

Went with Curleyhead and his wife to William Walker's for the purpose of getting Mr. Walker to take down the statement of Mrs. Curleyhead (Widow Coon) in relation to the improvement I be^d of her. This statement is to be presented to the Wyandot Commissioners as Mrs. Curleyhead (Widow Coon) is partly blind and in such bad health that she does not ^{think} ~~want~~ to make another attempt to see the Commis.

James M. Long was here to see about money which Charles Robinson owes him and for which I gave my note, but I can get no money from him at present.

Nick Gotton was here also to dun me for \$8.75 which I owe his brother John for beef

John Girahasse & Russia Chopthelegs were here to get me to draw up a deed in favor of Girahasse from Chopthelegs for his land for which he is to get \$25, per acre—a monstrous price! but as I have no description of the land I have agreed to get it and draw up the deed tomorrow

Torona and Mike Frost started to Seneca

Alfred Gray was here and says Ike Brown and John Hicks threaten him with trouble about his boundaries because his land takes a small part of their fields.

9th " "

To-day I am forty four years old. Alas! what have I done with these forty 44 years! More good than I have credit for, less evil than I am charged with. And yet how much more good I might have done! and how much evil I might have avoided! but oh! how much I have suffered

and how little have I enjoyed! Yet in every vicissitude of my life my hopes and my faith in the future were never diminished for I know that God sets all things right. O Lord God Omnipotent realize to me the hopes which thou hast so long permitted me to cherish and the prospects which thou hast permitted me to behold but above all other earthly blessings give health and happiness to my wife, my children and myself, for thou art "the giver of all good and perfect gifts:" And O Lord Jesus Christ be thou my advocate with the father that all that I ask consist-ent with his holy ~~will~~ laws may be granted to me. And may honor, praise, and glory be given to the Father, Son, and Holy Ghost forevermore! Amen! Amen!

Went to see Mrs. Bigtree at John Mickel by her own request and agreed to the bond for Mary Coonhawk's land, and she agreed to give me another deed covering the whole of her allotment and I to pay her another hundred dollars, she allowing the \$300, which I paid to Mary Coonhawk to go in part payment for her land.

Went to Quindaro and voted for Walden, Ed. of the "Chindeween" for Delegate to frame a Constitution the other gentlemen on the ticket I knew nothing favorable of and therefore I did not vote for any of them

Bo't nearly a gallon of crabberries--60 cts

Wife rec'd a letter from Mr. Purdie of Canada offering to sell her a tract of land

Saw Gov~~ernor~~ Robinson in Quindaro waiting for a boat. He is going Washington city

Went to the Wyandot council expecting to see the Wyandot Com-

missioners but none of them were there. Elias Armstrong told me he would have an order for the Susan Harris money entered on the records of the Council.

Kersey Kersey worked a little while in the afternoon on my smoke-house.

Day beautiful and warm--no fire in my room morning noon or night

10th * *

Started early to Delaware Agency to see Maj. Robinson but meeting him on the road I handed him widow Dean's statement in relation to the improvement I bo't of her which he promised to examine in deciding the best rights to the claim

Wrote to G. R. Schenck Schenck

Kersey Kersey worked to-day commencing at $\frac{1}{2}$ past 8 o'clock A. M. a part of the time at the smoke house and the rest taking up potatoes.

Rather an ill spent day--read a little in Gibbon's Roman History--shelled a bushel corn

Weather the same as yesterday

11th * *

Went to Kansas City to meet the Wyandot Com. but saw only Maj. Robinson who could do nothing with his colleagues.

Bo't 2 prs buckskin gloves \$1.25 each

Ferriage 30cts

Handed to H. M. Northrup a transcript from the records of the Wyandot council authorizing the refunding of the Susan Harris money, expecting he would have handed me the money without the formality of a regular meeting, but he would not do it. Indeed the few favors or acts of simple justice I have ever received from the Wyandots or any man connected with them has been coldly and reluctantly bestowed; But I look to God for support and believe I shall triumph over this despicable spirit.

Was damned by Brown for money I owe him and the estate of Joel Walker. But I cannot pay. I have no money nor can I get any. My God, what a source of pain and humiliation is debt! How earnestly do I wish to escape from it.

The day as beautiful and warm as May.

Set my watch with Kansas city time, it had been running 5 minutes ahead of that time for about 4 mo.

18th * *

Nick Jacob Nick commenced working for me to-day at the rate of \$1.50 per day

Kersey Kersey worked a part of the but it is impossible for me to say how long as he is away a good deal through the day

Nick Cotton was here to ask me for money. O, how anxious am I to get rid of these debts

Margaret Cotton was thrown ^{from} or fell from a horse and was much hurt: she sleeps at Mr. Sherman's to-night not being able to be removed. wife of Mr. Richard W. Clark a part of a bag of white fish

Oct. 30

The day has been warm and beautiful.

13th " "

Started to Kansas city and J. C. McCoy's but the wind blew so hard that I could not cross the river

Went to Susan Zane's to see Edith Jones but he was not there, afterwards saw him at Ike Brown's and made a partial agreement to buy his land.

Stopped a few moments at the sale of personal property of the late Geo. I. Clark--was told that everything sold and sold high. I observed the only daughter of Mr. Clark was receiving the attention of a young man with evident satisfaction evidenced by lively and frequent laughter and animated looks, yet she was in a position to see and did see every moment, some moments of her father and mother passing into the hands of strangers and that father and mother and an only sister have all died within less than eight weeks! One would have supposed that the scene before her would have awakened the most serious thoughts and painful emotions. I am afraid her career will not be without stain

Mersey

Mercer put up an ank leach for wife

Wrote to Marcus J. [^]_^Parrott relative to my claim

Day warm and windy

14th " "

At home most of the day reading Gibbon's History of Rome

In the evening I went over to Alfred Gray's and we talked pres-

ily enough upon general ^{to face} ~~aspects~~ for a short time I returned home. Why are men in good health sometimes so much ^u ~~u~~ slier than at others? I sometimes think I can coin ideas as fast as other men but at other times it is a labor to think or to talk ^{even} ~~u~~ upon the most commonplace subjects, and what is strongest this stupidity is most oppressive just after reading an interesting book.

The day has been as warm as May but cloudy & windy.

O what shall I do for money, to-day I have been galled again.

But the debt was not my own, still the embarrassment is painful and sickening.

O that I ^{were} ~~am~~ able to pay all my debts!

10th " "

Harrowed my calf lot at the upper spring and sowed it with blue grass seed. This lot I had plowed last fall intending to sow it then but it was too rough with the ^{new} ~~turned~~ seed which has since rotted, but I cannot make it as smooth as it was before. I think the ground should not be broken up when intended for bluegrass pasture.

Mr. Stewart of the Wyandot House, Findlay, was here to get ground for a garden and I agreed to let him have a piece out of the north ^{large} end of my ~~field~~ field.

Kick worked $\frac{1}{2}$ the day.

The weather still was cloudy windy and occasional dashes of rain.

I have read to-day a part of Gibbon's Chapter on the monastic

life. It is wonderful into what fantastic forms the human mind can be moulded and of what deformities it is capable! and still more wonderful that the benign and peaceful doctrines of Jesus Christ should be tortured into such revolting engines of pain and degradation!

16th " "

I went to Wyandot and then to John D. Brown's to see the Commr, the Chiefs and the Legislative Commee, but there was no meeting of either body probably in consequence of the rain.

It commenced raining about 3 o'clock A. M. and continued all day except near evening when it ceased and a beautiful rainbow spanned the Eastern heavens. Thermometer not below 54° at any time.

C. Robinson Wrote to Gov. C. Robinson enclosing him a copy of our Bridge subscription heading and requesting him to get subscriptions in the East where such Quindaro property is held. This letter I enclosed to the care of Marcus J. Parrott, Washington city.

17th March "

Went to Wyandot and Kansas cities

Called to see H. M. Northrup in relation to Kanish Kane's land which I propose buying.

Undeavored to see Healey and Robinson who I heard were in Wyandot city but could find neither I am anxious to get my Wyandot certificate and purchases examined and corrected as I there appear to be a great many errors in the assignments of the Wyandott lands but whether ~~this mixup~~ there is any corruption at the bottom of it is not yet known

I today & proposed to several persons in Wyandot to aid in building a free bridge over the Kansas river for the mutual benefit of Quindaro and Wyandot but I am convinced we shall get no help from that quarter. We must rely upon ourselves for the prosecution of this great work to will is to do.

The morning was cloudy rainy and windy but the afternoon and evening was clear calm and balmy with the thermometer at 63°

Herrings 50cts tooth picks 8c

Compared my watch with Kansas city time and it appears to have lost 2 minutes within six days and is now 2 minutes slower than Kansas city time.

18th " "

Went to Quindaro and bot of Mr. Casswell 5 quarts soft soap 40 cts

pick worked all day cleaning off deer yard

Borrowed \$100.00 of W. Beckwith to be returned on demand 0 the possibility of default, implication of debt.

Mark Casady is staying with us tonight having just come in from the Union.

Miller was surveying my home farm to-day. He is employed under treaty arrangement. I doubt the correctness of his surveys; he goes too fast to do it well.

Pick removed the last ~~xxx~~ of his fodder from my ~~xxx~~ field and I turned a part of my stock. I shall not again rent any part of my farm. This year I did not get more grain than would ^{ful-} ~~xxxx~~ the little

stock I have and I have had no benefit of the pasture. A farmer that cannot cultivate his own fields had better put them in grass and use them for pasture; for he let them out to rent he will get no crop, he will be deprived of their use for pasture, and get a good deal of ill. will besides.

The day has been one of almost cloudless beauty with the thermometer at 70°

paid Borrowed \$3. of James Todd for Margaret Brown to pay Susan White (or Zane) for making quilt.

19th " "

Went to Quindaro and made a bargain with Downs to sell him lots no. 112 & 114 P. Street at \$400--\$300 in land and \$200 in one year.

Rec'd a letter from Thaddeus Hyatt in relation to errors in his land sale.

Mrs. Guthrie rec'd a letter from Washington city containing garden seeds--supposed to have been sent by Isaac *Stoken*

Went to Wyandot to meet the Wyandot Commrs. but there were no many pressing their business ~~XXXX~~ upon the Commissioners that I deferred my own business until tomorrow besides it looked so much like rain that I did not like to wait and was fortunate enough to get home a few moments before the rain came on

Paid Johnson & Veale \$32- being all I owe them to date which also includes \$ on Tom ^{Manncus} account

Bo't 3 papers garden seeds 30c

tick Hick worked for me all day, most of the time in hauling rubbish

from the door yard to the field

Mark Cassidy worked for me for which I agreed to give him 75
cts

Mr. Launing died 8 O'clock A. M. of ~~many~~ consumption

20th ** **

Went to Wyandot city to attend a meeting of the Commissioners.
They decided a claim against me in which my right was clear as day but
there was arrayed against me a clan who have fattened on my labors but
have always been my foes. The extensive breed of Armstrongs, Longs, &
Robertailles do have always been my enemies. They may meet the reward
of their perfidy and *malice* yet. The ^{2d} ~~comra~~ and the chiefs have be-
trayed my confidence and trampled upon my rights. I am powerless but
"vengeance is mine saith the Lord" and I believe that the bad men who
have conspired against me will yet be punished.

Heck Nick worked for me all day

John Let Nick have \$3.00

Sold lots 132 & 133 P. Street to Downs (a sheensker) for
\$400--\$200 in hand and the rest in one year with interest. He is also
to build and reside on the lots.

Rec'd a quitclaim deed from Chas. H. Chapin in favor of Otis
Webb for certain lots and blocks in the addition to Quindaro, which I am
to ~~xx~~ examine and sign

Rec'd a letter from Abulena containing a specimen of her em-
broidery

Russin Chepetholova left with me \$100 to be returned to him

when he calls for it and I gave him a receipt which he is to deliver up when he gets the money.

Paid John Gatter \$7.50 on beef

Boat of A. Tuttle 1 lb candles 80c 1 lb butter 90c to which add a broom bought by Margaret Goodwin 20c in all 85 cts which I owe him.

list " "

Dr. George Price of Cincinnati was here and I paid him \$80 which I owed him for medical services.

Paid John W. Aldenworth \$35 which I owed him for pasturing 3 calves, for fodder & ferry tickets.

Paid James C. Kane \$75 the balance on a note signed by Chas. E. Chapin and myself for land sold to Charles Robinson & others for which Robinson was to pay but did not--the money must be refunded to me.

The brown, or bill cow had a calf this morning.

Examined the quitclaim deed handed to me yesterday by Mr. Chapin and I am fully convinced that it was a mere trap designed to defraud me and it shows Mr. Chapin to be a dishonest man. Alas, how few are honest! And this is the heavy duty of my life forever to watch, to suspect and to detect villany in every man! It is even so and a lesson that should be early learnt when the stakes are less valuable than in after years, and we have time to profit by experience. Experience is a treasure that should be early gathered.

22 " "

Went to Wyandot city on a mission to attend a suit against

Merrill for debt, but there was neither trial nor justice as Squire Ladd before whom the case was to be tried had resigned in consequence of aberration of mind.

Attended the election at Wyandot and voted for Charley B. Garrett for Supervisor and Matthew R. Walker Parker of Quindaro, for Justice of the peace. I voted for no county officers because I did not know even one of the candidates. A bad rule to be governed by however, for we should always endeavor to make up our mind in preference to one of the opposing candidates, and where it is impossible to know any difference we should prefer those who profess to be of our politics.

Nick

Hecke worked for me all day hauling rails

Mr. Goodyear of Parkville is staying all night with me

In the evening Alfred Gray & brother and Mr. Bottom and Mr. Chapin called to see me

23rd * *

Went to Kansas city & C. McCoy's for the purpose of looking after the locations of some claims I had bought he't, rec'd kind assurances from McCoy and Robinson. Will they fulfill them?

Paid \$1.25 to Mr. Conants' clerk for a pair of gloves I bought a few days ago

Ferriage 50c

Candy 25c

Returned Russia Chepthelogs the hundred dollars he left with me on the 20th inst. and he gave up my receipt for the same which I

hired.

Mr. Sewell arrived in Quindaro

Mr. Miller, the surveyor, ran the North line of my farm.

Heck worked for me all day, hauling logs rails & making fence on the north side of my farm.

John Busback hired my meat to smoke

Sally Ann commenced making soap for wife.

Richard W. Clark left a note against Jacob Heck with a request for me not to settle with him (Heck) until he (Clark) shall see me. But I have no right to withhold money from Mr. Heck for which he has worked to enable anyone to collect it. The practice is common but I have always ~~questioned the morality of it~~ the ^{it} questionable morality.

24th March, 1888.

I met Charles H. Chapin in Quindaro and he asked me if I had signed a quit claim deed in favor of Otis Webb for certain blocks and lots in the addition to Quindaro? I told him I had not nor would I until the lands were paid for. Now I agree to throw in a certain portion of my lands provided Charles Robinson (or Gov. Robinson as we generally call him from his being elected Gov. under the Topeka constitution) would pay for the balance. The lands were surveyed and drawn by the persons entitled to shares of the land, but in stead of Gov. Robinson paying for them I have not only had to buy them but to give my note for the back payments and Robinson even refuses to give his notes for these debts although they are solely his own and I have nothing to do with it.

whatever. Now it would seem these men Chapin ⁷ ~~xxx~~ Webb want me to pay for Robinson's purchase and to throw my lands in without compensation. The whole trick ^{betrayed} ~~xxxx~~ is a studied determination to defraud me. I am fully convinced that Chapin is a cold-blooded villain, capable of any dishonest act that will promote his own interest. He is largely interested in this addition to Quindaro.

Saw Mr. Rowell, and requested him to pay no money to the Quindaro company until he had paid the note signed by Chapin and myself on the 18th February inst. for \$500. payable ^{due} ~~xxx~~ the 1st April 1888, which he promised to do.

William Chapin came to ~~xxx~~ me to get work, he is an entire stranger to me and I think from his appearance he is a worthless fellow but I need a hand and agreed to hire him at \$1.00 a day before hiring by the month.

Bought a sack of table salt

Hick Hick worked all day, for me making fence

26th * *

Was summons'd to attend a trial of ejectment against certain tenants on the old Jo. Williams place but it was ^{over} ~~xxx~~ before I arrived and decided against the tenants.

Jim Kane was here and I gave him a note of introduction to Mr. Rowell requesting him to pay a note of \$500 in favor of the said Kane and signed by Chas. H. Chapin & myself, but he refused to do so, at least so says Kane and I believe truly and yet this Rowell owes us \$2,000.

William Chasely worked for me--a miserably slow hand and lazy

^{Hick}

Heck worked a part of the day grubbing but he was not there.

^e_A I sent for him to come to dinner, nor at ¹/₂ past 1 P. M. he also quit before sundown and ~~xx~~ did not ^{work} probly ever ³/₄ of the day.

Rev. Mr. Fish a Catholic priest was here and proposes building a church in Quindaro if I will give the ground I reserved for a convent but I should like to have him pledge to establish a convent, which he seems unwilling to bind himself to do.

Dr. Spencer was here, anxious to borrow money and talks of going to Atchison to try Fowrey's Bank.

I have been working most of the day myself preparing my garden for planting.

Rec'd letter from Mad. E. Tucker ^{clo}_A asking a receipt for \$100. 00 for childrens school expenses to 8th July 1882. and also a sample of Abulena's embroidering, and from ^{Mersma} ~~Mersma~~, all well. O God! supreme ruler of the universe, bless my dear children with health ^{and} happiness ^A those qualities which will make them worthy thy special favor and protection and entitle them to the respect of their fellow creatures. O save them from all ^{harm} ~~xxx~~, keep them within thy guardianship that may not taste of sorrow or of sin but be an honor to thee and ornaments to society.

20th " "

To day I had hoped to spend at my garden but received notice that the Commissioners & Chiefs were to meet at John D. Browns, and that I ^o_A should be there to attend to my contested cases. but I found only one of the Comms. so that ^{but} ~~very~~ little business was done, though quite a ~~xxx~~

large number of Wyandots attended to see how their lands were situated. An effort was made to take from us the Solomon Carahoe claim which covers our free ferry. I have scarcely bought a single tract of land which there has not been an effort to take from us and that too by men who are to ^{caution} say all that they are worth. This is the offspring of envy and prejudice. Poor victims, it is their last triumph. But even more commendable is the conduct of the Seneca, who encourage and gratify this malicious feeling, although the Treaty confers upon them independent power. They are probably actuated by feelings a feeling of ^{political} hostility and a desire to please these malignant men who now wield what little power the extinct tribe possesses.

Crooks Crooks removed to Lewis Lumpy's cabin

Week Nick hauled a load for Crooks which took him till 10 o'clock A.

M. and also moved his family to the Crook's house

William Chubb worked for me today

Day very warm with heavy thunder and lightning which passed to the south--no rain here.

Wife and children went to Quindaro and were all weighed as follows. wife 201½ lbs, James 88 lbs and Jacob 41 lbs. Mrs. Brown wife's mother was also along and weighed 191 lbs.

Wife paid A. Tuttle 85cts which I owed

Wife got \$1.00 worth butter 3½ lbs

* hoghorn hats for boys \$1.00 each \$2.00

* \$1.00 star candles 3½ lbs

Margaret Goodwin went to Wyandot city to see her sister

Sent Mrs. Guthrie's pony to Mr. Gray who went with Mr. Bottom to look at Wyandot city.

Jacob has a very bad *diarrhea*, he is not a stout child and is afflicted with night sweats, yet I have hopes of his becoming a healthy and stout young man. He is a very amiable affectionate child with a quiet and fiery temper, and with all a quiet clear mind with much good sense and full of fun.

27th " "

Went to Parkville with wagon taking a few bushels of corn to have ground for meal, but could not get it ground one mill couldn't and the others wouldn't, but one of them was willing to exchange meal for my corn but this I would not do ~~max~~ because I always shell my own corn and ^{very} ~~am~~ careful to select the best I have.

Brought home my bureau and book case which with my writing table and desk cost \$38.50 which I paid.

Paid-- Barths (butcher) \$1.10 which he says I owe him for beef.

^{Hick} Paid Jacob Beck \$60.00 on clearing and there yet remains due him \$7.25

Took dinner with Col. Park and talked on railroad matters. He still thinks he will get his road built to intersect the Hannibal & St. Joseph railroad and ~~he~~ says \$600,000 would now do it, but that is an immense sum of money, yet if all interested would ^{but} contribute in proportion to their interest how easily it could be done!

The brown mare had a colt.

William Chuly worked for me

The peach trees are now in bloom

29th " "

Wrote to Gov. ^{C.} Robinson, now in Washington city W. J. Parrott
enclosing mail petition

" J. C. McCoy

Went to see Isaiah Kane about his land which I had ~~arranged~~
bargained for but he now refuses to take the price agreed upon

Bolt 30 postage stamps--30cts

29th " "

William Chuly worked--hauling rubbish from the deer yard

Hick

Hick worked--making fence and grubbing

I helped Chuly load rubbish and was busy at various labors and
the result is I am unwell, with loss of appetite and inertia.

The white faced (or Johnson cow) had a calf.

We are to-day out of flour. I went to Quindaro to get a sack
(100lbs) but no one seemed disposed to trust me and I had not money ~~en~~
enough to pay for it, and therefore I came home without. Several of our
citizens are returning home who went East to spend the winter and got
money and it is rumored they came back poorer than they went away. The
times are indeed extremely hard.

Rec'd a letter from cousin John Ainsworth.

Paid Dr. Anderson \$1.00 for medical services

30th March 1868

William Chasly left me--I paid him altho owed him \$1.00

Jacob Ulrich is staying all night with me. He comes to run me for money. I have made for him ten times the amount I owe him; yet now in the very hardest of the hard times he insists upon immediate payment. But I have not the money nor is he in any danger of losing it. But so it is with the world.

It has been raining all day. I set out a few peach trees.
Bluegrass seed coming up just two weeks since I sowed it

31st " "

Wife went to widow Sarah Coon's and got \$30. which I had paid her for an old improvement which the Commrs. refused to let me keep a base act of injustice--more against the old widow than against myself. Mrs. Guthrie also borrowed \$100.00 from widow Coon for me.

Mrs. Brown returned to Capt. Parks

Mr. Ulrich still here waiting for money but I have only got the \$100. borrowed ^{of} ~~from~~ widow Coon.

Was in Quindaro most of the day endeavoring to make arrangements with Messrs Bottom and Chapin to have them bring on their machinery and set up their business here--they are builders and manufacturers of cash, doors &c I agreed to let them have Block no. 1 on the river and two shares in the town as inducement.

In looking for eligible lots for Chapin and Bottom I discovered a valuable lot taken by Chas. H. Chapin as he says in exchange for one

taken from him, but by whom he did not say--doubtless it was a base fraud and I doubt not we shall find more of the same kind of transactions before we are done with him. This Chapin was employed by the company to attend to its business, not to defraud it of its property. He is without doubt a dishonest man, and his colleague, Webb I fear is no better. The sooner we are rid of both the better.

Nick Nick worked all day for me as did John Brumbach though I had not hired the latter.

1st April 1888

I rec'd \$300.00 fr And Tuttle afundish for which I receipted on the bond he holds for the property I sold him.

Paid Jacob Ulrich \$300.00 on a note he holds against me.

Went to quindare with Jacob who bought 3 oranges 18c, candy 18c.

Paid for sack 100 lbs flour be't day before yesterday \$2.00

3c't of Johnson & Veale's bushel salt 80c

John Brumbach plowed for ^a part of the day

And * *

Paid Mr. Todd two dollars borrowed of him a few days ago--it is all I owe him

John Brumbach worked for me all day

George George agreed to work for me at \$20.00 a month and has been working for me since 9 o'clock this morning and is to work tomorrow--for which no price was paid & on Monday is to commence by the month.

Wife and Mrs. Russellas Gray went to Kansas City--wife expended \$11.00

3rd " "

Bought thirty gooseberry bushes of Mr. Strong for \$3.75

Paid John Brumbach \$2.00 for work to-day, yesterday and a part of the day before.

George worked for me all day and I begin to ~~believe~~ hope he is the man I want--he appears to be a faithful industrious ~~XXXXXX~~ German--who generally are the best servants.

Sent John Brumbach to Pickville to get some corn ground, also to commence gardening--planted onions and corn, also a few flower seeds

Jacob has been unwell several days--a bad cough, hoarseness, loss of appetite and a hot fever all night.

Returned to Mr. Shephard the \$20. I borrowed of him a few days ago.

Bought 4 lbs dried peaches, 50cts

Agreed to give five dollars toward fixing sewer from Quindaro House.

John Brumbach returned home late in the evening but too drunk to give a very clear account of his doings

4th " "

Settled with John Brumbach and he returned me \$1.00 of the \$5.00 I let him have yesterday to pay expenses and purchase some little articles such as garden rake which cost \$1.25, butter 3 lbs 60c candy 7c and he will owe a dollar

Wrote to Gov. Robinson (under cover to Parrott) about buying the lands around Quindaro in the event of the building a railroad from thence westward.

Wrote to children

5th * *

Went to Kansas City, Westport, and Capt. Parks-- to the last to borrow money but the Capt. was not at home and I returned without seeing him.

Attended Wyandot council and a meeting of the Commrs. but could not obtain no redress of the wrongs they have inflicted upon me in the assignment of lands. The envious and malicious disposition of the Wyandots so manifest in all their dealings with the white man, is one chief cause of their rapid decline. No man ever treated Indians with more kindness and fairness than I have treated these people, and all the large sums of money and which they have received, and the high value now placed upon their property is either the remote or ~~an~~ immediate results of my labors. Yet there is no man, perhaps, whom they are so anxious to destroy. This ingratitude and perversity might excite my resentment, but they are already fast bringing upon themselves well merited from a higher and holier source. I pity their errors and forgive.

George George Amel commenced working for me by the month at \$20.00 per month

Nick Nick worked

6th April 1898.

Went to Wyandot city to get seed corn but it was not for sale in the small quantity I wanted to buy, so I got none.

John Bushach plowed in the forenoon.

It has been raining nearly the whole day-- quite heavily all afternoon and yet, 9 O'clock P. M.

7th " "

Net, Turk and Hewt. Ainsworth are here tonight.

Planted peach trees in my garden.

Staked out my new garden and gooseberry rows.

Went to Quindaro and obtained a new list of my share in town.

Mr. Chapin showed me a letter from Gov. Robinson speaking in confident tone of the prospects of a railroad grant of land which will ensure the construction of a railroad from Quindaro westward which will, I think, make Quindaro the great city of the west which I have long believed God designed it should be.

Mrs. Hinton was here with a school subscription and I signed for one. The school begins the 10th inst.

Huck - Mack worked for me today.

John Bushach worked for me to-day.

This evening it is raining, with thunder ^{q.} and lightning.

Jacob has nearly recovered his health and can again engage in his plays. Thank God! Nothing so distresses me as a sick or suffering child were I the victim it could not affect me more.

5th " "

The day sunless with high winds-- with little rain although it rained ^a the greater part of ^{last} ~~the~~ night

Planted gooseberry bushes & a few raspberry vines.

George set out a few strawberry plants

Went to Wyandot city to see Isaiah P. Walker on business relating to land

Went to Mr. Beckwith's, Kyrreys, Sawmill, to see about lumber for garden fence.

Saw Anson C. Davis of Wyandot city and agreed to pay \$41, provided our late ferryman Merrill will give a receipt in full satisfaction against me. I ought not to pay anything for he did not fulfill his contract, but I believe it is cheaper to pay off a lawsuit at some sacrifice than to succeed in the trial for the vexation, trouble, loss of time and actual expense at best make it a dear business, and there can be no sacrifice of honor in escaping from such contests.

5th " "

Mr. Hyatt, brother of Thaddeus Hyatt was here looking after his brother's interests. I gave him all the information I could.

John W. Greaves was here to ascertain what amount is due his father's estate from the Quindaro company. He states and I believe truly that no note was ever given for the balance due on the land bought of his father. I have enquired at the Co's office and learn the whole amount was \$600 of which he rec'd but \$353, there is consequently \$247.00 yet due the estate.

Jim Kane was here to dun me for money due him from Gov. Robinson and for which I am responsible, and I have been very busy endeavoring to borrow \$3000, but it has given me a great deal of trouble and subjected me to the keenest mortifications. I am sick and worn out with these debts, and would leave the country if I could get away to escape for a little season this crushing annoyance.

I was shown a letter to-day from Gov. Robinson speaking in the most confidential language of his success in getting a grant of land for our railroad. Should this enterprise succeed Quindaro will be the great city of the West, and it is believed that with my present property I will be a rich man, so people tell me and so would I like to believe. What immeasurable felicity must be that of the rich man who feels and knows that God has bestowed upon him this much of his favor for wise and useful purposes. Should such ^{ever} be my fate I declare my determination to reserve and dedicate to God the best piece of ground I have in addition to Quindaro as a token of my gratitude and to have a suitable church erected on it. No man at forty can sit down and review his ~~his~~ incidents of his life.

Nick Nick worked for me all day, chopped in clearing

Signed a note for one hundred dollars in favor of Sarah Coon payable on demand. Mrs. Guthrie also signed it as Mrs. Coon desired her to do so. The note was sent to her by John B. Curleyhead who is her husband or at least lives with her.

I also gave Mrs. Coon a receipt for \$80.00 which I had previously paid to her for an improvement which the commissioners took from me.

10th. April 1888

Went to Quindaro with James C. Kane and borrowed \$100.00 of H. English and paid it to Kane on a note for \$300 signed by myself and Chas H. Chapin for land sold to Gov. Robinson and for which Robinson is responsible but his absence made it necessary that we should give our note for the purpose of getting the deed.

Rec'd some apple and pear scions of Chas. H. Chapin, for grafting.

A day of mortification and ~~embarrassment~~ embarrassment. I made every effort to get money having promised Kane \$300, but could only get \$100.00.

Wrote to C. Robinson in relation to our debts, my claim for mileage and pay dues, and Wm. Guthrie's Shumaco claim.

Hick Hick worked till 9 O'clock A. M. when it began to rain and I did not see him again at work for the day.

Kerney Let Kerney have 3 $\frac{1}{2}$ lbs bacon

11th * *

To day, though Sunday, has been no day of rest for me. The debts which I have promised to have paid, though not my own, give me the utmost concern and I can think of nothing else and my inability to keep my word crushes me to the earth and the creditors are merciless and importunate. They know I do all I can yet give me no rest. May their ungenerous and unmanly conduct receive its due reward in that mysterious

round of retributions which Gods laws have established!

Went with Mr. Sheppard and others to look at ground for making brick

Went to John H. Cottier's to borrow money of a man who is working for him, but did not see him.

12th April 1888

This whole day I have been endeavoring to borrow money but without success. I had promised to return money which I had borrowed and I have failed to fulfil my promise. I am sick and worn out with these exertions. Gov. Robinson is much to blame for these embarrassments. The debts I have been paying are his and now I am obliged to disappoint and injure my own creditors. Robinson may turn out an honest man but he is certainly a very careless one—and such an one as I hope never to do business with again.

Monday 12th " "

Hick Worked from 10 O'clock A. M.

Planted a few strawberries given me by Mr. Lansing. There were three kinds. The

Took Jacob with me to Quintana; he bought candy &c and raisins 10c

Tuesday 13th April 1888

Went to Mr. Newmark to request him to wait on Mr. Beckwith for \$30. which I was to pay him which he agreed to do

Went to Mr. Beckwiths to tell him of the arrangement made with

Mr. Newman.

Went to Kansas city intending to go to Shawnee to see Capt Parks, but meeting him in Kansas city I did my business there which was to borrow money but got none, and to try to get the Captain to get the Shawnees and Delawares to build a bridge over the Kansas river at a point nearest to Chillicothe in the success of which he is largely interested. The measure I propose would make it a place of considerable importance whereas without it there will be no town. The Captain I believe thinks well of my project and said he would bring it up in council. A bridge at this point will be as advantageous to Quindaro^{do} as at any other hence my interest in it.

Went to Quindaro and requested Mr. Chapin to draw up an agreement between the Quindaro Company or myself and Messrs Corvay Clark in relation to the Free Ferry on the Mau.

Nick Nick worked all day chopping wood in clearing.

A very boisterous day--wind snow, and rain.

Wednesday 14th

Attended a meeting of the Chiefs and Commissioners they having stated it would be the last one but there were several contested cases; the most important was that between Lucy Armstrong⁺ and her brother-in-law Silas Armstrong but it was not decided.

Nick Nick worked all day for me chopping in clearing.

Thursday 15th " "

Went to see Jack Hain's about money, got none, went to the

Delaware reserve, to see Johnyoske & Ketchum about borrowing money but neither was at home and I returned without getting any money.

On returning home from Delaware I learned that Mrs. Guthrie and George Spybuck & wife had gone to Quindaro and I immediately followed them and went with them to the Quindaro Co's. office where Mrs. Spybuck signed a deed relinquishing all her right in the land bought of her husband in Quindaro; he also signed another deed Mr. Chapin thinking from reading the Statute that both should sign at the same time this of course could do no harm to any one but I believe it was superfluous.

George commenced plowing and sowing oats.

Week says he worked all day but I thought he stopped about 3 o'clock P.M. as I did not see him after that time

I have never suffered more anguish of mind than I have suffered within the last month on account of pecuniary embarrassments. I have aimed at a fortune but it would be dearly bought earned were this state of things to last long. After all the old Indian life, with all its poverty and hardship is the happiest.

Friday 16th April 1878

Went to Quindaro boat of Shephard & Henry 32 lbs nails @1.50cts a box

There arrived by express containing fruit trees from Mr. Jacob Henry of Albany, N.York, the charges on which are \$3.00 and the fruit trees are 35cts each making \$14.70 besides a few dwarf quince and strawberry sent to Mrs. Guthrie. The truth is I had no idea of getting so many pair trees or of incurring so much expense at this time

signed a receipt to the Express Agent for the box of trees.

Jack Mack worked all day for me

Geo. Spynack & family left for Ohio.

Jimmy Let Morsey have 1 bushel of potatoes ²⁶ 1 ¹/₂ ²/₃ bacon.

Saturday 17th " "

Went to Quindaro for the box of fruit trees landed yesterday.

I was almost disposed to offer it for sale to pay charges, but am pleased ^{fruit} as I did not as it contained valuable ^{fruits} and much of it sent to my wife as a present among which was a large quantity of strawberries "Wilson's seedlings" and we have been planting them this afternoon.

I sold Jim Kane seven of the pair trees for \$3.00 each together with a calf and an old beef hide all for \$20.00 and for the purpose of paying the freight on the box which was nine dollars although I do not think it would weigh over 90 lbs.

I have spent the most of the day in my garden with my mind freed for a little season from the harassing cares of business, and were I now out of debt I should enjoy life in this pursuit more than in any other.

However agreeable to our vanity may be the praise of the multitude or the brief authority of office, it requires a constant tension of the mind and effort of the body to retain them. And I will venture to assert that not one man in a thousand ever resigned them that did not regret the folly of accepting and retaining them.

Jack Mack worked half the day.

George planted two beds strawberry plants

Sunday 18th April 1888

The day has been rainy yet I set out one bed strawberry plants
and the Dwarf pairs---II trees

Mr. Whitman of Laurence is with us and will stay all night.

Monday 19th ** "

Today I have set out 2I pair trees.

George was busy taking the stumps out of the garden

Jim Zane took away the calf I sold him yesterday but did not pay the money as he had promised, for when I let him have the trees and the calf on Saturday it was with the express understanding that he would pay me \$9.00 that I might pay the express charges on the box.

Went to Quindaro with John Gibson to have him sign a paper confirming the location of his float.

Bo't I 1b 4 penny nails

Rev. Mr Stoops sent 2 small apple trees to Mrs. Guthrie

Tuesday April 20th, 1888.

Lightcap William Lightcap commenced working for me at twenty dollars a month,

Went Wyandot city to attend to attend a meeting of the Wyandot commissioners, Chiefs and Legislative Com'tee, But no meeting took place. The time being changed from mere caprice or a worse cause.

Have been trying all day to get money but ~~my~~^{every} effort failed.

I am out of feed for my horses and I have not oats enough to sow the field I had designed for that crop, we are out of sugar and really in want of many of the necessities of life and yet I cannot get a single dollar, although there are several thousand dollars owing to me. Nor do the merchants seem disposed to trust me for their goods although it is well known I have good and considerable property. No one under these embarrassments seems disposed to extend a helping hand, but it appears to me they are secretly pleased at my difficulties. Should I triumph over these difficulties, I am sure the recollection of this treatment will make my heart more callous to the wants of others than it ever has been. I can now understand better than ever before, why men become more selfish, cautious and heartless as they pass through the vicissitudes of life.

Planted our Rheubarb 14 roots

Finished planting strawberries

Planted ~~some~~² small apple trees sent yesterday to Mrs.G. by Revd. Mr. Stoops. They are in the N.W.corner of the garden.

Wednesday, April, 21st "

Went to Wyandot city where the Commissioners and Chiefs met to close up their business and rec'd **Certificates** for the most of the lands I have bet of the Wyandots but they contain so many errors that I shall have to go back tomorrow to have them corrected/

Hick Hick worked all day for me

Planted some Eastern corn sent to me by Mrs. Nicholls, also a little yellow pop corn

Thursday 23rd

Went to Kansas city to get the Commissioners to correct my Wyandot Land certificates in which I succeeded in part but will probably have to go again tomorrow. I have never known such a bungling business as this subdivision and assignment of the Wyandot lands. the partiality of the commissioners, the dishonesty of the chiefs and the rapacity of the Indians have given rise to much difficulty and many glaring acts of injustice.

Hick Hick worked all day for me splitting rails.

Finished plowing in oats, I have still about two acres to sow which I have had plowed and will then sow the oats and harrow them in.

Ferriage 50c candy 25c

Friday 23rd

Wrote to Thaddeus Hyatt enclosing two certificates one of Thomas Menan Oues and the other of Charles Daughter or Cornstock's mother's land.

Hick Hick worked till 5 o'clock P.M.

Saturday 24th

Went to Quindaro

Borrowed \$1.00 of Shepard & Henry

Went to Kansas city

Borrowed \$1.50 of Isaiah Walker to buy a sack of sweet potatoes which I left with Mr. Conant to be sent up on Monday. The potatoes are for Mr. Alfred Gray and cost \$1.40 for a sack of about three pecks/

Ferrings Bce candy 25c

Hick Hick worked

Gov. Robinson returned from Washington city/

Bishop James of New York called to see me in relation to the establishment of a Seminary at Quindaro but nothing definite was determined

Sunday 25th April 1888.

The Methodist E. Church was dedicated but I could not attend for the want of a decent suit of clothes, and I am so much embarrassed that I cannot buy them.

Walked to Quindaro. Mr. Chapin gave me some garden seeds.

E.O.Sane and his wife went to Leavenworth city.

Monday 26th " "

Signed a contract with Jas Clark for keeping a free ferry ont the Kansas river agreeing to give him \$50.00 a month for the same. This money should be paid by the Quindaro Company.

Monday 26th April 1888

Hick Hick rolled the logs in my clearing for which I am to pay him \$3.00

Bo't of Johnson & Veale \$1 worth coffee \$1 worth tea & \$1

worth sugar on credit Mr. Veale assuring me that they did not trust any one but would trust me as a favor which I presume was true and the more humiliating because it was true. Such is the scarcity of money and the universal distrust that merchants no longer trust and the best of men are unable to procure the ordinary comforts of life, at least so am I situated.

Tuesday 27th * *

Rec'd a duplicate contract between M.W. Bottom and myself by which he is to have certain property for which he is to establish a lumber yard and the manufacture of sash, blinds &c. The contract is dated 29th March 1858.

Hick Hick worked $1\frac{1}{2}$ the day for me and I told him I could not hire him any more just now.

Planted potatoes East of and up to the west side of the garden

Brought my new wheelbarrow home price \$7.00

Wednesday 28th April 1858

Bo't 1 bbl flour of H. English \$7.50

Borrowed five bushels corn of P. Cas~~well~~^{well} which I am to return to him next week

I have again spent most of the day trying to get money but without success

William Lightcap who works for me broke my harness and plow yesterday by which I lose an important day's work besides the expense.

All of which might have been saved had he been careful, and I ought to discharge him but have not the money to pay him

Newton Ainsworth staid last night with us and his brother John, and James Todd stay with us to-night

I have had a busy day and am tired, and yet the hardest of my day's work was getting repaired what one of my workhands broke yesterday through sheer carelessness.

Thursday 29th April

Bo't five bushels oats at 60c per bushel (\$3.00) to repay those I borrowed a few days ago of Jacob Kyle and took them to him but he not being at home I left them in his stable/

Wife borrowed \$100. of widow Solomon's daughter for me which I am to repay at the next payment.

Left with Mr. Beckwith's sister \$90. which she promised to give me credit for on the note he holds against me.