William had had many advantages
before he improved them in a
proper manner.

Jos Kirsey

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Jos. L. Kinsey.
Prisoner of War,
Johnson's Island.
Sandusky, Ohio.
Jan. 24th, 1864

$$12 + \frac{x}{12} = x$$

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$$11x = 144$$

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To sister Mary-
Dear

On the 10th of March 1862 I joined the army and was in the battle at New-berne, N.C. March 14th, Untill the 13th of May I was at Kinston, N.C. May 20th at Raleigh N.C On June 15th my company was sent to Wilmington N.C., and remained there until Sept. 20th, when the Regt. under Command of Col. Radcliffe went to Smithville N.C - Oct. 1st we moved to North-East Station. Oct. 10th we moved to Everetts-ville - Oct 20th to Tarboro'. Oct. 22nd we left for Plymouth and stopped at Williamston the 24th - at Jamesville the 26th and 4 miles distant from Plymouth the next following -

On Sunday we were in a battle at Planes Mills Near Williamston, Martin Co, N.C. and in a skirmish Near Tarboro'
and left Tarboro for Washington N.C
arrived at Greenville Dec 1st. Dec 7th we left for Kinston and fought the enemy there the 13th & 14th of Dec. Dec. 17th we fought the same force near Goldsboro' N.C
We marched from Goldsboro' to Wilmington arriving Jan 1st 1863. March 1st we were ordered to Charleston and remained there untill the 15th and went to Savannah Ga. — there we remained to

days and returned to Charleston
and were encamped on
James Island until
after the attack on Ft Sum-
ter the 7th of Apr 1863, when
we returned to Wilmington
July 11th we returned to
Charleston - July 17th we at-
tack the gunboat Pawnee in
Stono River driving it off.
July 18th the bombardment of
Ft Wagner commenced early in
the morning - lasted during the
day and was charged by infantry
at night and the yankees gloriously whipped
That night our Regt. moved
on Sullivans Island and
relieved troops every five
or six days at Ft Wagner
until the 26th of Aug.

when I with 68 men of my Regt. were captured in the rifle pits at Wagner by the 24th Mass. Regt. I was kept on Morris Island several days after my capture and then sent to Hilton Head, S.C. Oct. 3rd. I was sent on board the Steamer Fulton bound for New-York and arrived there Oct. 6th stopping on Govs. Island three days. Oct. 9th I was sent from New-York for Johnsons Island, Ohio. and arrived the next day. On Johnsons Island I found about 2300 Confederate Officers in a pen said to contain 12 acres. In this pen I am a prisoner

of war to-night Jan. 5th, 1864. I spent the Christmas of 1863 on Johnsons Island and as it was the first I hope it will be the last. Jan. 1st was a cold day.

" Two 5 prisoners escaped from Block 10—4 making their escape good.

To-day the ground is covered with snow and the weather cold.

Jan 6th. Nothing more than every day occurrences transpiring to-day.

Jan 7th. To-day all the prisoners seem to be elated with the news of an early exchange, and the oath of allegiance is offered to all who wish to remain North none has accepted it yet.

Jan. 8th One man took the oath of allegiance to the U. S. government and was hooted at and kicked as he left the prison. The weather is still cold and lake frozen.

Jan. 9th. The health of the prisoners is good the number of deaths averaging one per day.

Jan. 10th Nothing of importance transpiring to-day.

Jan. 11th. Lieut. Norwood of So. Ca died in the hospital to-day.

Jan. 12th The Yankees report an exchange as agreed upon and all the prisoners seem to be jubilant.

Jan. 13th. The news of an exchange has proved to be "grape" and the guard at this place has been reinforced by Gen. Terry's

Brigade from the Army of the Potomac.

Jan. 14th. The weather has moderated a little and the snow is melting — nothing further has transpired worth noting.

Jan. 15th It is reported that Longstreet's forces has whipped the Yanks in East Tenn.

Jan. 16th The apparent change in the weather has turned to a snow storm and the snow is falling fast.

Jan 17th The prisoners of the different blocks have turned out and having fine sport at the snowball game

Jan. 18th. Nothing of importance finds its way to us in prison.

The boys still continue the

snow ball game.

Jan. 19th. Finds the prisoners generally low-spirited and the weather cold.

Jan. 20th. The snow continues to fall at intervals.

Jan 21st. The boys had a hard fight to day with snow balls - both parties claiming a victory.

Jan 22nd. No news from the outside reaches here concerning exchange. The health of the prisoners is bad several dying each day. The snow is melting slowly and the nights bright and cold.

Jan. 23rd. In this dark prison to night, without one thought to amuse, without one idea to interest me

Dum listening at the whizzing wind and different calls of the sentinels – "all is well." No such thing as news reaches here to brighten the hopes of a prisoner in confinement, or afford past time conversation; so we have to sit and wear out our patience ~~out~~ while listening to the different Officers relate incidents that have occurred in different regiments, armies and campaigns. So ends the day. Jan. 24th.

This is another Sunday that finds me here idleing away the precious moments of my short life, while the prospects of my leaving here, instead of growing brighter become more

gloomy as each successive day passes by. Each day closes and I am none the wiser or better.

Jan. 25th. The weather is growing pleasant and spring-like, and the snow has almost disappeared and the prisonyard become muddy indeed.

Jan. 26th. Nothing of interest reaches here and the same monotony of prison life continues.

Jan. 27th. The weather is mild and pleasant.

Jan 28th, Nothing of interest

" 29 The weather has taken a sudden change to a cold windy day.

" 30th Nothing new nor no change in the weather.

" 31st The weather is cold and windy.

Feb 1st

Nothing of interest transpiring today.

Feb 7th

To day is another sundays passing off and I still on Johnsons Island whiling away the precious moments of my life in confinement.

Feb 9th.

To day a lot of several hundred prisoners left here for Point Lookout.

Apr 3rd

The weather is mild and pleasant.

Apr 20 Seven hundred sick prisoners leaves for exchange

May 2nd
The weather is cold and rainy, some snow falling
" 3rd
No more snow falls but the wind blows very hard indeed
" 4th
The weather is mild and pleasant and nothing disturbs the quiet here. W. W. Crossthwaite claimed to be a May McCausland Scouts was tried by the Texans in prison and made denie being a Texan and also being a Confederate Major.
The health of the prison is tolerably good — no deaths having occurred for several days.
The yankees are preparing to enlarge the prison

by setting the wall of water from the prison quarters.

May 6th

The weather is cloudy and shows signs of rain. News from Va informs us of the advance of Grant's army and the retreat of Lee's. The yanks seem to be proud as if Richmond was now theirs, and shout hurrahs for Gen. Grant. Hospital is tolerably full, though not many deaths. Deaths average one per week. To day Capt Dodson, 29th N C Regt died of fever.

Nothing else of interest transpiring worth recording.

May 7th

The weather is cloudy and raining. Capt Day & Lt Ga. Regt. died of typhoid fever.

" 8th — This morning the weather is fine and pleasant. Divine services are going on in the different blocks to day and every thing seems to be quiet. The Yankees are decamping outside to night or are rejoicing over news from Va — we know not which

May 9th

Rumors from Va. tell us that fighting of the most horrible nature is now going on. The Yankees say that their forces have taken Petersburg, but it is not believed

in the "Bull Pen". Gen
Terry and his command
leaves for Washington City
to day and Middleton fill
the place of guard here with
the 128th Ohio Regt. No news
through the papers yet have
reached here so that we can
form any idea how the
tide of battle is going in Va.
Though we have confidence
enough in Gen. Lee to think
that all will be well, still
some fears exist; for upon that
fight depend exchange of pris-
oners and the prospects of an
early peace. The papers ac-
knowledge a heavy loss of
men in wounded — but
6 thousand are being
sent to Washington City
from Gettys burg —

dark clouds and heavy rain makes it very dark as the shades of night approach.

May 10th

The dawn of daylight is here, but heavy, black clouds still hover around this lonely island, while the violent winds have in the wildest agitation the quiet waters of Lake Erie. News from Va. tells of the severe and bloody conflict between Grant and Lee. Nothing decisive yet. The rain continues to fall.

May 11th.

The weather is fine and pleasant never from Va, considering the channel through which we have to get it, tells us that Gen. Lee has ably held his own ground and

punished the secesh severely; we have no fears just now.

May 12th

Telegrams from the papers give various rumors concerning the battles in Va. Lee is reported to have been driven from his works at Spottsylvania C. H. The enemy's loss is very heavy especially in Genl. Officers. Genls. Warren & Sedgwick both wounded & Crawford & Cowdrey are dead. Their loss in killed, wounded, & captured is now seven ten Generals.

May 13th

News collected from the Sandusky paper tells of another great fight but no advantage for either party yet. An extra published in Sandusky to day con-

turn startling news for the yankees. They claim to have May Gen "Ned" Johnson and his Div with 24 pieces of Artly. They also claim to have Lee in retreat and 7000 prisoners. To hear such bad news when penned as we are and hear the repeated cheers of the blue-coats, is really annoying. We do not believe all we hear. The weather certainly is warm.

To Sister Mary

May 13th.

In Prison.

A few moments of each day, I spend in noting down events that occur to my knowing. If I never see home and the dear ones

there I hope this little book
you will see. When I en-
tered the service of the Confed-
erate States, May 20 1861 intended to keep
a diary but the duties of my
new avocation, together with
my gipsies neglect caused
me to fail in fulfilling my
intentions until I was
captured Aug. 26th/63.
To day I am prisoner and
unusually low spirited, owing
to the news that the enemy seem
to be so jubilant over. They
claim to have defeated Lee
and routed his army.
To be here in confinement, to hear
nothing to cheer us in lonely
hours when so far from home
in an enemy's country a prisoner,
is indeed, a trial that not every

our experiences. Oh, on an Island in the Lake of Water where escape is impossible, and exchange "pleasantry" and at a time when our countrymen are engaging in one of the severest battles of the war, and nothing but news of disaster reaching us, is enough almost to disturb a wooden man. At different times I have taken notice of events worth recording. Glancing over them you will learn something of my time and nature of my capture. The passing of time in prison is a difficult matter, indeed, and to advantage is very hard; so at times I find myself in deep soliloquies and

very often upon the wings of imagination I am in the presence of you, Brother and Sister Martha talking of the past. Oh - that it could be real! Adieu. J.L.

May 14th.

This morning the news is not so bad and leaves in less doubt about Lee's safety. They claim of the last battle at Spotsylvania One Maj. Gen & two Brigadiers with 8000 prisoners and 30 pieces of Art.

The weather continues cloudy & dry and some rain is falling. The weather is very cool for the middle of May. Spring seems to be near at hand. The trees are putting forth leaves and

deep. There seem to have
a strong current approaching
West of here in the distance
we can view a wheat field,
but no thing else can be seen
but the water surrounding
us.

May 15th — As to day is Sunday
no news papers are sent in.
Everything seems to be silent
in Texas. It is reported the
Mexican has repulsed Johnson
capturing 3 or 4 pieces of
artillery & not believed.

May 16th

To day the weather is beautiful
and spring like, and everything
wears the aspect of quietude
The news from Tex. is nothing
but a recapitulation of the
last victories claimed by the Yank

They yesterday thus Sherman
moving over Johnson at
Dalton, Ga. is confirmed.
We have no news here.
The confidence in Gen.
Lee and his troops is so
great here that in spite
of all discouraging tele-
grams in abolition
papers, we believe him
to be nobly and gallantly
holding his own at
Spotsylvania C.H.
The enemy fully admit
a loss of 40,000 men in
the recent engagement,
which continues in that
ill so much larger.
I believe of the greatest
anxiety we felt in the "Bull
Pen" above the news

Yankees to stay
Grant is withdrawn,
Sigel is on the retreat
in the valley and Sher-
idan is calling for 30,
000 more men. "Bully"
May 20th.
News from the seat of war
is still favorable for us. In
addition to every body else
in Yankeedom being Whipped
Ben Butler has become de-
moralized and retreated
towards Ft. Monroe, too.
May 22nd
Nothing new reaches
here to put down our fears.
Troops are say that another
great battle is pending to
be between Grant and Lee.

May 26th

Persons captured at Fredericksburg have arrived during about Thursday

May 27th

No news from Va, that we can collect anything definite from, has been recd.

Telegrams from Southern journals are very favorable. They announce the surrender of eight thousand prisoners at Alexandria to Gen Dick Taylor. Banks having made his escape with five thousand troops. The weather now is very favorable and pleasant.

May 30th

More prisoners arrived to night — only 12 or 13 in number. News from Va is very favorable. The weather is fine and pleasant.

June 16th —

The weather warm and pleasant, — The news from the different armies is favorable as could be expected.

July 12th

Since my last note no particular change has taken place on the field of operations in Va — Until to day when the news papers from all quarters are telling of the "Reb's" doing great mischief in Md. Threatening Washington &

Baltimore. Many trains and prisoners have been captured on the rail-road leading from Baltimore north and between Baltimore and Washington City. Among the prisoners are Maj. Gen. Franklin & Brig. Gen. Tyler. Great excitement prevails. The Florida is now striking a heavy blow to Yankee shipping.

July 31st

While the weather continues warm news papers are daily telling of dreadfull fighting in Ga. Prisoners continue to arrive in small squads from Hoods army.

Aug. 21st

The weather is warm and no signs of an exchange comes.

Oct 2nd. To day is rainy and cold. The sunny days of summer have flit and cold winter is near at hand. Prospects of staying on this Island another cold winter almost makes me despondent. The great campaign that was to wipe out the rebellion is nearly over and the Yanks calling for 500.000 more men to put down the infamous rebellion. Lee is still himself. Earley is monarch of the Valley. Atlanta is gone, but Forrest with his brave band is in Ky. Terrn, and Kirby Smith and old "Pap" Price are leading their columns of brave veterans through Arkansas and has

the "Bonnie Blue Flag" waving on the plains of Mo. The North is greatly divided in its politics — so much so that the chances for Mr Lincolns re-election are not very promising.

Oct. 7th

Winter is here. A cold rain and frequent snow falls to-day. A second batch of sick and wounded prisoners leaves to-morrow for the sunny south. Some special exchanges are taking place which has a tendency to darken the prospects for a general exchange. Military affairs are as favorable as we could expect — and more so in Mo. Price has possession of the state

Oct. 13th — To day adds one more to my lonely career and the third to my second year on this Island. Politics North seem to be turning democratic, though few believe McClellan will be elected President. News from Mo is cheering. Price seems to be driving the Yanks from the State and they seem unprepared to check the invasion.

Oct 21st We have a regular snow storm to day and the weather appears like winter indeed.

Nov. 1st The war news is un important — politics seems to be the topic of the day and apparently there is no war

going in this iceberg of a country.

Nov. 10th Election passed and Abraham Lincoln is President still. All who founded their hopes upon McClellan's election look sad and talk of a gloomy future for us, poor, unfortunate "rebs."

Nov. 26th, Today the 18th month of my captivity finds me still on Johnson's Island. Things have undergone many changes. Grants campaign in Va is a failure, Sherman has cut loose from all his supplies & communications with his government and pitched headlong into the heart of Ga. leaving Hood master

of Trans. In the Trans-
Miss Dept. there seems to be
no war.
Dec. 15th Winter is here but the
fighting is not over. Hood has
had a fight at Franklin, Tenn
drove the Yanks, and is now
threatening Nashville.
Sherman has it is supposed
reached the coast below
Savannah, but with what
force no one knows. Ga like
other of her sister States has rec'd
the tramp of the invader and
now lies desolate many of her
quiet homesteads. Many of
the prisoners in here say the
situation is "bully" and I
say so too but it is bullying
the wrong way for me.
It is natural for prisoners to be
low spirited at times.

Dec. 17th. Additional from Linn. Believing Yankee news Hood and his army has been wiped out. Mr Stanton telegraphs to day that Thomas has whipped Hood in front Nashville - but no one believes it, nevertheless it makes us feel bad to hear bad news if it is a lie.

Dec 25th Another christmas finds me on Johnson's Island - very unexpectedly so. The prospects for an exchange have "played out" altogether and I believe now I shall spend several more christmas here if I should live. Yesterday Capt. McKibben made his escape and to day Col M L. Wood left on special exchange.

Jan 1st 1865

Another new year and I am prisoner yet on this lonely and desolate Island. How many more new years I shall be found here is but a matter of conjecture with us now.

The weather is very cold and the lake is still frozen sufficient for the Yankees to be brought over. Campaigning in Va is over but in Ga the war horse is still at work. Everything in Texas has resumed its usual quiet; some prisoners belonging to the Trans-Miss. Dept are preparing for exchange

Jan. 19th

The departure of the prisoners of the Miss. Dept. has taken place and the prison is again quiet.

Feby 1st. The "Bull Pen" is full of excitement over the exchange "grape" Some are sanguine of being exchanged while others are doubtfull thinking that is all for effect.

Feby 15th. There can be no farther doubt of the exchange it is now going on.

Feby. 22nd. Three batches of one hundred each have left and other leaves today. Yesterday an order from Sandusky City tells of the vocalizing and burning of

Charleston, S.C., fall of Columbia, evacuation of Richmond and demoralization generally. Such news while one is so much elated over the prospect of exchange, brings about an unpleasant, sickening & demoralizing reaction.

March 1st. The weather has moderated some and the ice is melting, so that in a few days more prisoners will leave for exchange. The news is mixed considerably. Sherman is no one knows where and many unfounded rumors extracted from Richmond papers tell of his defeat daily, but it has little

credence here, owing
mostly to his former success
and as we know that an
inferior force is opposing him. The sadness
of the evacuation of Wilmington
is cleared several
days since and it is
now reported that
Sherman & Schofield
has formed a junc-
tion at Fayetteville N.C.
No one believes the latter.
March 4th
To day Abraham Lincoln
is inaugurated a second
time and four years
again seems to be awaiting
us again.
Mar. 5th The inaugural
has taken place and

Andy Johnson appears in the Senate chamber drunk to receive the oath. Hell may the republicans feel ashamed of their drunken Vice Pres. Mar. 10 The ice has disappeared from the bay and we soon be on our way to Dixie The news of Gen Early's capture is cheering, but Sherman is wading through No. Ca. at his pleasure.

Mar. 11th Three hundred prisoners left for exchange to-day and leaves me more hopefull. This day three years ago I was in the battle of Newborne.

Mar. 26th

This is the 19th month of captivity and 19th on Johnson's Island.

Apr. 1st While Sherman is marching and fighting in N.C., Grant has commenced active operations in Va. We anticipate the fall of Richmond.

Apr. 3rd

Richmond is gone and oh how jubilant the Yanks. are over it. They claim a greatt deal. but we believe that Gen. Lee has made a good retreat. Many of the prisoners are low spirited and apparently are subjugated. I say go on, Lee, while Gen. Lee sticks to the helm

Apr. 5th
News from Va continues to arrive and very unfavorable too, but we have only Yankee accounts. They claim several thousand prisoners.
Apr. 7th Another fight has taken place in which Generals Ewell Kershaw Custis Lee are made prisoners. The news is very heavy but we must still hope for the best — the worst can but come. The fall of Richmond affects us in two ways, first we know its fall will have a bad moral effect, and the next, and most important too to us is that it will temporarily

if not finally stop the exchange. The thought of having to remain in this miserable prison, and Sherman desolating my home is to bad. Oh how long, how long! Apr. 9th. The weather is changing — snow is falling quite fast though not unexpected in this out-of the way place. The news from Va is still heavy. They have captured Curtis and S. H. Lee, and killed W. H. F. Lee — quite heavy on the Lee family certain. At Burkesville they claim to have whipped Lee beyond all redemption on the strength of the

"going up" of Richmond many of our border state prisoners are calling out for the Amnesty. "Go on Tom"

Apr 10th – Gen Lee has surrendered the A. N. V. to Gen. Grant. The "Bull Pen" is badly demoralized, and we all expect to have to swallow the eagle before we can get out of this prison. Never did I expect to see a time – when our gallant armies would surrender to the enemy that they have whipped on so many bloody fields of battle.

Apr. 15th

I am sick with Erysipelas and feel awful beyond description – sick,

whipped, demoralized and shall have to take the oath! Oh what a time! I want to go home.

Apr. 26th Gen. Johnson has surrendered the remnant of our army to Gen Sherman in No. Ca. So ends the rebellion. To day is the twentieth month of my imprisonment. Oh how much longer! Among many other officers, and many of high rank too, I am an applicant for the amnesty oath. Little did I ever dream of this.

May 1st. I am convalescent and hope to be well soon and on my way home. Mobile is captured and every command surrendering

May 19th Been out of prison and on my way home. Have given Genl. Meade Lee's order this afternoon for paroling. I have Capt. Norman, 2nd N.C. Lt. Lowell, 14th N.C. Lt. Miles, 1st S.C. Rifles and Lt. D. W. Reese, 66th Ga. About 40 prisoners were released from prison to-day and are now speeding their way home on the different rail roads leading from Lynchburg.

May 20th. This morning we paroled our men at Newark, O. after laying over six hrs. The citizens treated the boys here quite kindly. In a word

We are having a fine time generally.
May 21st yesterday afternoon we arrived at Kellar Ohio where we are waiting over for B. O. train. 10 o'clock and we are off. The wife of Gen Sherman is aboard. We are travelling through a very hilly and mountainous country West Virginia.
May 22nd We have to wait ~~on~~ at Cacapon creek high water having washed away the bridge. ~~on~~ Afternoon and we are in W. Va. ~~and~~ tracking towards Harpers Ferry where the bridge is also washed away.

May 23d

We left Horses Ferry at 6 o'clock this morning, and reached Baltimore at Noon and are now on board the Steam Boat Louisiana for Port Monroe. The weather is fine and pleasant and as the distance between us and our homes lessens, so our anxiety to reach them increases. Already we feel the Southern breeze.

" 24th

This morning we find ourselves at Fort Monroe. Everything seems free of life about here and the spirit

It in which our late
Pres. & C.C. Clay are now
miserable captives, with
her bristling guns
looking out upon the bay
apparently bid defiance
to the world.
May 25th Today we are
at Norfolk, Va. and have
to lay over until to-
morrow, Norfolk is quite
a large and busy city.
May 26th
We are now on board
the big Gazelle bound
for Newberne through
the Canal via Roanoke
Sound. About 9 o'clock
met the steamboat Dixie

and boarded her for
Prairie Island.
Reached the Island at
11 o'clock and boarded
the Pilot Boy for Stillwater.
May 27th
Reached Stillwater
all safe and sound.
Will be at home to-
morrow
May 28th. Here we
I am home. And
you all a pleasant
surprise indeed. Now
I shall spend a few
weeks among my
friends and relatives
and then enter the
busy scenes of civil
life.
D. D. S.

July 10th

Today I take charge of this school for a livelihood. Quite a contrast presents itself. A few days I was a prisoner inside the prison walls of Johnsons' Island. Now I am called a country school teacher. My school is small only 24 scholars.

July 12th

My little school is progressing finely. In a log school house with fourteen little "brats" all in their abs. abs & abs. I feel like I am monarch of all I survey.

July 17th

One week of my school is taught and I am still at work with fourteen scholars.

Dec. — My school is out and I am but little better off in the money line than I was before commencing. However by it I was enabled to while away the time very agreeably

Dec. 25th. Christmas morning finds me at Uncle Isaac Brown's taking eggnog. Quite a contrast between this and the last — Christmas night finds me at N. F. White's party where I am no longer soliloqui-

ging over sad realities but basking in the sunshine of love. Woman, Oh Woman! your charms are sufficient at times to cause us poor mortals men, to cease to bow, worship and adore our God yield that incumbent duty, lie down at the shrine of love and there resolve to die drinking of its pleasures.

Jan 31st 1866.

This new-year finds me no longer a prisoner of War on Johnson's Island (which was almost as miserable to me as I imagine Pluto's dark regions are) but pursuing a peaceful, but lazy avocation for a livelihood

And while considered a lazy calling it generally requires a smart man to do it justice.
My aims in the future must say whether I am a fit subject for the undertaking.
I speak of School Master and although I am not teaching now I expect to be in a few weeks.
Feby 10 I am now spending a few weeks with my old friend and Capt W Byrd, studying surveying.
Feb 16th
To day I found myself in a respectable looking school-house not far from Mr. Kennedy's with eighteen scholars - mostly little brats, though generally

of a larger caliber than those at Mr. Forehams.
Some called me Mr Lincoln while the others called me Orion Joe. I was somewhat surprised at so many claiming kin with me.
March 1st
My school is progressing finely have 21 scholars all reciting.
March 7th.
Everything moves onward — none of those tormenting irregularities that annoy country school-teachers generally have yet beset me in my "professional duties"
March —
Yesterday, the third instead as I attended a wedding

at Mr Jno Smiths—
Mr Wm. P. Jones and
Miss Turnage were united
in bonds of matrimony.
After the matrimonial
ceremonies were over we
attended preaching at
"Whit" Turners, where Rev.
Rhodes officiated for some
time. This I guess, after
which we returned to Mr
Smiths, and after drink-
ing wine around some
of his "old" Kentucky Whiskey
we replenished the inner
man by taking on a
supply of his turnip greens
and ham — finally the
"dessert" fritters and
honey. Oh it was ex-
cellent.

I.N.

Apr. 12th

Windy and disagreeable March has left and the pleasant morning breezes of Apr. as they sweep gently by, revive our latent energies, and fan the tender buds of the trees just expanding their ~~tender~~ green leaves and tender foliage beneath the genial rays of the resplendant sun, that apparently glides so smoothly through the blue and azured vault of heaven.

Apr. 23rd This morning dark clouds float hurriedly through the ethereal regions, occasionally giving us a heavy shower. Yesterday, Sunday, I spent the day viewing one of nature's feminine "beauties" Oh how delightful!

A. B. Kinsey
W. A. Cox.
Jos. B. Cox.
Jno. M. Noble.
Jno. E. Nunn
Wm. B. Nunn
Jas. M. Nunn
Laura E. Cox.
Mary B. Cox.
Cora E. Cox
Eu. J. Cox
Laura E. Fox
Lizzie L. Beeson
Sarah Small
McClendal Ward
Needham Small
Joab. Kinsey
Jos. H. Kinsey
David Fordham

Fannie A Kinsey
Martha A Kinsey
Sallie A Cox
Harrietta E. Heatch
Addie Kinsey
Donnie Kinsey
Robt. B. Kinsey
H. F. Brown

A. B. Kinsey
W. A. Cox
Jos. Bleck
Jno. M. Noble
Jno. E. Nunn
Wm. B. Nunn
Jos. M. Nunn
Jesse L. Ballard
Amos L. Simmons
F. McC. Simmons
Jas C. Simmons
Wm. McDaniel
Josiah McC. Ward
H. F. Brown
Chas. Brown
Job Kinsey
Jas. H. Kinsey
David T. Fordham
Nadham Small
20 Robt. B. Kinsey

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Fannie A Kinsey
Martha A Kinsey
Sallie Cox
Harriette Hatch
C Ann. Davis
Mary Bell
Laura Cox
Sue J. Cox
Cora A. Cox
Laura E. Foy
Lizzie Beeton
Sarah Small
Addie Kinsey
Jno. M. Francis
Roxana Cox
Laura Francis
E. L. Francis
Wm. H. Humphry
J. R. Hines
Jno. Bird
Lexie Bird

Wm Cary

David Ward

Doe

Jimmie

Jno. M. Francis
Ed L. Francis
Laura E. Francis
Jas. W. Francis
Henrietta Hatch
~~Benj. Hence~~ Dea
Hepsy A. Jones
Winnifred Jones
Darkes Ann Jones
Geo. T. Jones
Stacy S. Jones
Benj. F. Banks
Luke H. Banks
Jesse H. Banks
Virginia M. Cox
Dr. W. H. Cox
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Jesse L. Ballard
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Jas. L. Davis
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Oscar D. Farrier
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Matilda Farrier
Laura Cox
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M. A. Kinney
Chas. Brown
Hannah Hoffman
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Jas R. Francks
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Cassarine Turner
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Laura Cox
Adiza Jones
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Maria Morris
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Jas. T. Davis

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Woman - second only to the press in the dissemination of news.

Woman - the edition is large, and no man should be without a copy.

Two things were intended to be lost - viz.: sinners and umbrellas.

And where his form of hatred darkly fell
Hope with trembling fled - and Mercy sighed farewell

Lucubrate study by night.

A cheering vision had visited
her sleeping thoughts.
The Lady that we will not wo
who have no right to pretend to

Madison

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Pegasus (punejination)

Children should be made to breathe the free air of honest inquiry, and to inhale the sweet spirit of truth and charity. They should not study their books as the end of learning, but as a means of learning

Dr benignity and love forever beam from their countenances, and does ecstatic joy perpetually enrapture their hearts!

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"He who every morning plans the transactions of the day, and follows out that plan, carries on a thread which will guide him through the labyrinth of the most busy life."

Reading makes a full man; conference a ready man; and writing an exact man

"Savage and civilized" 1863.

On the 26th day of August 1863, I was taken prisoner, and kept in Fort Smith Ark. until 19th of Sept, and removed to Gibson, and to St. Louis by the way of Fort Scott and Leavenworth Kansas, I was often asked by the Federals, whether the choctaws are living in huts or houses or pursuing the habit of hunting or Farming. In that I am 26 years of old — but never saw any Choctaws = live in huts or follow after game for living = I was raised in the habits of Farming and agriculture. And many Choctaws — I will say a majority lives in good houses — fine buildings just as well as any white men — many time asked of me — if the choctaws

have any Schools Academies or Churches, in reply I told them - Yes Sir - and at St Louis I was asked if I can read or write my own name; I said Yes Sir; On and on I went = till I got to Johnson's Island = where I see many officers holding high rank in the Confederate Service = all surprise to see me = Indian Born wild, wild Indian I thought strange, and lonesome - no friends - no acquaintance to help for any dependence whatever. No friends to write to. I thought and felt myself very poor; and when Sunday came. I went to hear the preaching; and went in and hear very attentively; but I was surprise -

to see and hear many things going=during meeting and preaching= while preaching is going on in the lower room some knocking or hammering something going on in upper room — At evening prayer will be very few in attendance while reading Scripture some laughing going on some whispering some playing cards; and some dancing and some uttering a profane language — and every kind of noise going on; that strike me with great surprise — astonishment and amaze — I thought to see every man listen and attention but see all and altogether another way; Savage Choctaw Indians, what they are termed, attendance on Sabbath day preaching is quite different=

in some meeting there be hundred and fifty or two hundred persons attending; when the preaching is to commence, every man take their seats - children as well as old men and women - while congregation is silence - No laughing or giggling whatever - all set there till the preaching is over - only preacher will speak in congregation. Silence prevail in the assembly; that sound of falling pin could be heard. Shoctaws is not savage in preaching; and not living in huts; or making their living after hunting Buffalo & deer; they live in good log

houses and majority in fine buildings They live on farming raise corn - raise wheat - raise potatoes - and everything that civilized people raise for their living - They plant cotton - spin and weave clothing of their own manufacture etc, etc, etc. - My Father raised me in farming and I am now a prisoner on this Island

Simeon E Hamilton
Capt Co B 2nd Choctaw Cav.
Eaglestown
Eagle County
Choctaw Nation

Oct. 16th, 1865.

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David S. Fordham	IXI	
Laura E. Foy	IXI	
Lizzie Preston	IXI	
Jas. B. Westbrook	IXI	
Retha Westbrook	IXI	
Hannah Westbrook	IXI	
Cora E. Foy	IXI	
Jno. Fr. Westbrook	IXI	IXI

Jas. Kinsey, Teacher.

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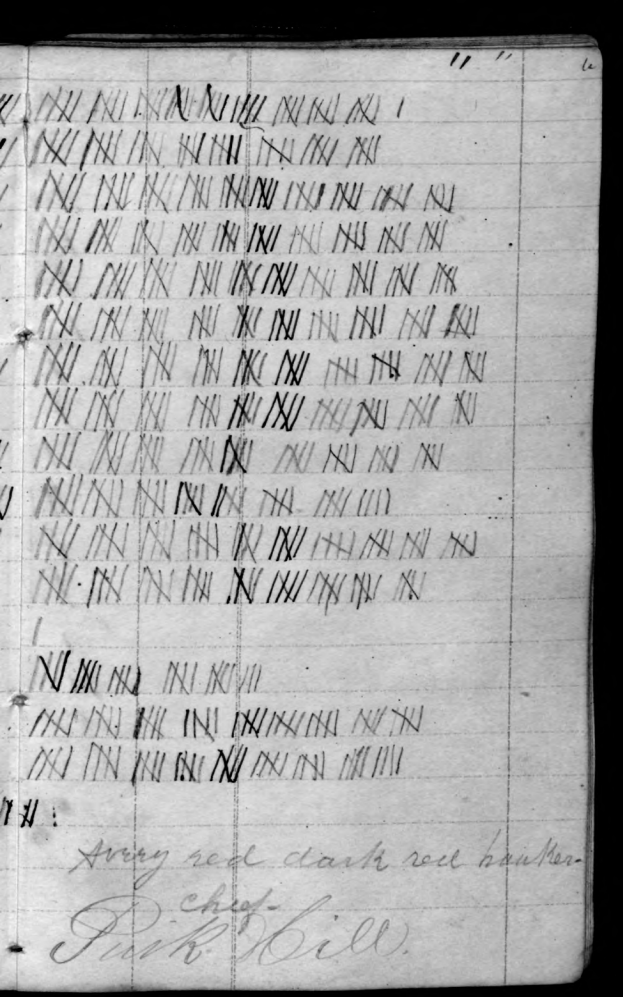

Every red dark red hankerchief.

Pink Hill.

Promiscuous. 87

I shall never do so any more.

He acted bolder than was expected.

She expected to have gained more by the bargain.

She is the same lady who sang so sweetly.

His associates in wickedness will not fail to mark the alteration of his conduct.

next one.

Those sort of dealings are unjust.

Page 138 — 10th.

Their being forced to their tents in an uncultivated country

Page 138

Rule V 1 2nd
They or he is much to be blamed.

Page 139 1st Section
12th S
Had I never seen yr, I had never known yr.
13th —
Not only the counsel's and attorney's, but the judge's opinion also, favored his cause.
Page 140 — 15 — All of it.
" " 16
Many persons will not believe but what they are free from perjury
I will lay me down in peace, and take my rest
17th — They admired the countenance, as they called him, Candor and uprightness

July 18th, 1885.

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Minnie Fordham 1
Walter Fordham 1
David Troy Fordham 1
Murray Fordham 1
Laura E. Fox 1
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E. E. Fordham 1
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Jos. Kinsey
Teacher

Rule 1 S. R. V

The crown of the wise is peace and honor

R 8 Analys + Prac

Much does human pride and folly require correction

A man's being rich or his being poor does not affect his character for integrity

R. VI B. 9

Learning, how much soever it may be despised by some, yet men know it to be an acquirement of great value.

R. VIII B. 9

There are a set of people who are nothing

There is six posts of a door in the page

Use dis according

G. 18 ohs - Page 64

R 8 Exercises

Rule XIX. B. Grammar
would like a review.
Rule XX. 2nd Sentence
Am
First under Rem 1st
Rule XXII S. Rule Rem 2nd
Eve was the fairest of all
her daughters.
Rule XXIV. B. G.
First four sentences,
She chi is near, O let me es-
cape there.
Rule XXVI 6th & 7th Sentences
Wish to parse the last sentence
under promiscuous exercises.
Rule XXVII. B. G.
I was rejoiced at the news.
E.H

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Rule VI

How much wrong some may despise learning, yet men know it to be an acquirement of great value.

I will do my friends no wrong, for I have none to lament me. =
I ~~will~~ have no enemies, and will do my friends no wrong.

The multitude eagerly pursue pleasure as their chief good.
Smith's Grammar

Rule XXX They hoped for a speedy & prosperous issue to the war.

Rule XXXI — I am resolved (not) to comply with the proposal, neither at present nor at any other time. —

I have received (no) information on the subject, neither from him nor his friend.

Rule XXXII The war the last resource which Darius ever possessed.

Page 141 — 18th

To despise others on account of their poverty, or to value ourselves for our wealth, are dispositions highly culpable.

Riches are the base of human happiness.

I hadly written to my brother before I recd his letter.

Page 141 – 19th

Shall the throne of iniquity have fellowship with you, which fraameth mischief by a law?

The public are respectfully informed that &c.

Doth She uttered such cries of pierced the heart of every one who heard them. This is Thomas' boy

as, that is James.

Fare you well, James.

George was the most diligent

Nothing young

I have observed some children

use deceit.

Page 142 - 21st -

340 P. 99

If a brother or sister be taken
with the pain of death,
and desirous of day of fast,
let it be 22nd - at or last
the last two.

2 Sings - 1st -
1st two of 23rd.
Last of 26th - Page 144 -
Page 144 - 27th
and they said amen
themselves who shall roll -
Page 145 - 28th
The first care of Aurelius
Is the Fathers
$10 \times 8 + 34 = x^{3}$
$96 + 5x + 68 = 8x$
$3x = 164$
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pleasure or ambition, or by the storms of life, the affections of man may veer; but unchangeable and unchanging is a true heart in woman". "She loves, and loves forever!"

Distance sometimes lends terror, as well as enchantment, to the view.

Habit surmounts the greatest obstacles and makes things the most harsh and unpleasant soft and agreeable.

In the planets that float in the azure vault of heaven an unerring certainty. Man, possessed of reason, devises means and produces [illegible]

happiness of her husband and family, and to the best interest of society, and domestic enjoyment; to be can despise the shallow and superficial admiration of fools and coxcombs, to the deep and devoted attachment of a husband, who would not scarcely be make a sacrifice of life itself to insure her happiness.

"Woman alone was formed to bless
The life of man, and share his care,
To soothe his heart when fierce distress
Hath lodged a poisoned arrow there!"

"Driven aside by the gale of

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Pink Hill, N. C.

Johnsons Island
near Sandusky City
Ohio
Jan 24th
1864

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