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Joseph Kinsey diary

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[61st Reg, NC Infantry, Co. E, 2nd Lt.]

Diary of "Joseph Kinsey, Prisoner of War, Johnson's Island Sandusky, Ohio, Jan. 24th 1864".

For sister Mary
Diary

On the 10th of March 1862 I joined the army and was in the battle of New-berne, N. C. March 14th. Untill the 15th 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 untill Sept. 20th, when the Reg't under command of Col Radcliffe went to Smithville N. C. - Oct. 1st we moved to North-east Station, Oct. 10 we moved to Everettsville - Oct. 20th to Tarrboro. Oct 22nd we left for Plymouth and stopped at Williamston the 24th - at Jamesville the 26th and 4 miles distant from Plymouth the week following.

On Sunday we were in a battle at Raules 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 and 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 until the 15th and went to Savannah Ga. - there we remained 5 days and returned to Charleston and were encamped on James Island until after the attack on Ft. Sumpter the 7th of Apr/63.

When we returned to Wilmington July 11th we returned to Charleston - July 17th we attack the gunboat Pawnee in Stono River driving it off.

On 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 Yanks gloriously whipped.

That night our Reg't. 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 Reg't were captured in the rifle pits at Wagner by the 24th Mass. Reg't. I was kept on Morris Island several days after my capture and then sent to Hilton Head, S. C. Oct. 13 I was sent on board the Steamer Fulton bound for New York and arrived there Oct. 6th stopping on Gov's. 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

" 2nd 5 prisoners escaped from Block 10 - 4 making their escape good.

Today the ground is covered with snow and the weather cold.

Jan. 6th Nothing more than every day occurrences transpiring today.

Jan. 7th. Today 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 today.

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 had 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 snow ball 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 today 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 tonight; without one thought to amuse, without one idea to interest me I am 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 pastime conversation, so we have to sit and wear out our patience while listening to the different officers relate incidents that have occurred in different regiments, armies and compaigns. 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 succesive 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 prison yard 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 to-day -

Feb. 7th Today is another sunday passing off and I still on Johnsons Island whiling away the precious moments of my life in confinement.

Feb. 9th. Today a lot of several hundred prisoners left here for Point Lookout

Apr. 3rd
The weather is milder and pleasant

Apr. 20 Several 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

" 5th The weather is mild and pleasant and nothing disturbs the quiet here W. W. Cook who claimed to be a Maj in Confederate Service was tried by the Texans in prison and made denie being a Texan and also being a Confederate major. The health of the prisoners is tolerably good - no deaths having occurred for several days. The Yanks are preparing to enlarge the prison by setting the wall further from the prison quarters.

May 6th
The weather is cloudy and shows signs of rain. News from Va

informs us of the advance of Grants 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. Walton of 28th N. C. Regt died of fever.

Nothing else of interest transpiring worth recording.

May 7th

The weather is cloudy and rainy Capt. Day 55th 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 everything seems to be quiet. The Yanks are serenading outside tonight 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 Yanks 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 militia fill the places 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 prisoners and the prospects of an early Peace. The papers acknowledge a heavy loss of men in wounded - 6 or 8 thousand are being sent to Washington City from Grants Army - 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. news from Va, considering the channel through which we have to get it, tells us that Gen. Lee has nobly held his own ground and punished the enemy severly: 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 Spottsilvania C. H. The enemy's loss is very heavy especially in Genl. Officers. Genls. Warren and Sedgwick, both corps comdr are dead. Their loss in killed, wounded and captured is now seventeen Generals.-

May 18th

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 contains startling news for the Yanks. They claim to have Maj. Gen. "Ned" Johnson and his Div with 24 pieces of art'y. They also claim to have Lee in retreat and 7,000 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 continues 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 entered the service of the Confederate States Mar. 20 1861 I intended to keep a diary but the duties of my new avocation together with my gifted neglect - caused me to fail in fullfilling my intentions untill I was captured Aug. 26th/63. Today 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 is not everyone experiences. Oh, on an Island in this Lake of Water where escape is impossible, and exchange "played out" 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 the 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 solilquies 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. JK

May 14th

This morning the news is not so bad and leaves us in less doubt about Lee's safety. They claim of the last battle at spotsylvania one

Maj. Gen and two Brigadiers with 3000 prisoners and 30 pieces of Aty. The weather continues cloudy to day and some rain is falling. The weather is very coal for the middle of May. Spring seems to be near at hand. The trees are putting forth leaves and everything seems to have a spring like appearance. West of here in the distance we can view a wheat field but nothing else can be seen but the water surrounding us.

May 15th ----- As today is Sunday no news papers are sent in. Everything seems to be silent outside. It is reported that Sherman has whipped Johnson capturing 5000 prisoners but it is not believed.

May 16th

To day the weather is beautifull and spring like and everything wears the aspect of quietude. The news from Va. is nothing but a recapitulation of the late victories claimed by the Yanks. The papers say that Sherman's victory over Johnson at Dalton, Ga. is confirmed. We do not believe it here. Theconfidence in Gen. Lee and his troops is so great here that in spite of all discouraging telegrams in abolition papers, we believe him to be nobly and gallantly holding his own at Spotsylvania C.H.

The enemy freely admit a loss of 45,000 men in the recent engagements, which convinces us that it is much larger.

Feelings of the greatest anxiety are felt in the "Bull Pen" about the result of the battle now being fought -----

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-----is good from all quarters Grant is whipped, Sigel is on the retreat in the valley and Lincoln is calling for 300,000 more men "Bully".

May 20th

News from the seat of war is still favorable for us. In addition

to everybody else in Yankeedom being whipped Ben Butler has become demoralized and retreated towards Ft. Monroe, Va.

May 22nd

Nothing new reaches here to put down our fears. The papers say that another great battle is pending in Va. between Grant and Lee.

May 26th

Prisoners captured at Resaca Ga. have arrived numbering about thirty.

May 27th

No news from Va that we can collect anything definite from, has been rec'd. 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 tonight - only 12 or 15 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 in the field of operations in Va. Untill to day when the news papers from all quarters are telling of the "Rebs" doing great mischief in Md. threating Washington and Baltimore. Many trains and prisoners have been captured on the railroad leading from Baltimore north and between Baltimore and Washington City. Among the prisoners are Maj. Gen. Franklin and Brigadier 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 dreadful fighting in Ga. Prisoners continue to arrive in small synods from Hoods army.

August 1st

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

Oct. 2nd - Today is rainy and cold. The sunny days of summer have left and cold winter is near at hand. Thoughts of staying on this Island another cold winter almost makes me despondent. The great campaign that was to wipe out 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 Forest with his brave band is in Ky., Tenn, and Kirby Smith and old "Pap" Price are leading their columns of brave veterans through Ark and has the "Bonnie Blue Flag["] waving over the plains of Mo. The North is greatly divided in its politics so much so that the chances for Mr. Lincolns reelection 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 tomorrow 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 - Today 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 unimportant politics seem to be the topic of the day and apparently there is no war going in this iceburg of a country.

Nov. 10th Election is past 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 15th month of my captivity finds me still on Johnson's Island. Things have undergone many changes. Grant's 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 Tenn. 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 Tenn. Believing Yankee news Hood and his army has been wiped out. Mr. Stanton telegraphs today 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 too. 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 today Col. M. L. Wood left on a special exchange.

Jan. 1st 1865

Another new year and I am prisoner of war 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 express to be brought over. Campaigning in Va is over but in Ga the war horse is still at work. Everything in Tenn has resumed its usual quiet. Some prisoners belonging to the Trans-Miss. Dep't are preparing for exchange.

Jan. 15th

The departure of the prisoners of the Trans-Miss. Dep't has taken place and the prison is again quiet.

Feb'y 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.

Feb'y 15th. There can be no further doubt of the exchange. It is now going on.

Feb'y 22nd. Three batches of one hundred each have left and other leaves today. Yesterday an extra from Sandusky City tells of the evacuation 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 prospects of exchange brings about an upleasant, sickening and 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 rumor extracted from the Richmond papers tell of his defeat daily, but it has but little credence here, owing mostly to his former success and as we know that an inferior force is opposing him. The

sad news of the evacuation of Wilmington arrived several days since and it is now reported that Sherman and Schofield has formed a junction at Fayetteville N. C. No one believes the latter.

March 4th

Today Abraham Lincoln is inaugurated a second time and four years of war seems to be awaiting us again.

March 5th The inaugural has taken place and Andy Johnson appears in the senate chamber drunk to receive the oath. Well may the republicans feel ashamed of their drunken Vice Pres.

March 10th The ice has disappeared from the bay and we soon to be our way to Dixie. The news of Gen Early's capture is untrue, but Sherman is wading through No. Ca. at his pleasure.

March 14th Three hundred prisoners left for exchange today and leaves me more hopefull. This day three years ago I was in the battle of Newberne.

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 great 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, top, 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 Genls Ewell Kershaw Curtis 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 thoughts 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 F. 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 top".

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 Eresypeus 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. Today 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 my way home. Mobile is captured and every command surrendering.

May 19th I am out of prison and on my way home. How good I feel! We leave Sandusky this afternoon. For company I have Capt. Norman, 2nd N. C. Lt. Lovell, 54th N. C. Lt. Miles 1st. S. C. Rifles and Lt. I. W. Reese,

66th Ga. About 40 prisoners were released from prison today and are now speeding their way home on the different rail roads leading from Sandusky.

May 20th This morning we find ourselves at Newark, O. after laying over six hrs. The citizens and soldiers turn kind to us and we are having a fine time generally.

May 21st. Yesterday afternoon we arrived at Bellair[sic] 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 at Cacopar[sic] creek - high water having washed away the bridge Afternoon and we are in box cars traveling towards Harpers Ferry where the bridge is also washed away.

May 23rd

We left Harpers Ferry at 5 o'clock this morning, and reached Baltimore at noon and am now on board the Steam Boat Louisiana for Fortress 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 Ft. Monroe. Everything seems full of life about here and the grim Ft. in which our late Pres. and 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 tomorrow, Norfolk is quite a large and busy city.

May 26th

We are now on board the tug Gazelle bound for Newberne through the canal via Roanoke Island. About 9 o'clock met the Steamboat Irving and boarded her for Roanoke Island. Reached the Island at 11 O'clock

and boarded the Pilot Boy for Newberne.

May 27th Reached Newberne all safe and sound and will be at home tomorrow.

May 28th Once more I am home. And gave 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.

J. J. K.

July 10th

Today I take charge of this school for a livelihood. Quite a contrast presents itself. A few months ago I was a prisoner of war inside the prison walls of Johnson's Island. Now I am called a country schoolteacher. My school is small -- only 14 scholars.

July 12th

My little school is progressing finely. In a log school house with fourteen little "brats" all in their ab's eb's and ib's. 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 Y. F. White's party where I am no longer soliloquizing over sad realities but basking in the sunshine of love. Woman, Oh Woman! your charms are sufficient at times to cause we poor mortals, men, to cease to bow, worship and adore our God, quit that incumbent duty, lie down at the shrine of love and there resolve to die drinking of its pleasures.

Jan 1st. 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 region would be) 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 acts 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.

Feb'y 1st. I am now spending a few weeks with my old friend and Capt. W. I. Byrd, studying surveying.

Feb. 10th

Today I found myself in a right respectable looking school house not far from Mr. Kounces' with eighteen scholars -- mostly little brats, though generally of a larger caliber than those at Mr. Fordhams. Some call me Mr. Kinsey while the others called me cousin Joe. I was somewhat surprised at so many claiming Kin to me.

March 1st.

My school is progressing finely, have 21 scholars -- all rectus.

March 10th

Everything moves onward - none of those tormenting irregularities that among country school-teachers generally, have yet beset me in my "professional duties"

March --

Yesterday the thrid[sic] Sunday, I attended a wedding at Mr. Jno. Smith's -- Mr. Wm. P. Jones and Miss Turnage were united in bonds of matrimony. After the matrimonial performances were over we attended preaching at "Whit" Turners', where Rev. Rhodes exhorted for some time - 3 hrs I guess, after which we returned to Mr. Smiths, and after drinking

twice around some of his "old Kaintuc" Whiskey we replenished the inner man by taking on a supply of his turnip greens and ham ---- finally the "dezort" fritters and honey oh it was excellent

J K

Apr 1st.

Windy and disagreeable March has left and the pleasant morning breeze of Apr as they sweep gently by, revive our latent energies and fan the tender foliage beneath the genial rays of the resplendent 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 natures 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 Cox
Mary B. Cox
Cora C. Cox
Sue J. Cox
Laura E. Foy
Lizzie Becton
Sarah Small

McClendal Ward
Needham Small
Joab. Kinsey
Jos. H. Kinsey
David Fordham
Fannie A. Kinsey
Martha A. Kinsey

Sallie A. Cox
Henrietta E. Hatch
Addie Kinsey
Jonnie Kinsey
Robt. B. Kinsey
H. F. Brown

A. B. Kinsey	85	
W. A. Cox	80	
Jos. B. Cox	80 - 2	
Jno. M. Noble	85	
Jno. E. Nunn	85 -1	
Wm. B. Nunn	80 -4	
Jas. M. Nunn	85 -1	
Jessee L. Ballard	45	stopped
Amos L. Simmons	85	
F. McC. Simmons	85	
Jas. C. Simmons	85	
William McDaniel	85	
Josiah McC. Ward	60 - 2	

H. F. Brown	75 - 2	
Chas. Brown	75 - 4	
Joab Kinsey	85 - 1	
Jas. H. Kinsey	75	
David F. Fordham	75	
Needham Small	85	
20 Robt. B. Kinsey	85	
Fannie A. Kinsey	80 - 4	
Martha A. Kinsey	80	
Sallie Cox-	80 - 4	
Henrietta Hatch	85	
C. Ann Davis	80	
Mary B. Cox	80	
Laura Cox	75 -2	
Sue J. Cox	75 - 4	
Cora C. Cox	75 - 4	
Laura E. Foy	70 - 2	
Lizzie Becton	70 - 2	
Sarah Small	85	
Addie Kinsey	85	
Jno. M. Francks	70 - 2	
Robena Cox	55 - 4	
Laura Francks	55 - 1	
E. G. Francks	45 - 4	
Wm. Humphrey	45 - 4	
J. R. Hines	55 - 2	
Lena Bird	25 - 3	
Dexine Bird	20 - 4	
Doc.	30	
Jannie		
Wm. Cox	5	
David Ward	25	

16th July

Jno M. Francks	35 - 2	
Ed L. Franks	95	
Laura E. Franks	75 - 2	
Jas. R. Francks	85 - 2	
Henrietta Hatch	70 - 1	
Benj Koonce	20 - 3	Dead
Hepsy D. Jones	35	
Winnifred Jones	20 - 4	
Dorkess Ann Jones	25 - 3	
Geo. F. Jones	25 - 2	
Starky S. Jones	45 - 1	
Benj. F. Banks	25	
Lewis H. Banks	25	
Jessie H. Banks	25	
Virginia W. Cox	75	
De W. H. Cox	80	
W. H. Rhodes	70	
Jesse L. Ballard	65	
Jno. David Jones	10	
R. J. R. Hatch	1 - 1	
Nancy Koonce	40 - 1	married and gone

Lizzie Koonce	40 - 2	
W. H. Banks	40	
Jas. F. Davis	90	
Robt. B. Kinsey	100	
Oscar D. Farrior	20	
Cassarine Turner	10 - 3	
Matilda Turner	10 - 1	
Laura Cox	80	
Barbara Rhodes	25	
H. F. Brown	70	paid
Jos. Wm. Jones	20	
Jno. Wm. Davis	70	
Fr. A. Cox		
Leister Rhodes	15 - 3	
Robt. Rhodes	15 - 3	
A. B. Kinsey	85	
Fannie Kinsey	85	
M. A. Kinsey	70	
Chas. Brown	40 - 2	Paid
Hannah Hoffman	85	
Wm. A. Cox	70	
Jos. B. Cox	70	

S 40°W. 40 poles - S 56°W 86 Poles
S 70°W. 62 poles S 49°W 14 P
S 23½°W. 234 P - S 43°W 40 P
S 55°W 52P S 38°W 82 P
S 19°W 76 P - S 43°W 118 P
N 23°W 266 P - N 22°E. 380
P. S 72°E. 51 P - S 35°E 16
P. S 77°E 10 P N 87°E 20 P - N 22°E
10 P - N 3° W 20 P - S 85° E 15 P - N 79° E
64 P - N 58° E 12 P - Due East 51 P
N 80° E 24 P - N 45° E 26 P - N 75° E
14 P S 9° E 30 - S 15°E 30 P

Beginning at oak running S 85° W 106 Poles - N 86° W 60 P - Due South - 88 Poles.

8 Poles from the Cor. of S 38° W strike field and runs N 72½ W 24 P - N 16°E 32 P - N 73½ W. 30 P.

At terminus of S 38 W on the River - N 77½ W 24 Poles

Mr. Ballards corn 100 Poles on the N. 22° E line.

On the S 72° E line 15 Poles to the River.

Feb. 10th 1866

Jno. M. Francks	101
Ed. L. Francks	96
Laura E. Francks	99
Jas. R. Francks	125
Henrietta Hatch	97
Benj. Koonce	98
Mary E. Jones	33
Hepsey D. Jones	70
Winnerford Jones	72
Dorkess Ann Jones	73
Geo. Fr. Jones	72
Starky S. Jones	51
Jos. Wm. Jones	74
Benj. F. Banks	94
Lewis H. Banks	96
Jessee H. Banks	93
Virginia W. Cox	93
D. W. H. Cox	93
Wm. H. Rhodes	93
Jessee L. Ballard	73
Jno. David Jones	32
R. J. R. Hatch	38
Wm. M. Ballard	17
Cassarine Turner	22
Matilda H. Turner	19
Laura Cox	23
Anliza Jones	
Nancy Koonce	
Lizzie Koonce	
W. H. Banks	
Jas. F. Davis	
Mary Foster	17
Daniel Foster	17
Jno. Hoffman	15
Sallie Cox	70
Geo. B. Penn	47
Jos. C. Simmons	60
F. McC. Simmons	60
Amos Simmons	40
Bettie Rhodes	35

Great minds are suffered by small minds.

N 23° W
N 68° E 27 chs.
S 42½ E - S 25 E - S 10 W
30 35

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 frown of hatred darkly fell
Hope withering fled - and Mercy sigh'd farewell

Lucutreate study by night

Whilome
Perdiginus

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

Priori
Chipnification
Chyeification
Pegasus (of imagination)

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 knowing.

Do 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 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 games 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 -- til I got to Johnson's Island -- where I see many officers holding high rank in the Confederate Service -- all surprise to see me -- Indian some 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 upper room - At evening prayer will be very few in attendence while reading scripture some laughing going on some whispering some playing cards; and some dancing and some uttering 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 attentive but see all and altogether another way: "Savage Choctaw Indians, what they are termed, attendence 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 nor 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:

Choctaw is not savage in preaching: and not living in huts; or making their living after hunting buffalo or 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.
Eagletown
Eagle County
Choctaw Nation

Oct. 16th 1865

Almira B. Fordham	24	
Ed. S. Fordham	14	
Jno. Murry Fordham	25	He was very much made
E. Carrie Fordham	21	on at school.
Virginia E. Fordham	25	
Della A. Fordham	25	
Oscar M. Fordham	23	
Minnie Fordham	24	
Jas. Walter Fordham	21	
David T. Fordham	19	
Laura E. Foy	25	
Lizzie Recton	25	
Jas. B. Westbrook	22	
Fatha Westbrook		
Hannah Westbrook	22	
Cora E. Cox	22	
Jno. Fr. Westbrook	8	

Jos. Kinsey, Teacher

July 10, 1865

Elmira B. Fordham	51
Edward S. Fordham	45
Jno. M. Fordham	55
E. Carrie Fordham	55
Virginia E. Fordham	55
Della A. Fordham	55
Oscar M. Fordham	55
Minnie Fordham	55
Jas. Walter Fordham	50
David T. Fordham	44

Laura E. Foy	55
Penny E. Becton	50
Jno. Fr. Westbrook	6
Jos. B. Westbrook	33
Fatha Westbrook	45
Hanna Westbrook	44
Sue Fordham	14

A very dark red hankerchief

Jos. Kinsey Pink Hill

Promiscuous Ex.

I shall never do so any more.
He acted bolder than was expected.
We 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 books in great enmity.

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

Page 139 1st Sentence
12th S
Had I never seen ye, I had never known ye.
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 preju -

I will lay me down in peace, and take my rest.

17th - They admired the countryman's, as they called him, candor and uprightness.

July 10, 1865

Elmira B. Fordham	1
Edward S. Fordham	1
Oscar M. Fordham	1

Minnie Fordham	1
Jas. Walter Fordham	1
David Troy Fordham	1
Jno. Murray Fordham	1
Laura E. Foy	1
Penny E. Becton	1
E. C. Fordham	1
Virginia E. Fordham	1
Jno. Fr. Westbrook	1
Jas B. Westbrook	1
Della A. Forham	1
Fatha Westbrook	
Hannah S. Westbrook	
Sue Fordham	

Jos. Kinsey
Teacher

Rule 1 S. R. V.

The crown of virtue is peace and honor

R & Analys & Prac.

Much do human pride and folly require correction.

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

R. VI B G

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

R. VIII B G

This sort of people fears nothing.
There is six foot of water in the house.

These do according
to 1st obs. - page 64
E. E. Gram'r

Rule XIX B. Grammars would like a review.
Rule XX 2nd Sentence

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
The city is near, O let me escape there.

Rule XXVI 6th and 7th sentences
Wish to parse the last sentences under promiscuous exercises.

Rule XXVII B. G.
I was rejoiced at the news.
Est

N 24 E]
N 87 E] [upside down at bottom of page]

Rule VI

How much soever 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 multitide eagerly pursue pleasure as their chief good.

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Rule XXIV They hoped for a speedy and prosperous issue to the war.

Rule XXVI 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.

He was the ablest minister whom James ever possessed.

Page 141 - 18th

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

Riches is are the bane of human happiness.

I had written wrote to my brother before I read his letter.

Page 141 - 19th

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

The public ~~is~~ are respectfully informed that & c. 20th. She uttered such cries ~~that~~ as pierced the heart of every one who heard them.

Thomas' book
~~Though-he~~ This is ~~book-is-Thomas'~~ as, that is James'.

Fare th~~e~~e you well, James.

George was the most diligent scholar whom Nothing wrong I ever knew.

I have observed some children t~~o~~ use deceit.

Page 142 - 21st

If a brother or sister be naked and destitute of daily food,

1st in 22nd - ~~also-last~~
the last two

23rd - 1st -
1st two of 25th
Last of 26th - page 144
Page 144 - 27th
and they said among themselves, who shall roll
Page 145 - 28th
The first care of Aurelius.
Let X = The Fathers
12 + 5/8 x 7½ = X
96 plus 5x plus 60 = 8x
3x = 156
x = 52

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Women and wine, game and deceit.
Make the wealth small and the want great.
He that by the plough would thrive
Himself must either hold or drive.

A coquette on the whole(?) world(?) is what a coward is among men, a being void of sentiment, sensibility and intelligence and utterly incapable of genuine love.

The married man like [and] prefer the [ ] [ ] [ ] [ ] to that of the wife of his bosom, is [ ] [ ] all the hallowed solemnities of the marriage compact and a cold and callous [ ] violator of the laws of God, on the other hand is a [a married] woman less a [ ] [ ] [ ] to use honor and happiness of her husband and family, and to the best interest of society, and domestic enjoyment; who can prefer the shallow and superficial admiration of fools and coxcombs, to the deep and devoted attachment of a husband, who would not scruple to 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 sooth his breast when keen distress hath lodged a poisoned arrow there?

"Driven aside by the gale of 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 planet that floats in the azure vault of heaven an unerring certainty.

Man, possessed of reason devises means and produces ends.

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