Isaac Tichenor Goodnow diary

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Diary belonging to Isaac Goodnow, a free-state supporter and the founder of Bluemont College (predecessor to Kansas State University) in Manhattan, Kansas Territory. Although many of the entries are somewhat mundane, dealing with weather, illness, neighbors, etc., others describe political and military activities in Kansas, as well as the land speculation. Goodnow's diary makes mention of the details of his daily life and community activities, such as home maintenance and crop harvests.

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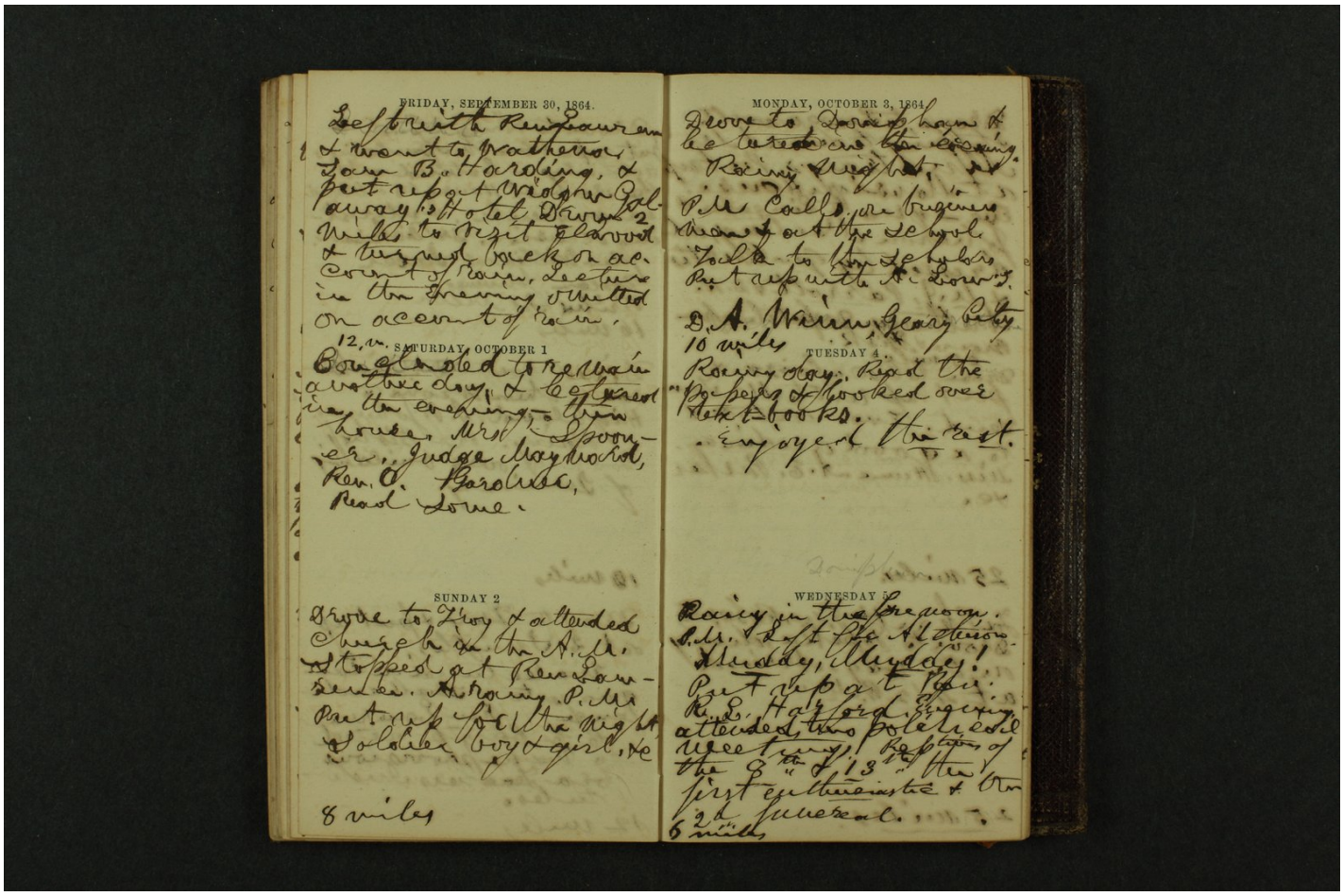
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FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 30, 1864.

Left with Rensaw[illegible]
& went to Gratheron,
saw B. Harding, &
part repd with Wolfner Pol-
away; Hotel Divy 2
Wells to visit Flavord
& returned back on ac-
count of Rain, Lecture
in the Evening omitted
on account of Rain.

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 1

12 M. Brought load to Gratheron
over three days & Entertained
in the evening at Gen
Lowe, Mrd Spoon-
er, Judge Mayhood,
Rev. O. Barclue,
Read some.

SUNDAY 2

Drove to Troy & attended
Church in the A. M.
stopped at Rev Lowe-
Sermon. Morning P. M.
Part rep for the Night
Soldier boy & girl, &c

8 miles

MONDAY, OCTOBER 3, 1864

Drove to Doniphan &
[illegible] Raining.
Rainy Day at
P.M. Called on Eugenes
Dean & at the School.
Talks to the Taylors
Part rep with Mr Lowe &

D. A. Wilson, Geary Co.
10 miles

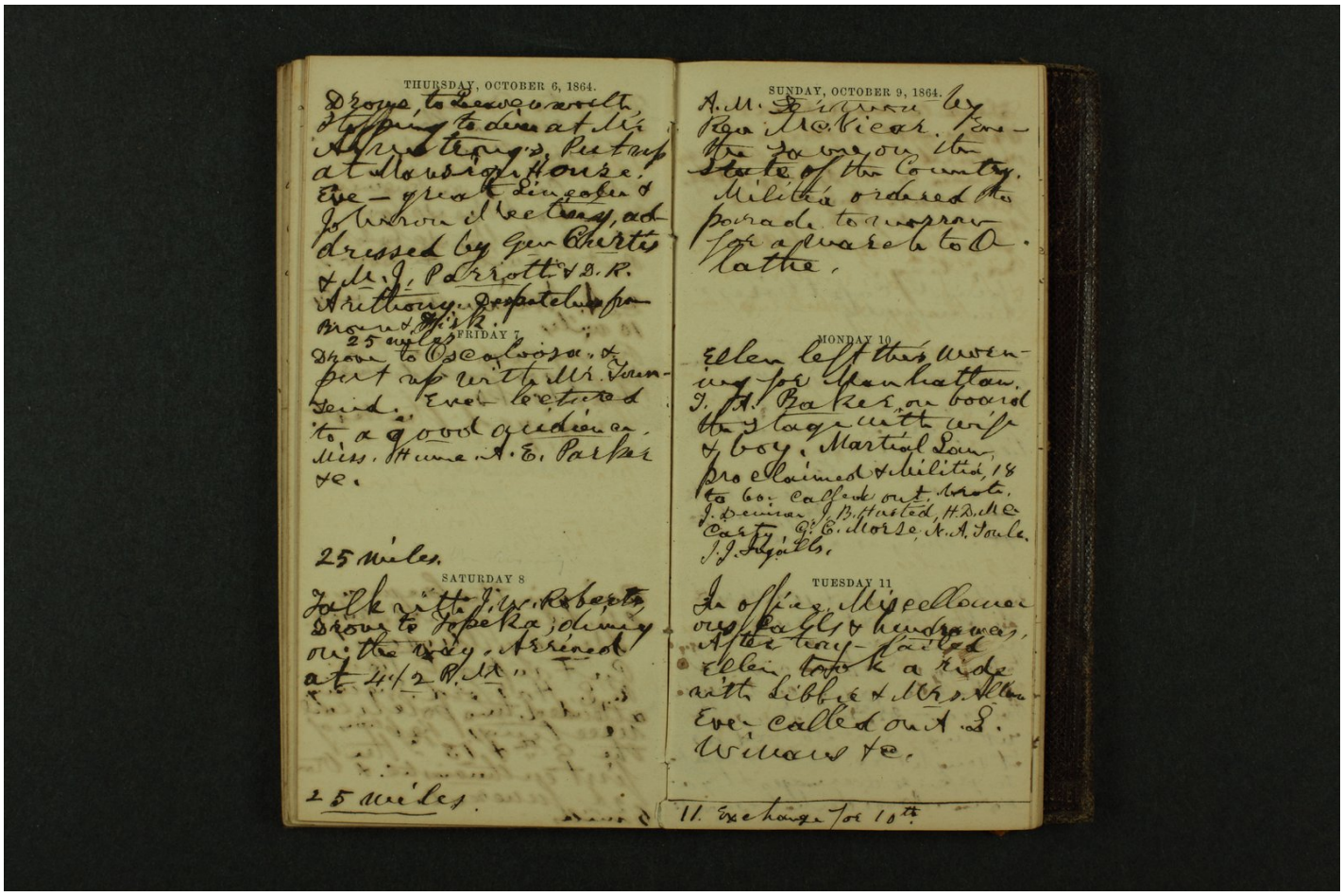
TUESDAY 4

Rainy day. Read the
Papers & worked over
Note-books.
Enjoyed the rest.

WEDNESDAY 5

Rainy in the forenoon.
A.M. Left for Atchison
Muddy, Muddy!
Part rep at the
Rev E. Hayford, Engaged
attended two Political
Meetings. Reception of
the 2nd of 13th the
first enthusiastic & Im
2d funeral.
6 miles

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THURSDAY, OCTOBER 6, 1864.

Drove to Leavenworth stopping to dine at Mr. Ayres tavern, & put up at Mansion House. Eve — great Lincoln & Johnson meeting, addressed by Gen Curtis & Lt. J. Parrott & S. R. Anthony. Despatches from Brown & Fisk.

FRIDAY 7

25 miles.

Drove to Osawatomie, & put up with Mr. Townsend. Eve — lectured to a good audience. Mrs. Hume A. E. Parker &c.

25 miles.

SATURDAY 8

Talk with J. W. Roberts. Drove to Topeka, dining on the way. Arrived at 4 1/2 P.M.

25 miles.

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 9, 1864.

A.M. Listened to Jim McVicar. Fine — the Governor, the State of the Country. Militia ordered to parade tomorrow. Ice adverse to D. Cathe.

MONDAY 10

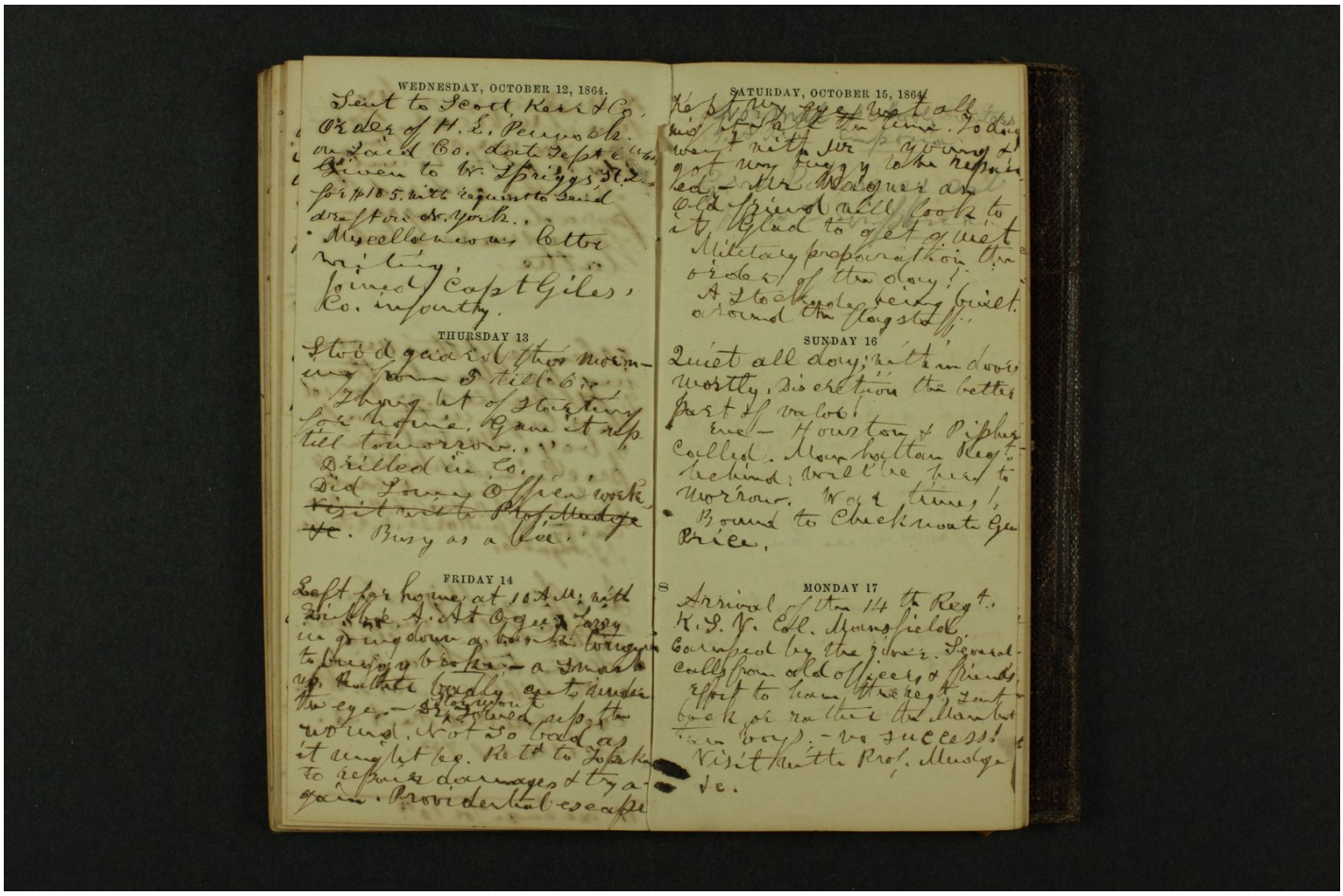
Ellen left this morning for Manhattan. J. H. Baker on board the stage with wife & boy. Martial Law proclaimed & Militia, 18 to 60, called out. Wrote J. Seaman, J. B. Hosted, H. D. M & Carter, D. E. Morse, N. A. Soule, J. J. Ingalls.

TUESDAY 11

In office. Miscellaneous calls & business, A.M. & P.M. Ellen took a ride with Libbie & Mrs. Allen. Eve — called on A. S. Williams &c.

11. Exchange for 10th

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WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 12, 1864.

Sent to Scott, Kerr & Co. Order of H. E. Peirson & Co. on said Co. Date Sept 6th. Given to W. Spriggs Esq. for $105. with request to send draft on N. York.

Miscellaneous matter writing

Joined Capt Giles' Co. in county.

THURSDAY 13

Stood guard all thro' morning from 8 to 6 o'c.

Threw lot of stationery into Marais, Qua it slept till tomorrow.

Drilled in Co.

Did Journey Office work, visit to Physicians &c. Busy as a bee.

FRIDAY 14

Left for home at 10 A.M. with Bro Jack & Art Ogee & Lazy in going down as to the wagon to bring a box — a present to Mother Godly sent under the eye — Strayhorn & Shepherd pepper the wounds. Not so bad as it might be. Put to Topeka to repair damages & try again. Providential escape

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 15, 1864.

Remained all day at home. Today went with Mr Young & got my buggy & the repaired — Mr Wagner an old friend will look to it. Glad to get quiet

Military preparation the order of the day!

At Topeka being quiet around the Capitol.

SUNDAY 16

Quiet all day; rather dull mostly. Discretion the better part of valor!

Intelligence — Houston & Pilot Knob Called. Major Hoffman Regt. Reckind; will be sent to Morrow. Hard times!

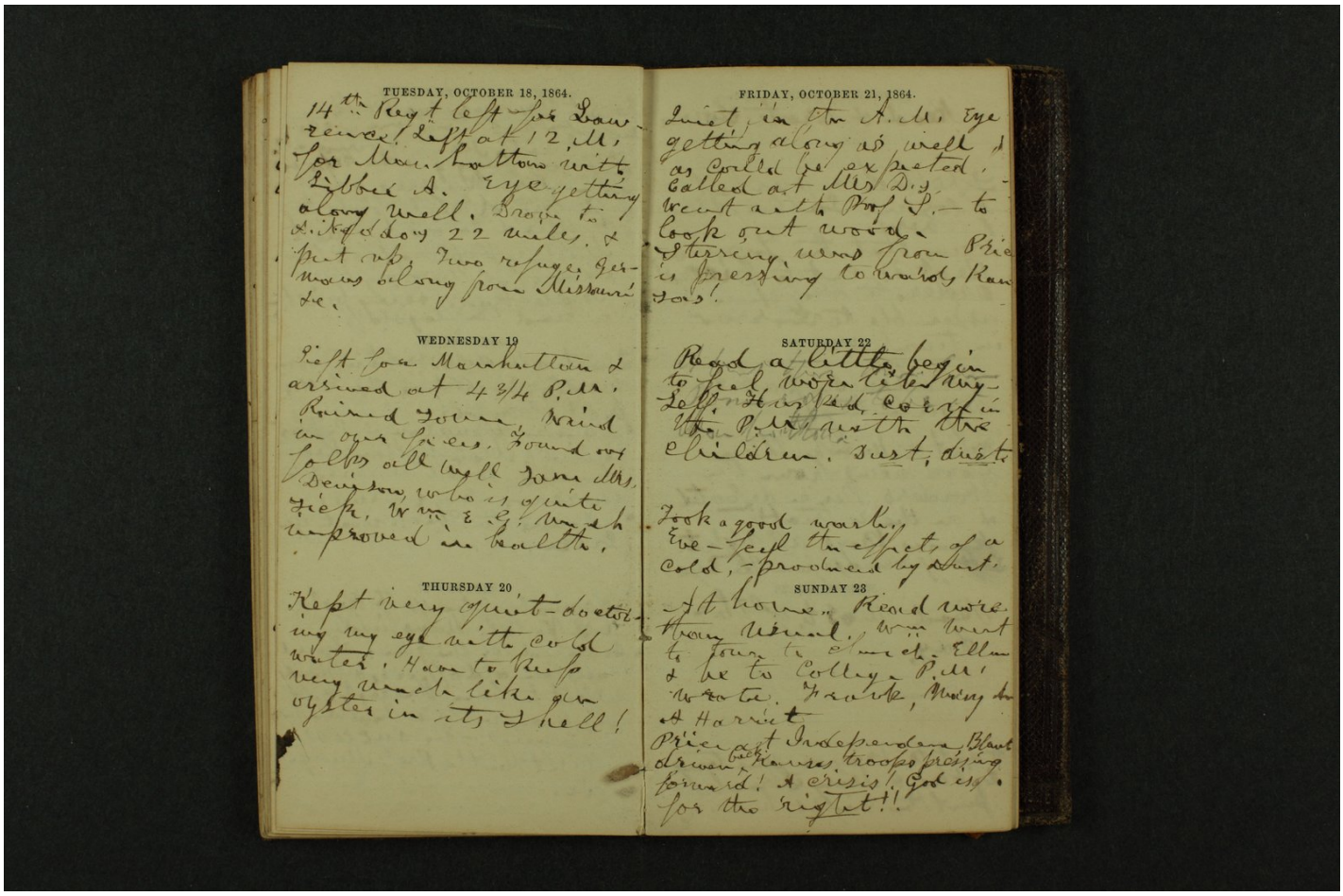
Bound to Checkmate Gen Price.

MONDAY 17

Arrival of the 14th Regt. K. S. V. Col. Mansfield Escorted by the Tower. Several calls from old officers & friends. Effort to learn the Regt Last book or return the Manuscript copy. — No success!

Visit to the Prof. Mudge &c.

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TUESDAY, OCTOBER 18, 1864.

14th Rec'd letter from Lawrence. Left at 12, M. for Manhattan with Libbie A. Eye getting along well. Drove to Ogden 22 miles, & put up. Two refugee Germans along from Missouri.

WEDNESDAY 19

Left for Manhattan & arrived at 4 3/4 P.M. Rained some, wind in our faces. Found our folks all well save Mrs. Denison who is quite sick, Wm & E. much improved in health.

THURSDAY 20

Kept very quiet - doctoring my eye with cold water. Have to keep very much like an oyster in its shell!

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 21, 1864.

Quiet, in the A.M. Eye getting along as well as could be expected. Called at Mrs. D's. Went with Prof. P. — to look out wood. Stirring news from Price is pressing towards Kansas!

SATURDAY 22

Read a little, begin to feel more like myself. Husked corn in the P.M. with the children. Dust, dust.

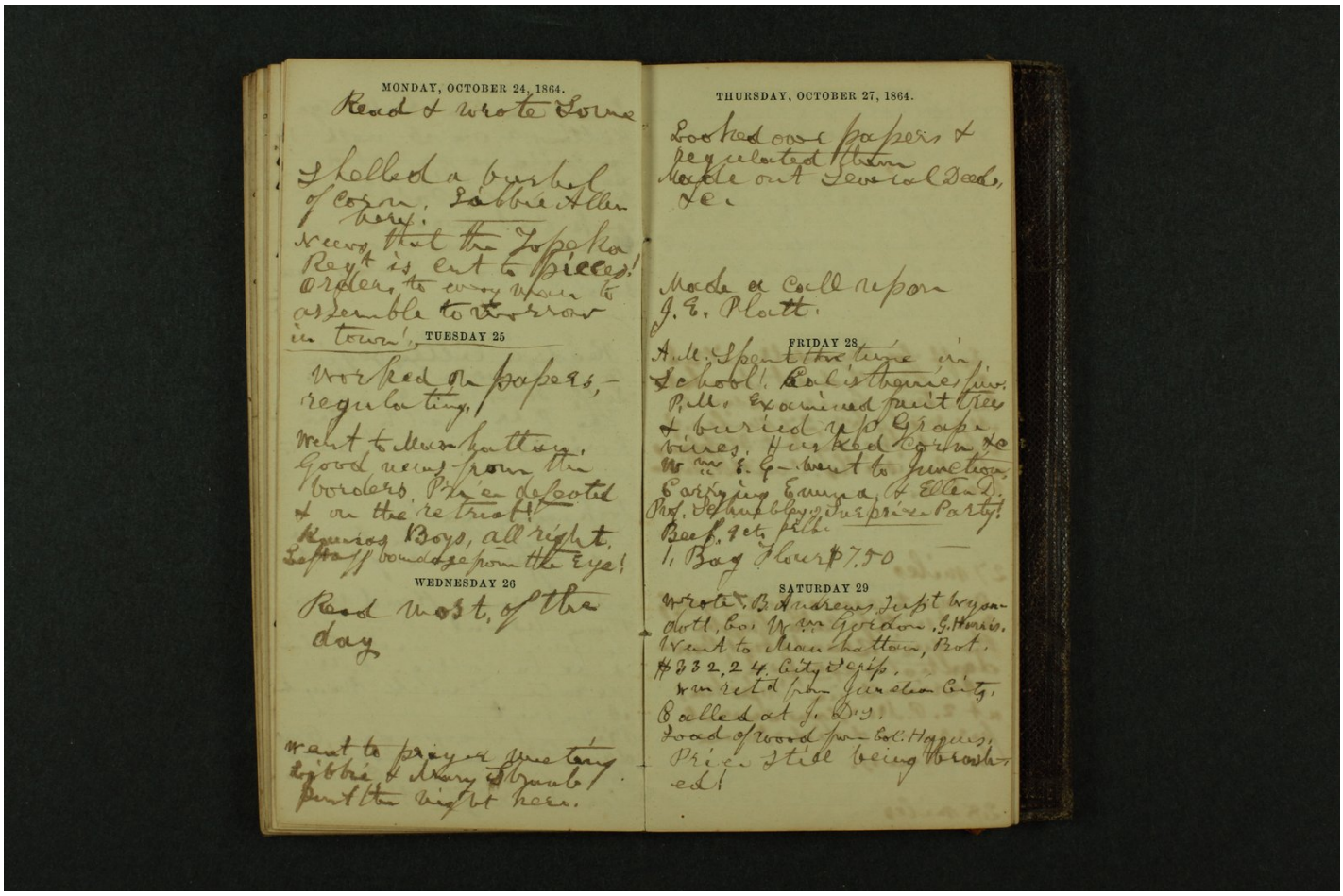
Took a good wash, Eye — felt the effect of a cold, — produced by dust.

SUNDAY 23

At home. Read more than usual. Wm went to town to church. Ellen & he to College. P.M. wrote. Franklin, Mary & Harriet

Price at Independence, Blunt driven back, Kansas troops pressing forward! A crisis! God is for the right!!

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MONDAY, OCTOBER 24, 1864.

Read & wrote Some

I hulled a bushel of corn. Sabbie Allen here. News that the Topeka Reg't is cut to pieces! Orders to every man to assemble to-morrow in town!

TUESDAY 25

Worked on papers, regulating.

Went to Mass meeting. Good news from the borders. Price defeated & on the retreat. Rousing Boys, all right. Lafferty bandaged from the Eye!

WEDNESDAY 26

Read most of the day.

went to prayer meeting Sabbie & Mary Shrauder spent the night here.

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 27, 1864.

Looked over papers & regulated them. Made out Several Deeds, &c.

Made a Call upon J. E. Platt.

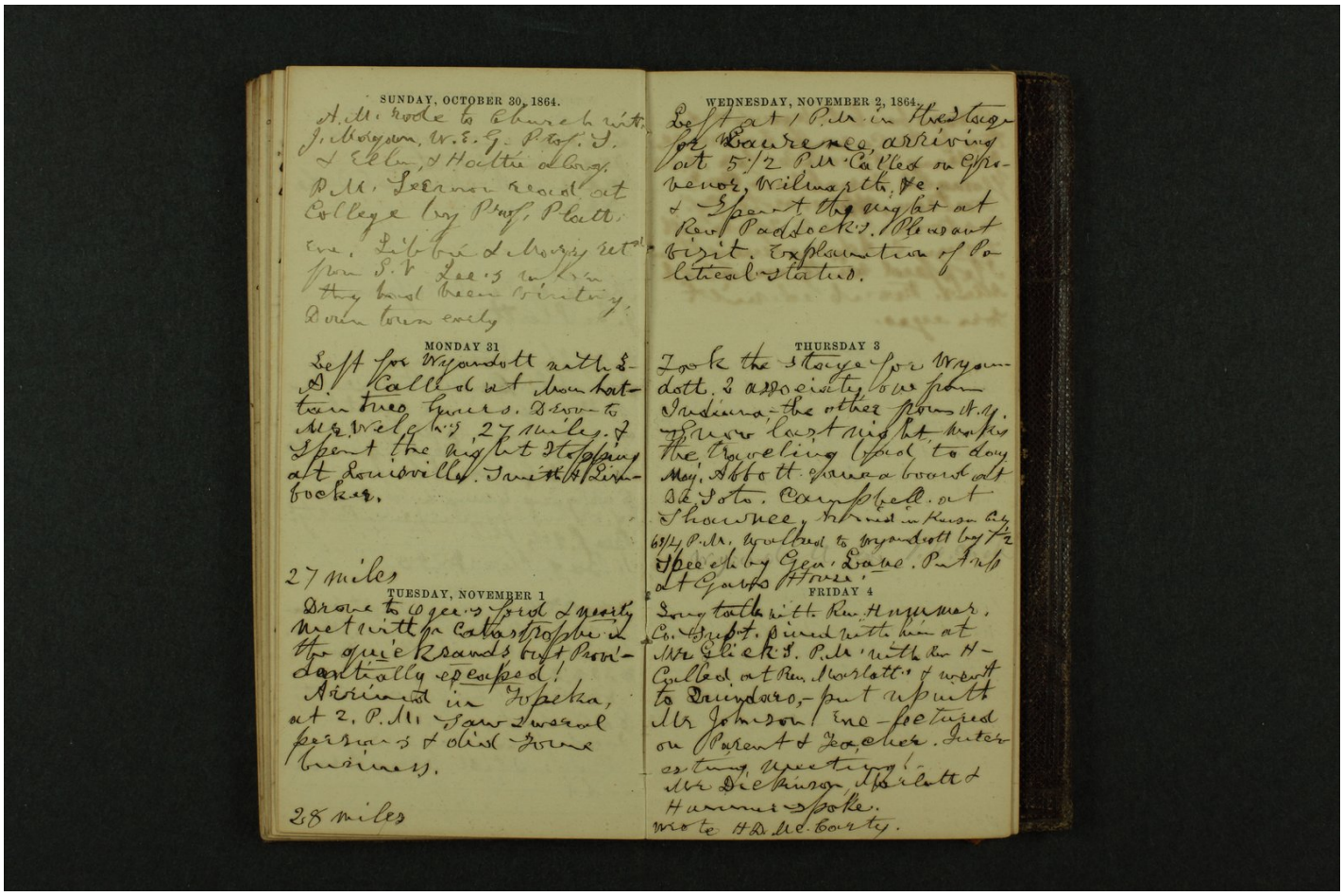
FRIDAY 28

Am. Spent the time in School. Col. Thorne's Jury Bill. Examined fruit Trees & buried up Grape vines. Husked Corn &c Wm & E. went to Junction. Carrying Emma & Ellen D. Prof. Schuyler's Surprise Party! Beef 9 cts pd.
1 Bag Flour $7.50

SATURDAY 29

Wrote B. Andrews, Supt Wyandott, Bro. Wm Gordon, G. Harris. Went to Manhattan, Bot. #332.24 City Scrip. Returned from Junction City. Called at J. D's. Load of wood from Col. Haynes. Price still being Boosted!

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SUNDAY, OCTOBER 30, 1864.

A.M. rode to Church with J. Morgan, W.S.G. Pres. S. & Colm & Hattie along. P.M. Sermon read at College by Pres. Platt. Eve. Lib Coe & Morgy ret. from S.V. Lee is in & they have been visiting. Quite town early

MONDAY 31

Left for Wyandott with S.D. Called at Mountain Grove. Drove to Mr. Welch's 27 miles. & Spent the night & stopping at Louisville. Smith & Pinkbocker.

27 miles

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 1

Drove to Olyer's Ford & nearly met with a catastrophe in the quicksands but providentially escaped! Arrived in Topeka, at 2. P.M. Saw Swezeal persons & did some business.

28 miles

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 2, 1864.

Left at 1 P.M. in Hack for Lawrence arriving out 5 1/2 P.M. Called on Governor, Wilmarth &c. & Spent the night at Revd Paddock's. Pleasant visit. Explanation of Political status.

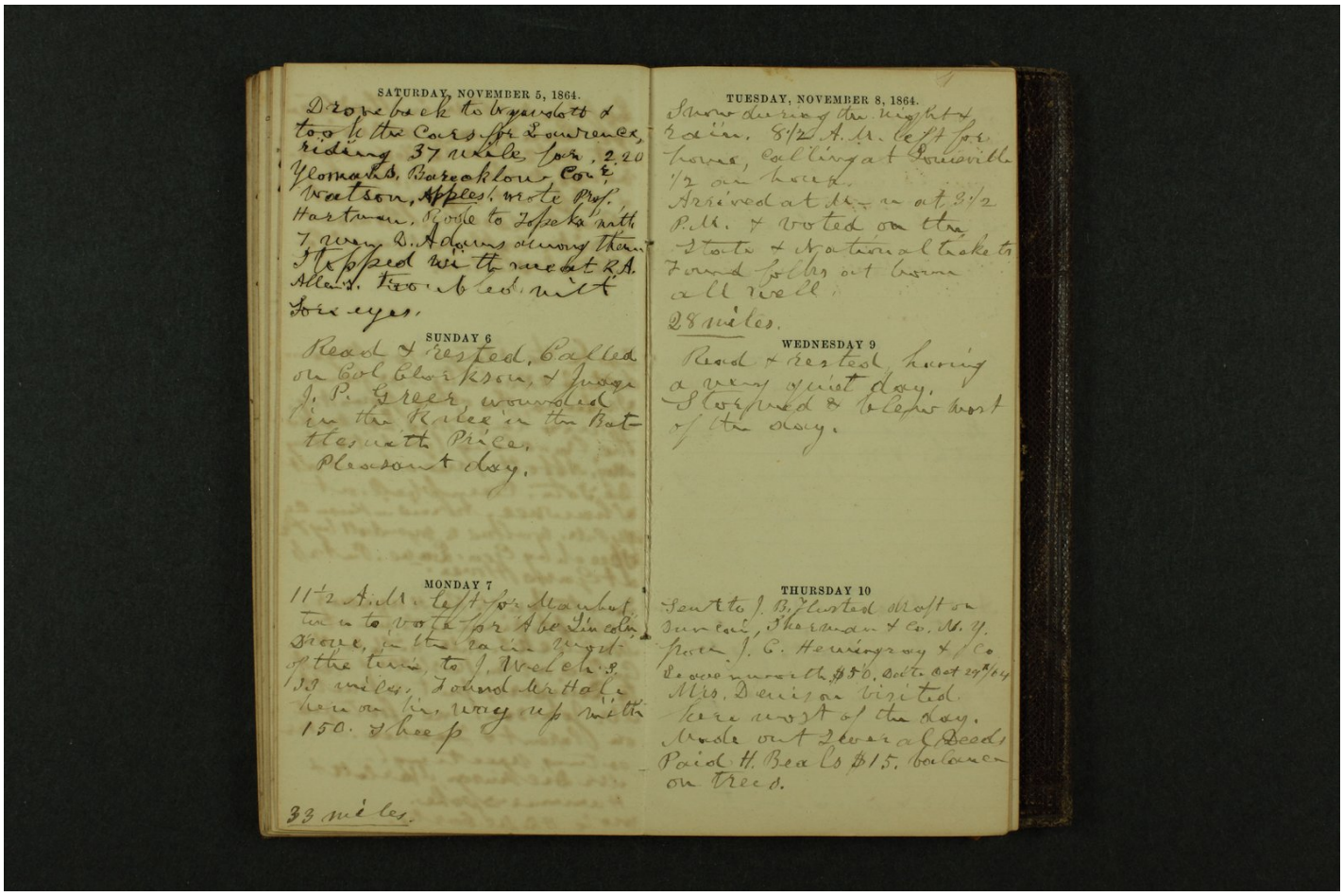
THURSDAY 3

Took the stage for Wyandott. 3 associate Govs from Indiana - the other from N.Y. Drove last night making the traveling good to day. Maj. Abbott gave a toast at St. Pota. Campbell. at Shawnee, arrived in Kansas City 6 1/2 P.M. walked to Wyandott by 12 Spoke by Gen. Lane. Put up at Garth's House.

FRIDAY 4

Long talk with Rev. Hargrave, Co. Regt. Dined with him at Mr Glick's. P.M. with Rev H - Called at Rev. Moslatt's & went to Delaware, - put up with Mr Johnson. Eve - lectured on Parent & Teacher. Interesting meeting! Mr Dickinson, Moslatt & Hargrave spoke. Wrote H.D. & M.C. Canty.

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SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 5, 1864.

Drove back to Wyandotte & took the Cars for Lawrence, riding 37 miles for .220 Yeomans, Barcaloux, Co. Watson, Apples, wrote Prof. Hartman. Rode to Topeka with 7 men D. Adams among them stopped with the meat R.A. Allen. Too. Med. with sore eyes.

SUNDAY 6

Read & rested. Called on Col Blair Knox & Judge J. P. Greer, wounded in the Knee in the Battle with Price. Pleasant day.

MONDAY 7

11½ A.M. left for Manhattan in to vote for Abe Lincoln Stone, in the rain west of the town, to J. Welch's 39 miles, Found Mr Hale here on his way up with 150. Sheep

33 miles.

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 8, 1864.

Snow during the night & rain. 8½ A.M. left for home, calling at Louisville ½ an hour. Arrived at de- n at 3½ P.M. & voted on the State & National ticket to Found folks out home all well.

28 miles.

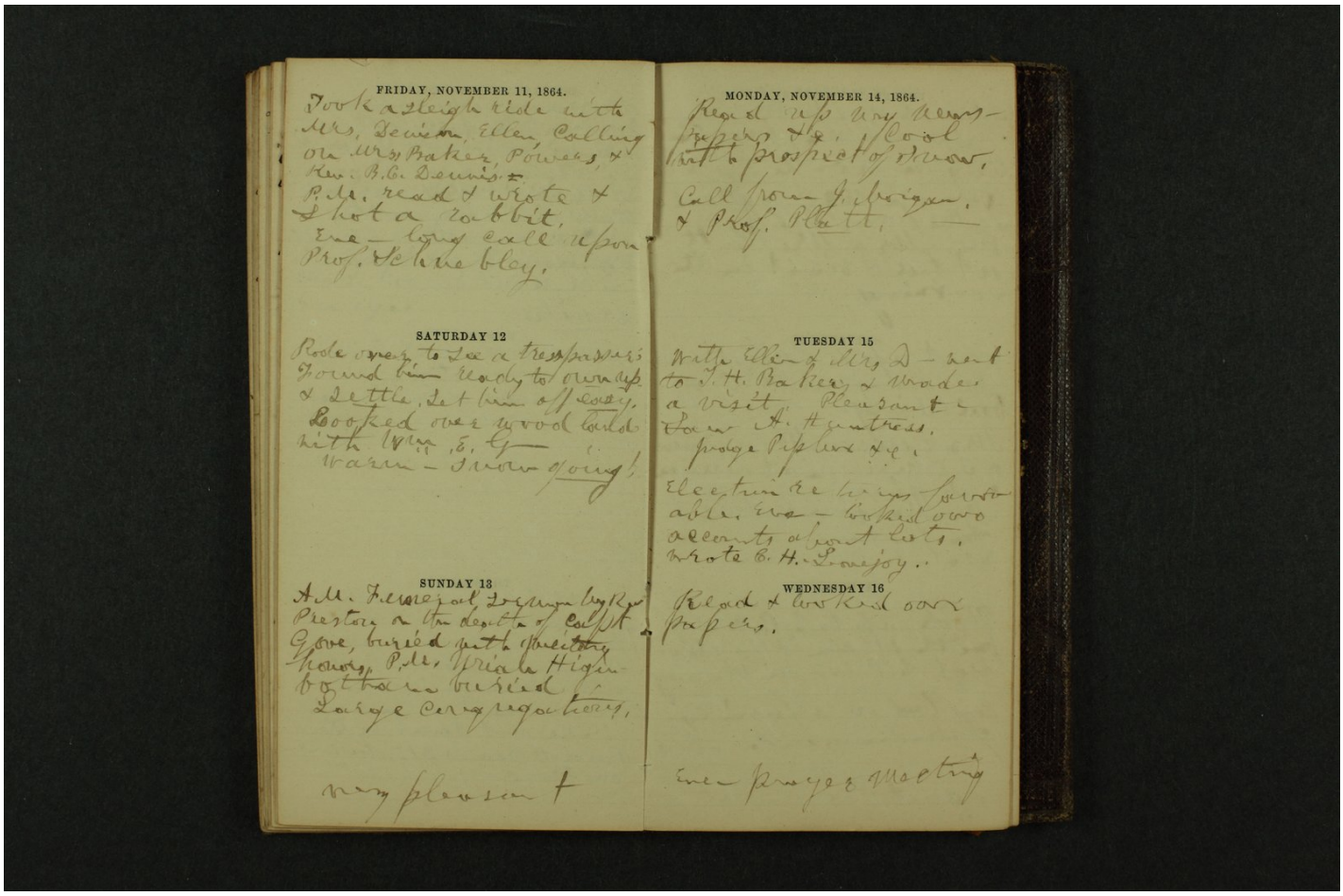
WEDNESDAY 9

Read & rested, having a very quiet day. Stopped & helped most of the day.

THURSDAY 10

Sent to J. B. Husted Mast on Duncan, Sherman & Co. N. Y. Paper J. C. Herrington & Co Received invoice the $56. date Oct 29th/64 Mrs. Dennison visited here most of the day. Made out 2 bear & 1 Beads Paid H. Beals $15. balance on trees.

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FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 11, 1864.

Took a sleigh ride with the Mrs. Denison, Ellen, Calling on Mrs. Baker, Powers, & Rev. B. C. Dennis. & P. M. read & wrote & shot a rabbit. Eve — long call upon Prof. Schuebley.

SATURDAY 12

Rode over to see a trespasser's Found him ready to own up & settle. Let him off easy. Looked over wood lots with Wm. E. G. — Warm — Snow going!

SUNDAY 13

All. Funeral Sermon by Rev. Preston on the death of Col. St. Clair, buried with military honors. P. M. Visited Hig[illegible] both sons buried. Large Congregation.

very pleasant

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 14, 1864.

Read up my News-papers &c. Cool but prospect of thaw.

Call from Judge Logan. & Prof. Platt.

TUESDAY 15

With Wm & Mrs D — went to T. H. Baker's & made a visit. Pleasant & [illegible] A. Hunter's.

Judge Pipher &c.

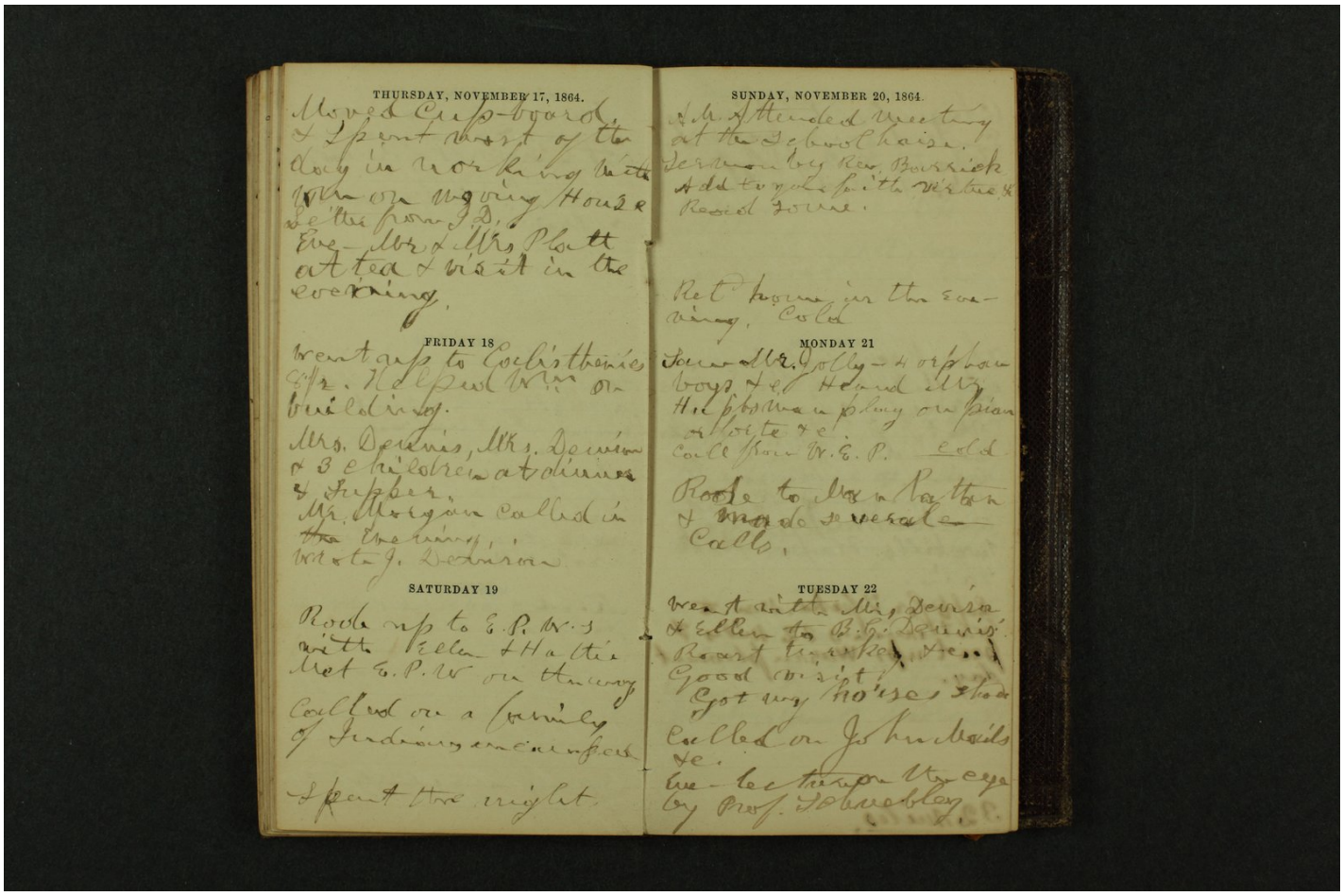
Election [illegible] favorable. Eve — looked over accounts & put [illegible]. Wrote C. H. Lovejoy.

WEDNESDAY 16

Read & worked over papers.

Even Prayer Meeting

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THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 17, 1864.

Moved Cupboard. I spent most of the day in working with John on Working House & other things. Dr. Eve Mr & Mrs Platt attended & visit in the evening.

FRIDAY 18

Went up to Coglestheries Office. Helped Wm on building log.

Mrs. Dennis, Mrs. Dennison & 3 children at dinner & supper.

Mr. Morgan called in the evening.

Wrote to J. Dennison

SATURDAY 19

Rode up to C. P. W.'s with Helen & Hattie Met C. P. W. on the way

Called on a family of Sandusky emigrants

Spent the night

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 20, 1864.

Attended Meeting at the Schoolhouse. Sermon by Rev. Barrick Added to my pile in the Western Record Office.

Retd home in the evening. Cold

MONDAY 21

Saw Mr. Colby — 4 orphan boys &c Helped Wm plow on piece of potatoes &c

Call from W. C. P. Cold

Rode to Mr Norton & made several Calls.

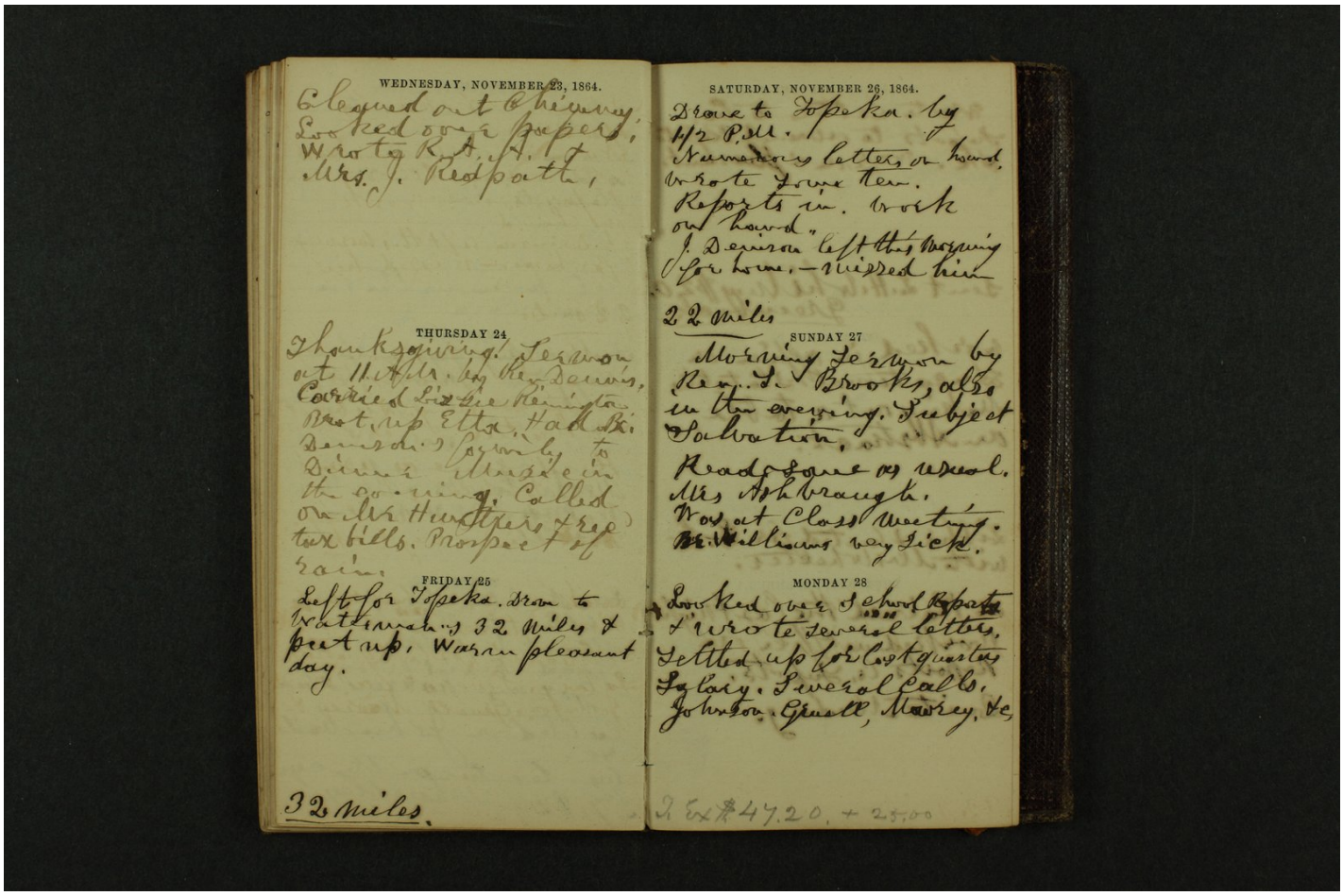
TUESDAY 22

Went visiting Mrs Dennis & Ellen to B. F. Dennis'. Heard the Band play &c. Good visit. Got my horse shod

Called on Jo Hurlbut's &c.

Eve — Lecture on the eye by Prof. Doolittle.

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WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 23, 1864.

Cleaned out Chimney. Looked over papers, Wrote to R. J. & Mrs. J. Redpath,

THURSDAY 24

Thanksgiving. Sermon at M.E. by Rev Dennis. Carried Lizzie Remington Post up Etta. Had Mr. Dennis & family to Dinner. Meeting in the evening. Called on Mr Hunt Peters & Fox bills. Prospect of rain.

FRIDAY 25

Left for Topeka. Drove to Wathena. 32 Miles & put up. Warm pleasant day.

32 miles.

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 26, 1864.

Drove to Topeka. by 1/2 P.M. Numerous letters on hand. Wrote some ten. Reports in. Work on hand. J. Dennison left this morning for home. — Missed him

22 Miles

SUNDAY 27

Morning Sermon by Rev. T. Brooks, also in the evening. Subject Salvation.

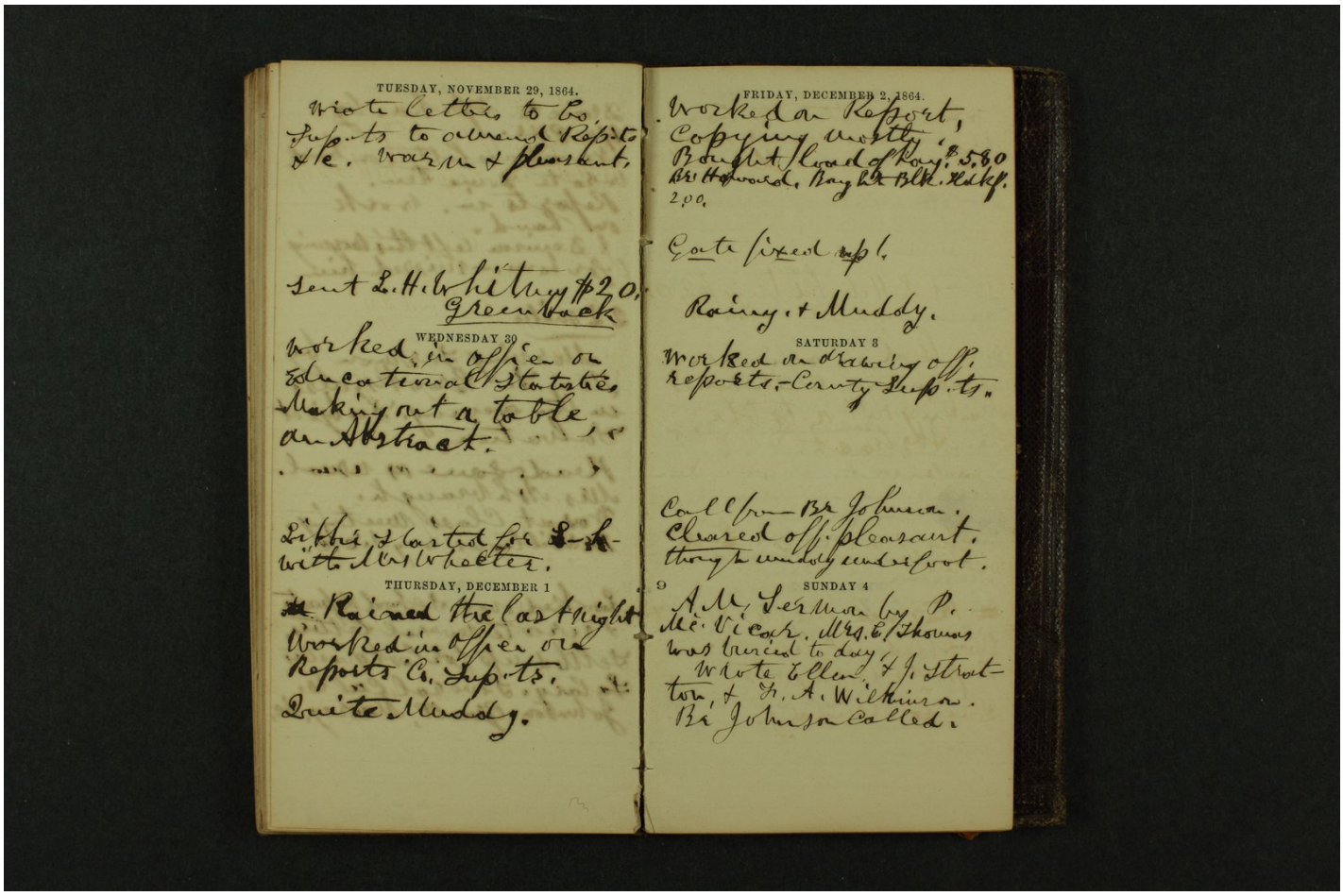
Read some on wood. Mrs Ashbaugh. Was at Class Meeting. Mr. Williams very sick.

MONDAY 28

Looked over School Reports & wrote several letters. Settled up for Quartermasters Salary. Several Calls. Johnson, Gleed, Morey, &c,

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TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 29, 1864.

Wrote letters to Co. Supts to amend Reports &c. Warm & pleasant.

Sent L. H. Whitney $20. Greenback

WEDNESDAY 30

Worked in Office on Educational Statistics, Making out a table, or Abstract.

Libbie & Carried for Lawrence with Mrs Wheeler.

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 1

Rained the last night Worked in Office on Reports Co. Supts. Quite Muddy.

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 2, 1864.

Worked on Report, Copying mostly. Bought Load of Hay $5.80 Br Howard. Rag Br Blk. Bishop. 2.00.

Quite fixed up.

Rainy & Muddy.

SATURDAY 3

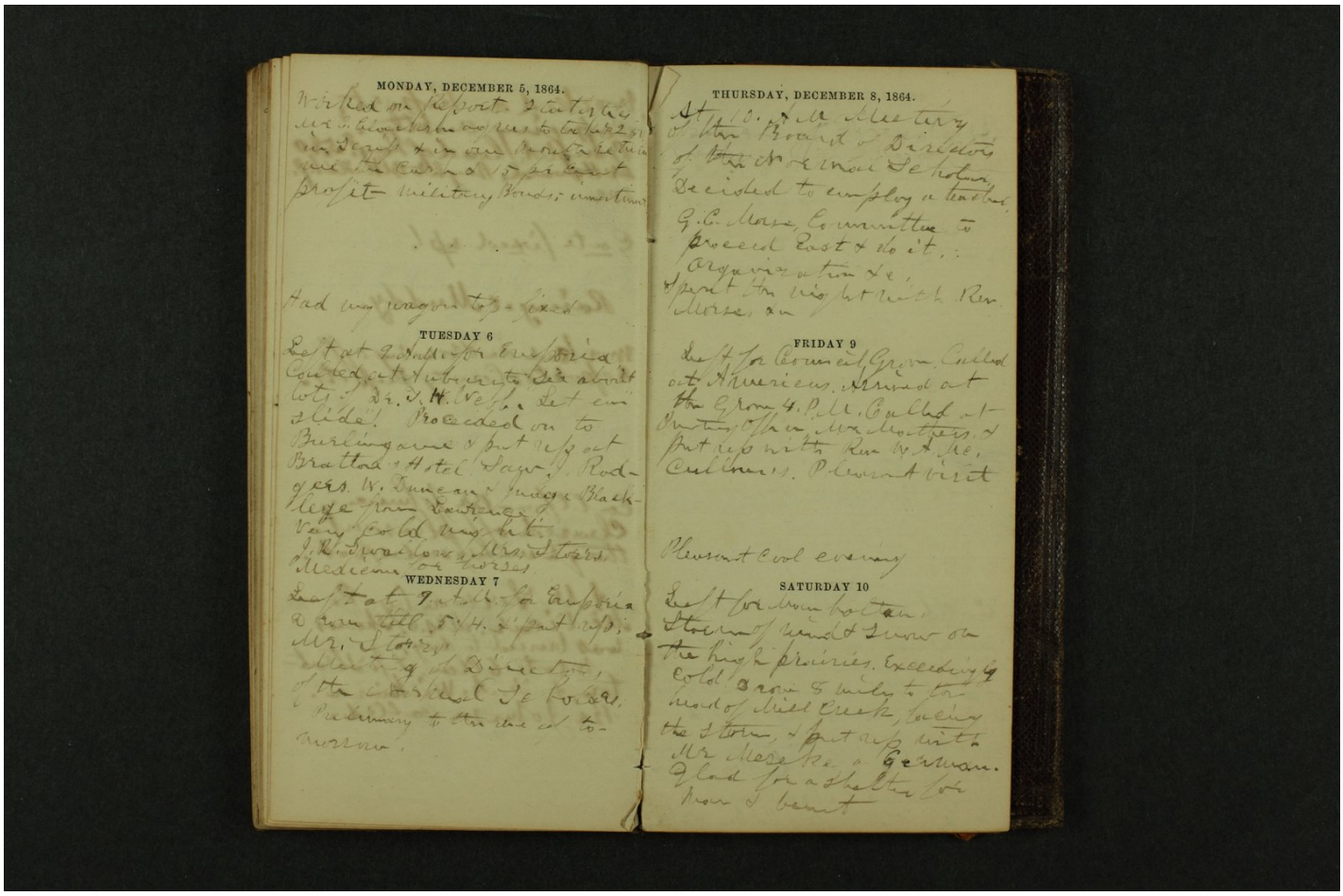
Worked on Statistics of Reports. County Supts.

Call from Br Johnson. Cleared off pleasant, though muddy underfoot.

9 SUNDAY 4

A.M. Sermon by P. Mr. Vicars. Mrs. E. Thomas was buried to day. Wrote to Ellen & J. Stratton, & T. A. Wilkinson. Br Johnson called.

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MONDAY, DECEMBER 5, 1864.

Worked on Report. Started Mr. Tinkham down to be back 2 or 3 days. Cold & in our Room take the Winter the Cars on 10 per cent profit Military Bonds & investments

Had our ranges to be fixed

TUESDAY 6

Left at 9 A.M. for Emporia Called at Auburn to see about lot. Dr. J. H. Veal. Set on slide. Proceeded on to Burlingame & put up at Brattons Hotel. Saw J. Rodgers. W. Duncan & Judge Blackledge from Lawrence. Very cold night.

J. K. Swallow & Mrs. Stewart. Medicine for horses

WEDNESDAY 7

Left at 7 A.M. for Emporia & Cow Creek 5 P.M. & put up. Mr. Stowell

Meeting of Directors of the Central Branch R.R. Co. Pa. Railway to the line of Colorado.

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 8, 1864.

Left C. Hill Secretary & other Board of Directors of the Central Branch R.R. Co. Decided to employ a Contractor. G. C. Morse Committee to proceed East & do it. Organization &c. Spent the night with Rev. Morse &c.

FRIDAY 9

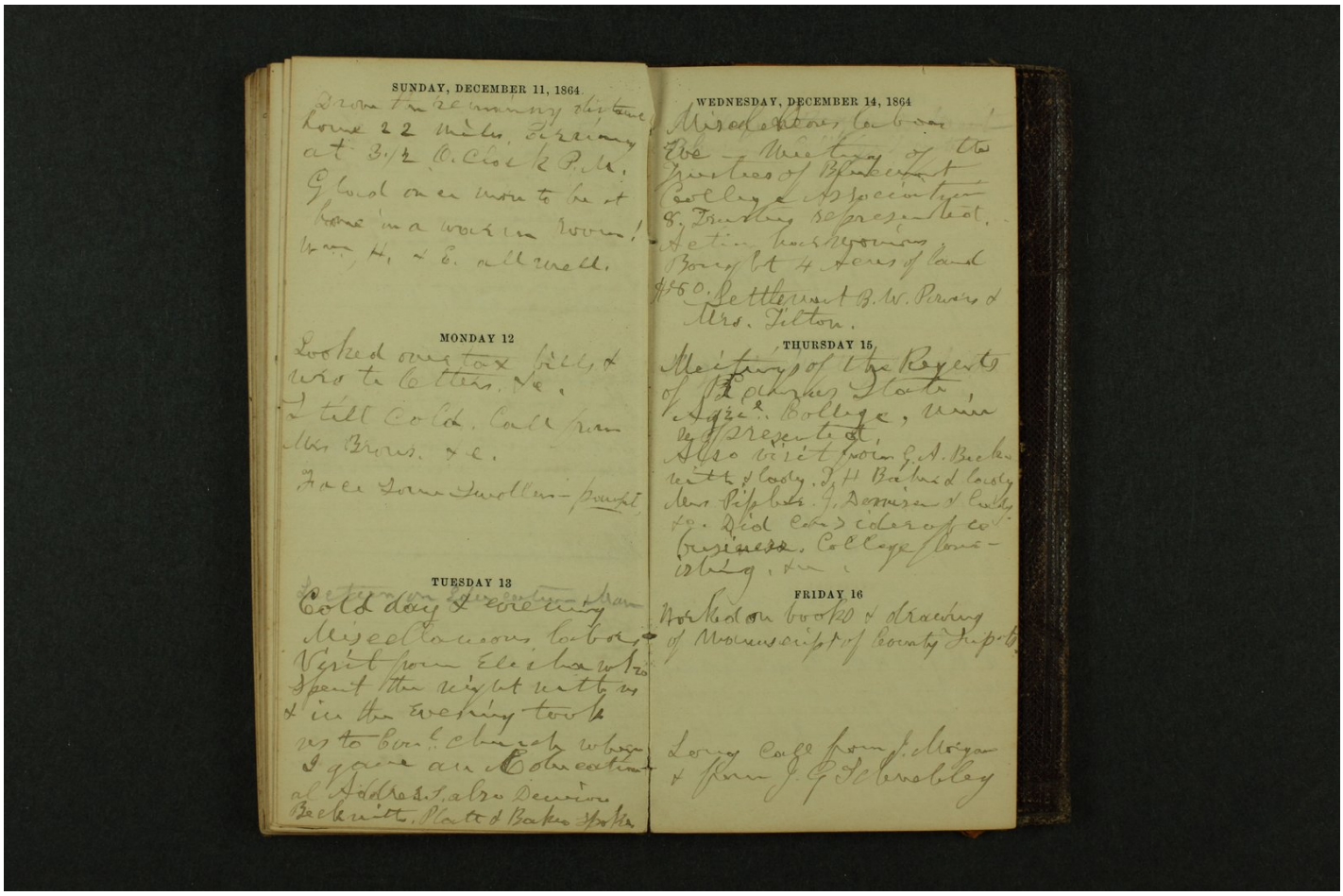
Left for Council Grove. Called on Americus. Arrived at the Grove 4 P.M. Called at Surveyors Office with Mr. Mathers & put up with Rev. J. H. Lee, Cullimores. Pleasant visit

Pleasant Cool evening

SATURDAY 10

Left for Diamond Springs. Storm of wind & Snow on the high prairies. Exceedingly Cold. Drove 5 miles to the head of Mill Creek, leaving the Storm & put up with Mr. Meserve a German. Glad for a shelter for Man & beast

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SUNDAY, DECEMBER 11, 1864.

Drove the remainy distance home 22 miles, arriving at 3½ O. Clock P.M. Glad once more to be at home in a warm room! Wife, H. & C. all well.

MONDAY 12

Looked over tax bill & wrote to Cotters, &c. Cold. Call from Mrs Brown, &c.

Price Some Swallow-pounds

TUESDAY 13

Cold day & evening Miscellaneous labor. Visit from Elisha who Spent the night with us & in the evening took us to Con. Church where I gave an Address, also Deacon Beckwith, Platt & Baker spoke

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 14, 1864

Miscellaneous labor. Eve - Meeting of the Trustees of Bluemont Central Association & Trustees represented. Action touching Improving Bonny Lot 4 Acres of land $150. Settlement B. W. Parsons & Mrs. Tilton.

THURSDAY 15

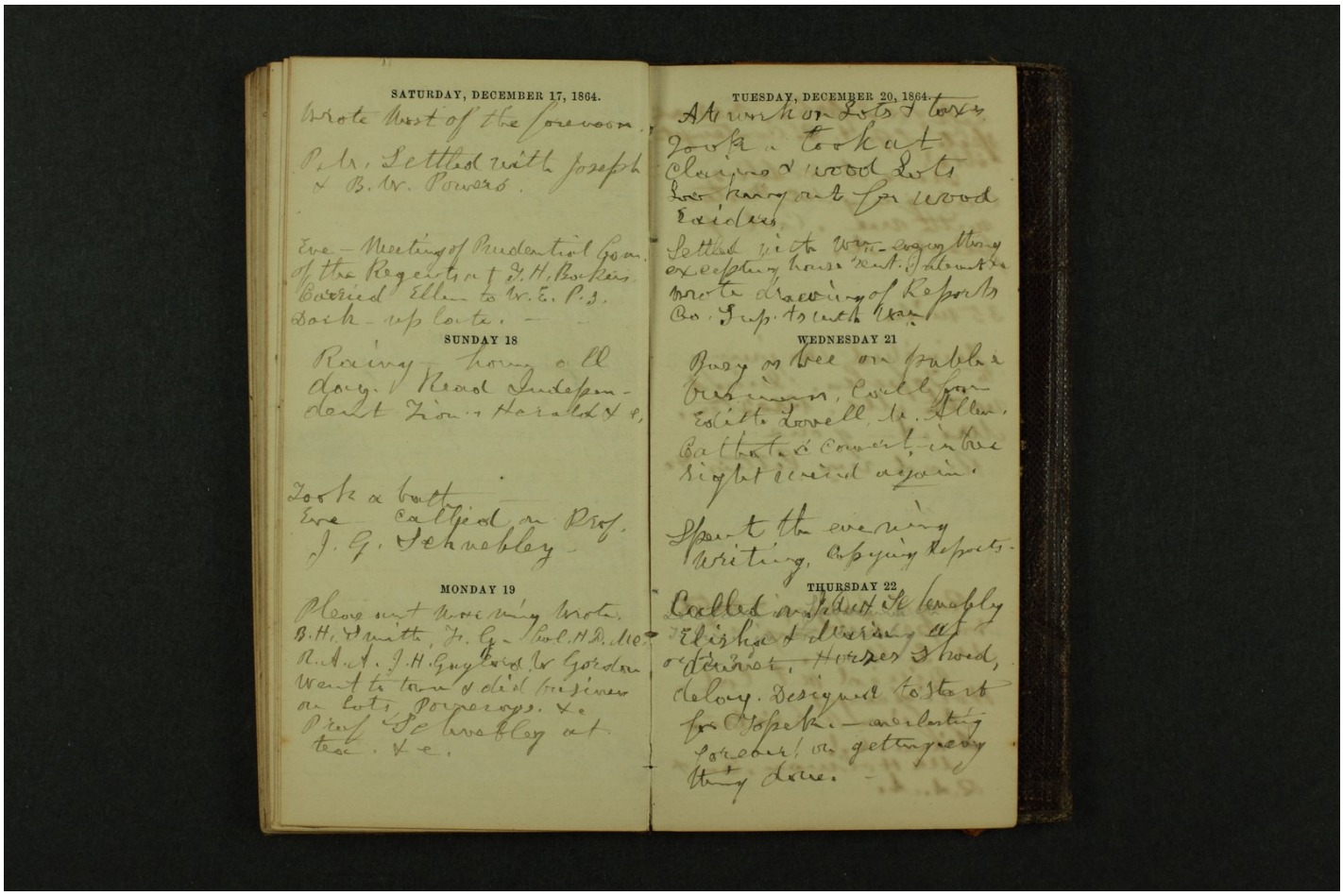
Meeting of the Regents of Kansas State Agric. College, was present at. Also visit from G. A. Beckwith & Lady, J. H. Baird & Lady Mrs Pipher. J. Denison & Lady &c. Deal [illegible] cider &c. Business. College Journalizing, &c.

FRIDAY 16

Worked on books & drawing of Manuscript of County Sup't.

Long Call from J. Morgan & from J. G. Stevensley

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SATURDAY, DECEMBER 17, 1864.

Wrote most of the forenoon.
P.M. Settled with Joseph & B.W. Powers.

Eve — Meeting of Prudential Com. of the Regents at J.H. Baker's. Carried Ellen to W.E.P.S. Back up late. —

SUNDAY 18

Raining — home all day. Read Independent Zion's Herald &c.

Took a bath.
Eve — Called on Prof. J.G. Schnebly.

MONDAY 19

Pleasant morning. Wrote B.H. Smith, Jr. G— Prof. H.D. Mc R.A.A. J.H. Gay and W. Gordon. Went to town & did business on lots, Pomeroys. &c. Prof. Schnebly at tea. &c.

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 20, 1864.

At work on Lots & Corner. Took out Claims & wood Lots. Two having out for wood Raiders.
Settled with W.W. — agreeing to accepting house rent. Balanced wrote drawing of Reports Bo. Sup. to each Regt.

WEDNESDAY 21

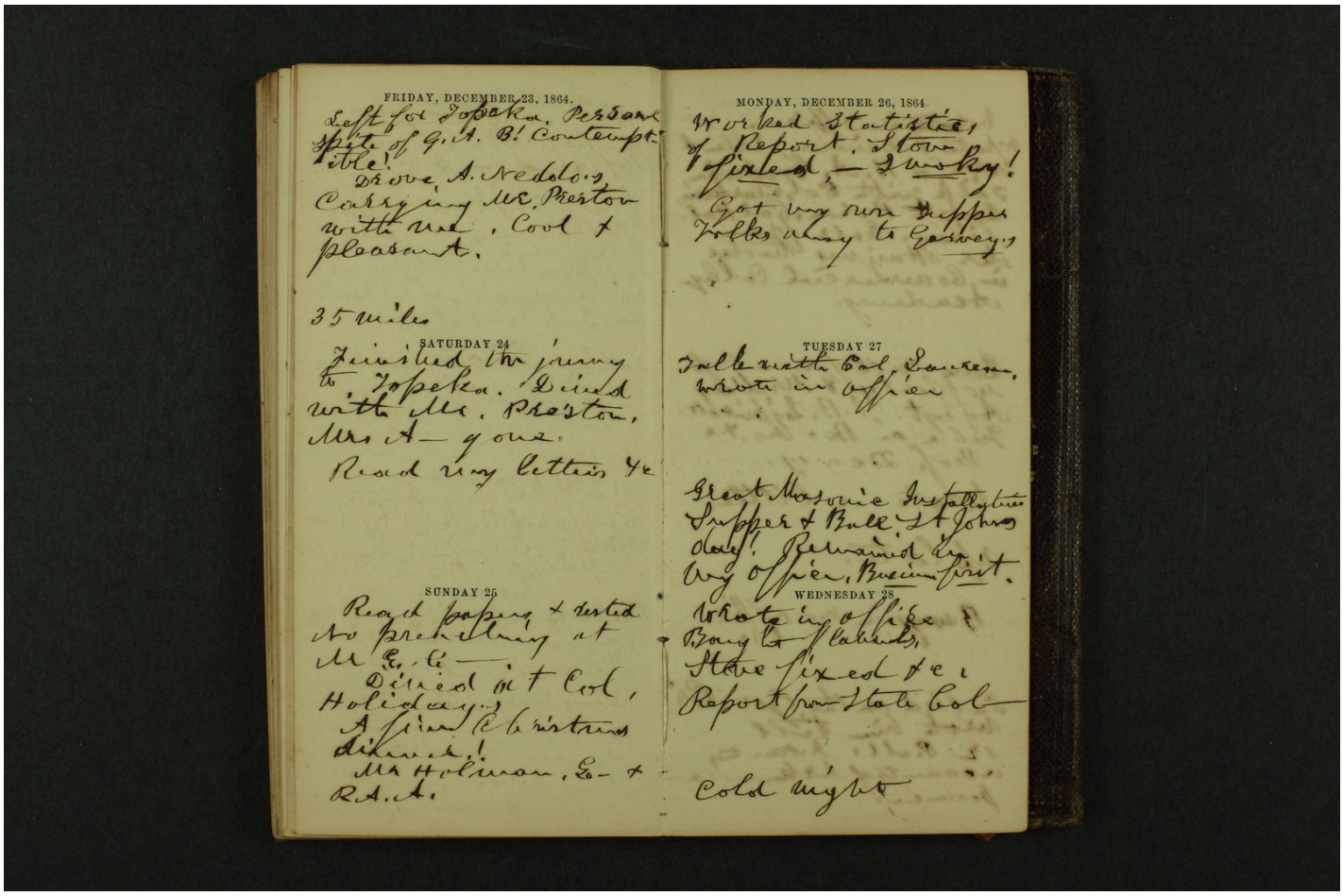
Busy at work on public business, Call from Estelle Lowell, Mr. Allen, Bathrobe & Comer, in the Right direction again.

Spent the evening Writing, Copying Reports.

THURSDAY 22

Called on Prof. Schnebly Elisha & Mariam at Governor, Horses & wood, delay. Designed to start for Topeka — uncertain Forenoon, on getting away Thing Done.

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FRIDAY, DECEMBER 23, 1864.

Left for Topeka. Pleasant
Spite of G. A. B! Contempt-
ible!
Drove A. Nedelo's
Carriage Mr. Preston
with me. Cool &
pleasant.

35 Miles

SATURDAY 24

Finished the journey
to Topeka. Dined
with Mr. Preston,
Mrs A— & one.
Read my letters &c

SUNDAY 25

Read papers & rested
No preaching at
M. E. C.—
Dined at Col,
Holidays.
A fine Christmas
dinner!
Mr Holiman, Co- &
R.A.A.

MONDAY, DECEMBER 26, 1864.

Worked Statistics,
of Report. Stove
Fixed, — Smoky!
Got my own Supper
Walks away to Conway.

TUESDAY 27

Talk with Col Lawson.
Wrote in office

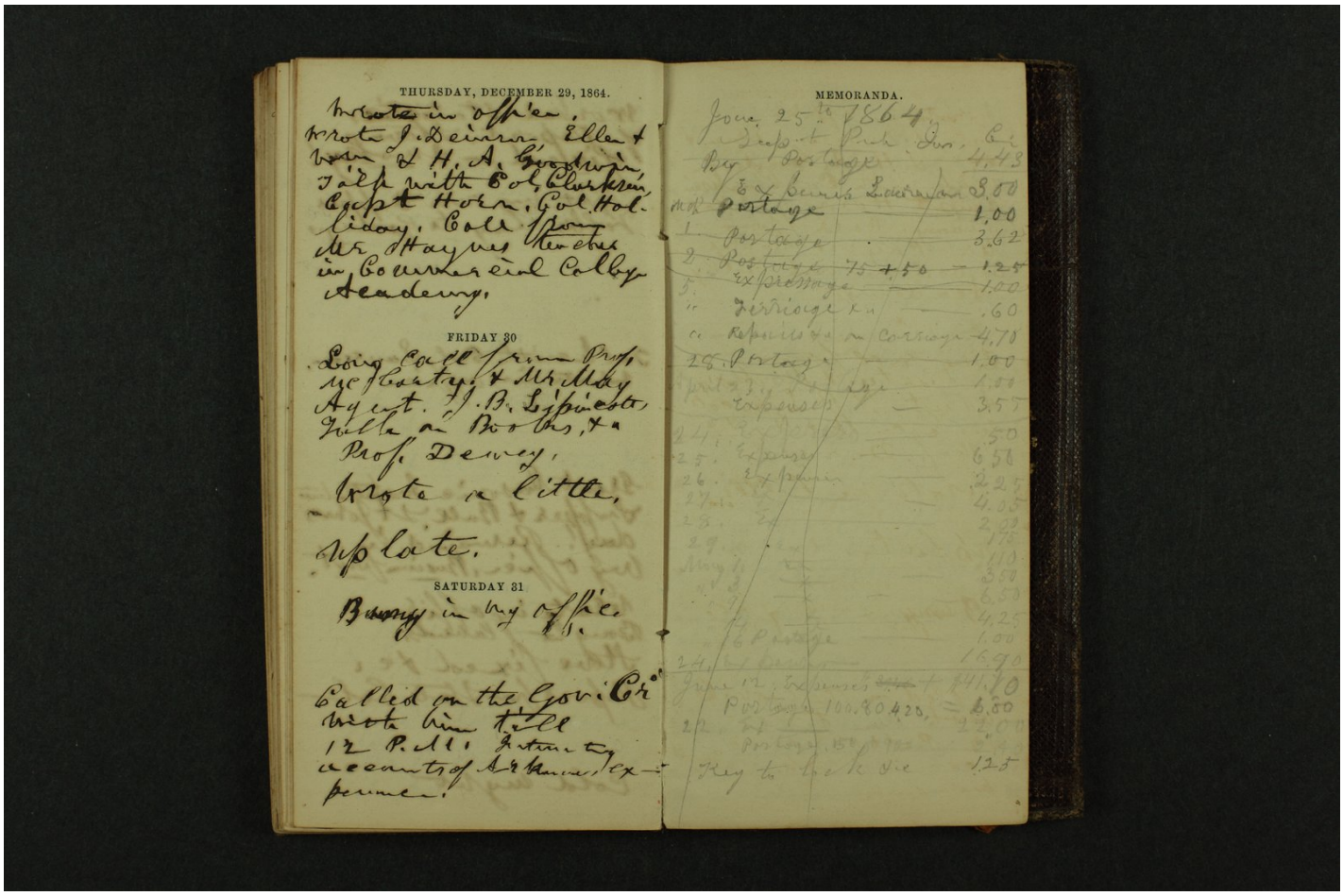
Great Masonic Installation
Supper & Ball. St Johns
Order! Remained by
my Office. Business first.

WEDNESDAY 28

Wrote in office
Boxing to Colonels,
Stove Fixed &c.
Report from State Col

Cold night

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THURSDAY, DECEMBER 29, 1864.

Wrote in office
Wrote J. Deinner, Ellen &
Wm & H. A. Goodwin
Talk with Col. Clarkson
Capt Horn, Col. Hol-
liday. Call from
Mr Haynes Rev. Ches
in Commercial Colby
Academy.

FRIDAY 30

Going Call from Prof.
McFarland & Mr Mabry
Agent. J. B. Lippincott
Sells in Books, &c
Prof. Dewey,
Wrote a little,
Up late.

SATURDAY 31

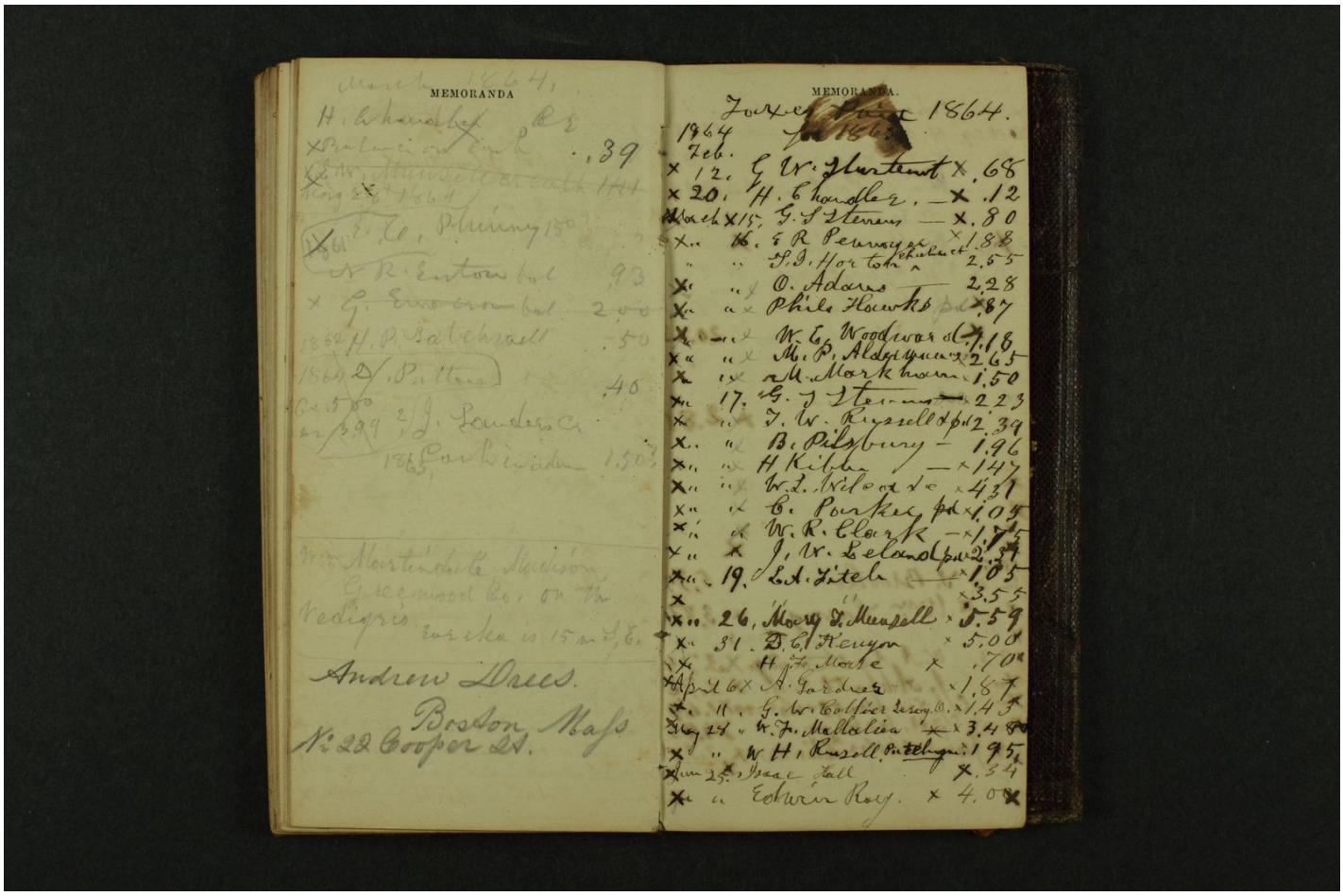
Busy in my office.

Called on the Gov. Cr
Wrote him bill
12 P. M. Returned
account of Expen-
penses.

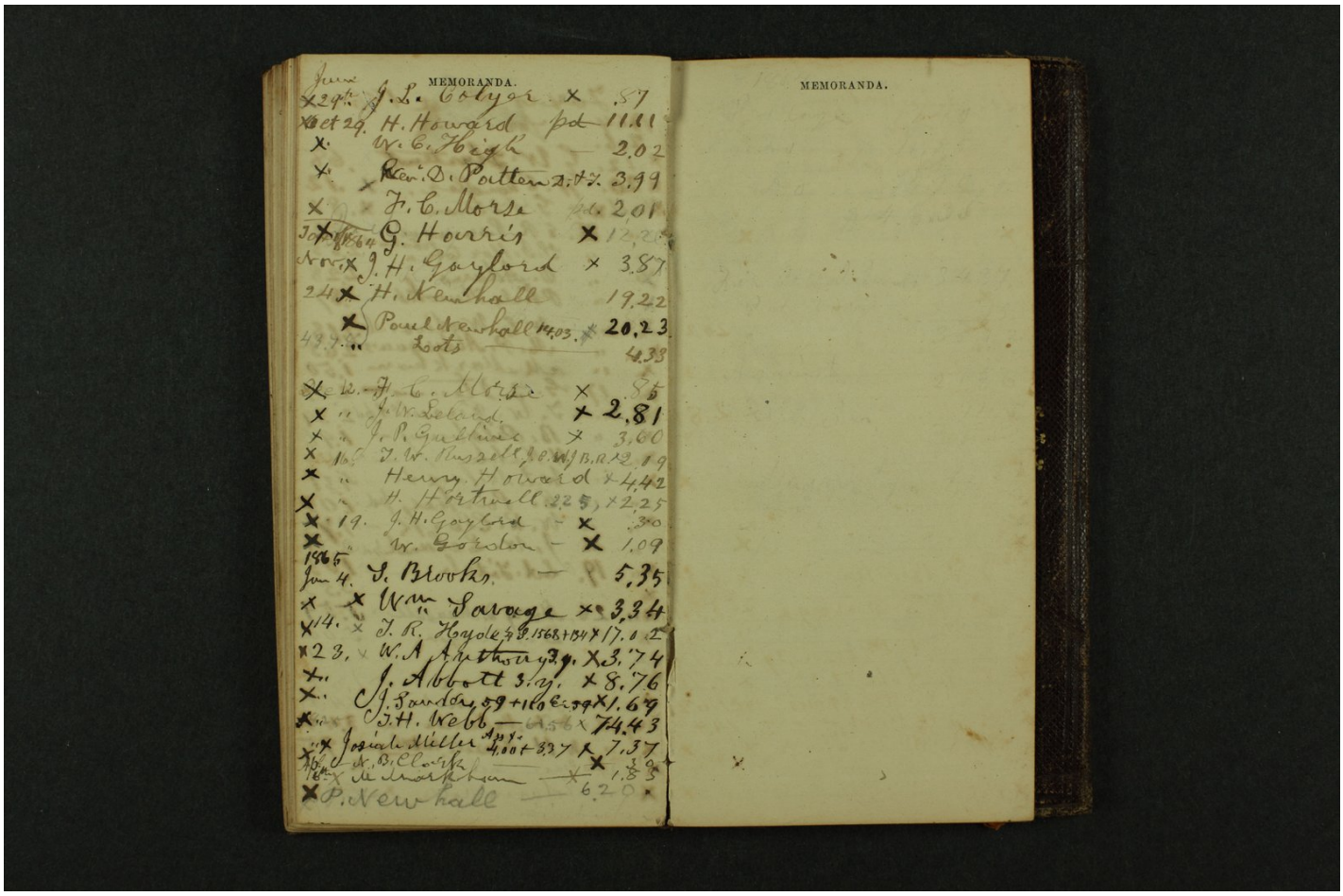
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June 25 to 1864
Sept. Pub. Doc. &c
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& Seeds Lancaster 3.00
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Expressage 1.00
Postage 60
Repairs on Carriage 4.75
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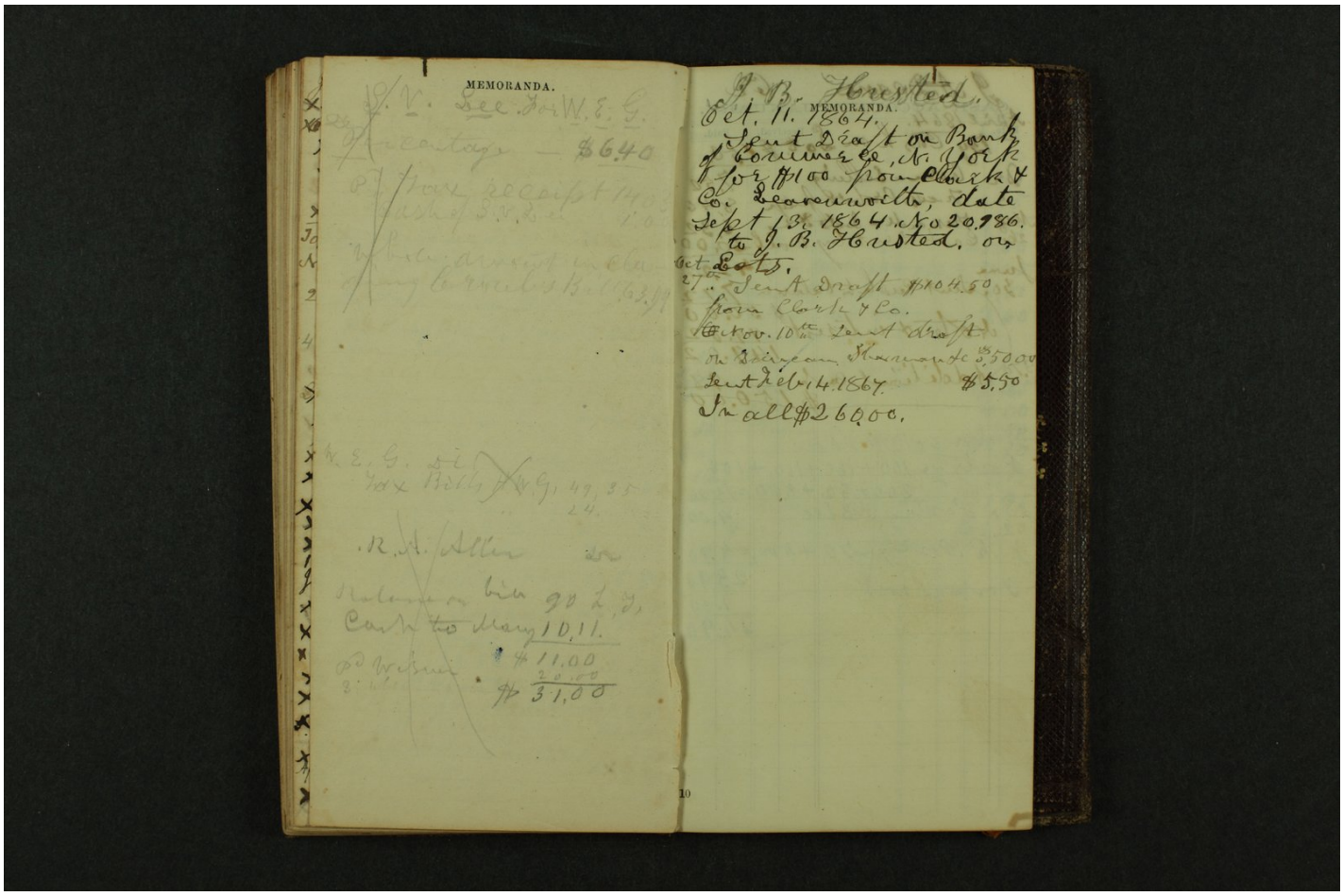
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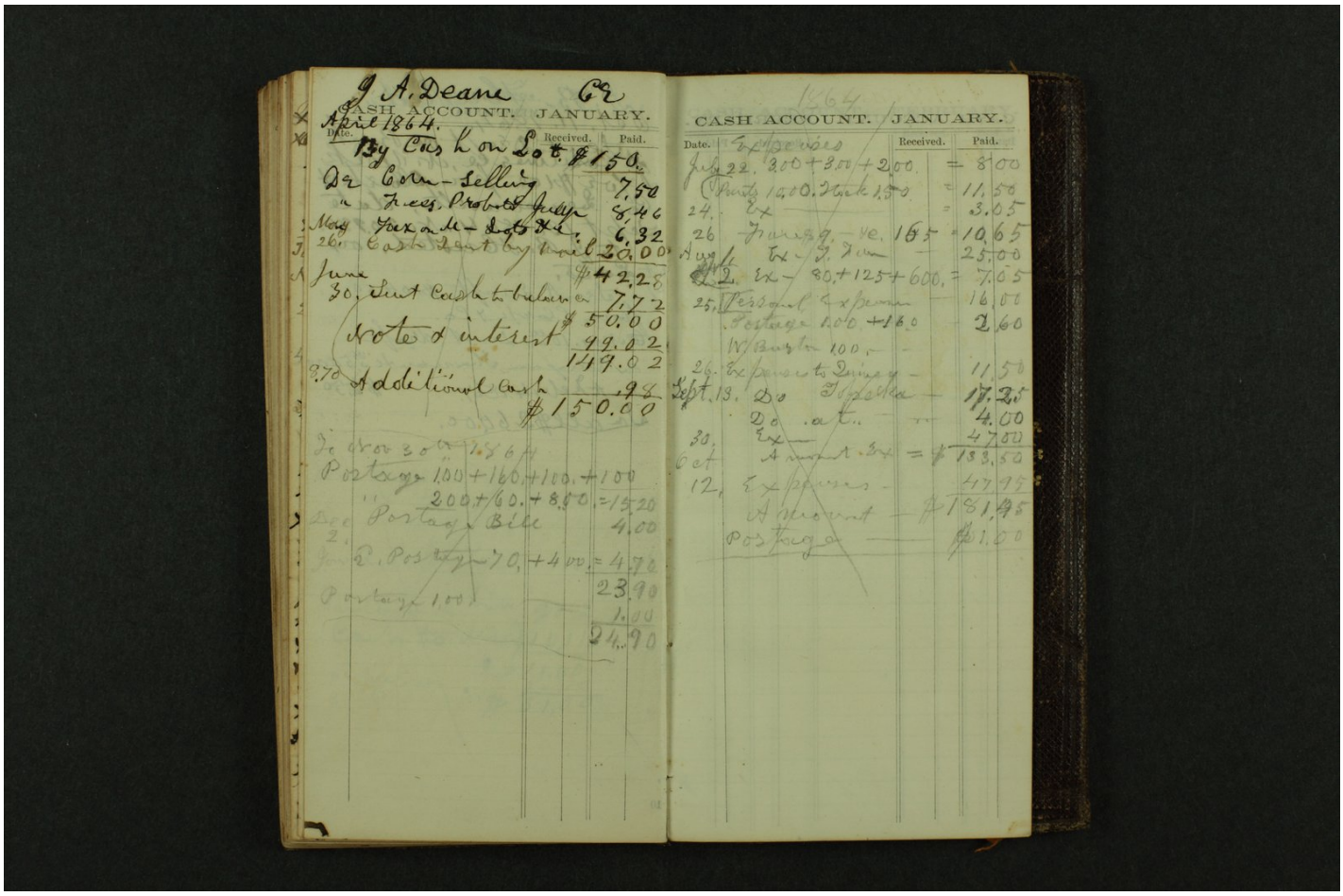


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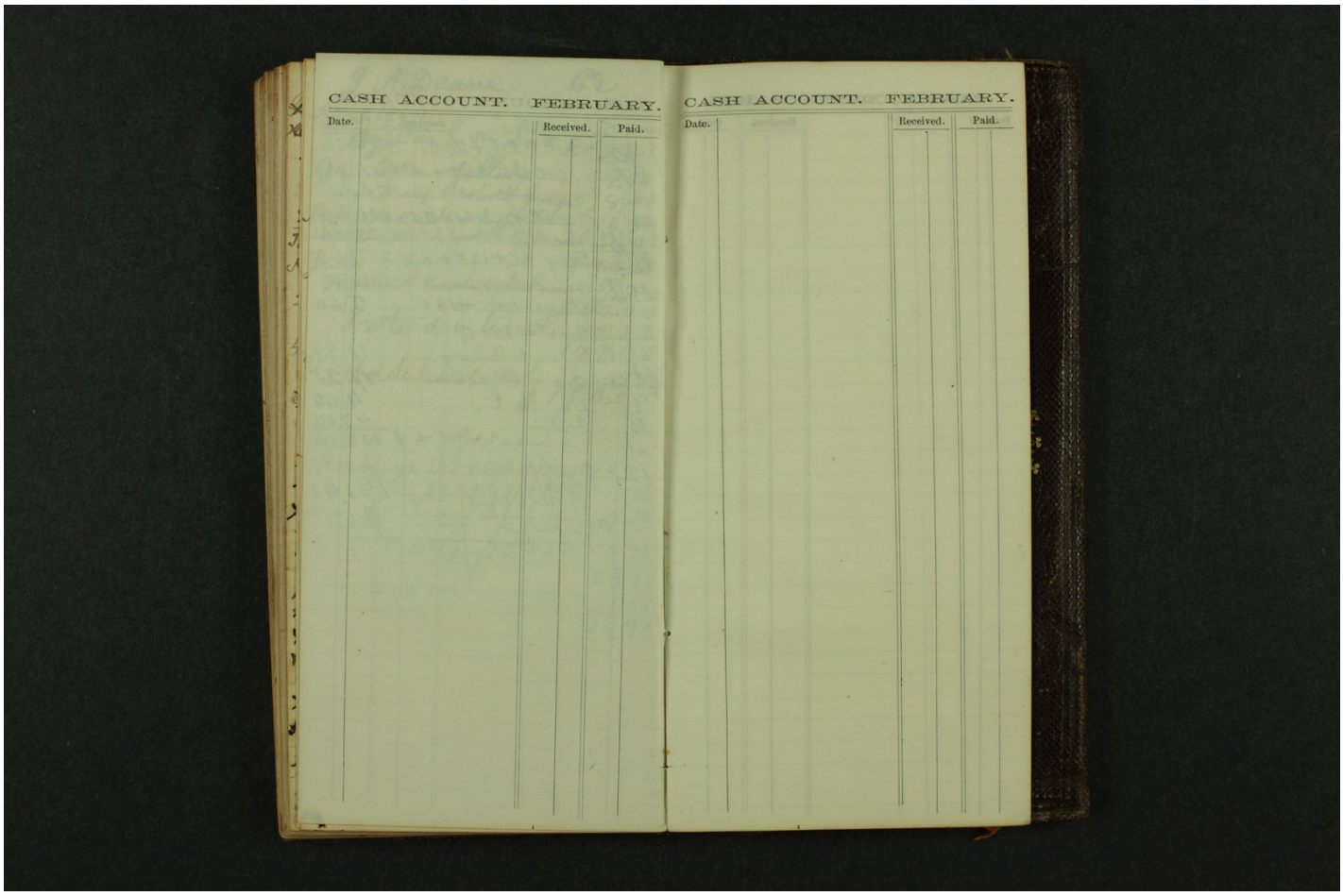
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J. B. Hunsted.
Oct. 11. 1864.
Sent Draft on Bank of Commerce, N. York for $100 from Clark & Co. Leavenworth, date Sept 13. 1864. No 20,786. to J. B. Hunsted. or
Oct 27. Sent Draft $104.50 from Clark & Co.
Nov. 10th Sent draft on Bingham Hammonds $5000
Sent Feb 14. 1867 $5.50
In all $26000.

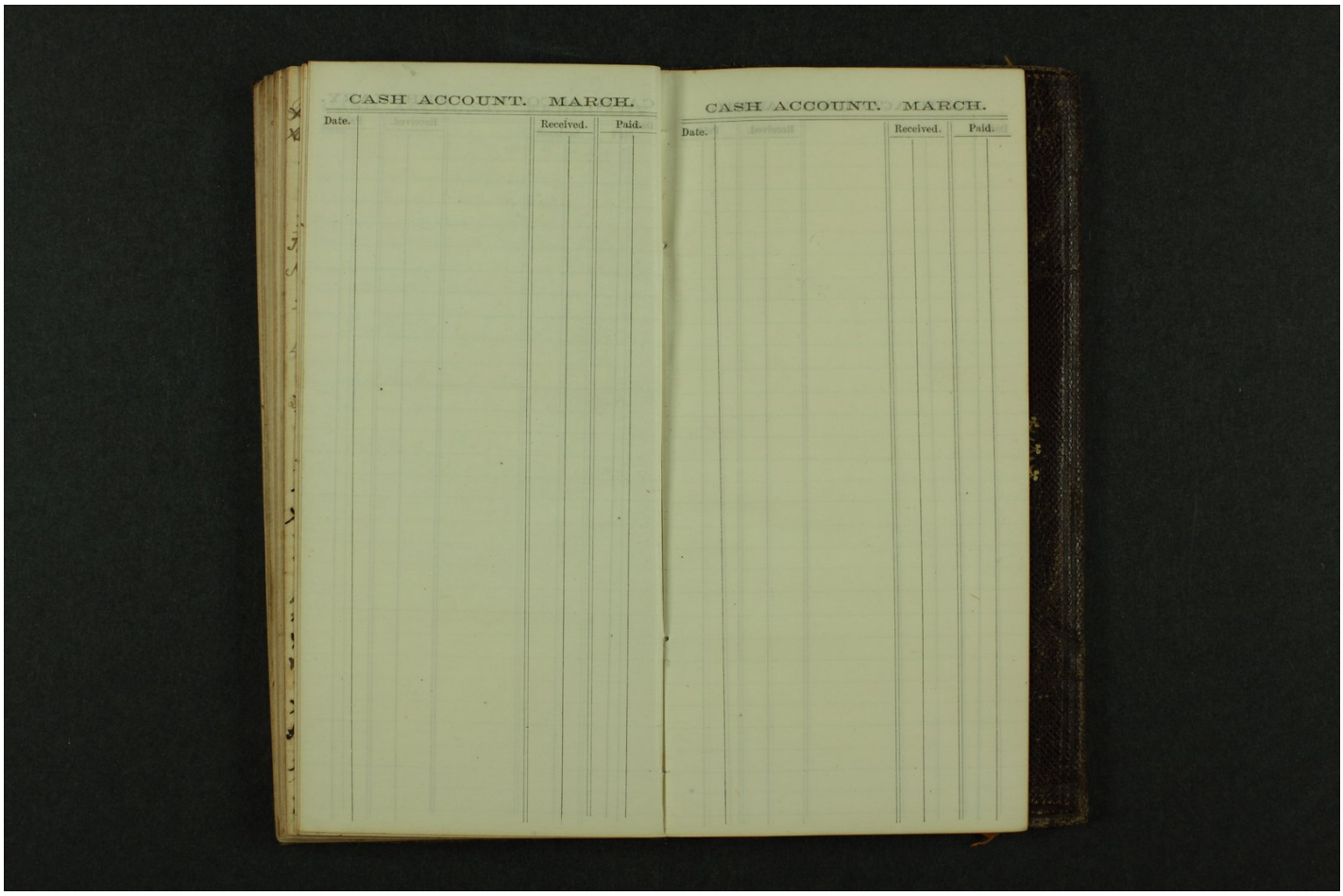
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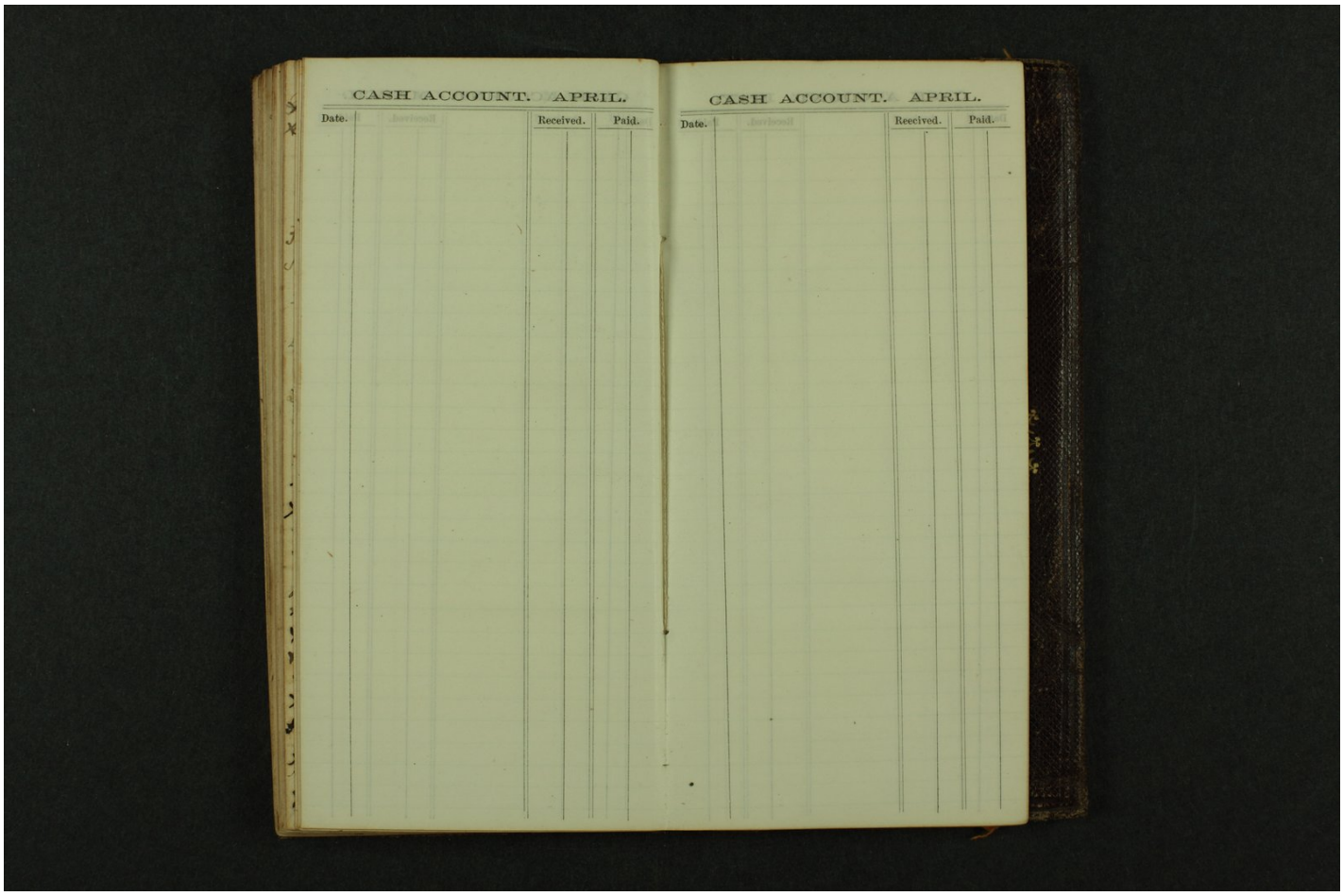
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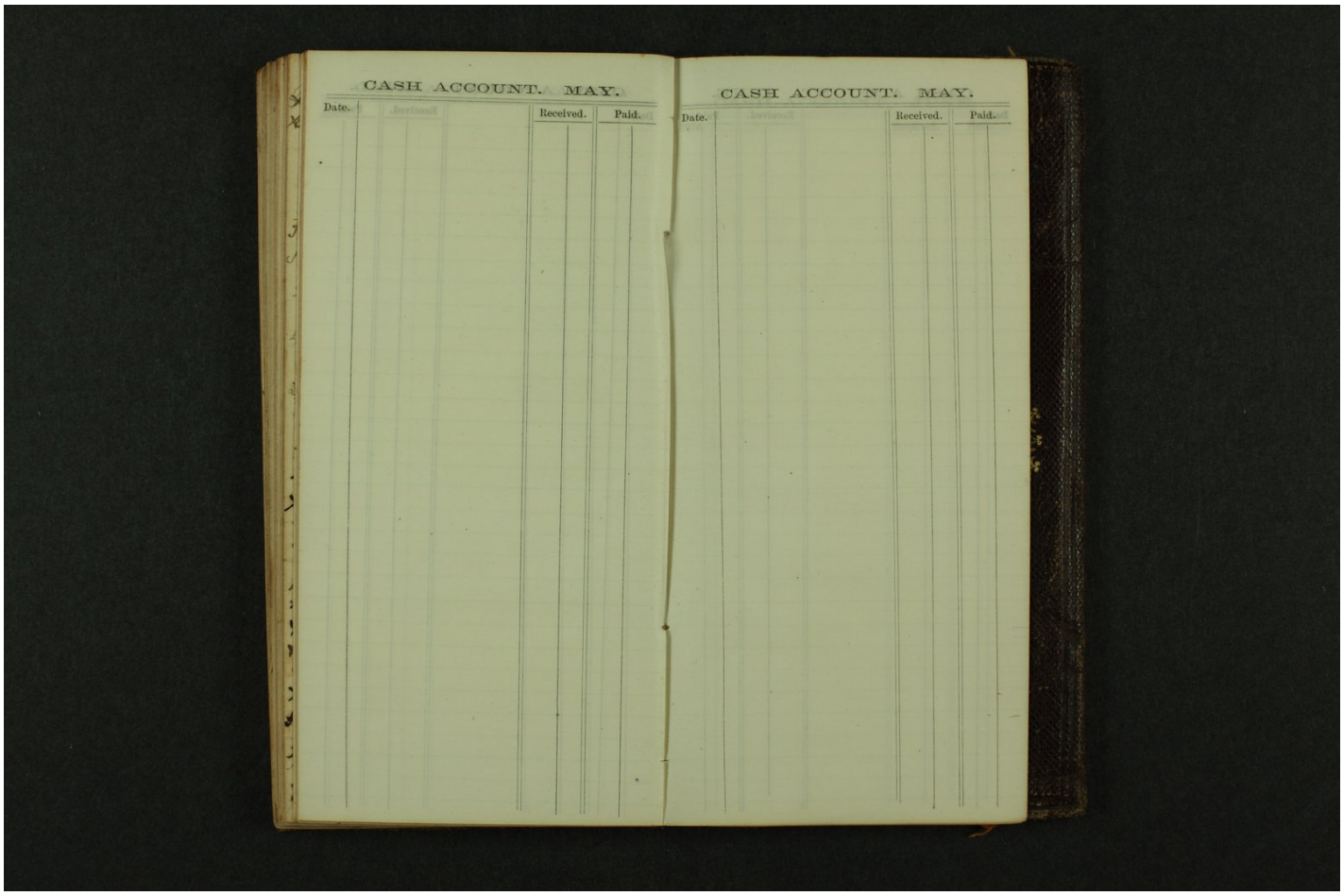
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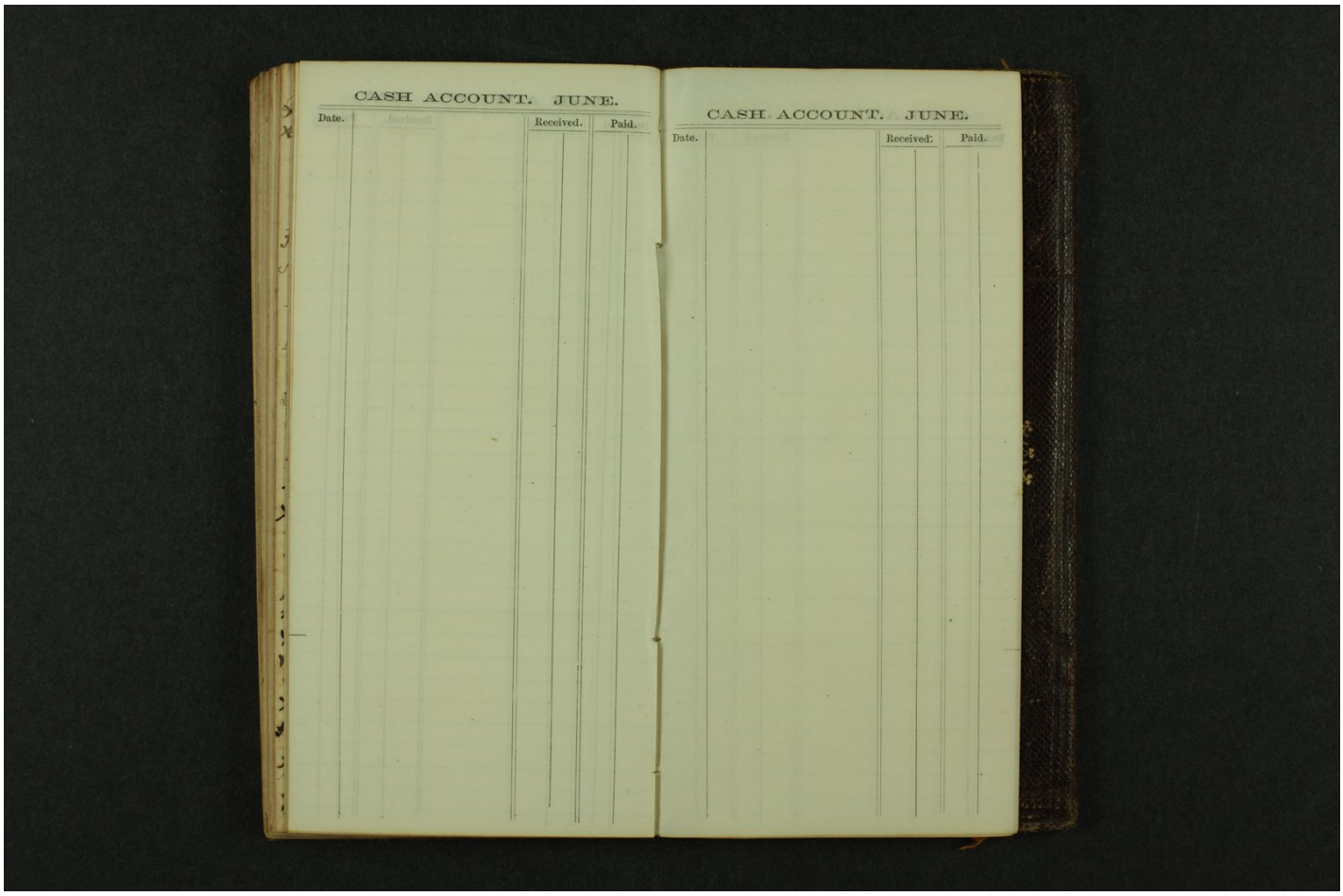
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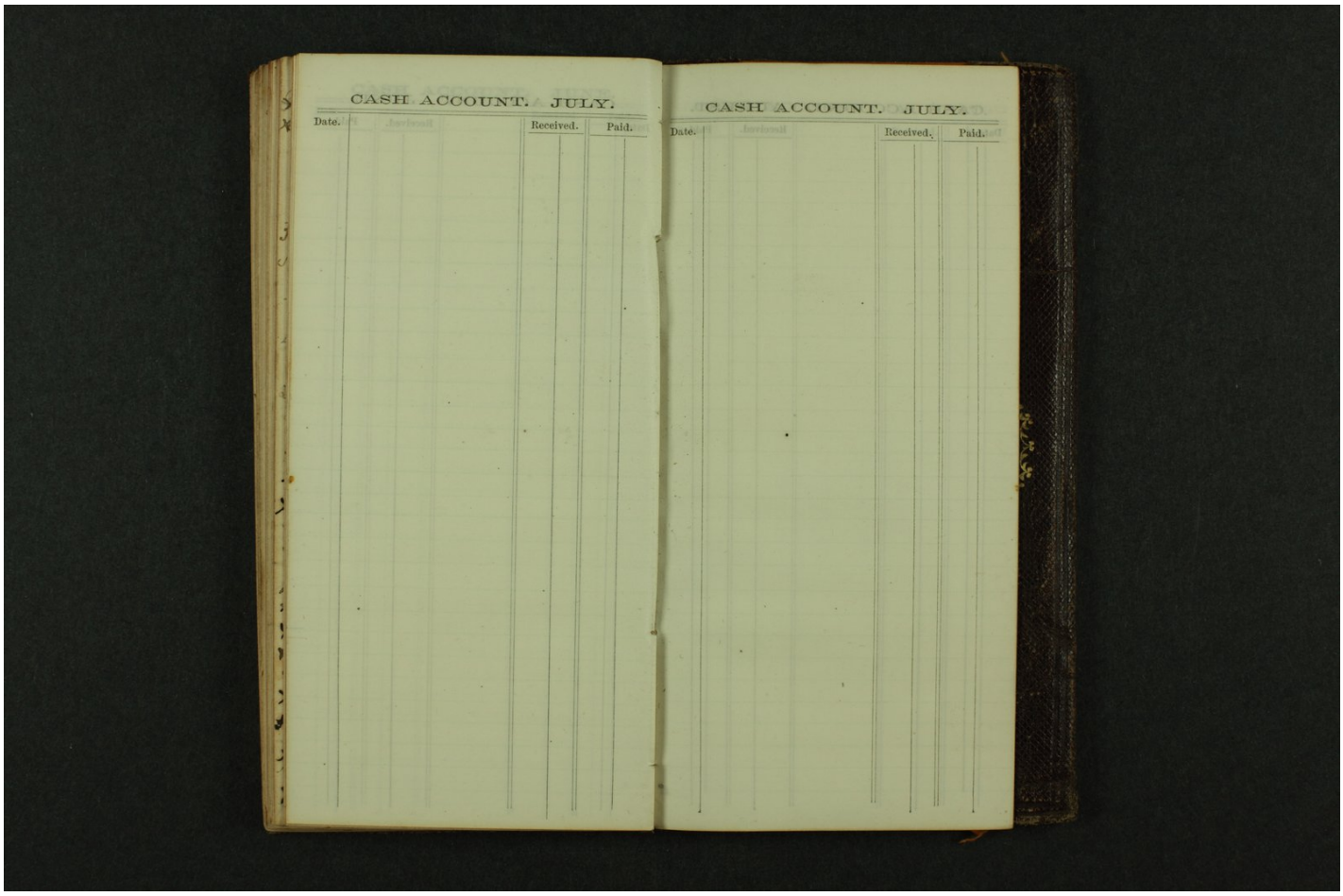
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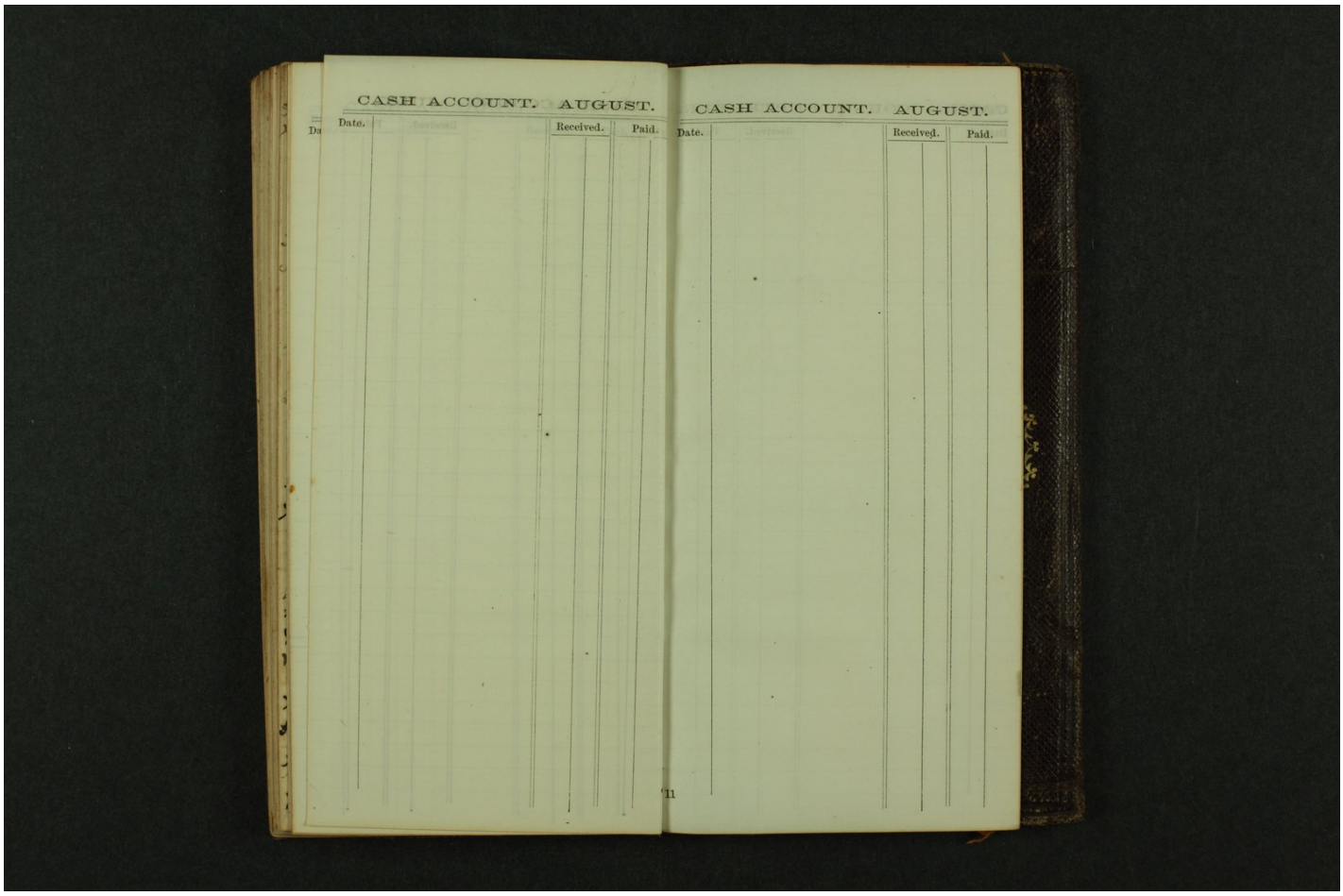
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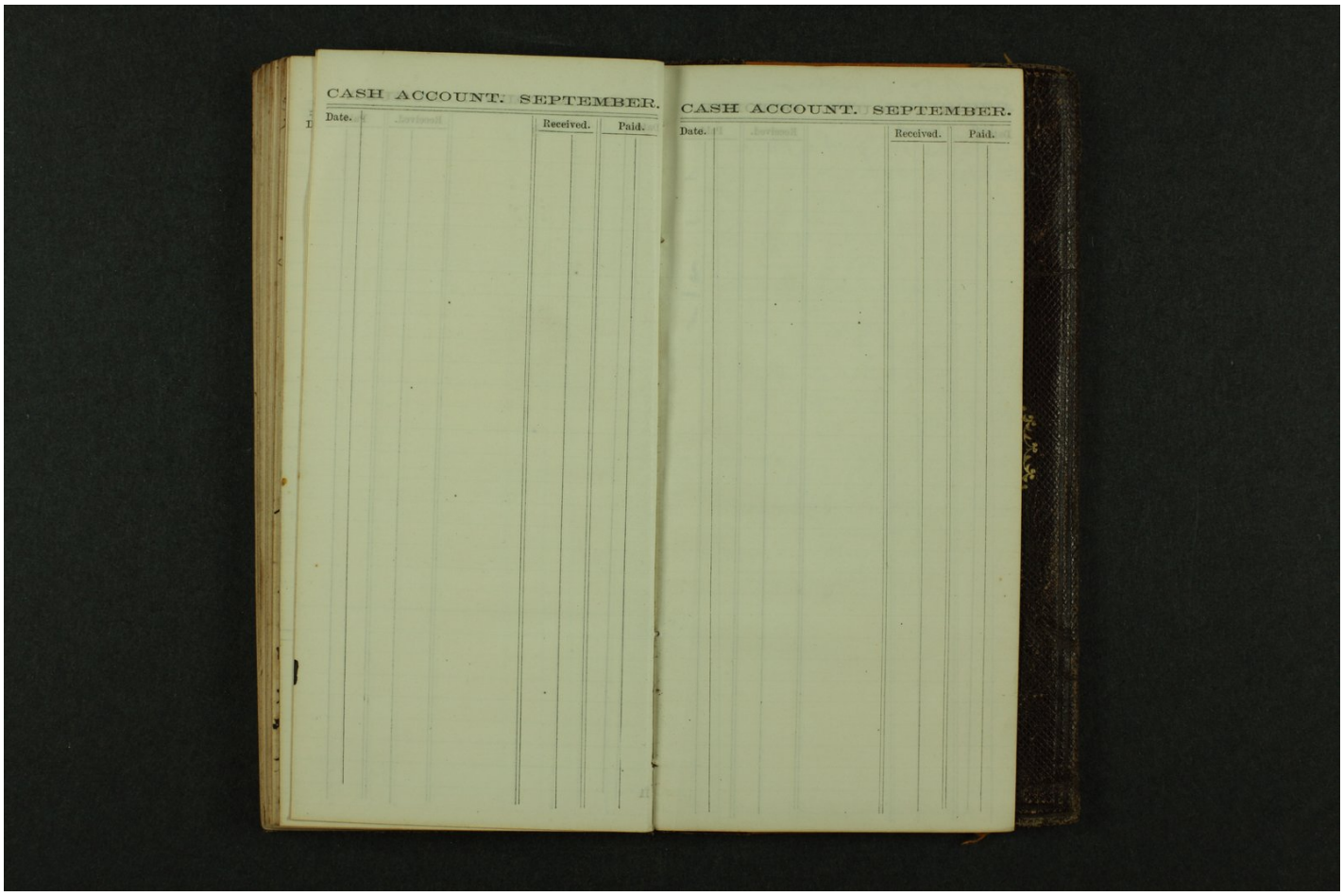

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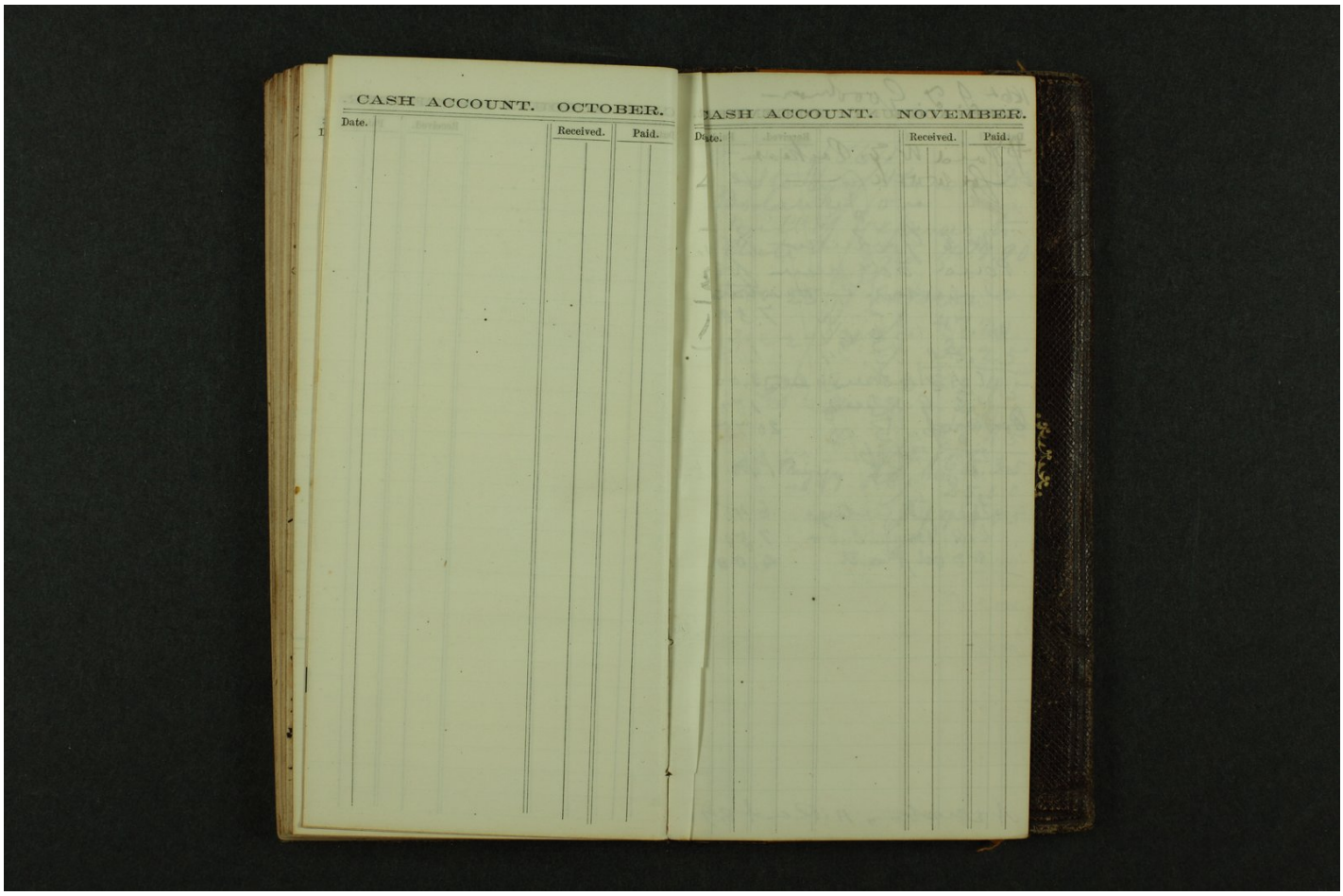
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