quit, scares at nothing on the ground ride over any thing or by it. Oh that I could recall 15 years of my Life, happiness seemed at an End for me, poor Boys seem still to feel their Loss - Cleared off pleasant

9 Clear Very pleasant, went over to Ruffins this morning. Little daughter well & improving - & son Hilliard fell out of the Buggy from carelessness of girl Aggy

10 Foggy morning Pleasant, Picking Cotten at Clark place since yesterday, Went to B. J. B & called by Dn Bell's yesterday Evening, Bennit Very Low spirits nervous dispepsia debility &c.

11 Few clouds in the East. turned Very cold after dark "Last evening" hard wind from the North, Quite cold this morning, Receiv acc'y sales of 36 Bales cotton at 8 9 poor sale. sold in all 108 Bales - 200 shiped, went over to Ruffins - went to his river place. never saw as fine cotton as White as ever I saw any, 90 Bales to evry 100 hundred Acres open now, picking that, the Army worm Began their two days past, to night will stop the

12 Clear Very cold Frosty morning Thermometer indicates winter, 42 at 7 Oclock, Putting Hogs &c.

13 Clear cold morning delightfull day, Frost this morning Light. no injury to any thing, Hands picking Very Badly

14 Clear very pleasant, my Driver Alfred with two Boys, (Ben & Jack) caught a dog killing one of my Hogs on the creek 1 Ok last night. Belongs to Mrs Sterlings negro got off &c. Leake sent me word one of his negro being caught yesterday, & that he knew Where Ruffins & Williams H. Boys were, went over, &c. Ruffins Boy was seen at Home yesterday

15 Clear cold morning, Hunting Ruffins Boy Henry, Came across Williams runaway Caught him Dogs nearly et his legs off - near killing him - stand at Uncle Bats

16 Clear Very cold morning - took short hunt for Henry Gentleman from Mi - came after the dogs has sold them for $650 to a resident of this Parish. Mr Conant heard also that his partner "& relative" Crane was killed by a negro day before yesterday, the negro was shot immediately, Crane had the Best part of the pack, Conant will return here with them,
Left 3 dogs with Ruffin - Sister Ann here - Charles & wife & his Mother arrived from Carolina yesterday, Brought the remains of R. J. B child - Pulling Hay two days past

17 Clear pleasant - Sister Ann took daughter Amanda up to Eliza's with her, Picked some Cotten before dinner, pulling Hay, cotton Looks rusty from Frost, shiped 233 Bales.

18 Cloudy in the South & East, cool, Hurlburt & mayrant gone Fishing. James gone Duck hunting, Feel quite unwell for two days past, effect of negro hunting, shiped 236 Bales - 5 Bales sent by McCrindle to test my Merchants, sales &c. Went to Ruffins & Williams

19 Cloudy Very warm morning, threatening rain, delighted with old Aunt Hunter, the old time candour & goodness, seems a grand mother to all

20 Cloudy warm - Pulled Bottom field corn

21 Cloudy Quite cold, Gathering Peas

22 Clear Quite cold, Picking cotton since yesterday 9 o'clock, Finished hawling in bottom field corn turned out well - great many pumpkins. Went down to Miss Swifts, they are making Better crops than usual, Robert J. Barrow (& Lady) returned Home Monday evening, R. quite sick. Traveling dont seem to agree with Him, son Hilliard with Fever two days past cutting Jaw Teeth

23 Clear Very pleasant - never made as many pumpkins as I have in the Bottom field, Plenty of corn. Pumpkins Peas & Potatoes, Can't Enjoy it. to think What pleasure it would have afforded poor Emily nearly runs me crazy, the children all seem happy, so ordained by nature, Gods will be done but sincerely wish things were as they were, evry Where I turn I miss her. dreary is my lot, the world is cold and selfish, if I could only Believe we were to meet hereafter would give me great relive

24 Cloudy damp & warm - threatening rain - clear after noon

25 Cloudy damp morning Mr Mayrant & Hurlburt gone Fishing 14 miles off - Very Little Cotten to pick, scattering on part upper side plantation & Clark place two days picking, not over 10 Bales, will make "I think" between 450 & 500 Bales of 400 lbs thousands of corn & pumpkins Peas & seven Bales to the hand, not so Very Bad a crop after all, James & John gone Duck hunting to Rat's Lake, Son Hilliard suffered Very much from cutting his Jaw Teeth, Fever &c.

26 Clear pleasant
27 Clear pleasant. Went with negro Dogs to Hunt Ruffins runaways, & his small house boy Ed, ran off still out, 12 yrs of age - no Luck - negro dogs here tired of them

28 Clear pleasant, Mayrant getting a Gig (for fish,) made by Mr Crane - the negro hunter, Jno Joor returned Home last week disgusted with the North, Robert J. B Home quite sick B. J. B. became a perfect child hippo, Dog men Left.

29 Cloudy in the North, pleasant. went up to R. J. B. found him better

30 Cloudy Very warm - cotton falling, went to Town, called by Mr Turnbulls, Began raining at 1 o'clock Left there in the rain. the road one perfect sheet of water evry place up got over the Big creek, found the creek here impassable - tried for Roberts couldn't get over Granch in Courtenays Land, returned & spent the night with Mrs Sterling

31 Cloudy returned Home early this morning, never saw appearance of a harder rain than fell here yesterday - R H B caught here Last night

3 November Cloudy warm, Very hard rain from 9 'till 12 spinning, trashimg cotten &c. the Blacksmith here making Wedges Fish Gigs. tire on cart &c.

2 Clear pleasant pleasant morning Dr King here last night. Mr Hurlburt gone shooting & Giging Fish - Hurlburt got Lost in the swamp been the road to the lake 6 times, no woods man - B J B. & Lade over this evening

3 Clear cold, went to Town Voted for Harmanson for Congress & for accepting the new constitution, a poor one at that - Mrs Haile & Mrs Flower came to see me this evening - Mrs H. Looks very much like Emily, I can't but feel a great attachment for her, was very kind & willing to do all she could during Emily's illness. God Bless her

4 Clear cold morning. Heavy dew or Fogg, prevented white frost

5 Clear pleasant

6 Cloudy warm & Foggy morning Dr King & sister here since yesterday, Went up to R. J. B found him fretting with a colt

7 Cloudy damp & Heavy fogg, Mr Hurlburt Giged (in the Lake) the largest Buffalo Fish I ever saw, weighing 251b Getting out timber for Houses & well, splitting rails trashimg cotten.
8  Cloudy Very cold North wind  Attended a Family meeting at Mrs Wades. Accepting for her children, succession &c.

9  Few clouds in the East Very cold, Mrs Haile & Mrs Flower spent yesterday at Ruffins

10 Thin clouds very Cold - sister Eliza here, Mrs Haile has consented to Live with me I feel like a new being, A Better woman never lived & one as near to me as one can be now, The fondness for children like my Dearest wife, Gathering corn all hands 3 carts &c. Cloudy afternoon

11 Raining at day light, Cleared off at 11 O' Mrs. Haile & Mrs Flower left for Woodville, Dr K & sister here last night, the negro dogs to Mrs Wade's quarter, went through Ruffins beyond & Back. gave up, Et dinner, concluded he had returned to Wades, Went in his pasture & 5 minutes had him up & a going, And never in my life did I ever see as excited beings as R & myself, ran 1/2 miles & caught him dogs soon tore him naked, took him Home Before the other negro at dark & made the dogs give him another over hauling, has been drawing a knife & Pistol on persons about Town &c.

15 Cloudy damp morning  Went over to Ruffins this evening with the Children

16 Few clouds, pleasant Making the Largest crop of corn I ever made, more Hay & as much or more Fodder than usual - Poore crop of cotten, unless it had of been picked clean, make between 450 & 500 Bales

17 Cloudy warm morning Turned cool at 11 O' Joined

18 R. H. B to Hunt my Dogs after a Fox, he has nearly ruined them, Caught two Foxes

19 Clear cold day. Left Home for (Woodville) Mrs Joors Mrs Haile &c.

20 Clear Very cold, went up to Mrs Hailes on Buffalo creek 14 miles above Woodville

21 Clear pleasant returned to Mrs Joors from Buffalo

22 Cloudy sprinkle of rain, returned Home this evening, Light shower on us in open Barouch - Miss Swifts & Mrs Barrow returned Home first of this week, not seen them - Have undertaken Mrs Hailes Buisness, she is to Live with me

23 Haxy morning turned cold in the night after a light rain Made this year the Largest crop of corn I ever made 4 cribs full one Large fodder crib full, & one entry as much as one crib would hold, first rate corn, & great abundance of pumkins
24 Clear cold Frosty morning Building a cannoe since yesterday, Crane & his negro dogs came this evening. 

25 Clear cold Frosty morning Turned warm after 10 O'k. Began Digging Potatoes this morning turning out only tolerable.

26 Cloudy threatening rain hawling Cotten to Rats Landing, 331 Bales Pressed in No. 350 Gined or more - Light rain & cold North West Wind, Quite a storm Went to Ruffins.

27 Clear Very cold & Hard North wind, Returned Home this morning, killing Hogs.

28 Clear cold Freezing day Went to Town with Ruffin - Bought 30 pair of French Blankets at $3.50 & $3.75 pr pair.

29 Raining hailing & sleeteting wind from the East, did not get through digging Potatoes, Bought 7 Barrels Prime Pork at $12 pr Barrel - & still rising, Jno Mayrant Left here on Tuesday for a Fish. not returning I feel Very uneasy as he did expect to be gone more than next day, took no cloths or Gun - steady & hard rain all day.

30 Cloudy misty & very cold N. wind Mayrant returned to day, Looks the picture of disappointment, Killed Seven more Hog.

December 1 Cloudy Freezing day Went to Town ground Frozen all day Very severe on my horses feet. as he would breath would become frozen - Appointed Fore man of the Grand Jury.

2 Clear Freezing day, evry thing Frozen, ice on the pond one inch thick.

3 Cloudy misting, extremely cold East wind, attended the Grand Jury.

4 Cloudy cold Freezing morning, Cleared off at 10 Ok. Sudden pain took me in my right side this morning, made a Lick at my cook at the time, Fear it is my Liver - Raised a Fodder House.

5 Cloudy cold morning, My side still hurting When I move or Touch it.

6 Few clouds, pleasant day, Went To Town as Grand Juror.
2  Hard rain at 1/2 7 0". M. Hurlburt went yesterday to cut a way to Black Fork Lake. nearly Finished it, rainey during the day (Light)

3  Rainey & very warm - Dr King here last night

4  Dark cloudy morning, Went to Town as Juror - Began rainings at 7 0" hard & steady 'till night had a fine ride through mud and water, just able to pass the creek on returning, got through with all business for the Grand Jury - turning cold after 1 o'clock

5  Cloudy & cold - Ruffin here yesterday, no one with him on his hunt up Red river, Killed 5 Deer

6  Mayrant waiting for a Fair day to cut a road (Boat) to get to the Lake, Cold rainey day, Mayrant went out Ducking in the rain. Killed 2 only for his trouble

7  Cloudy cold disagreeable day, Went out duck hunting, to see Mayrant, poor sport now a days; have a Very Bad head ache - nervous I presume - 357 Bales Pressed - 390 Gined in No. 60 to Gin

8  Rainey day, not as cold as yesterday, M. Hurlburt returned to the Lake - spinning trashing Cotten & not much of any thing, Much disappointed Mrs Haile not coming down. Looking for her for two weeks past, the weather now such as she cannot possibly come, I feel her absence Very much, nearer to me through my Beloved wife than any one else, will be as a kind Mother to My poor Little ones, a better headed woman never lived, like myself can feel Deeply for the misfortunes of others, tho her happiness never was equal to my own

9  Damp Foggy & warm morning. The Boys gone to Black Fork Lak to shoot Ducks & Geese, Mayrant along - raining from 1 0" till night, Boys Left the Lake as soon as they got to it. Mayrant wouldent remain with them

10  Clear cold morning. cleared off Last night. I left home Before day for the Lake no Luck. killed several Geese & Ducks but couldent get them

11  Clear cold. Frosty & freezing morning, Mrs Haile came to day

12  Cloudy damp & cold East wind - Will give evry thing up to Mrs Haile to day, will use evry exertion to render her Happy & comfortable. the children all seem delighted

13  Cleared off cold - B J B here, & Dr King
19 Clear cold Freezing morning Wild Pidgeon here this morning sister Eliza here

20 Clear Freezing day, James & John Haile went to Town nearly Frozen on their return

21 Clear cold Freezing morning trying My Best to rent a place for Mrs Haile, had of known her wishes earlier could have found a fine place on Thompson creek

22 Thin clouds pleasant day, Mrs Joor here Last night & Left this morning for Woodville, 415 Bales Pressed to day 35 or 40 to Gin

23 Rain at 7 0k Went to Town roads Very heavy, cotton improving in price, Talk of war has caused interest on money to advance rapid - 421 Bales Pressed

24 Cloudy cool damp morning, Clifford out Duck hunting with Mr. Mayrant, 10 days Ginning owing to Cotton being picked so trashy All most or is impossible to clean it done Getting Cotton a head of Gin more plague than proffit

25 Cloudy damp & cold morning Clear after 3 0k negro's seen quite Lively, Mr. Hurlburt gone to New Orleans to day

26 Clear cold morning Dr Holt of Woodville here to see Mrs Haile, rented his place

27 Clear Freezing morning - Boys went trading in Town yesterday for negroes - W. H B here to day

28 Clear Very cold Freezing morning Ground as White as snow, James & John Began Fighting this morning - John's passion, he took a Loaded Gun to strike James with - their poor Mother seems easily forgotten - her wishes &c.

29 Clear cold Frosty morning, getting tired of Hollidays, negroes want too much, Human nature

30 Cloudy damp morning, wind North after 10 okW Robert sent the dogs to me this evening, Look retched

31 Cloudy damp, Went out to see the cause of my Dogs doing so badly with Robert, all his bad management, started a cat ran 1/2 hour & treed, Rosalie & Amanda over with my Little daughter, not well

January 1, 1846 Raining and Very warm morning, Bad Beginning for New year, negroes had a dinner yesterday, some danced all night,
those that did not will start to work this morning. But for
the Apprehension of War, the prospects for the country are
better than for many years, sugar planter all ready reaping
immense profits. Cotton will pay a fair profit to those out
of Debt. Produce very high. Pork 15 & 16 Dollars pr Barrel,
Flower $6 & 7 - corn from 60 ⁰ to 80 ⁰ pr Bushel. Horses & Mules
reasonable. Horses from 40 to 70 dollars. Mules some what
higher. Will try and make 600 Bales Cotten this year with 68
hands, started all the hands that were not at the dance last
night to work at the Gin House, finding no Cotton to trash
sent for the Fiddle. And made them Dance from 12 till dark,
other from the Quarter soon joined for the frolic & became
quite lively to the close - Names 0 Jacob 0. Fill 0. Ben
0 Judy, 0 Luckey, 0 Hannah, Betsy, Bet, Chadis, Creasey,
Grace, Jensey, Margaret, Edny, Mary, B. Sidney, Luce, B.
Cato. Cato Randel, Panney (Pats), Nancy

2 Clear, Pleasant morning - Negros ask to continue holiday
'till Monday, not much to do

3 Few clouds, spring day.

4 Clear, Hazy day, out Fox hunting caught Very Large Fox
in 2 1/2 hours run

5 Raining Hard at day Light. Bad day for me to begin work
as a new year, better ending I hope

6 Damp Cloudy morning. Ground Very wet, Pressed yesterday
trashin' cotton spinning &c. sent an overseer 'Mr. Morella'
up to Mrs. Haile' place, wages $550

7 Clear, Cold, Frosty morning. Caught a Fox this morning.

8 Clear, Very cold, started early this morning for Mrs. Hails

9 Clear, Very cold, Freezing, returned from Mrs. Haile
this evening. P. H. Joor with me, Mayrant along, killed quite
a number of wild Pidgeons.

10 Clear, Frost White as snow. Mrs. Jno Joor & Mrs. Flower
here for some days

11 Clear, Very cold, Went to Town, Finished Ginning. Bought
Molasses at 24

12 Clear, Very cold. Went over to Ruffins to Breakfast, Getting ready to start 20 ploughs to
morrow, Black smith here since yesterday
14 Cloudy, Began raining at 9 p.m. "Very hard" P H Joor & family came to see us last night.

15 Dark misty morning, warm too wet to plough

16 Cloudy damp morning, P. H. Joor Left here for N. Orleans yesterday, His family here, Ruffin here yesterday, has a perfect mania for sugar determined to go at it. Cleared off at 2 O'clock

17 Cloudy cold N. wind Dr King here last night, Went up to William H.

18 Cloudy cold East wind, R H came before day this morning went fox hunting short time too cold

19 Raining and blowing quite a storm from the East, Our Elections begin to day under the new Constitution, Pouring down rain

20 Cloudy pleasant W. wind some appearance of Breaking up

21 Cleared off cold N. wind Went to Town - Voted for Isaac Johnson & Landry for Governor & Liet. Governer, P Joor returned here from New Orleans yesterday started home with his family, turned back, creek &c. " J" Joor here, Pork falling & cotton also

22 Clear cold day. P H Joor started for Home - Mrs Flower returned here this morning - Ploughing 21 Ploughs for corn - 50 acres 3 furrows run for cotton

23 Clear cold day - Sam Marks a Low Gamlin Blaggard is elected as senator from this Parish "State" - Pressed out out in No. of crop 1845, 453 Bales, shortest crop I have made in many years.

24 Clear cold day - Went to Woodville on business for Mrs Haile, accepted her Debt payable on the 21/44 Nov. 46 for $8218.67 - P H Joor Deed same $3135

25 Cloudy cool morning returned from Woodville to dinner

26 Cloudy, more like spring Finished ploughing old Land above for corn 150 Acres

27 Foggy Very damp morning Mrs Haile & Mrs Flower with

28 Cloudy spring morning, 21 Double ploughs, running 2 furrow only for Cotton, 100 acres ploughed last night 2 & 3 furrows. 150 for corn - sucklers (spinning) & old women - hawling rails ought to be done now, intend Clearing Land, in case I take Mrs Haile's hands after this season should she be unable to Lease or buy a place.

29 Cloudy, spring morning, never knew ground to plough better at this season of the year, 21 double ploughs running, 4 cribs of corn & 1/4 of small one - Killed this winter near 60 hog's. raining since 11 0^ Dr. King & sister here to day also C. Hunter.

30 Cloudy warm spring morning, hard rain Last night, planting Cherokee rose on the Line fence, 22 ploughs running, ground Little wet - Cleared off warm.

31 Clear cold morning, N. wind Mr. Hurlburt gone to the Lake, I went to Ruffins. Little daughter improving Very much.

February 1 Clear cold Frosty morning, Mrs Flower left here yesterday.

2 Clear cool morning, pleasant day, Went to Town Meat down to 10 & 11 1/2 dollars pr Barrel, 2 waggons hawling seed on corn land.

3 Few clouds spring day, near 100 acres ploughed for Cotton on Lower side plantation, Pond cut ploughed. When too wet, Ateans neglect, Part of the women cleaning up at Gibson place, 4 men clearing Land, Began hauling seed yesterday, 6 small Girls & boys carrying manure in the Garden, made new Fowl house.

4 Few clouds, pleasant spring day one of Mrs Haile negro man Charles came Last night, will keep him here this year & plant the Clark place in corn for her in case she gets A. Barrow place next year.

5 Cloudy, threatening rain, warm, Began raining at 2 0^ (slow).

6 Appearance of rainy day, Very hard rain Last night, too it to plough - changed the road in P. R. bottom turned the ter along the road.

7 Clear pleasant spring morning. Ploughing new Land this little creek, James & Jno. Haile gone to Town.
8 Cloudy warm - went to Ruffins to Breakfast to look at mules. R. just up from the City, Bad news. P H Joor here - Bought a Very fine Little Bay mare for Jno Haile, $50 rides splendidly - rainy evening very cold

9 Clear cold morning, P. H. Joor Jno. Joor & Mr. Byrnes left here this morning - Mrs Haile missed 5 Pocket hand$ found 2 in Mary$ (yellow) Box gave her Very severe Whipping can't find the others so far

10 Cloudy cool threatening rain Ploughing Gibson' since yesterday morning - drizzling rain at 8 0k wind S. East, intended starting this morning for Mrs Hailes place

11 Cloudy pleasant. Appearance of Clearing off, Mr Rowan of Mi here last night to hire negroes of Mrs Haile, Cleared off cool N. wind

12 Clear cool N. East wind - Finished ploughing all home (2 & 3 furrows) to day - excepting 25 acres bottom Land - Clark place to plough for corn & for Mrs Haile, And the Bottom field & Bottoms in the Bayou for corn - more forward than any year previous - started for Mrs Hails place this morning "Mayrant with me" - reached there by 1/2 2 O'k found evry thing going on well, never saw a finer day

13 Raining & cold N. E wind never knew a more sudden change returned home at dark - very heavy roads - & hard rain after we got in the house

14 Cloudy cold West wind, Mrs. Flower here since Thursday

15 Clear cold morning, Went Driving yesterday afternoon, no Luck, ploughing Clark place, 4 furrows yesterday

16 Clear cool still & pleasant morning, two of Mrs Hailes boys came down yesterday to work here, make corn at the Clark place, went over to Ruffins Finished ploughing Clark place

17 Cloudy pleasant, ready to start for New Orleans this morning with Lames John & John Haile. But P. H. Joor disappointed me, raining off since dinner Robt. H. B called this evening

18 Raining, warm, ground rather wet in poor places. Breaking but middles since yesterday 24 ploughs. Finished hauling cut seed on corn, Clearing piece of Land in Pasture towards K. H. B. cutting it up to Burn Bricks

19 Cloudy cool N. wind hard rain last night, P. H. Joor came Last night, Boys much pleased as they are very anxous go to N. Orleans
March 9  Returned home this morning from N. Orleans, James stood his ride home better than I expected, never expected him to see home again, found Mrs Haile quite sick, sore throat cold &c. Old Mrs Yates here, & Mrs Flower

10  Damp, Foggy morning, Ploughing bottom field, Finished breaking out middles on Monday week ago, & planted corn last week, water furrow
APPENDIX
APPENDIX I

MEMOIR OF THE BARROW FAMILY

Among the earliest of the English families to settle in the Florida parishes of Louisiana was one by the name of Barrow which came overland via Tennessee from North Carolina during the late 1700's. Planters they had been, first in Virginia and later in the Carolinas, and planting was to be their vocation after their settlement in the famed land of Nueva Feliciana, a territory which at this time was under the political control of the Spanish. The family of William

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1 This brief summary of the Barrow family is based on the following sources: "The Manuscript Memoir of the Barrow Family," written by John J. Barrow, the great-grandson of William Barrow, the common ancestor of the majority of the Barrows who came to Louisiana; "The Manuscript Memoir of the Barrow Family," by Martha Barrow Turnbull, written a few years prior to 1861; the Barrow Family Records, in the possession of Mrs. D. I. Norwood, Highland Plantation, Bains, Louisiana; the notes of Mrs. Leo Charles Browne, New Orleans, Louisiana, who has in preparation a history of the Barrow Family in America; the parish records of West Feliciana parish, in the parish courthouse, St. Francisville; Henry E. Chambers, A History of Louisiana. 2 vols. (Chicago, 1925); Stanley C. Arthur and George C. De Kermion, Old Families of Louisiana (New Orleans, 1931); Alcee Fortier, and others, Biographical and Historical Memoirs of Louisiana. 2 vols. (Chicago, 1892). Though many of the details recorded in the above secondary works are inaccurate, in general their contents corroborate the information secured from the various family records and the parish records at St. Francisville.
Barrow were the first settlers of that name, but they were soon followed by relatives, near and distant, until the name "Barrow" became a common one in the section.

The early history of the Barrow family in America is largely shrouded in the mystery of bygone years. There are, however, facts that are available to the chronicler, but even these almost imperceptibly blend into fragmentary and indefinite legends which in the course of time have found locale in the early colonial settlements in Virginia and the Carolinas. One historian narrates that the early Barrows were "descended from an old and distinguished family which came from England during Colonial days and settled in Virginia." Be that as it may, the family legend relates that during the third decade of settlement in the Virginia colony two brothers appeared at the mouth of the James river and finally settled a plantation in Southampton county on the Nottaway river. For a period they planted together, but one becoming dissatisfied, the partnership was dissolved, and he journeyed northward. Thomas Barrow remained in the Old Dominion for nearly a half century, dying at the advanced age of ninety years. He left three sons: Thomas, Simon, and

3 Mrs. Leo Charles Browne is of the opinion that the Barrow coat-of-arms indicates that the brothers came originally from Northampton county, England. According to the legend the two brothers were runaways. John J. Barrow in his Memoir states that, "Why they ran away from England we have no evidence. If for crime they left their errors behind and grew to men of standing, having a large descent and as far as I know all maintained the name with pride and honor."
John. The second Thomas Barrow left the home plantation on the banks of the Nottaway soon after his father's death and took root in Edgecomb county, North Carolina. He was destined to become the common ancestor of the majority of the Barrows who later came to Louisiana.

Thomas Barrow married Elizabeth Atkins and they became the parents of four children: Jacob, James, Moses, and Sarah. The next Barrow of whom there is record was William, who, about 1760, shortly after settling in South Carolina, married Olivia Ruffin. He became a Revolutionary soldier, and, upon being wounded about 1777, moved back to Tarboro, Edgecomb county, North Carolina. His great grandson wrote, shortly after the end of the War for Southern Independence, that he believed his grandfather had been a descendant of either James or Moses Barrow.

Olivia Ruffin, prior to her marriage to William Barrow, had been the wife of a wealthy North Carolina planter who lived on the Roanoke river. Upon his death she came into possession of extensive properties and soon moved to South Carolina, probably Charleston, where she made her home until her second marriage. Her new husband was in all probability a typical planter of the region. He had large holdings and engaged not only in the practice of agriculture but, like many of the "Southrons" of his day, was interested in politics and for a time served as the sheriff of Edgecomb county. 4

He died on January 27, 1787, at the family estate near Tarboro, leaving a family of six living children: Robert (b. 1763); William (b. 1765); Bartholomew (b. 1766); Mary (b. 1771); Sarah (b. 1773); and Bennett (b. 1777).

Sometime between 1795 and 1798, the eldest sons of William Barrow heeded the call of the West, and with their mother's permission sold the family estates in the Carolinas. With their slaves and other property, they started for the famed lands of the Felicianas then in the control of Spain. They first halted at Nashville, Tennessee, but soon after moved southward to Natchez on the Mississippi. Here they established headquarters for the family while the lands were being chosen and surveyed and the titles secured from the Spanish government. It is not exactly known when they arrived at their new home on the banks of the Little Bayou Sarra, but it is certain that they lived for a period in a shanty until the first home, "a mansion in the wilds," could be built. The date of the construction of the "Big House" on Locust Grove plantation, later re-named Highland, is uncertain. One family tradition gives the date as 1799, while the Memoir of John J. Barrow, the grandson of William Barrow, gives the date as 1805. At any rate, the location for the house had been chosen prior to 1803, for, upon the death of Olivia Ruffin Barrow in that year, she was buried in the family graveyard at Highland.

The members of the family soon acquired title to broad acres and shortly augmented the wealth brought from North Caro-
una with additional wealth created from the wilderness.
The head of the family was evidently the second son, William Barrow.

A man of sound business judgment, he soon acquired additional landed property and added numerous slaves to those brought from North Carolina. Like his father, he was interested in the political questions of the day and, when the troubles with the Spanish government came to a head in 1810, he became one of the leaders of the revolutionists who had their headquarters at St. Francisville. The end of the "Florida Rebellion of 1810" saw his return to planting. At his death in 1823 a summary of his estate indicates that he owned 7160 arpents of land which had been divided into six plantations, 348 slaves, and a total estate appraised at $214,930.83. An unusual feature of the inventory is the fact that he possessed a secretary and books valued at $600--items that were perhaps not too generally found at the time in this section of Louisiana. The total value of his household goods was approximately $3000.

William Barrow had been married in Halifax county, North Carolina, in 1792, to Pharaby Hilliard. To this union were born seven children: Robert Hilliard (b. 1795); Ann Nancy (b. 1797); William Ruffin (b. 1800); Bennett (b. 1803); Martha (b. 1809); Bennett Hilliard (b. 1811); and Eliza Eleanor (b. 1814). All settled near the family acres at Highland

plantation. The youngest son, Bennett Hilliard, later be­
came the writer of the present Diary. William Barrow died
in 1823 at Washington, D.C., where he had gone to place his
youngest son in school. His remains were removed from Wash­
ington by Bennett Hilliard in 1835 and interred in the fam­
ily plot at Highland.

Many members of the Barrow family are still to be found
in West Feliciana parish. Since the end of the War for South­
ern Independence, however, many have departed from the family
headquarters at the original plantation on the waters of the
Little Bayou Sara and have settled in other parts of the
state. Most of the land held by the family during those fab­
ulous ante-bellum plantation days is still in possession of
the various descendants of William Barrow, and such plantat­
on homes as Highland, Ellerslie, Ambrosia, Independence,
Live Oak, Rosedown, Greenwood and Afton Villa, recall to
mind that age of agricultural and plantation success, opu­
lence, and good living before those halocostic days of the
1860's.
APPENDIX II

INVENTORY OF THE ESTATE OF BENNETT H. BARROW *

Succession of Bennett H. Barrow, deceased. State of Louisiana
Parish of West Feliciana

Be it Remembered, that on this the fourteenth day of June in the year of our Lord One thousand eight hundred and fifty-four, I, Bertrand Haralson, Recorder in and for said Parish, duly commissioned and qualified Have attended this day, in pursuance to an order to me directed by Charles B. Collins, Clerk of the Seventh Judicial District Court in and for the said Parish, at the late residence of Bennett H. Barrow, deceased, in the Parish aforesaid for the purpose of making an inventory and appraisement of all the property, real and personal, rights and credits, belonging to and composing the succession of Bennett H. Barrow, deceased; and did then and there proceed to make said inventory and appraisement of said property, having first appointed Robert I. Barrow and Robert H. Barrow, experts and appraisers of said property, and having caused the said Experts and appraisers to take and subscribe the following oath required by law, to wit:

State of Louisiana "We, Robert I. Barrow
Parish of West Feliciana and Robert H. Barrow,
the above named Experts & appraisers, having been
first fully sworn by the undersigned Recorder do
make oath, that we will justly & impartially dis-
charge & perform all the several duties incumbent
on us as Experts & appraisers of all the property
shown to be inventoried & belonging to the succes-
sion of Bennett H. Barrow deceased, to the best of
our knowledge & understanding. So help us God.
Sworn to & subscribed before me this 14th day of
June A. D. 1854 E. Haralson, Recorder.

I, the said Recorder, notified Robert C. Weder-
strandt and John Hunter Collins, both male residents of said Parishes of the age of majority, to attend as witnesses, who

* Inventory Record, West Feliciana Parish, St. Francisville, Louisiana; Vol. G (1852-69), pp. 135-143.
attended and acted as such. — I, said Recorder, notified W. R. Barrow, special Tutor to the minors, John I., Clifford, Amanda, Hilliard & Emily Barrow children of the said Bennett H. Barrow deceased, & his wife Emily Joor, — who attended. I, the said Recorder, notified Mrs. Nancy Barrow, widow of the said deceased, both in her own right, and as Tutris to her minor children Eliza Ann & Martha Allina, issue of her marriage with her said deceased husband, who did not attend. — I also notified James Barrow, one of the forced heirs of full age, — who attended.

The following is a true Proces Verbal of the Separate Estate of the deceased,

To wit:

A certain tract of land, with all the buildings & improvements thereon, known as the Home place containing about fourteen hundred arpents, and being composed of the following tracts or parcels of land, to wit:— The "Holmes" tract, supposed to contain one thousand arpents, -- The "Thomas M. Green" tract, containing two hundred & forty arpents; -- The "Bingaman" tract, containing one hundred and sixty arpents; -- which said Home place is bounded as follows, to wit: -- North by lands of Robert H. Barrow, West by William R. Barrow, on the South by lands of the said Barrow, as the "Gibson" tract, and East by the Little Bayou Sara Creek; -- which said lands & improvements were valued & appraised at the sum of forty-two thousand dollars $42,000.00

Alfred, aged 49 years, valued at nine hundred dollars ($) 900.00
Betsy, aged 59 years, one hundred dollars 100.00
Kiah aged 40 years, valued at five hundred dollars 500.00
Willa, aged 30 years, valued at eight hundred & fifty dollars 850.00
Ben, aged 40 years, valued at nine hundred dollars 900.00
Candis, aged 40 years, valued at one hundred dollars 100.00
Isaac, aged 14 years, valued at Eight hundred & fifty dollars 850.00

$46,200.00

Stephen, aged 6 years, valued at two hundred and fifty dollars 250.00
Rodem, aged 5 years, valued at two hundred dollars 200.00
Jack, aged 51 years, valued at eight hundred dollars 800.00
Eliza, aged 44 years, valued at five hundred dollars 500.00
Bazil, aged 20 years, valued at six hundred dollars 600.00
Little Cato, aged 37 years, valued at six hundred dollars 600.00
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Nat, aged 28 years, valued at Eight hundred & fifty dollars
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Levy, aged 39 years, valued at four hundred & fifty dollars
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Grace, aged 29 years, valued at six hundred dollars
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Little Jack, aged 9 years, valued at three hundred dollars
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Gilson, aged 7 years, valued at two hundred dollars
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Edward, aged 2 years, valued at One Hundred & fifty dollars
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Dennis, aged 44 years, valued at nine hundred & fifty dollars
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Ettienne, aged 37 years, valued at One thousand dollars
$1,000.00
Margaret, aged 37 years, valued at Seven hundred dollars
$700.00
Amount carried forward $68,865.00

Orange, aged 19 years, valued at eight hundred & fifty dollars
$850.00
Minsky, aged 11 years, valued at four hundred dollars
$400.00
Susan, aged 7 years, valued at three hundred dollars
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Little Alfred, aged 6 years, valued at three hundred dollars
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Hannah, aged 33 years, valued at Seven hundred dollars
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Matilda, aged 15 years valued at five hundred & fifty dollars
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Cornelius, aged 11 years, valued at four hundred dollars
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Daniel, aged 9 years, valued at three & fifty dollars
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Charity, aged 6 years, valued at three hundred dollars
$300.00
Jacob, aged 3 years, valued at two hundred dollars
$200.00
Tempe, an infant, valued at fifty dollars
$50.00
Louis, aged 33 years, valued at nine hundred dollars
$900.00
Dorcas, aged 32 years, valued at Seven hundred dollars 700.00
Dice Nat, aged 33 years, valued at nine hundred & fifty dollars 950.00
William, aged 14 years, valued at five hundred dollars 500.00
Grace, aged 9 years, valued at three hundred dollars 300.00

Amount carried forward $77,165.00

Dicy, aged 4 years, valued at two hundred dollars 200.00
Randel, aged 1 years, valued at one hundred dollars 100.00
Jeny, aged 39 years, valued at nine hundred dollars 900.00
Milly, aged 29 years, valued at six hundred dollars 600.00
Kesiah, aged 10 years, valued at three hundred dollars 300.00
Lotty, aged 7 years, valued at two hundred dollars 200.00
Minerva, aged 3 years, valued at one hundred & fifty 150.00
Patience, aged 43 years, valued at five hundred dollars 500.00
Ester Nat, aged 29 years, valued at Seven hundred dollars 700.00
Josh, aged 69 years, valued at One hundred dollars 100.00
Leah, aged 33 years, valued at Seven hundred & fifty dollars 750.00
Littleton, aged 21 years, valued at nine hundred dollars 900.00
Adeline, aged 15 years, valued at Seven hundred & fifty dollars 750.00
Wiley, an infant, valued at fifty dollars 50.00
Ellen, aged 13 years, valued at five hundred dollars 500.00
Margaret, aged 10 years, valued at four hundred dollars 400.00
Edward, aged 9 years, valued at four hundred dollars 400.00

Amount carried forward $84,665.00

Amount brought forward $84,665.00

Cordelia, aged 3 years, valued at two hundred dollars 200.00
Kitty, aged 6 years, valued at three hundred dollars 300.00
Delphine, an infant, valued at One hundred dollars 100.00
Phil, aged 75 years, valued at One hundred dollars 100.00
Esther, aged 25 years, valued at Seven hundred & fifty dollars 750.00
Rilla, aged 3 years, valued at two hundred dollars 200.00
Marshall, aged 9 years, valued at two hundred & fifty dollars 250.00
Ada, aged 23 years, valued at Seven hundred & fifty dollars 750.00
Len, aged 6 years, valued at two hundred & fifty dollars 250.00
Desery, aged 4 years, valued at One hundred & fifty dollars 150.00
Treson, an infant, valued at One hundred dollars 100.00
Louisa, aged 19 years, valued at Six hundred & fifty dollars 650.00
Angy, aged 15 years, valued at Six hundred & fifty dollars 650.00
Edney, aged 49 years, valued at three hundred dollars 650.00
Lizzy, aged 23 years, valued at Six hundred & fifty dollars 650.00
Arie, aged 14 years, valued at five hundred dollars 500.00
Little Phil, aged 26 years, valued at nine hundred & fifty dollars 950.00
Amount carried forward $91,515.00

Patty, aged 32 years, valued at One thousand dollars 1000.00
Vina, aged 15 years, valued at Seven hundred dollars 700.00
Mose, aged 13 years, valued at five hundred dollars 500.00
Adam, aged 11 years, valued at four hundred & fifty dol 450.00
Ester Sarah, aged 26 years, valued at One thousand dollars 1,000.00
Ester, aged 2 years, valued at One hundred & fifty dollars 150.00
Old Hannah, aged 70 years, valued at Five dollars 5.00
Old Cato, aged 60 years, valued at four hundred dollars 400.00
Total Amount of real Estate $95,720.00

Personal Effects to wit:
One hundred & sixty head of cattle, valued at six hundred & thirty dollars 630.00
One hundred & twenty head of hogs, valued at two hundred dollars 200.00
Forty-nine head of sheep, valued at ninety-eight dollars 98.00
Four yoke of oxen valued at One hundred & fifty dollars 150.00
Thirty head of common horses, valued at three hundred dollars 300.00
One watch & seal, valued at One hundred & seventy-five dollars 175.00
Total amount of person Effects $1,553.00
Total amount of separate Estate $97,273.00

The following is the community, which existed between the said deceased, Bennett H. Barrow, and his wife Emily Joor, deceased:
Real Estate:

One certain tract of land, known as the "Gibson" tract, containing six hundred & fifty acres, (and being under the same enclosure with the "Home place";) and being the same land purchased by Bennett H. Barrow of John A Gibson, by act of date January 20, 1836, and described in said act, as bounded on the North by lands of said Barrow, on the East by the Little Bayou Sarah Creek, on the West by the Tunica Road, and South by the lands of C. C. S. Farrar, valued as appraised at the sum of Nine thousand dollars $9,000.00.

One other tract of land, known as the "Clark Place", containing eight hundred arpents, and being the same purchased by Bennett H. Barrow, of Mrs. Elizabeth O'Connor by act of date January 15th 1836, and described in said act as bounded on the North by Alexander Barrow, South by the heirs of Nicholas Kemplin, West by lands of H. Felowe & East by lands of the heirs of Gilbert Pipes -- valued and appraised at three thousand dollars $3,000.00.

One other tract, known as the "Swamp tract", containing one hundred & fifty acres, -- being the lower half of lots 2, 3, & 4, and being the same purchased by said Bennett H. Barrow & Alexander Barrow, at the Probate Sale of Pamela Flower, on the 10th day of May, 1836. valued at three thousand dollars $3,000.00.

One other tract of land, known as the "Joor Place," containing thirteen hundred arpents, more or less, and being composed of three tracts, to wit: the "Garnhart" tract; the "Robinson" tract, & the tract originally owned by Charles Smith, and being the same property acquired by Bennett H. Barrow of Mrs. Emily Joor, by act of date February 27th 1843, valued at twelve thousand dollars $12,000.00.

Lucy, aged 37 years, valued at Six hundred dollars $600.00.

Amount carried forward $27,600.00

Jobe, aged 15 years, valued at four hundred dollars 400.00
Ann, aged 5 years, valued at two hundred dollars 200.00
Fisher, aged 13 years, valued at five hundred dollars 500.00
Lorenza, aged 10 years, valued at four hundred dollars 400.00
Charles, aged 44 years, valued at Six hundred dollars 600.00
Henry, aged 45 years, valued at Seven hundred dollars 700.00
Harriet, aged 33 years, valued at Seven hundred dollars 700.00
Sally, aged 16 years, valued at Seven hundred & fifty dollars 750.00
Adele, aged 13 years, valued at four hundred & fifty dollars 450.00.
Kesandado, aged 8 years, valued at three hundred dollars
George, aged 7 years, valued at two hundred dollars
Sina, aged 3 years valued at One hundred & fifty dollars
Nancy, aged 28 years, valued at Seven hundred & fifty dollars
Dave Bartly, aged 6 years, valued at two hundred & fifty dollars
Harrison, aged 3 years, valued at One hundred & fifty dollars
Peter, aged 1 years, valued at One hundred dollars
Martha, aged 19 years, valued at Seven hundred dollars
Amount carried forward $34,900.00

Winey, aged 25 years, valued at Seven hundred dollars
Josh, aged 2 years, valued at One hundred & fifty dollars
Rosetta, an infant, valued at fifty dollars
Mary, aged 29 years, valued at Seven hundred dollars
Reuben, aged 8 years, valued at Three hundred dollars
Little Fanny, aged 21 years, valued at Seven hundred & fifty dollars
Oney, aged 43 years, valued at three hundred dollars
Frances, aged 24 years, valued at five hundred dollars
Annica, aged 21 years, valued at Six hundred dollars
Noah, aged 3 years, valued at One hundred & fifty dollars
Rosena, aged an infant, valued at fifty dollars
George, aged 24 years, valued at nine hundred & fifty dollars
Owens, aged 31 years, valued at nine hundred dollars
Jim Butler, aged 43 years, valued at One thousand dollars
Sarah, aged 24 years, valued at Seven hundred dollars
Charlotte, aged 2 years, valued at One hundred & fifty dollars
Evans, aged 7 years, valued at two hundred dollars
Amount carried forward $43,050.00

Oliver, aged 5 years, valued at two hundred dollars
Judy, aged 56 years, valued at One hundred dollars
Sam, aged 35 years, valued at eight hundred dollars
Mahala, aged 27 years, valued at Seven hundred dollars
Riley, aged 30 years, valued at One thousand dollars
1,000.00
Ephraim, aged 10 years, valued at four hundred & fifty dollars 450.00
Creacy, aged 46 years, valued at two hundred dollars 200.00
Ceely, aged 54 years, valued at One hundred dollars 100.00
Thornton, aged 35 years, valued at Eight hundred dollars 800.00
Jane, aged 17 years, valued at Seven hundred & fifty dollars 750.00
Priscilla, aged 14 years, valued at Three hundred & fifty dollars 350.00
Alpest, aged 6 years, valued at two hundred & fifty dollars 350.00
Wade, aged 37 years, valued at nine hundred & fifty dollars 950.00
John, aged 27 years, valued at nine hundred & fifty dollars 950.00
Jim Tucker, aged 35 years, valued at Eight hundred & fifty dollars 850.00
Total amount of Real Estate $51,500.00

Personal Effects, to wit:
One lamp, valued at two dollars $ 2.00
Two armoirs, (?) at twenty dollars 20.00
One book case, at two dollars 2.00
One lounge, at five dollars 5.00
Two sofas, at ten dollars 10.00
One desk, at ten dollars 10.00
Eleven Bed steads & bedding, valued at One hundred & seventy-five 15.00
Seven washstands, at fifteen dollars 15.00
One side board, at fifteen dollars 15.00
Six mahogany tables at thirty dollars 30.00
One Piano, at One hundred dollars 100.00
Four pair andirons, shovels & tongs, at ten dollars 10.00
Twenty-nine silver spoons, at twenty-nine dollars 29.00
Eighteen tea spoons, at twelve dollars 12.00
One doz. dessert spoons, at twelve dollars 12.00
One set of preserve dishes, at four dollars 4.00
One lot of Books, at One hundred dollars 100.00
Total amount of personal effects$551.00

Total amount of community of first marriage $52,051.00

The following is the community, which existed between the said deceased, and his present wife Nancy Joor, to wit:

A certain tract of land, known as the "Vidal" tract containing One hundred & seventy-four acres, and being the same property purchased by Bennett H. Barrow, at Sheriff's Sale, made at the suit of Mrs. Mary Ann Farrar & husband VS N. Norsworthy, -- bounded by lands of Bennett H. Barrow, known
as the "Joor Place", — the heirs of Vidala Margaret Swift;  
— valued & appraised at the sum of Seven hundred  
dollars

$0.700.00

One other tract of land, known as the "Kimplin" 
tract, containing four hundred & one acres, —  and being the 
same acquired by Bennett H. Barrow of James L. Calcote, by 
act of sale January 26th 1852, & particularly described in 
said act of Sale. -- valued & appraised at One thousand  
dollars

$1,000.00

Amount carried forward $1,700.00
Augustus, aged 44 years, valued at fifteen 
hundred dollars $1,500.00
Isaac, aged 23 years, valued at One thousand  
dollars $1,000.00
Total amount of Real Estate $4,200.00

Personal effects, To wit:

One bureau, valued at seventy dollars 70.00
One armoire, valued at One hundred & fifteen dollars 115.00
One marble wash stand, valued at twelve dollars 12.00
One bureau, valued at fifteen dollars 15.00
Three armoirs, at twenty-five dollars 25.00
One doz. mahogany chairs, at thirty-three dollars 33.00
Five rocking chairs, at ten dollars 10.00
Four arm chairs, at twenty dollars 20.00
One green case, at fifteen dollars 15.00
Two arm chairs, at Sixteen dollars 16.00
Two work tables, at thirty-six dollars 36.00
Nine small chairs, at Six 50/100 dollars 5.50
One book case, at twenty-five dollars 25.00
One mahogany toilet stand at Seven dollars 7.00
Three doz. cane bottom chairs, at eighteen dollars 18.00
One tapestry carpet at One hundred & thirty dollars 130.00
Two carpets, at one hundred and twelve dollars 112.00
One rug, at Sixteen dollars 16.00
One lamp, at nine dollars 9.00
One china set, at two hundred dollars 200.00
One doz. table knives, at twelve dollars 12.00
One doz. dessert knives, at ten dollars 10.00
One dozen cut tumblers, at four dollars 4.00
Half doz. salt stands, at One 75/100 dollars 1.75
One ewer & basin, at one 50/100 dollars 1.50
Seven bowles & pitchers, at ten dollars 10.00
Three pair andirons, shovels & tongs— at ten dollars 10.00

Amount carried forward............$937.75

One doz. champagne glasses, at ten dollars 10.00
Forty-four good mules, at four thousand four  
hundred dollars 4,400.00
One pair carriage horses, valued at five hundred  
dollars 500.00
One saddle horse, at one hundred dollars 100.00
Seven horses, at one hundred & fifty dollars 150.00
One carriage & harness, at five hundred dollars 500.00
One buggy & harness, at One hundred dollars 100.00
Eleven cane wagons, at fifty dollars 50.00
Thirty ploughs, at seventy-five dollars 75.00
Sixty-two hoes, at ten dollars 620.00
Seventy-seven cane hoes, at fifteen dollars 115.00
Forty-four axes, at ten dollars 440.00
Two sugar kettles, at one hundred & fifty dollars 150.00
Four hogsheads of sugar, at two hundred dollars 800.00
Forty empty hogsheads, at fifty dollars 2000.00
One lot cistern sugar, valued at four hundred dollars 400.00
Sugar scales, at fifty dollars 50.00

One certain promissory note of Charles Berg, of date May 21st 1852, payable December 1st 1852, to the order of B. Cooley for $220., valued at the sum of two hundred & twenty dollars. 220.00

The following notes & drafts found among the papers of the deceased and not appraised, have been placed in a bundle marked "A". to wit: --

Two notes drawn by N. Barrow of date April 2nd 1850, payable two years from date to the order of Bennett H. Barrow, at the bank of Louisiana, and by him endorsed;
-- One for $1,208.18/100, and one for $1,061.72/100 both bearing eight per cent interest after due until paid

Amount carried forward
$7,927.75

Two notes of N. Barrow & Bennett H. Barrow, of date June, 1850, each for the sum of $1,197.58/100 payable to the order of Benj. L. Joor, with eight per cent interest from January 1st 1847, until paid.

Draft of Mrs. N. Barrow of date Nov. 16th 1850, on A Miltenberger & Co at twelve months for $4,485.15/100, endorsed by B. H. Barrow.

Sight draft of Brewer & Collins on B. H. Barrow, of date Nov. 15th 1852, for $350. their fee for settling the succession of Wm Haile decd.

Also one bundle of vouchers, in favor of Bennett H. Barrow & against Emily Haile, minor, Bundle marked "B".

Total amount of personal effects $7,927.75
Total amount of community of second marriage $12,127.75

The following are the Slaves that belonged to the separate Estate of Mrs Emily Barrow, deceased, to wit: --

Mary, aged 45 years, valued at four hundred dollars $ 400.00
Jiney, aged 22 years, valued at Seven hundred and fifty dollars 750.00
Harry, aged 25 years, valued at nine hundred & fifty dollars 950.00
Prince, aged 23 years, valued at eight hundred dollars 800.00
Bella, aged 21 years, valued at seven hundred & fifty dollars  750.00
Elsie, aged 15 years, valued at seven hundred & fifty dollars  750.00
Abram, aged 12 years, valued at four hundred & fifty dollars  450.00
Marcus, aged 2 years, valued at One hundred dollars  100.00
Total valuation of Mrs E. Barrow's Estate $4,950.00

The following are the Slaves that belong to the Separate Estate of Mrs Nancy Barrow, deceased; --

Henry, aged 40 years, valued at nine hundred dollars  900.00
Annie, aged 17 years, valued at Seven hundred & fifty dollars  750.00
William, age 15 years, valued at Eight hundred dollars  800.00
Sidney, aged 10 years, valued at four hundred dollars  400.00
Isaac, aged 30 years, valued at Seven hundred dollars  700.00
Terry, aged 25 years, valued at nine hundred dollars  900.00
Winny, aged 24 years, valued at Seven hundred & fifty dollars  750.00
Hillary, aged 5 years, valued at two hundred & fifty dollars  250.00
Elmira, aged 1 year, valued at One hundred dollars  100.00
July, aged 25 years, valued at Seven hundred & fifty dollars  750.00
Ellen, aged 9 years, valued at four hundred dollars  400.00
Gustus, aged 5 years, valued at two hundred dollars  200.00
Andrew Jack, an infant, valued at fifty dollars  50.00
Reuben, aged 25 years, valued at eight hundred & fifty dollars  850.00
Lorenzo Dow, aged 32 years, valued at fifteen hundred dollars  1,500.00
Harriet, aged 40 years, valued at three hundred dollars  300.00
Sydna, aged 40 years, valued at nine hundred dollars  900.00
Lucinda, aged 40 years, valued at four hundred dollars  400.00
Jane, aged 24 years, valued at nine hundred dollars  900.00
Henry, aged 6 years, valued at two hundred & fifty dollars  250.00
Thomas, aged 3 years, valued at two hundred dollars  200.00
(Blank) one hundred dollars  100.00
Maria, aged 14 years, valued at Eight hundred dollars  800.00

Total valuation of Separate Estate of Mrs N. Barrow $13,150.00
Recapitulation:

The total valuation of the separate Estate of Bennett H. Barrow, deceased, makes the sum of Ninety-seven thousand two hundred & seventy-three dollars $97,273.00

The total valuation of the Community, which existed between his first wife Emily Joor, deceased, makes the sum of Fifty-two thousand & fifty-one dollars $52,051.00

The total valuation of the Community, which existed between the deceased and his surviving wife Nancy Joor, makes the sum of Seven thousand nine hundred twenty-seven 75/100 dollars $7,927.00

Total valuation of all property........$157,251.75

It is agreed by & between the parties at interest in this inventory that the signing of the same by them, shall not preclude any one of said parties from shewing the deceased, or that property inventoried as his separate Estate belongs to the community of their marriage, or to show & correct any error of fact in the inventoring of this succession

-----------------------There being no other property shewn to belong to this succession, this inventory and appraisement now closed in the presence of John Hunter Collins & Robert C. Wederstrandt, the said witnesses, who sign as such after the signing of said experts, and the said named parties at interest, who attended, -- all signing with me, the said Recorder, on the day and year first above written. --------------

Witnesses: --

Robt. C. Wederstrandt
J. Hunter Collins

Experts: --

Robt. I. Barrow
Robt. H. Barrow

---------Bennett I. Barrow, Under Tutor

---------Wm Ruffin Barrow, Special Tutor.

-----H. Haralson, Recorder. ----- ------James Barrow. ----


-----Recorded Oct. 1855.-----
APPENDIX III

RULES OF HIGHLAND PLANTATION *

No negro shall leave the place at any time without my permission, or in my absence that of the Driver, the driver in that case being responsible, for the cause of such absence, which ought never to be omitted to be enquired into.

The Driver should never leave the plantation, unless on business of the plantation.

No negro shall be allowed to marry out of the plantation.

No negro shall be allowed to sell anything without my express permission. I have ever maintained the doctrine that my negroes have not time. Whatever, that they are always liable to my call without questioning for a moment the propriety, of it. I adhere to this on the grounds of expediency and right. The very security of the plantation requires that a general and uniform control over the people of it should be exercised. Who are to protect the plantation from the intrusions of ill designed persons. When every body is a broad? Who can tell the moment. When a plantation might be threatened with destruction from Fire - could the flames be arrested if the negroes are scattered throughout the neighborhood, seeking their amusement. Are these not duties of great importance, and in which every negro himself is deeply interested to render this part of the rule justly applicable, however, it would be necessary that such a settled arrangement should exist on the plantation as to make it unnecessary for a negro to leave it - or to have a good plea for doing so. You must, therefore, make him as comfortable at Home as possible, affording him what is essentially necessary for his happiness - you must provide for him. Your self and by that means create in him a habit of perfect dependence on you. Allow it once to be understood by a negro that he is to provide for himself, and you that moment give him an undeniable claim on you for a portion of his time to make this provision, and should you from necessity, or any other cause, encroach

* The "Rules" were copied in the Diary on May 1, 1838
upon his time - disappointment and discontent are seriously felt - if I employ a labourer to perform a certain quantum of work per day and I agree to pay him a certain amount for the performance of said work When he has accomplished it I of course have no further claim on him for his time or services - but how different is it with a slave - Who can calculate the exact profit or expence of a slave one

year with another, if I furnish my negro with evry necessary of life, without the least care on his part - if I support him in sickness, however long it may be, and pay all his expenses, though he does nothing - if I maintain him in his old age, when he is incapable of rendering either him­self or myself any service, am I not entitled to an exclus­ive right to his time good feelings, and a sense of pro­priety would all ways prevent unnecessary employment on the Sabbath, and policy would check any exaction of excessive labor in common - Whatever other privileges I allow the Driver, he is not suffered to send any negro off the planta­tion, unless he sends him to me or some extraordinary cir­cumstances arises that could make it proper that a message should be sent to a neighbour for as his transactions are confine solely to the plantation there rarely could exist a necessity to communicate with me, if he sends him for his own purpose, he is answerable for his absence as the negro would be, did he go away without any permission at all - I never give a negro a Pass to go from Home without he first states particularly where he wishes to go, and assigns a cause for his desiring to be absent. if he offers a good reason, I never refuse, but otherwise, I never grant him a Pass, and feel satisfied that no practice is more prejudi­cial to the community, and to the negros themselves, than that of giving them general Pass'es - to go Where they please I am so opposed to this plan that I never permit any negro to remain on my plantation, whose Pass does not authorize him expressly to come to it- Some think that after a negro has done his work it is an act of oppression to confine him to the plantation, when he might be strolling about the neigh­borhood for his amusement and recreation - this is cert­ainly a mistaken humanity. Habit is evry thing - The negro who is accustomed to remain constantly at Home, is just as satisfied with the society on the plantation as that which he would find elsewhere, and the verry restrictions laid up­on him being equally imposed on others, he does not feel them, for society is kept at Home for them - As the Driver is answerable for the good conduct of the negros, and the proper application of their time he ought always to be pres­ent to attend, otherwise he could never with propriety be charged with neglect, in which case all responsibility would be at an End - No rule that I have stated is of me importance than that relating to negros marrying out of the plantation. it seems to me, from What observations I have made it is ut­terly impossible to have any method, or regularity When the
men and women are permitted to tare wives and husbands indiscriminately off the plantation, negroes are very much disposed to pursue a course of this kind, and without being able to assign any good reason, though the motive can be readily perceived, and is a strong one with them, but one that tends not in the least to the benefit of the Master, or their ultimate good. the inconveniences that at once strikes one as arising out of such a practice are these -

First - in allowing the men to marry out of the plantation, you give them an uncontrolable right to be frequently absent 2d Wherever their wives live, there they consider their homes, consequently they are indifferent to the interest of the plantation to which they actually belong -

3d - it creates a feeling of independance, from being, of right, out of the control of the masters for a time -

4th - They are repeatedly exposed to temptation from meeting and associating with negroes from different directions, and with various habits & vices -

5th - Where there are several women on a plantation, they may have husbands from different plantations belonging to different persons. These men possess different habits are accustomed to different treatment, and have different privileges, so your plantation every day becomes a rendezvous of a medly of characters. Negroes who have the privilege of a monthly Passes to go where they please, and at any hour that they say they have finished their work, to leave their Master's plantation come into yours about midday, when your negroes are at work, and the Driver engaged, they either take possession of houses their wives live - and go to sleep or stroll about in prefect idleness - feeling themselves accessible to every thing. What an example to those at work at the time - can any circumstance be more Intrusive of good order and contentment

Sixthly - When a man and his wife belong to different persons, they are liable to be separated from each other, as well as their children, either by caprice of either of the parties, or When there is a sale of property - this keeps up an unsettled state of things, and gives rise to repeated new connections it might be asked how does this rule answer when there are several men on a plantation and few women - or vice versa, when there several women, & few men - For to adopt rules merely because they are good in themselves and not to pursue a plan Which would make them applicable, would be Fallacious - I prefer giving them money of Christmans to their making any thing, thereby creating an interest
with you and yours, &c. I furnish my negroes regularly with their full share of allowance weakly. 4 pound & 5 pound of meat to every thing that goes in the field - 2 pound over 4 years. ½ between 15 months and 4 years old. Clear good meat - I give them cloths twice a year, two suits - one pair shoes for winter every third year a blanket - "single negro - two." I supply them with tobacco if a negro is suffered to sell any thing he chooses without any inquiry being made, a spirit of trafficking at once is created. to carry this on, both means and time are necessary, neither of which is he of right possessed. A negro would not be content to sell only what he raises or makes or either corn (should he be permitted) or poultry, or the like, but he would sell a part of his allowance also, and would be tempted to commit robberies to obtain things to sell. Besides, he would never go through his work carefully, particularly when other engagements more interesting and pleasing are constantly passing through his mind, but would be apt to slight his work. That the general conduct of master has a very considerable influence on the character and habits of his slave, will be readily admitted. When a master is uniform in his own habits & conduct, his slaves know his wishes, and what they are to expect if they act in opposition to, or conformity with them, therefore, the more order and contentment exist.

A plantation might be considered as a piece of machinery, to operate successfully, all of its parts should be uniform and exact, and the impelling force regular and steady; and the master, if he pretended at all to attend to his business, should be their impelling force. if a master exhibits no extraordinary interest in the proceedings on his plantation, it is hardly to be expected that any other feelings but apathy, and perfect indifference could exist with his negroes, and it would be unreasonable for him, who as the principal incitements, and is careless, to expect attention and exertion from those, who have no other interest than to avoid the displeasure of their master. in the different departments on the plantation as much distinction and separation are kept up as possible with a view to create responsibility - The Driver has a directed charge of everything, but there are subordinate persons, who take the more immediate care of the different departments. For instance, I make one person answerable for my stock. Horses cattle hogs &c. another the plantation utensils &c. one the sick - one the poultry. another providing for on taking care of the children whose parents are in the field &c. As good a plan as could be adopted, to establish security and good order on the plantation is that of constituting a watch at night, consisting of two or more men, they are answerable of all trespasses committed during their watch, unless they produce the offender. or give immediate alarm. When the protection of a plantation is left to the negroes generally, you at once perceive the truth of the maxim that what is every one's business, is no one's business. but
when a regular watch is Established, Each in turn performs his tour of duty, so that the most careless is at times, made to be observant and watchful - the very act of organizing a watch bespeaks a care and attention on the part of a master, Which, has the due influence on the negro -

Most of the above roles, "in fact with the exception of the last" I have adopted since 1833. And with success - get your negroes once disciplined and planting is a pleasure - A H - without it never have an Overseer - Every negro to come up Sunday after their allowance Clean & head well combed - it gives pride to every one, the fact of master feeling proud of them, When clean &c.

Never allow any man to talk to your negroes, nothing more injurious,

Bennet H. Barrow
### APPENDIX IV

**BENNET H. BARROW ACCOUNTS: 1838-1845**

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<td>10 Barrels Prime Pork</td>
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<td>My note due to Mr. L. and Thompson in New Orleans paid</td>
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April 23

H. E. Salu Account 53.94
M. McCrindle $35.00
Jno. Joor 145.00
Jno. Holmes 45.50

May 4

Bottas History of the War and Washington 46.00
G. W. Pennington, Gin Repairs 112.00
Canal Bank 354.33

G. B. Smyth 25.00
Jno. Holmes 27.00
Subscription to Spirit of the Times 10.00
G. W. Pritchard and Lagint 300.00
Jno. Holmes 44.00
Taxes 270.00
La. Bank 600.00
D. Barrow, Blacksmith 70.00
B. Casey 485.00

July 1

P. Office and W. Paper 15.00
Finley and Company 3,275.02
Ben Pryer 100.00
McKeen $25. L. A. Godey $20. 45.00
E. W. Thompson for Horse, &c. 86.00
Jno. Holmes 76.00
News papers 15.00
Grey Horse 100.00

November 25

Meat in New Orleans

$175.00
165.00
$340.00
$29,222.95

1841

January 4

Negros 720.00
Dun Horse 112.50
Blankets 305.00
Meat 750.00
Groceries 521.25
Colins and Duma 109.00
Miss Cochrane 150.00
Miss Wilkins 41.00
Stoow and Company 37.00
Clothes for children 32.00
Clothes for self and A. 45.00
Expenses to New Orleans 100.00
G. B. Buckler 30.00
Books 12.00
Crockery 44.50
Holmes 355.00
Papers 100.00
M. Barrow 1,055.00
Collins and Baldwin | $135.00  
Sheldon | 112.00  
C. Bank | 405.00  
La. Bank | 425.00  
Citizens Bank | 1,920.00  
March 4  
Austin and Company | 93.00  
Cotton Seed | 50.00  
J. A. Kelly Advertising | 30.00  
Repairs to buggy | 7.00  
Miss Mayhew | 106.00  
Molasses, 20 Barrels | 176.00  
Mr. Fields for saddle Poney | 100.00  
A. Ledoux and Company | 1,700.00  
Bagging and rope | 1,200.00  
Taxes | 265.75  
Jno. C. Morris  
Norman and Co., Blacksmiths  
D. Barrow, work of Boy Henry  
McCombs and Brady | 24.00  
Jno. Holmes | 100.00  
St. Boat | 67.00  
Well Digger | 51.00  
McCombs | 36.00  
D. Turnbull | 7,980.00  
Dr. Percey | 20.00  
Dr. Walker | 70.00  
Mr. Theur | 80.00  
Carrolton Bank | 70.00  
Henry Conner | 50.00  
Taxes | 265.75  
Bagging and rope, crop 1841,  
2520 yards bagging and 35  
coils rope, 30 lbs. twine | 1,185.54  
Madam Cochran | 153.00  
T. B. Thorp | 50.00  
March 9  
Surty and Buatt | 93.00  
Difference of Horses | 25.00  
Two Guns | 32.00  
Crop, 1841 | $21,591.04  
New Orleans for negros | 1,055.00  
New Orleans for self | 21.50  
25.00  
28.50  
232.00  
50.25  
$1,312.25  
February 20  
Jno. C. Norman | 177.00  
Jno. Holmes | 1,000.00  
New Orleans, $120, $100. | 220.00  
Canal Bank | 400.00  
La. Bank | 550.00  
Dr. Walker | 208.00  
Risley | 13.25
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In New Orleans, $1340.  $15,602.00  $1,364.00  $16,966.00

Paid out of Crop, 1842  $16,966.00
1843-44

Paid to Dennis Burnes $140.00
F. V. Oldershausen shoes by draft 100.00

October 26
Louisiana Bank Interest on Bond $1,500 by draft 135.00
Draft through Canal Bank 100.00

November 15
Charles A. Jacobs 5,336.12
21
20 Bushels wheat 18.33
5 Barrels Mess Pork, P. Lebret 55.00

December 15
Canal Bank, Interest on $2,500 217.50
15
Note to Estate of Greys, two mules 183.00
16
H. B. Hurlburt, Teaching, "draft" 100.00

January 25
C. A. Jacobs, interest on $5,853 585.00
31
H. B. Hurlburt 387.00
24
Draft on La. Bank, interest on $900 96.00
27
Richards and Montgomery 179.37
27
Magru Kruass and Company 132.00
27
McKean and Casey 138.00
27
New Orleans, Watch &c. 200.00
29
Blacksmith in Town 4.00
31
Dr. Dashiell and Percey 32.00
27
Sexton and Seymour 35.41
27
Ruffin B. 56.00
27
Dr. J. W. King $25, $8.50 33.50
27
A. Ledoux and Company, New Orleans 415.00

February 3
M. and D. Barrow 40.36
J. C. Morris 190.00
Taxes 313.46
Note to I. Parket, endorsement for A. G. Barrow 713.50
P. Levret 58.80
D. Austin 46.41
Wm. McCombs 21.16
6
James Flower Jr. estate "Purchased yesterday" 43.00
10
Dr. King for two year's attendance 179.50
Shaw and Risley, New Orleans 70.00
15
Miles Kelly for horse and mule 300.00
C. A. Jacobs, interest and part of $6,7502 1,750.00
10
J. A. Kelly, Editor, &c. 10.00
Woodville Republican 19.25
Charleston Mercury 5.00

March 20
Allison and Homes, account 400.00
Dr. Baines, the most rascally bill ever paid 144.88
C. Johnson, Life of H. Clay 5.00
W. McCombs and Bell 12.62

April 18
To Canal Bank 167.00
Mr. Shandervaw, for starting mill, &c. 20.00

$13,189.17
R. Mumford $2,200.00
C. Jacobs 5,125.00
Canal Bank 3,750.00
Canal Bank 216.00
Carrolton Bank 248.00
Louisiana Bank 176.00
Louisiana Bank 360.00
Leduc and Company, acceptance 3,587.00
J. Flowers, E. McDermott and my own 1,500.00
Carrolton Bank 270.00
H. B. Hurlburt, my teacher 500.00
H. W. Benjamin 300.00
John Holmes and Allison 855.35
Jno. C. Morris acct. 265.50
Gin stands 360.00
Colins and Duma 252.00
Richards and Montgomery 208.47
Maggie Kner and Co. 79.95
F. V. Oldershausen 247.35
New Orleans Grocers 300.00
J. Buatt 21.00
P. Lebret 50.00
Blacksmith 7.00
Dr. King $302 and Dr. Hurford $7 309.00
Saddle Horse 65.00
Collin and Douglass for mules 1,205.00
Endorsement for Routh 970.00
Taxes 335.20
Shaw and Risley, New Orleans 85.50
Post Office 20.00
Mr. Herrin for Blacksmithing 99.00
March 6
R. Chatham, Blacksmith 12.00
In town, M. B. and R. C. Wederstrand and Company 87.00
T. C. McCrindle, Molasses and Pork 57.00
T. C. McCrindle, Molasses and Pork 122.00
April
To Hutchison and Henry for Horse 100.00

§24,355.32

1845

December
Wm. McCombs $175.00
Jno. C. Moris 36.00
T. McCrindle 150.00
Canal Bank, endorsed for Ratliff 1,200.00
Canal Bank, draft 550.00
H. B. Hurlburt $20, $10, $93 123.00
Town 150.00
Jno. Holmes 90.00
Jno. Holmes 35.00
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APPENDIX V

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Morning cotton less trash in it than any picked this year. Evening cotton usual. 15311 lbs, 42 pickers, 364½ lbs. each.

Sept. 10, 1842

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Cotton as dry as could be, and uncommon hot day. Every day cotton. 21,130 lbs. Average 305 lbs. 69 pickers, eleven children. Considering the day and number of young pickers, best day's work they ever done, a great many unable to pick as much as they would have done, weak, &c. from effects of scarlet fever and measles.
APPENDIX VI

TABLE OF COTTON SALES: 1839-1845 *

1839

| 40 Bales | 16523 lb. @ 12¢ | $1849.37 |
| 40 Bales | 16195 lb. @ 13¢ | 1978.20  |
| 40 Bales | 16365 lb. @ 12½¢| 1886.40  |
| 72 Bales | 30437 lb. @ 113/4¢| 3353.86  |
| 40 Beals| 16121 lb. @ 10¢ | 1499.74  |

December 17, 1839

232 Bales sold - gain 6 Bales 237 lb.

| 6.25 lb. | 314 lb. | 314 Bales sold of 400 lb. | $13542.81 |
| 4 | 6245 lb @ 11¢ | 644.65  |
| 54 Sales | 23153 lb @ 10 3/4¢ | 2330.59  |

530 Bales sold in No. 20

| 398 Bales sold of 400 lb. | 64 Bales sold of 400 lb. 27604 lb. @ 7 | 1775.12  |
| 5 gained | 24 Bales cotton 10642 lb. @ 6¢ | 593.81  |

493.42 of 400 lb.

| 6 | 5344 lb. @ 6¢ | $576.66  |
| 14 Bales cotton 6308 lb. @ 5¢ | 530 Bales of 400 lb. | $19722.42 |

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Crop of 1840 amounted to $17565.16

### 1841

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| 22 Bales | 10018 lb. @ 7 3/8¢ | $700.22 |
| 8 Bales  | 3504 lb. @ 7 3/8¢   | 240.27  |
| 3B.180   | 353.398             |        |
| 4B.218   |                    |        |
| 53 Bales | 1627.73             |        |
| 7 Bales  | 201.11              |        |
| 3 Bales  | 85.39               |        |
| 504 Bales, 1841 |                  | $17014.77 |

### 1842

| 12 Bales weighing 5370 lb. @ 7 3/4¢ | $387.37 |
| 8 Bales weighing 3518 lb. @ 9 1/8¢  | 304.78  |
| 86 Bales weighing 37362 lb. @ 7 1/8¢ | 2601.85 |
| 56 Bales weighing 24591 lb. @ 6 1/8¢ | 1334.85 |
| 46 Bales weighing 20688 lb. @ 6 3/8¢ | 1216.97 |
|                                       | $5895.82 |
| 1.170 lb.                             |        |
| 0.318 lb.                             |        |
| 7.162 lb.                             |        |
| 9.250 lb.                             |        |
| 5.120 lb.                             |        |
| 4                                     |        |
| 9.173 lb.                             |        |
| 28.43                                 |        |
| 105                                   | 45773 lb. @ 5 1/2¢ | 2188.20  |
| 341 Bales 43 lb.                      |        | $8084.02 |
| 46 Bales                              | 20688 lb. @ 6 3/8¢ | 1216.97  |
| 16 Bales                              | 7185 lb. @ 5 1/2¢  | 344.21   |
| 8 Bales                               | 3401 lb. @ 5 5/8¢  | 174.72   |
|                                        | $9819.92 |
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7 lb.

$7274.16

One hundred & twenty five burnt up, loss of $5000.00

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2.234 lb.
2.33 lb.
6.222 lb.
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7.327 lb.
3.122 lb.
6.344 lb.
2.146 lb.
August 18
14 Bales weighing @ 9 1/8¢  507.95

September
12 Bales weighing 5628 lb. @ 7¢  1784.01
15 Bales weighing 6390 lb. @ 7 1/2¢
31 Bales weighing 13119 lb. @ 8¢

October
36 Bales weighing 16003 lb. @ 8¢  1200.80
5 Bales weighing 1961 lb. @ 8¢
59.11 Bales weighing 23534 lb. @ 7 1/8¢
7 Bales weighing 2957 lb. @ 7¢
28.4 Bales weighing 11655 lb. @ 8 1/8¢
35.4 Bales weighing 14276 lb. @ 8¢
32.4 Bales weighing 12898 lb. @ 7 1/8¢
20 Bales weighing 8504 lb. @ 7 1/8¢
38 Bales weighing 5614 lb. @ 7¢
14 Bales weighing 5667 lb. @ 6 5/8¢

345 bales gained
359 Bales in all

$10146.50
### APPENDIX VII

**SLAVE BIRTHS: 1835 - 1846**

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<td>Old Jack</td>
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<td>Died from disease of mother.</td>
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<td>Died suddenly, December 17.</td>
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<td>1839 2 years old</td>
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<td>Sick for 10 or 12 days. Recovering. Caught violent cold and sore throat. Strangled, died in 24 hours after relapse, September 1.</td>
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<td>Marcus</td>
<td>1840 6 years old</td>
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<td>Taken with spasms at one o'clock. Died at eleven. Went to bed well, never spoke from the time he was taken. Spring.</td>
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<td>Kitty</td>
<td>1840 2 years old</td>
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<td>Never spoke after I saw it this morning. Can't account for either of the above two deaths. Uncommon fat child, June 27.</td>
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<td>Old Lucy</td>
<td>1841 49 years old</td>
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<td>Fill's wife. Died this afternoon. In a manner dead for the last nine months. Dropsy of the chest. September 26.</td>
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<td>Monita</td>
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<td>Found her as I returned from the gin house. Sick and then dying. Lived 8 hours. Most robust child on the place, can't account for it. August 21.</td>
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<td>Had dropsy for 12 months. Took the scarlet fever. August 28, 1842.</td>
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<td>Robert</td>
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<td>3 years old</td>
<td>Worms and inflammation. Sick 24 hours after I saw him. Sick 24 hours before a word was said about it. Finest boy I ever saw. July 25.</td>
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<td>Essex</td>
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<td>Killed by falling of cotton house shed, &quot;hard wind&quot;, 3rd of August. Found under the shed.</td>
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<td>Frank</td>
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<td>Anica</td>
<td>Filthiness, in the milk and butter. Her and Darcas alike. December 10, 1840 improved very much.</td>
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<td>Peter</td>
<td>Told me several lies Christmas. Drunkard, etc.</td>
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<td>Saw Dennis while runaway.</td>
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<td>Isreal</td>
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<td>G. Jerry</td>
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<td>For going to town with very dirty clothes and keeping himself so, &quot;generally.&quot;</td>
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<td>Mary</td>
<td>For scorning son Bat. &quot;Stories, etc.&quot;</td>
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<td>For taking rails and breaking good ones.</td>
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<td>Margaret</td>
<td>With Hannah, but taking none but pieces.</td>
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<td>0. Hannah</td>
<td>X Not trashing cotton enough. Found the gin</td>
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2 X signifies whipping.
stopped every time I've been down at the G's. place.

Bet X Not trashing cotton enough.
Patience Not trashing cotton enough.
Julia Not trashing cotton enough.
Creasy Not trashing cotton enough.
Maria Not trashing cotton enough.
Harriet Not trashing cotton enough, and dirty clothes.
F. Jerry X Up too late and out of his house.
Jerry X Up to late and out of his house.
Frank X Up to late and out of his house.
L. Tom X Up too late and out of his house.
Demp X Up too late and out of his house.
Bet X Up after 10 o'clock.
Ben Up after 10 o'clock.
D. Bartley X Up after 10 o'clock.
Wade X Up after 10 o'clock.
Ralph X Up after 10 o'clock.
Jenney X Up after 10 o'clock.
Bartley X Up after 10 o'clock.
Betsey X Up after 10 o'clock.
Milly X Up after 10 o'clock.
Wash Carelessness with his plough, horses, gear, etc.
Oney Carelessness with his plough, horses, gear, etc.
Dave L. Neglect in hauling cotton repeatedly.
Levi Neglect in hauling cotton repeatedly.
Wash Neglect of his horses.
Ralph X Neglect of his horses.
Randall Up too late, sleeping in chair, etc.
Darcas Up too late, sleeping in chair, etc.
Luce Neglect of child. Its foot burnt.
Jim Inattention to work, moving seed and impudence to Driver.
G. Jerry Inattention to work.
Lize X Inattention to work.
Bet
July X
Harriett X
Fanney X
Jenney X
Margaret X
Creasy X
Jinsey X
Maria X
Patience X
Grace X
Levi X Carelessness with his oxen and talking to the workman. Neglect of business.
Bartley X Careless in dropping seed, disowning it, etc.
Bet

3 Unusually severe whipping.
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<td>Severity to his mules.</td>
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<td>Wade</td>
<td>For lying, and out of his house.</td>
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<td>Hoeing to careless, and mad.</td>
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<td>Oney</td>
<td>Sore back horse.</td>
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<td>Made Hannah O. lead her round the quarter, for denying Patience had told her so, and after finding I would trace it up owned it. The first time ever knew her to do so.</td>
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<td>And all the house ones for general bad conduct. Can't let a peach get ripe, etc.</td>
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<p>|             | Saw me coming to the house at 120. left the kitchen, etc. Of near two days, foil ed her having anything to do with anyone, and chained at nights. |
| O. Fill     | Not reporting the plough hands for injuring the cotton covering up bottom limbs, etc. |
| Demps       | Sound beating with my stick. Impudence of manner.                           |
| Atean       | Covering up cotton limbs with ploughs.                                      |
| Isreal      | Covering up cotton limbs with ploughs.                                      |
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Couldn't find him after whipping the above
negors.
Gave him a whipping that will
last him some time.
Late and idle.
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Being up after hours
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Being up after hours etc., "and attempting
to hide something stoled, etc."
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Chickens stole before Christmas, etc.
For not attending to my dogs.
Ran off after my ordering him to his house.
Alfred reported
Idle in seeding corn.
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Impudent manner and not working.
Not working.
Not working.
Not working.
For going to Robt. H. B. place without permission.
For going to Robt. H. B. Place without permission.
For riding horse at night.
Jim Butler's money was stolen from him while asleep in the kitchen. No one in there but those within the lines.
General neglect of his stock.
General neglect of his stock.
General neglect of his milk and things.
For whipping Bartly during my absence.
Present and handed Wade a stick, says he did not know what he wanted with it.
( in the night ).
Bad work and little of it. Not spinning.
Not working.
Not working.
Not working.
Not working, and pretending to be sick.
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<td>Anica</td>
<td>For neglect of sick. The worst kind of a whipping. Dave Bartley spitting blood since yesterday, January 14, 1844, and she said nothing about it to me. Now creeks so high can't go after a doctor.</td>
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GLOSSARY

**Airing cotton**: drying cotton.

**Barring off cotton**: the turning of the earth to the "middles" along the cotton row. The operation was usually performed with a one-horse plow.

**Big House**: the habitation of the plantation owner. The traditional southern plantation home immediately is pictured in the mind. The term was only rarely applied to the house of the overseer on a plantation belonging to an absentee owner unless it was of unusual size.

**Bolls**: pods of cotton.

**Bottom**: low ground, usually in a river valley or next to a stream.

**Breaking out middles**: the first plowing of the land in the Spring months, usually done with turn-plows.

**Camp**: headquarters of runaway slaves usually in the deep recesses of the swamps.

**Chopping cotton**: the cultivation of the plant with hoes. The term was sometimes applied to the thinning process.

**Coal wood**: wood brought in from the forests and swamps to be turned for charcoal.

**Commission merchant**: the middle man who handled the planter's crop. He charged a commission which varied with the region. In many cases he acted as the planter's agent, advancing him credit and making purchases of supplies.

**Cut**: a small field, i.e., "Race Track Cut," "Little Gate Cut," "Little Creek Cut," "Gin House Cut," "Cherry Tree Cut," "Pond Cut," "Upper New Cut," and others.

**Deering**: deer hunting.
Drawing the seine: seining fish.

Driver: foreman of a slave gang. After 1839 Barrow gave his drivers much responsibility as he no longer employed overseers.

Driving: the hunting of deer or fox by a party of mounted men. Dogs might or might not be employed.

Factor: see commission merchant.

Fasted: a form of slave punishment in which the individual was deprived of one or more meals.

Fields: a separate block of land, larger than a cut, and usually devoted to the cultivation of one crop, i.e., "Penrice," "Clark," "Jack P. New Ground," "Lane P. New Ground."

Floating out logs: floating logs out of the swamps.

Frolic: a jollification; applied to both whites and blacks.

Gangs: the organization of a small group of slaves, under the direction of a driver, for the performance of one plantation operation.

Giging: fishing with a spear or small harpoon. The term also applies to riding in a two-wheeled, one-horse carriage.

Gin: a machine for cutting the lint or fiber from the cotton seed.

Gin house: a house in which the cotton was ginned.

Hand sawing: a form of slave punishment. The slave was given a task of cutting wood with a hand saw.

Harrow: an agricultural implement set with iron or wooden teeth used to level the ground and break the clods.

Hilling corn: drawing the earth up to the corn with hoes.

Hilling potatoes: storing potatoes in mounds of earth lined with straw, hay, or dried moss.

Hired men: men hired by the day to build or repair plantation buildings or machinery.

Hospital: building used for the caring of sick slaves.

Jail: building used for the detention of refractory slaves.
Knocking stalks: leveling the preceding year's stalks preparatory to the plowing of the soil.

Lice: plant lice.

Middles: the ridges between the rows of cotton or corn.

Moulding cotton (moulding corn): throwing the earth from the middles toward the cotton or corn plants.

New-ground: land only recently cleared and put in cultivation.

Old-land: land which had been in cultivation for several years.

Patrolle: patrolling of slave quarters, plantation buildings, etc., to guard against stealing or other disturbances.

Picking cotton: the gathering or harvesting of the cotton crop.

Plow lines: running of furrows preparatory to plowing or planting the crop.

Potatoes: while Barrow raised both sweet and Irish potatoes the term is usually applied to those of the sweet variety.

Pressing cotton: the compressing of cotton bales into the smallest unit possible to facilitate handling.

Pulling corn: the gathering of corn from the stalks.

Pulling fodder: the stripping of the leaves from corn for use as forage for livestock.

Racing: the organizing of slaves into two competing gangs. Various rewards were given the winning gang.

Raking heads: the cleaning of negro heads before inspection. The term was used to refer to the general cleaning up process enforced by Barrow once a week.

Rations: distribution of various food-stuffs to slaves.

Rattocns: shoots growing from the roots of preceding year sugar cane plantings.

Rolling logs: the assembling of waste timber for burning or of logs for sawing.

Road gang: negroes delegated to work the roads.

Runaway: any slave absent without leave.
Running cotton: plowing or hoeing close to the rows of growing cotton plants.

Scaffold: wooden platforms upon which damp or wet cotton was dried.

Scaffolding cotton: the act of drying cotton upon a scaffold.

Scaffold yard: the enclosure in which the scaffold was located.

Scraper: implement for shallow plowing. It was used in dry seasons for merely breaking the crust of the soil, thereby retaining the moisture.

Scraping cotton: plowing cotton with a scraper.

Seeding cotton: separating the seeds from the lint; ginning.

Siding cotton: plowing very close to the cotton plants.

Splitting middles: dividing the ridges thrown up between the two rows of plants.

Staking: fastening a refractory slave to the ground with stakes. It was a severe punishment as the thongs which held the arms and legs were sometimes drawn very tightly. This punishment was used infrequently by Barrow.

Stalle horses: the act of keeping horses in small lots or in stalls.

Stand: a location where hunters waited for deer, turkeys or other game. Slaves were sometimes used to drive the game within gun-shot of the hunters.

Stubble: Stalks which grew from the roots of sugar cane a third year without replanting.

Suckers: shoots growing from corn stalks.

Suckering: the stripping of suckers from the corn stalks.

Sucklers: slave mothers with suckling babies. They were usually given light tasks near the slave quarters.

Syrup: the making of syrup from sugar cane. Syrup was an important by-product of the sugar industry.

Thinning cotton: the thinning of the separate cotton or corn plants to the proper distance apart in the row.
Trash gang: gang set at the task of separating trash from the cotton.

Trasher: machine for trashing cotton.

Whipping cotton: beating the cotton to free it from dirt.
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A. PRIVATE MANUSCRIPT COLLECTIONS

Amiss Papers. A collection of several hundred letters in the possession of Miss Leocadie Amiss, Baton Rouge, Louisiana. Many of the letters are of the period of the Civil War but they reflect plantation conditions and customs in the Florida parishes.

Baker Collection. A collection of valuable plantation documents owned by Mrs. Laura Baker, Natchez, Mississippi. Probably the most valuable of the papers are the plantation diaries of Captain John Baptiste Nevitt and Everard Green Baker.

Barrow Collection, O. N. A collection of Barrow genealogical materials in the possession of Mr. O. N. Barrow, Danville, Virginia.

Barrow Family Records. A group of Barrow genealogical records owned by Mrs. D. I. Norwood, Highland plantation, Bains, Louisiana. Included are the MSS. "History of the Joor's" written in 1839 by S. B. Joor, the manuscript "Memoir of the Barrow Family" written by Martha Barrow Turnbull about 1860, and the MSS. "History of the Barrow Family" written by John J. Barrow about 1886.

Barrow Genealogy Collection. Mrs. Louise Barrow Browne, New Orleans, Louisiana, has assembled many papers, letters, and other materials relating to the history of the Barrow family. Not all of these materials have been examined; only those pertinent to Bennet H. Barrow and his

*Bibliographical note: Most of the items listed below have been of little actual assistance to the writer because of the fact that this work is primarily an editorial project and not a monographic study. They have, however, been of inestimable value in giving a fairly accurate picture of those glamorous days in the parish of West Feliciana, and the knowledge thus gained has aided materially in the general preparation of the work. Bennet H. Barrow was but a single planter living in a southern plantation society and to understand the individual one must attempt to understand the civilization in which he lived. This bibliography, then, has served as a guide to the writer at all stages during the preparation of "Bennet H. Barrow, Planter of West Feliciana Parish, Louisiana."
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Byran MSS. A small group of letters in the possession of Mrs. Annis Bryan, Natchez, Mississippi. Most of the letters refer to the Bryan family.

Butler Collection. This remarkable collection of ante-bellum manuscripts has been assembled by Miss Louise Butler, The Cottage Plantation, Bains, Louisiana. It contains several thousand items, including diaries, memoirs, letters, legal papers, etc., relating to the Florida parishes and Southwest Mississippi. Much of the material has been copied and checked by the collector, who is a local historian of some note.

Butler MSS.; Reverend Thomas. A group of manuscripts in the possession of Miss Sarah Butler, New Orleans, Louisiana. For the most part they relate to the work of The Reverend Thomas Butler, one of the early ministers of West Feliciana parish. Included in this collection is the manuscript "Journal of the Proceedings of the Conventions of the Clergy and Churches in the State of Louisiana, 1838-1850," which is in reality a history of organized religion in the parish during the first half of the nineteenth century.

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