Isaac Tichenor Goodnow diary

Isaac Goodnow, a free state supporter and founder of Bluemont College in Manhattan, Kansas Territory, recorded news of political events and military skirmishes from July, 1855, through January, 1856. Goodnow's diary makes mention of the details of his daily life, such as home maintenance, crop harvests, prairie fires, an extended illness, and encounters with Native Americans.

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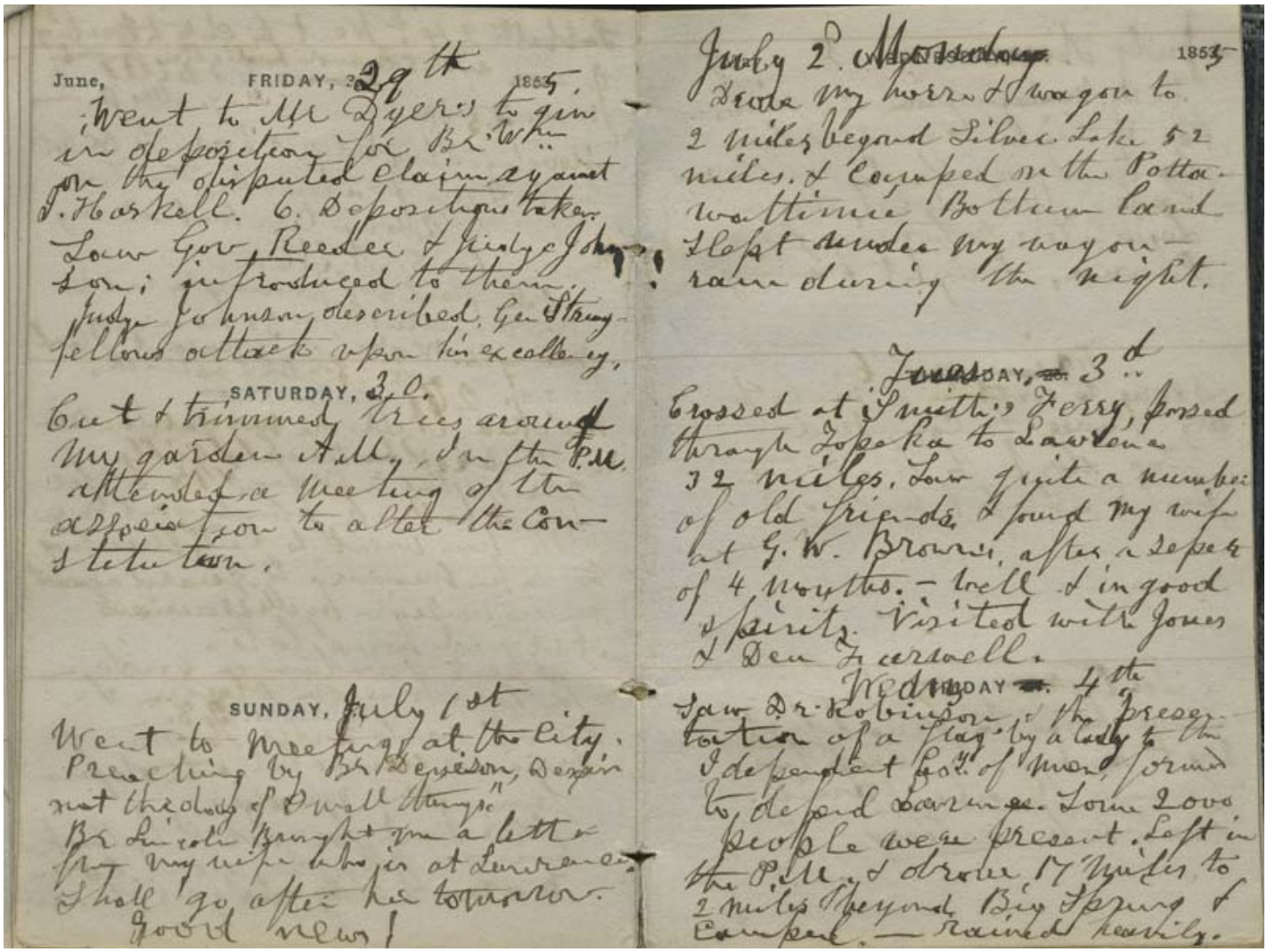
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June, FRIDAY, 29th 1855

Went to Mr Dyers to give in deposetion for Br Wm on the disputed claim against J. Haskell. 6. Depositions taken. Saw Gov Reeder & Judge Johnson; introduced to them. Judge Johnson described Gen Stringfellows attack upon his excellency.

SATURDAY, 30.

Cut & trimmed trees around my garden. Also, in the P.M. attended a meeting of the Association to alter the Constitution.

SUNDAY, July 1st

Went to meeting at the City. Preaching by Br Pepperson, Despairing theology & "all things" Br Lincoln brought me a letter from my wife who is at Lawrence. I shall go after her tomorrow. Good news!

July 2d Monday 1855

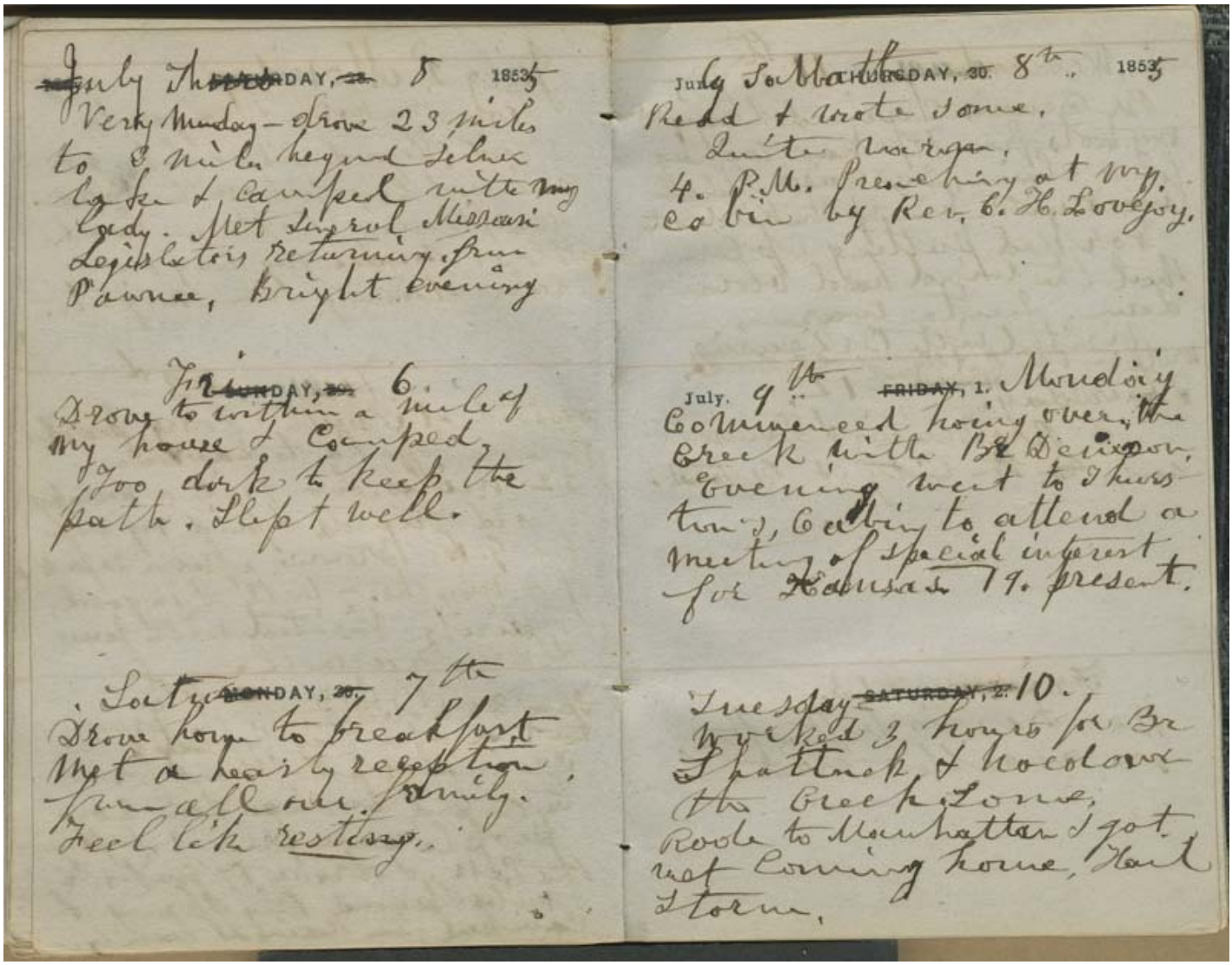
Drove my horses & wagon to 2 miles beyond Silver Lake 52 miles. & Camped on the Potawattimie Bottom land. Slept under my wagon — rained during the night.

Tuesday, 3d

Crossed at Smith's Ferry, passed through Topeka to Lawrence 32 miles. Saw quite a number of old friends & found my wife at G. W. Brown's, after a separation of 4 months. — well & in good spirits. Visited with Jones & Dr Cornell.

Wednesday 4th

Saw Dr Robinson & the presentation of a flag by a lady to the Independent Co. of men, formed to defend Lawrence. Some 2000 people were present. Left in the P.M. & drove 17 miles to 2 miles beyond Big Spring & Camped. — Rained heavily.



July Thursday, 5 1855
Very Muday – drove 23 miles to 3 miles beyond Selves Ogden & Camped quite early Met several Missouri Legislators Returning from Pawnee, bright evening

July Saturday, 6th 1855
Drove to within a mile of my house & Camped, too dark to keep the path. Slept well.

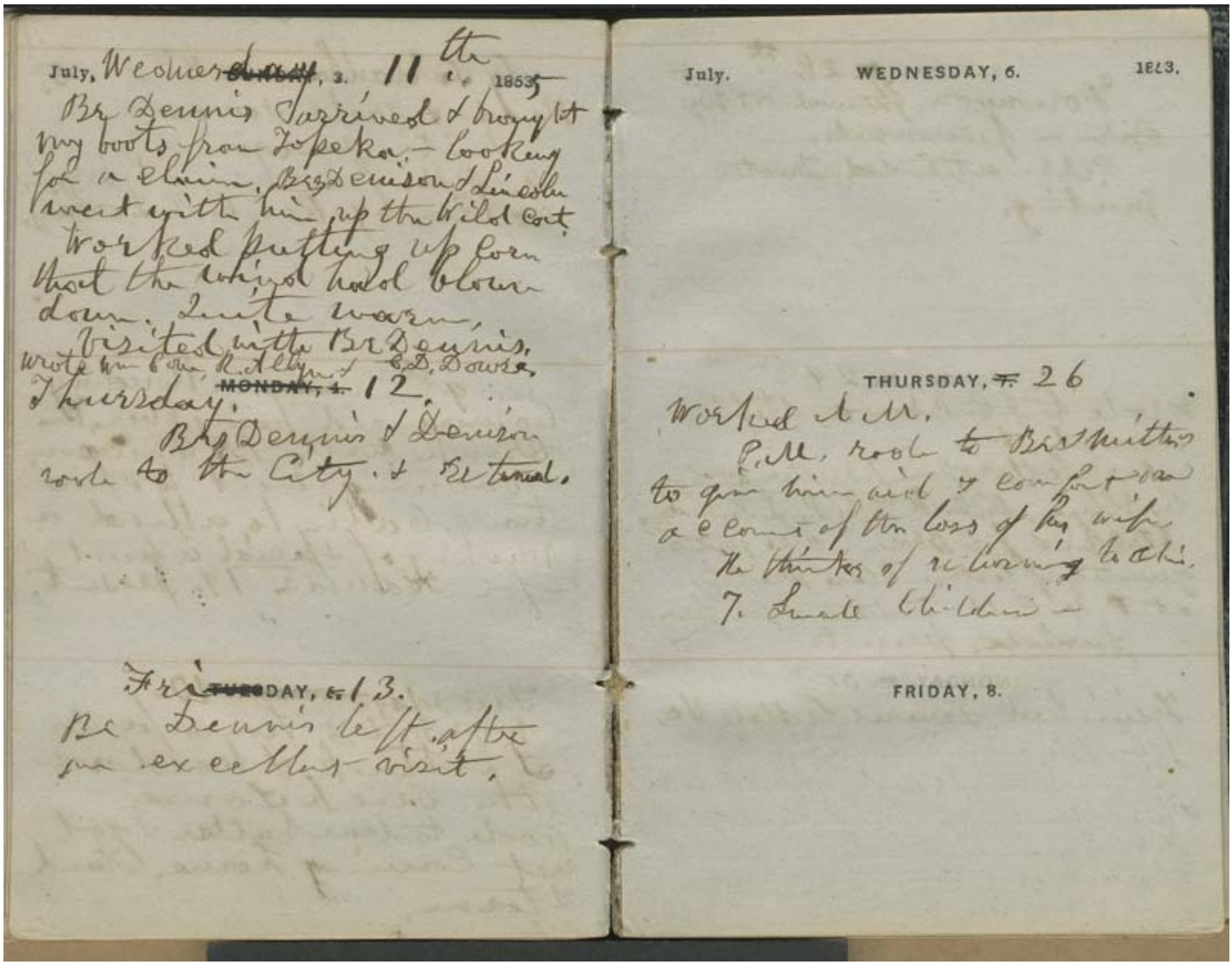
July Sunday, 7th
Drove home to breakfast met a hearty reception from all our family. Feel like resting.

July Monday, 8th 1855
Rested & wrote some. Quite warm.
4. P.M. Preaching at my cabin by Rev. C. H. Lovejoy.

July. 9th Monday
Commenced hoeing over the Creek with Br Dickson. Evening went to Shawnee Mission, Cabin to attend a meeting of special interest for Kansas 19. present.

July Tuesday 10.
Worked 3 hours for Br Pattuck & hoed corn on the Creek. Some. Rode to Manhattan & got mail Coming home, Hard Storm.

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July, Wednesday, 2. 11th 1863
Br Dennis arrived & brought my boots from Topeka. — looking for a claim. Br Denison & Lincoln went with him up the Wild Cat. worked putting up corn that the wind had blown down. Quite warm. Visited with Br Dennis. wrote to Bro. R. Alley & C. D. Dowse.

~~MONDAY, 4.~~ THURSDAY, 12.
Br Dennis & Denison rode to the City. & Returned.

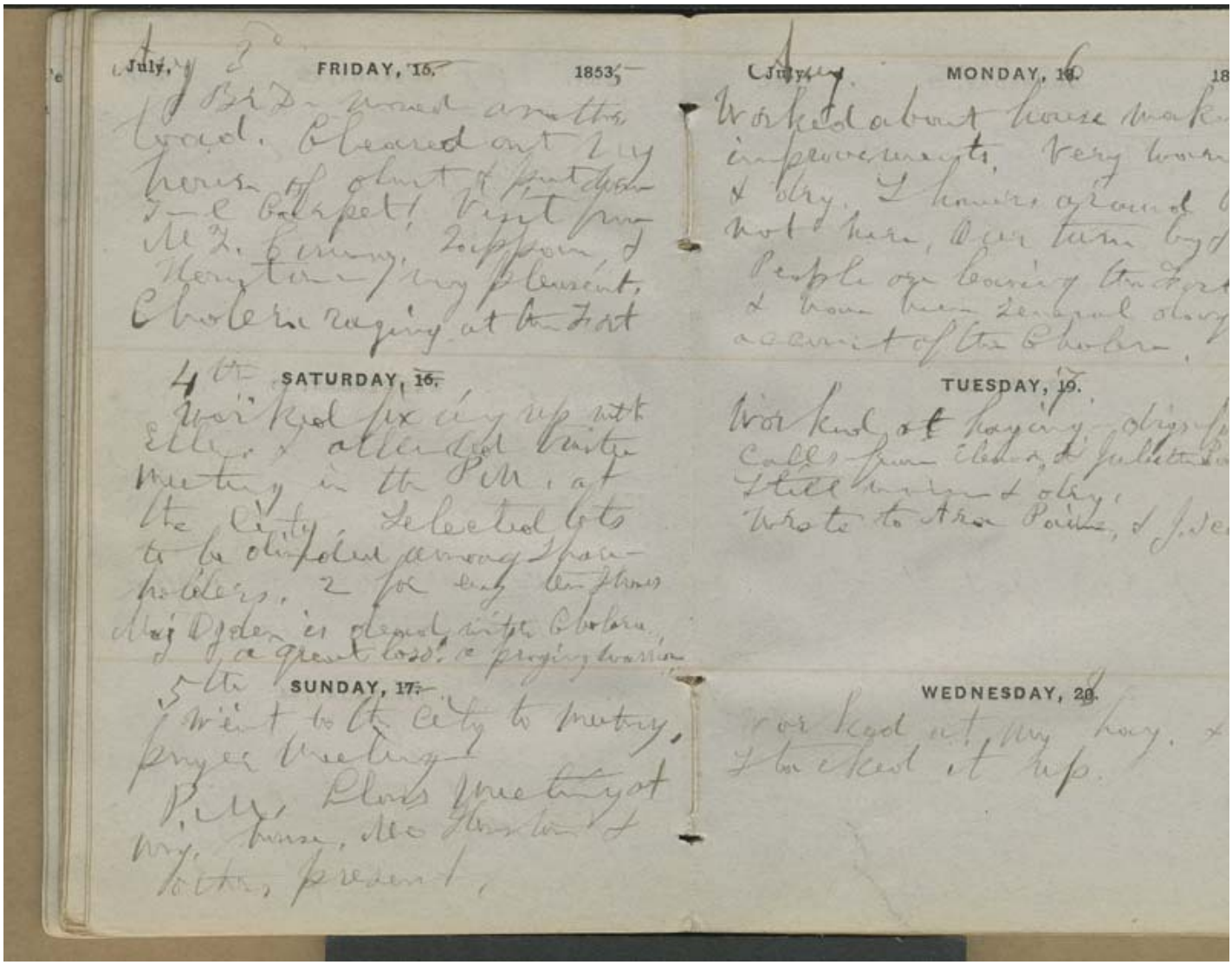
~~TUESDAY, 5.~~ FRIDAY, 13.
Br Dennis left. after an excellent visit.

July. WEDNESDAY, 6. 1863.

~~THURSDAY, 7.~~ 26
Worked at M.
P.M. rode to Br Smith's to give him aid & comfort on account of the loss of his wife. He thinks of returning to Ohio.
7. Quite Chilly.

FRIDAY, 8.

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July, 2d FRIDAY, 15. 1853.

Rid a good deal of the day. Cleared out 2 cu yards of dirt & put down a Carpet. Visit from M. Z. Leming, Lupton, & Hampton. Very pleasant. Cholera raging at the Fort

4th SATURDAY, 16.

Worked six days up with Ellis & attended Writers meeting in the P.M. at the City. Selected lots to be disposed among Shareholders. 2 for my ten shares. Mrs Ogden is dead with Cholera. A great loss. A praying woman.

5th SUNDAY, 17.

Went to the City to meeting, prayer meeting. P.M. Rode to meeting at Mrs. Lum, Mrs Hamilton & wife, present.

July 4 MONDAY, 18. 18

Worked about house making improvements. Very hot & dry. Indians around but not here. Over turn by people on leaving the fort & town. General alarm account of the Cholera.

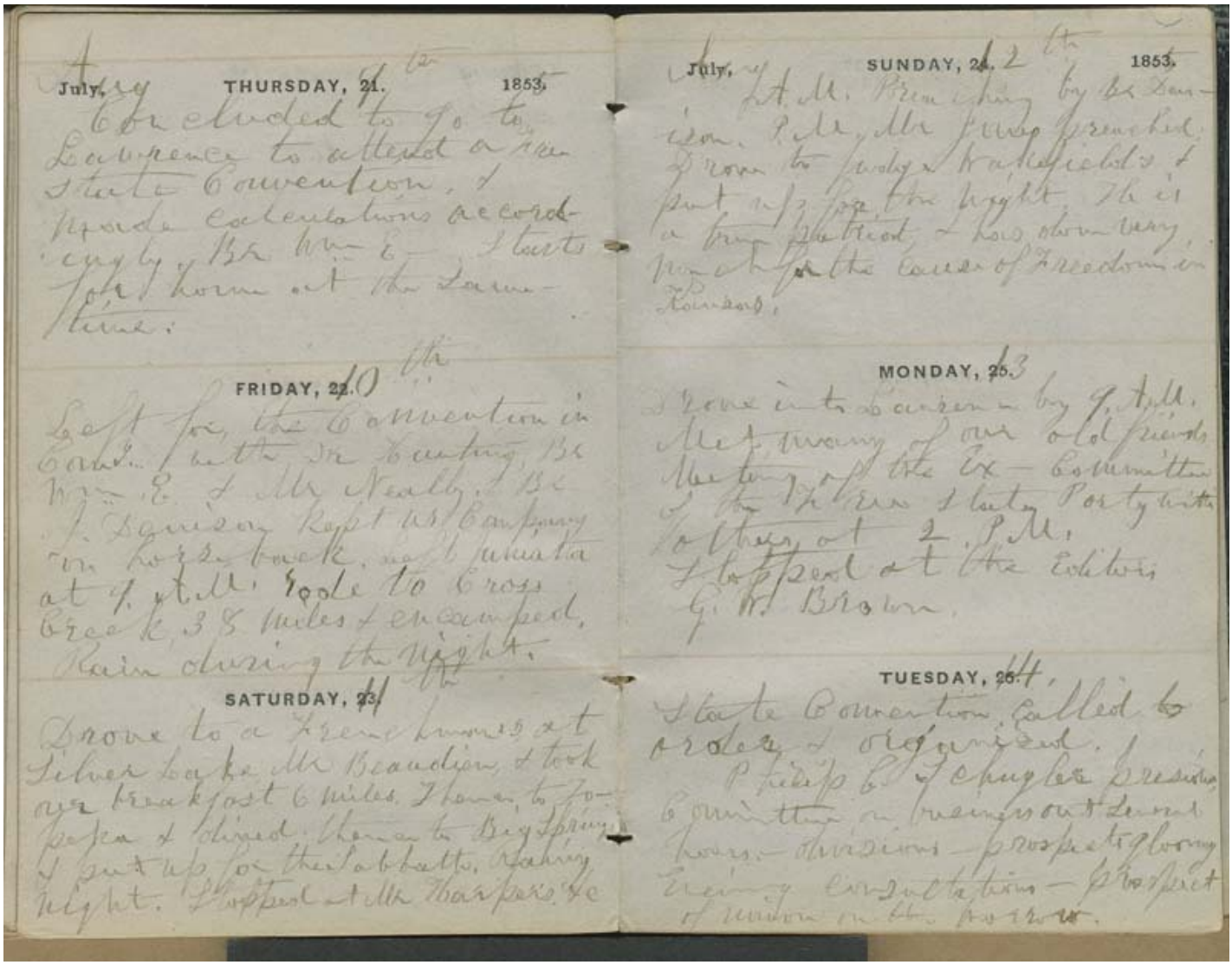
TUESDAY, 19.

Worked at haying. Disagreeable Calls from Elder & Juliette Still hot & dry. Wrote to Atchison Pauline, & J. Ve

WEDNESDAY, 20.

Worked at hay. Finished it up.

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July, 19 THURSDAY, 21. 1853.

Concluded to go to Lawrence to attend a Free State Convention, & made calculations accordingly. Br Wm & I start for home at the same time.

FRIDAY, 22. 10th

Left for the Convention in Calvert's with Mr Keating, Br Wm E & Mr Neally. Br J. Squires Kept us company on horseback, as far as Prairie at 9 A.M. Rode to Cross Creek, 38 miles & encamped. Rain during the night.

SATURDAY, 23. 11th

Drove to a Free homes at Silver Lake Mr Beaudion, & took our breakfast 6 miles. Thence to Topeka & dined. Thence to Big Spring & put up for the Sabbath. Rainy night. Stopped at Mr Harpers &c

July, SUNDAY, 24. 12th 1853.

A.M. Preaching by Br Davison. P.M. Mr Fuller preached. Drove to Judge Wakefield's & put up for the night. The is a true friend & has shown very much of the cause of Freedom in Kansas.

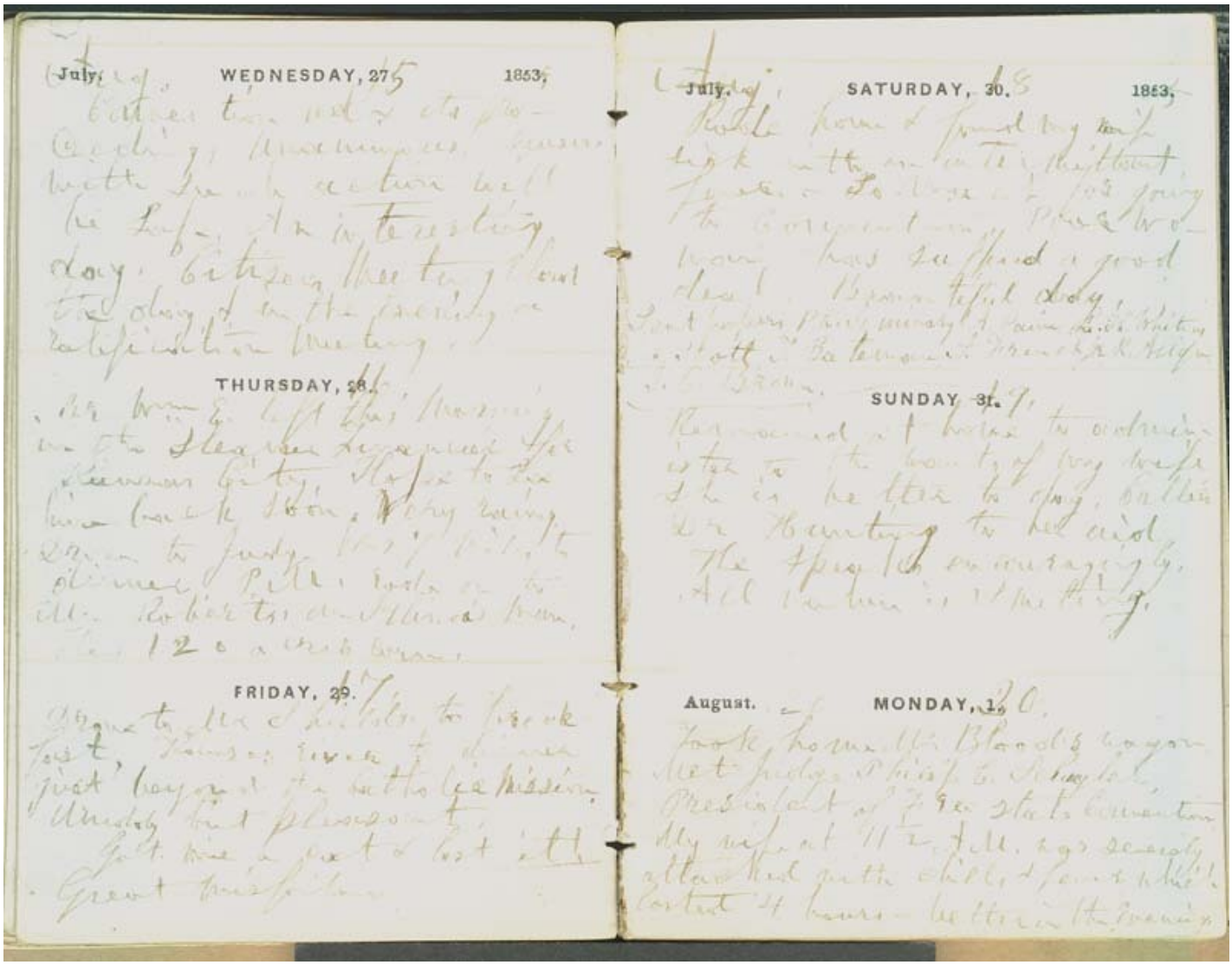
MONDAY, 25. 13

Drove into Lawrence by 9 A.M. Met many of our old friends Meeting of the Ex-Committee of the Free State Party with others at 2 P.M. Stopped at the Editors G. W. Brown.

TUESDAY, 26. 14th

State Convention Called to order & organized. Philip C. Chapler President Committees on Business & Resolutions — Divisions — Prospects gloomy Enemy Conspiracies — Prospect of union on the part of

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July. WEDNESDAY, 27 1853.

THURSDAY, 28.

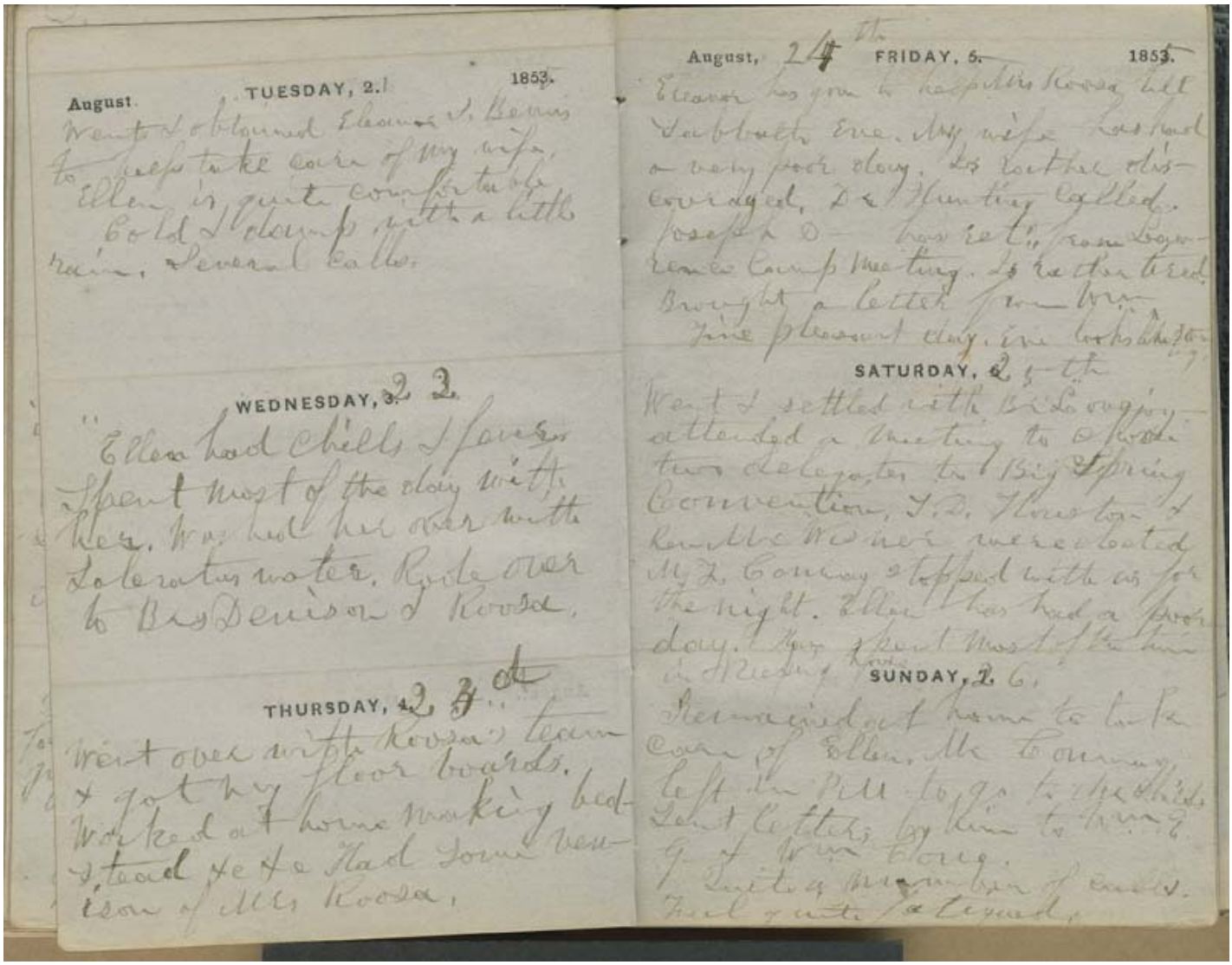
FRIDAY, 29.

July. SATURDAY, 30. 1853.

SUNDAY 31.

August. MONDAY, 1.

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August. TUESDAY, 2. 1853.
Went to obtained Eleanor N. Bemis to keep take care of my wife, Ellen is quite comfortable Cold & damp with a little rain. Several calls.

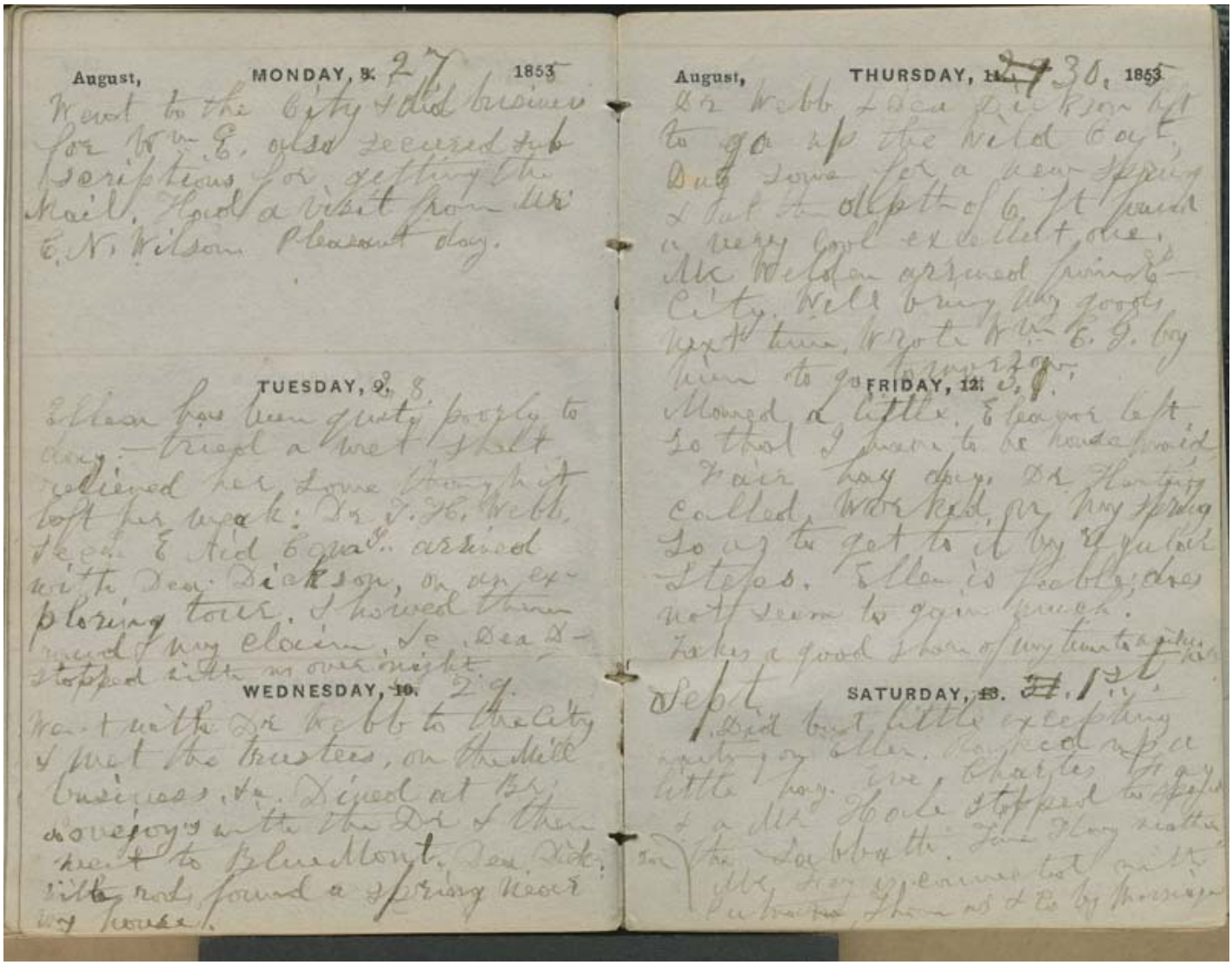
WEDNESDAY, 3.
Ellen had chills & fever. Spent most of the day with her. We had her over with Soleratus water. Rode over to Bro Denison & Roosa.

THURSDAY, 4th
Went over with Roosa's team & got my floor boards. Worked at home making bedstead &c. Had some venison of Mr Roosa.

August, 24th FRIDAY, 5. 1853.
Eleanor has gone to keep Mrs Roosa till Saturday Eve. My wife has had a very poor day. Dr Luther visited. Dr Hunting called. Joseph D. has returned from Lawrence Camp Meeting. Is rather tired. Brought a letter from Wm.
Fine pleasant day. Ive worked on

SATURDAY, 6th
Went & settled with Bro Longfellow attended a meeting to choose two delegates to Big Spring Convention, T. D. Thornton & Rev Mr Weaver were elected. M. F. Conway stopped with us for the night. Ellen has had a poor day. Eleanor spent most of the time in Reading

SUNDAY, 7.
Remained at home to take care of Ellen. Mr Conway left in Pill box to the Shawnee. Sent letters by him to Wm. & J. Wm Clarke.
Quite a number of emigrants. Feel quite rested.



August, MONDAY, 27 1853

Went to the City & did business for Wm. E. also secured subscriptions for getting the Mail. Had a visit from Mr E. N. Wilson Pleasant day.

TUESDAY, 28

Ellen has been quite poorly to day — tried a wet sheet relieved her some then left her weak. Dr J. H. Webb, Jesse E & Ed Equi. arrived with Dea. Dickson, on an exploring tour. I showed them round my claim &c. Dea D— stopped with us over night.

WEDNESDAY, 29

Went with Dr Webb to the City & met the trustees, on the Mill business, &c. Dined at Bro Cooper's with the Dr & then went to Blue Mont. Dea Dickson & Webb rode, found a Spring near my house.

August, THURSDAY, 30, 1853

Dr Webb & Dea Dickson left to go up the Wild Cat, Dea Dickson for a new Spring & Webb to dig a Well. Found a Spring at the depth of 6 ft which is very cool & excellent. Mr Weldon arrived from the City. Will bring my goods next time. Wrote Wm E. G. by him to go tomorrow.

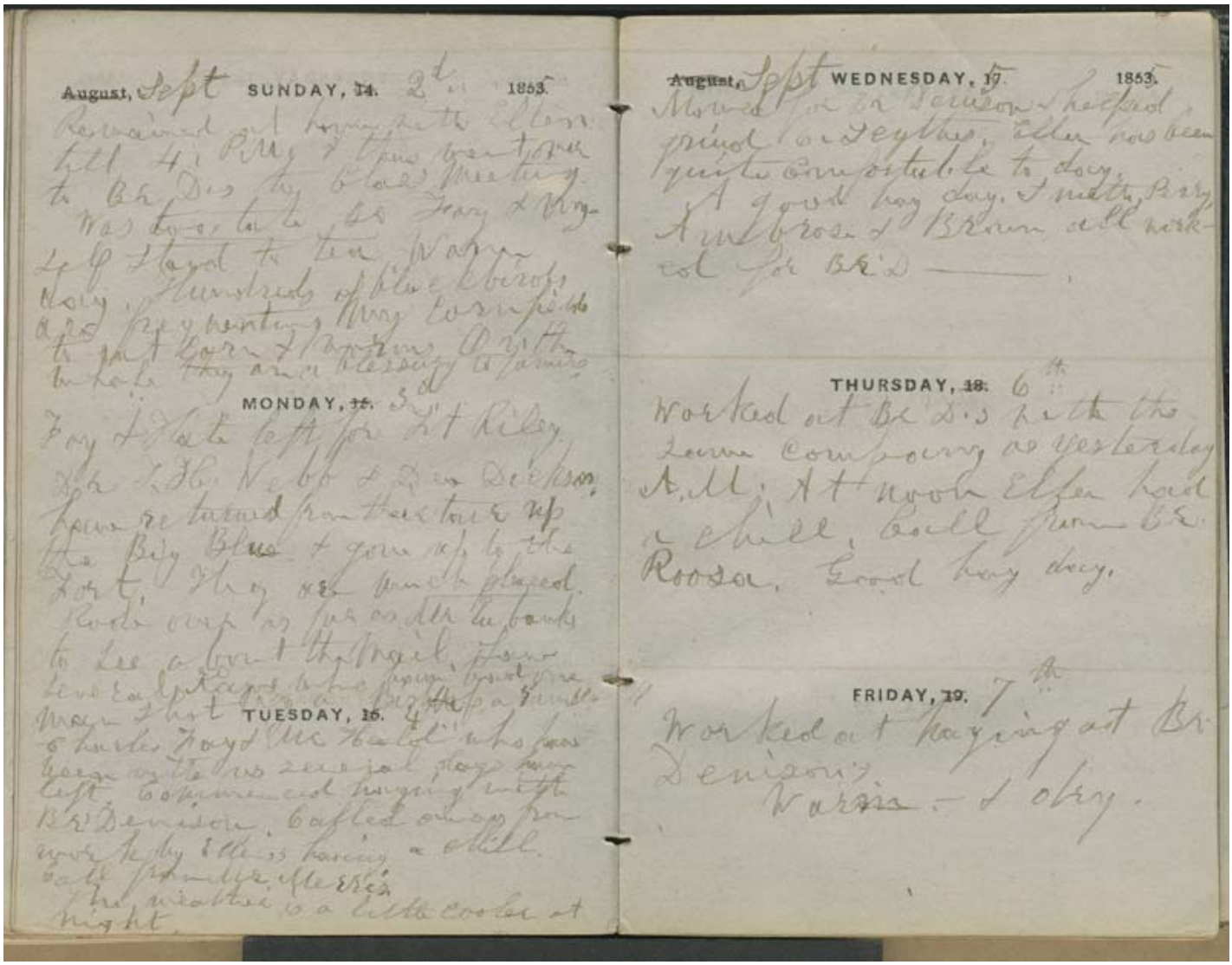
FRIDAY, 31

Mowed a little. Ellen left so that I have to be housekeeper. Fair hay day. Dr Hunting called, worked on my Spring so as to get to it by a Ladder & Steps. Ellen is feeble; does not seem to gain much. Takes a good share of my time to attend to her.

Sept. SATURDAY, 1st

Did but little excepting nurse Ellen. Received a letter from Charles. He & little boy. Wm Charles stopped to see us & Mr Hoole stopped to see Ellen on the Sabbath. Jane Hoy visited us. Mr Hoy [illegible]

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August, ~~Sept~~ SUNDAY, ~~14.~~ 2d 1853.
Remained at home with Ellen
till 4 P.M. & then went over
to Br Dis by Class Meeting.
Was by-ed to the Br Tracy & Wife
left Hazel to stay with
Ellen. Hundreds of Blue Cloaks
Many Corn fields
are presenting Many Corn fields
to get Corn & Potatoes &c &c
We have very warm & pleasant

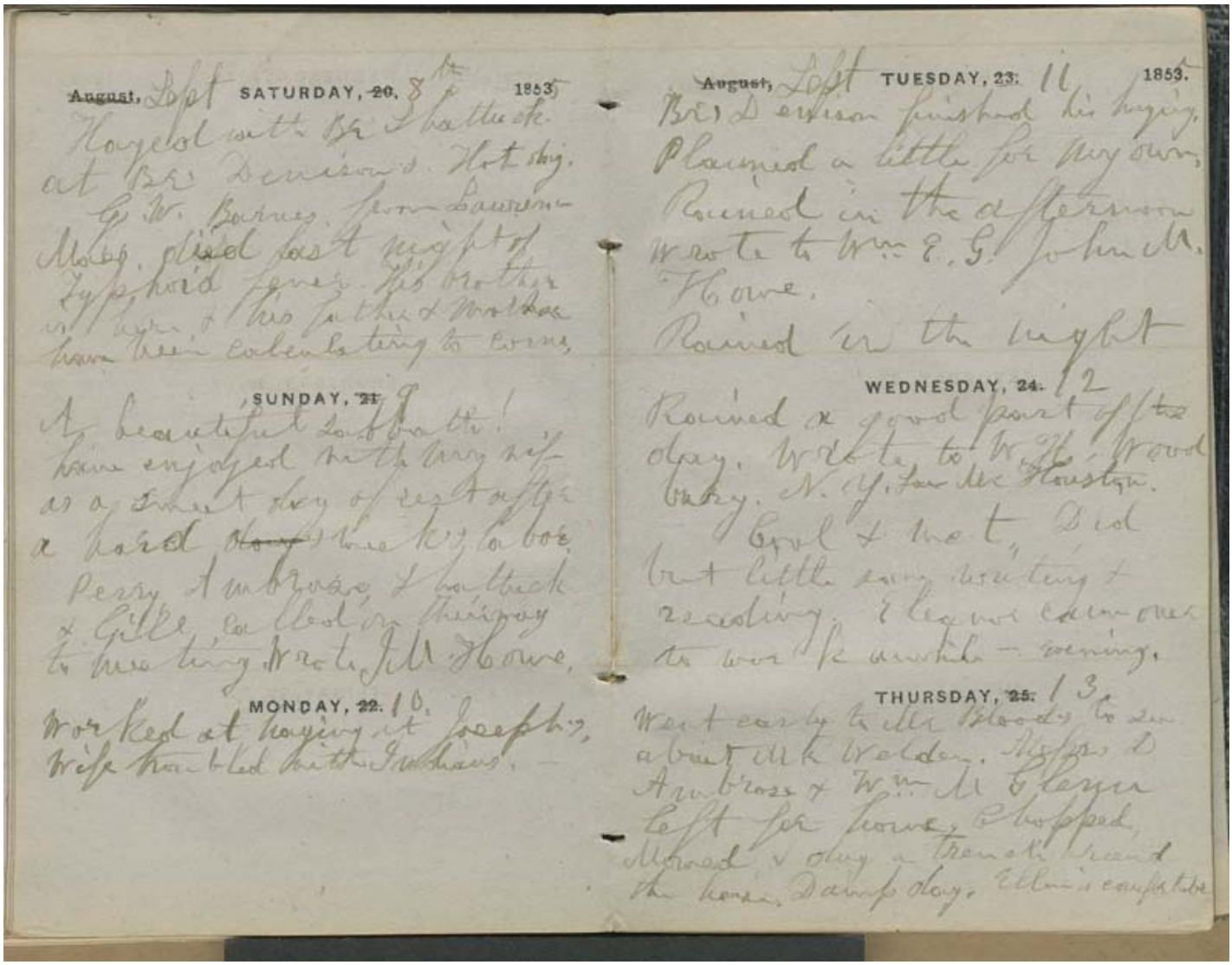
MONDAY, ~~15.~~ 3d
Tracy & Hale left for Ft Riley.
Bro L.H. Webb & Bro Dickson
have returned from their tour up
the Big Blue & gone up to the
Fort. They are much pleased.
Rode over as far as Mr Cubanks
to see a Grist Mill, Some
Corn Cobs & the Frame work
Mr Cubank has a small
TUESDAY, ~~16.~~ 4th
& turbe Hazel Mc Hale who has
been with us several days have
left. Commenced hoeing with
Br Denison. Called on Mrs Ross
over the Creek. Ellen having a chill.
Cold Shoulder & Slaw
The weather is a little cooler at
night.

August, ~~Sept~~ WEDNESDAY, ~~17.~~ 1853.
Moved for Br Denison's Hetfield
priad to Seythes. Ellen has been
quite comfortable to day.
A good hay day. Smith, Bro
Ambrose & Brown all work-
ed for Br D ——.

THURSDAY, ~~18.~~ 6th
Worked at Br D's with the
same company as yesterday
A.M. A't noon Ellen had
a chill. Call from Br
Roosa. Good hay day.

FRIDAY, ~~19.~~ 7th
Worked at haying at Br
Denison's.
Warm — & dry.

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August, Sept SATURDAY, 20, 8th 1853

Kayed with Br Shattuck at Br Denison's. Hot day. G. W. Barnes from Lawrence Mosq. died last night of Typhoid fever. His brother is here & his father & Mother have been calculating to come.

SUNDAY, 21 9

A beautiful Sabbath! have enjoyed much liberty as a sweet day of rest after a hard week's work to body. Perry Ambrose & Shattuck & Gillet called in this day to see Irving. Wrote J. M. Howe.

MONDAY, 22. 10.

Worked at haying at Joseph's, Wife washed with Indians.

August, Sept TUESDAY, 23. 11th 1853.

Br Denison finished his haying. Planned a little for my own. Rained in the afternoon. Wrote to Wm E. G. Johnson, Howe.

Rained in the night

WEDNESDAY, 24. 12

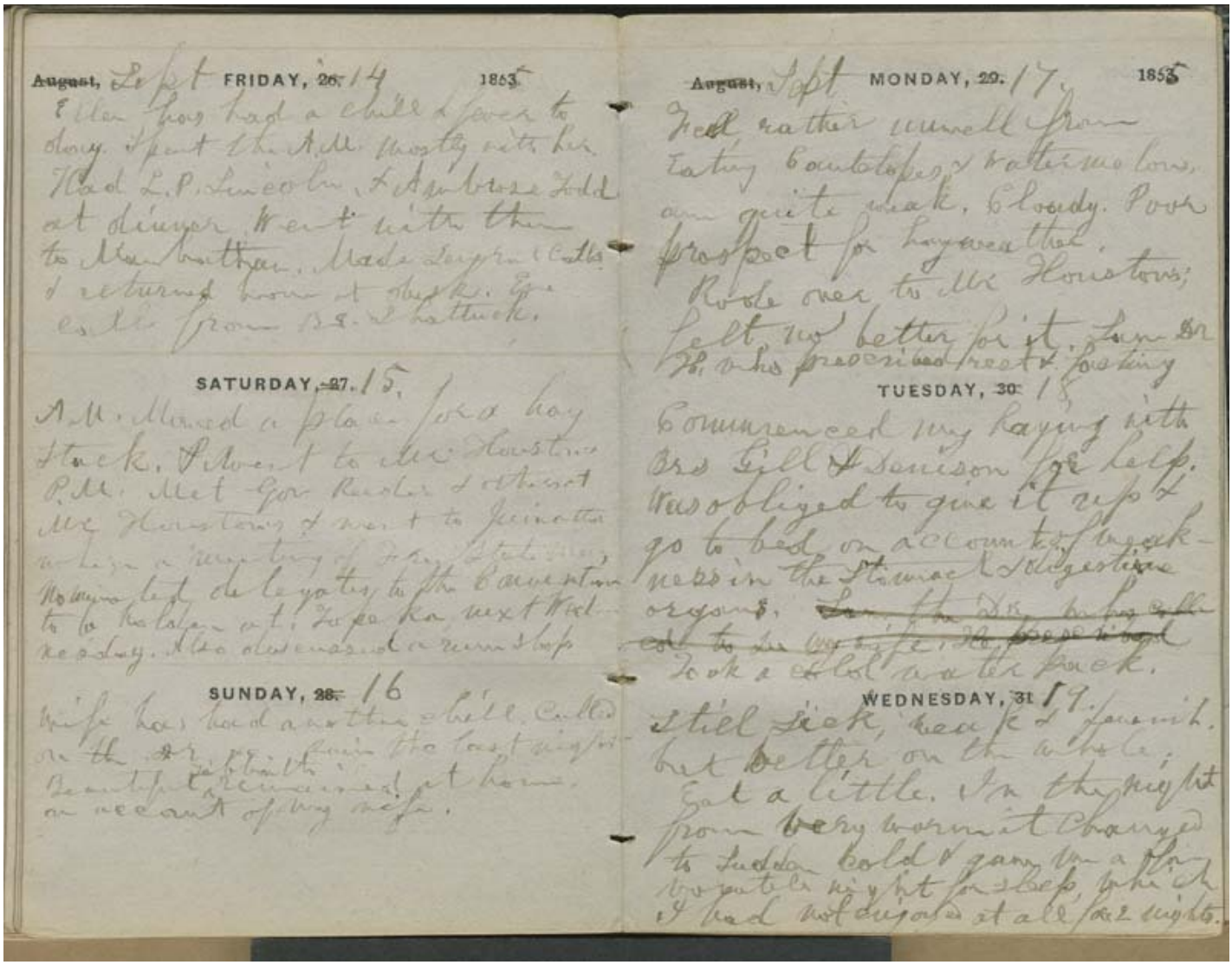
Rained a good part of the day. Wrote to Wife & Brother. N. Y. for Dr Houston.

Cool & wet, Did but little save visiting & reading. Eliza was taken over to Wm's awhile in evening.

THURSDAY, 25. 13

Went early to Mr Bloods to see about Mr Walden. Messrs D Ambrose & Wm M Clayes left for home. Stopped, Moved & dug a trench round the house. Damp day. Ellen is confined

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August, Sept FRIDAY, 26. 14 1853

Ellen Jane had a chill & fever to day. Spent the A.M. mostly with her. Had L.P. Lincoln & Ambrose Todd at dinner. Went with them to Manhattan. Made Layman Castle & returned home at dusk. Got a call from Dr. Whittick.

SATURDAY, 27. 15.

A.M. Moved a plank for a hay stack. Went to the Houston P.M. Met Gov. Reeder & others at the Houston & went to Juniatta on a meeting of Free State men. Many left delegates to the Convention to be held at Topeka next Wednesday. Also drove round a corn stalk

SUNDAY, 28. 16

Wife has had another chill. Called on the Dr. Spent the last night & part of the forenoon at home on account of my wife.

August, Sept MONDAY, 29. 17,

Felt rather unwell from eating Cantaloupes & watermelons, am quite weak. Cloudy. Poor prospect for hay weather.

Rode over to the Houstons; felt no better for it. Took Dr. Wh's prescribed treatment for fever

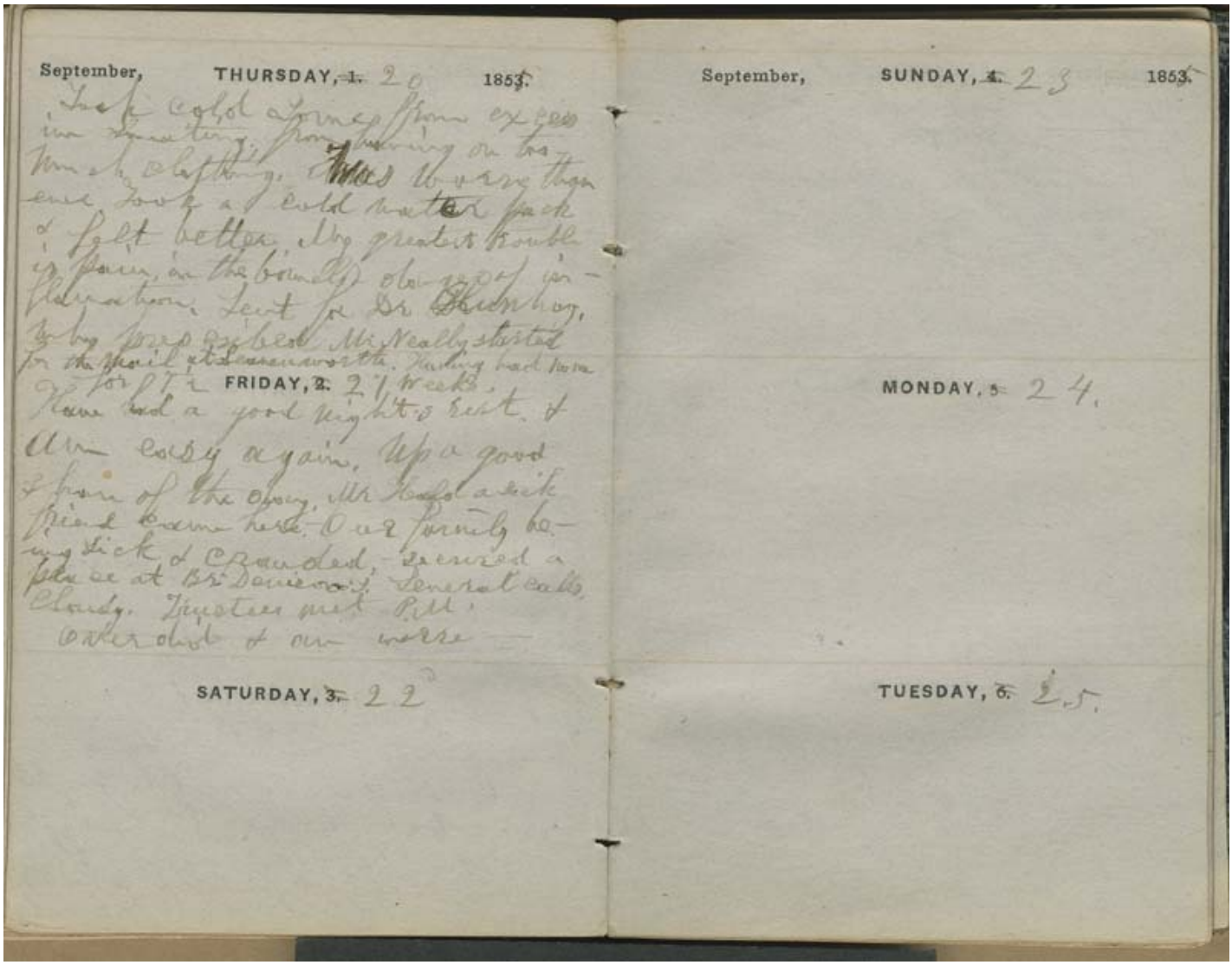
TUESDAY, 30. 18

Commenced my haying with Bro Gill & Jenison to help. Was obliged to give it up & go to bed on account of weakness in the Stomach & digestive organs. ~~Sent for Dr. but he was called to the Wife. He prescribed~~ Took a hot water drink.

WEDNESDAY, 31 19.

Still sick, head & stomach. Not better on the whole; Eat a little. In the night from very warm it changed to sudden cold & gave us a fine vegetable night for sleep, the first I had not dripsies at all for 2 nights.

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September, THURSDAY, ~~1.~~ 20 1853.

Took cold a[t] Jerneys from exposure in sweating, from wearing on his wet clothing. Was worse than ever took a cold water pack & felt better. My greatest trouble is pain in the bowels. Obtained preparations sent for Dr Richardson, by boy prepared Mr Neally started for the frail steamer with. Taking had now for 2 1/2 weeks.

FRIDAY, ~~2.~~ 21

Have had a good night's rest & am easy again. Upon a good report of the boy, Mr Neal a sick friend came here. Our family being sick & Crowded, secured a place at Dr Donovan's. General calls. Cloudy. Injustices met Pitt. Overlook & our works

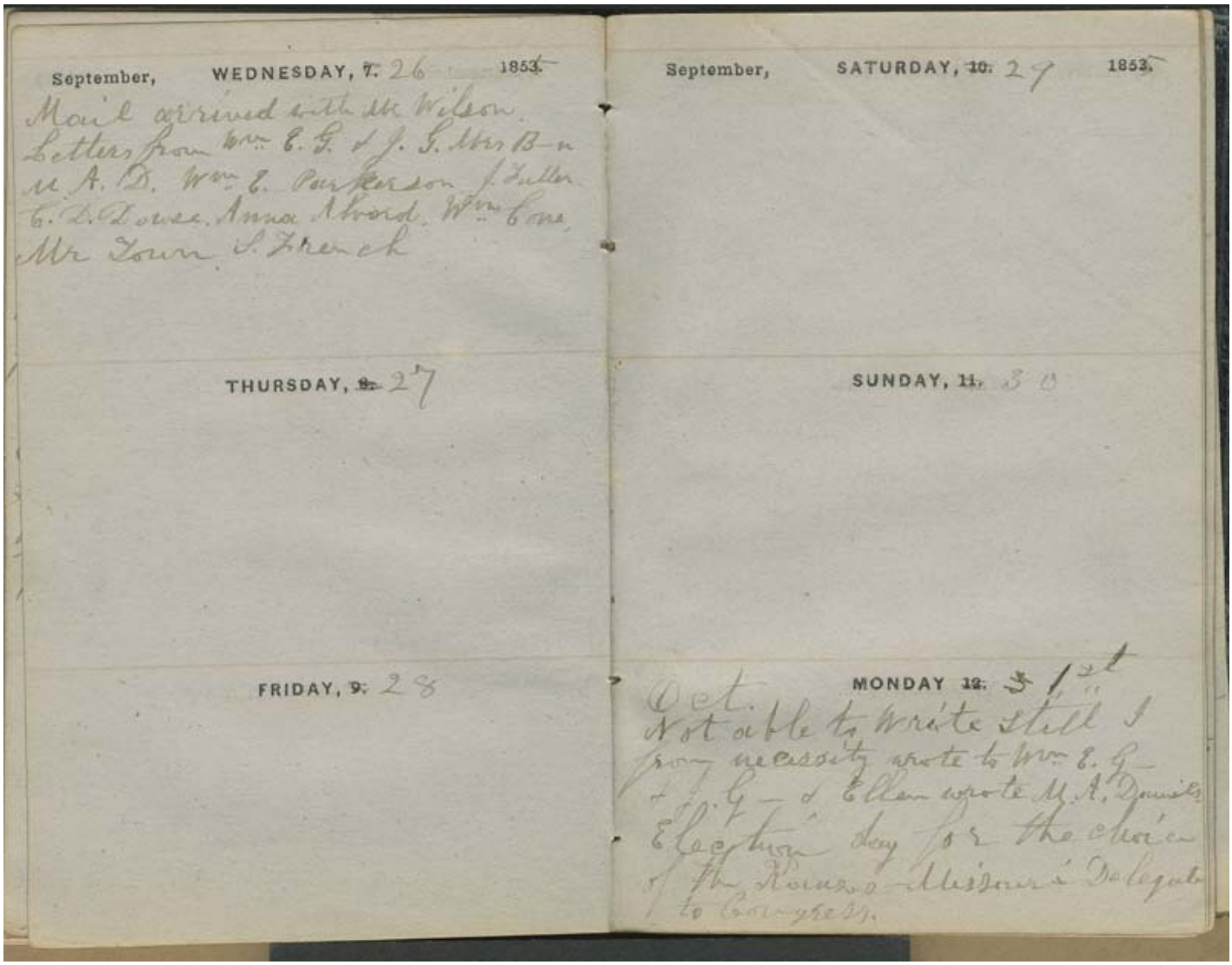
SATURDAY, ~~3.~~ 22

September, SUNDAY, ~~4.~~ 23 1853.

MONDAY, ~~5~~ 24.

TUESDAY, ~~6.~~ 25.

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September, WEDNESDAY, ~~7.~~ 26 1853.

Mail arrived with Mr Wilson. Letters from Wm E. G. & J. G. Mrs B—n & A. D. Wm E. Parkerson J. Fuller E. L. Dowse. Anna Alvord. Wm Cone, Mr Town. S. French

THURSDAY, ~~8.~~ 27

FRIDAY, ~~9.~~ 28

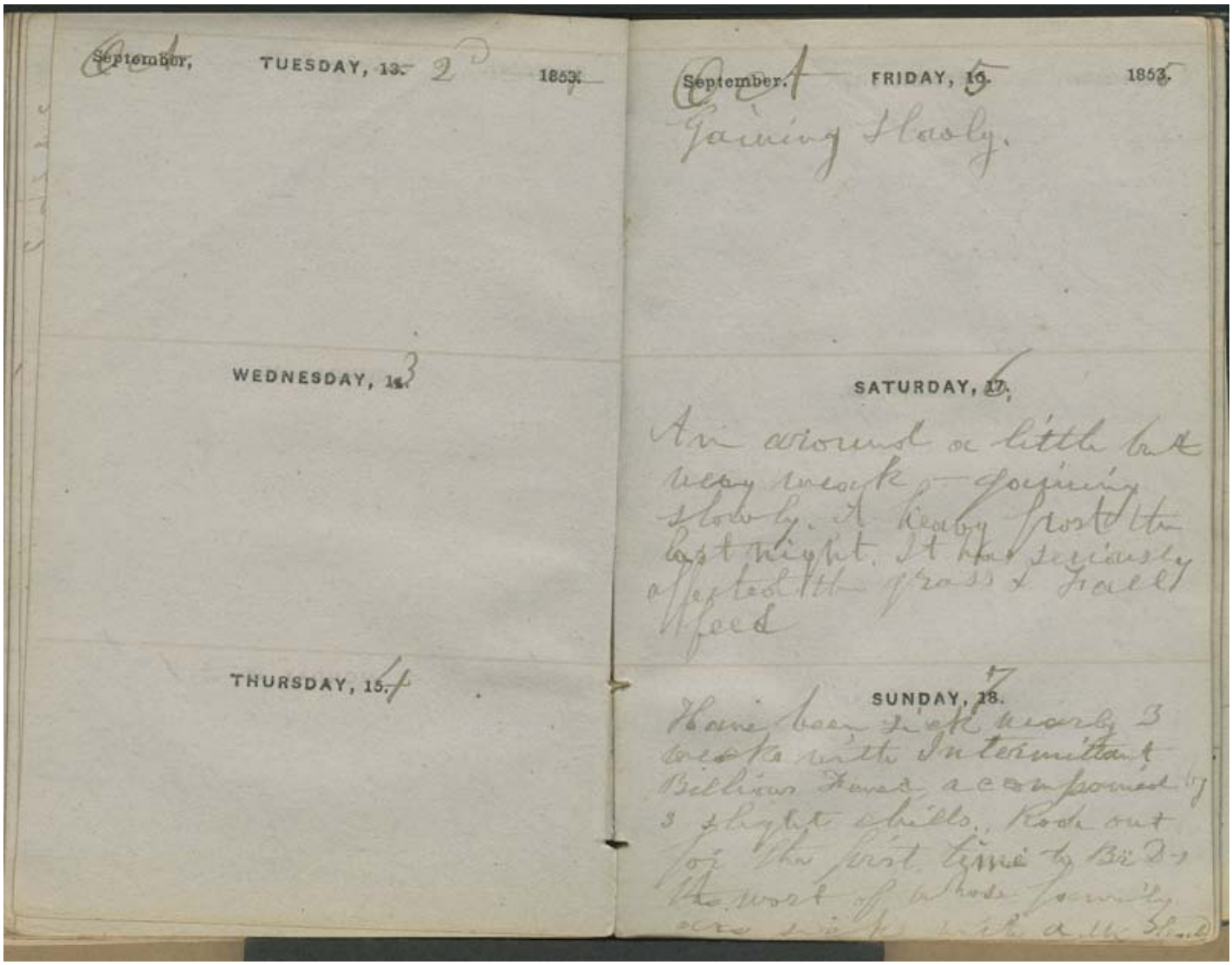
September, SATURDAY, ~~10.~~ 29 1853.

SUNDAY, ~~11.~~ 30

MONDAY ~~12.~~ 31 st

Oct. 1st Not able to write Still I from necessity wrote to Wm E. G— & J. G— & Ellen wrote M. A. Dennis. Election day for the choice of the House of Missouri's Delegate to Congress.

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September, TUESDAY, 13. 2 1853.

WEDNESDAY, 14. 3

THURSDAY, 15. 4

September. FRIDAY, 16. 5 1853.

Gaining Slowly.

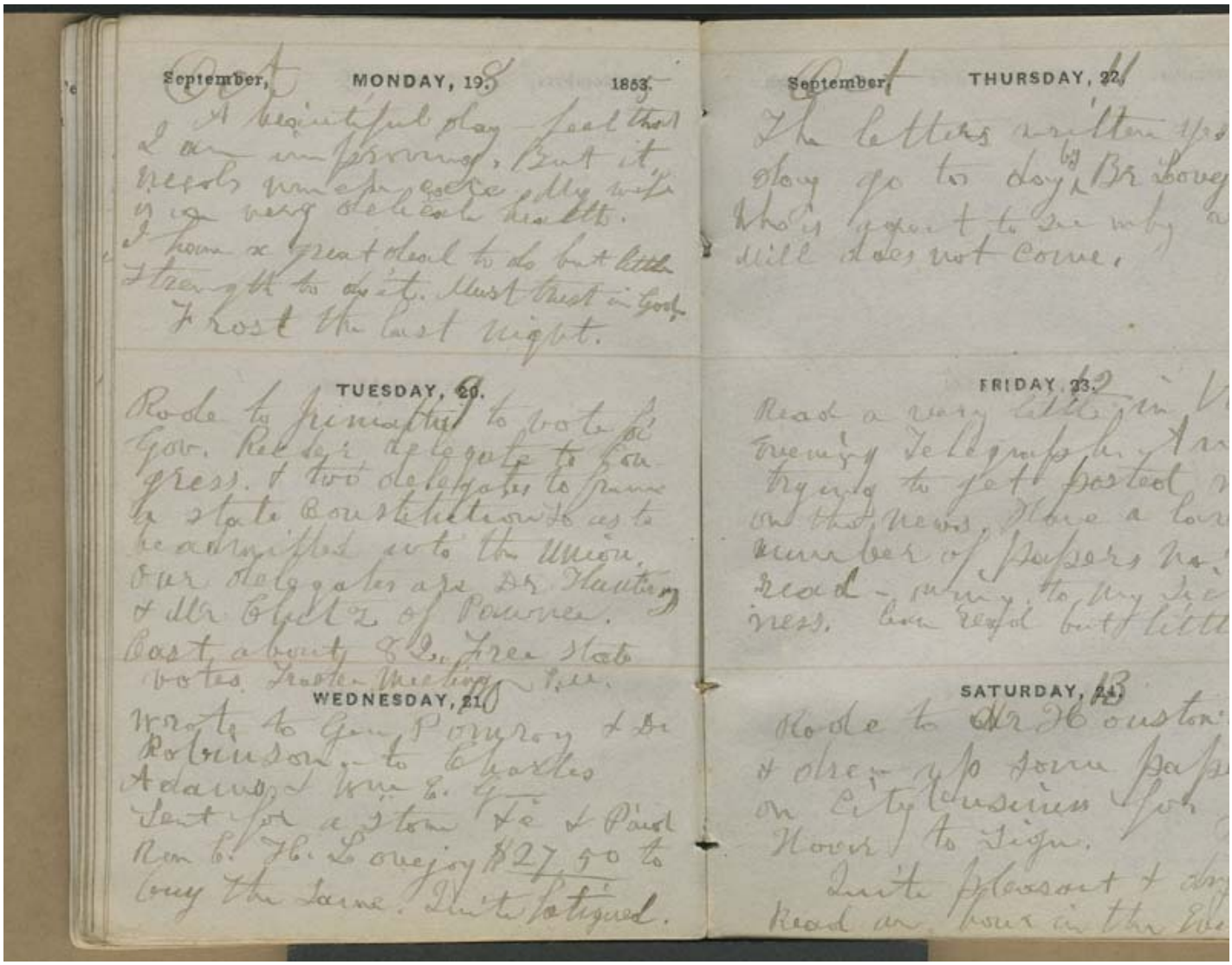
SATURDAY, 17. 6

Am around a little but very weak & gaining slowly. A heavy frost the last night. It has seriously affected the grass & small seed

SUNDAY, 18. 7

Have been sick nearly 3 weeks with Intermittant Bilious Fever accompanied by a slight chills. Rode out for the first time by Br D— the most of whose family are sick with a like fever

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September, MONDAY, 19. 1853.

A beautiful day. feel that I am improving. But it needs much exercise. My wife is very delicate health. I have a great deal to do but little strength to do it. Must trust in God. Frost the last night.

TUESDAY, 20.

Rode to Prairieville to vote for Gov. Reeder, delegate to Congress. & two delegates to frame a state Constitution with a view to be admitted into the Union. Our delegates are Dr. Hunter & Mr Cyster of Pownee. Cast about 2 to 1 Free State votes. Protem meeting P.M.

WEDNESDAY, 21.

Wrote to Gen Pomroy & Dr Robinson. to Charles Adams & Wm E. G. Sent for a Stove & Paid Rem & H. Lovejoy $27.50 to buy the same. Quite fatigued.

September, THURSDAY, 22.

The letters written yes- day go to day by Br Lovejoy Who is going to see my wife Will does not come.

FRIDAY, 23.

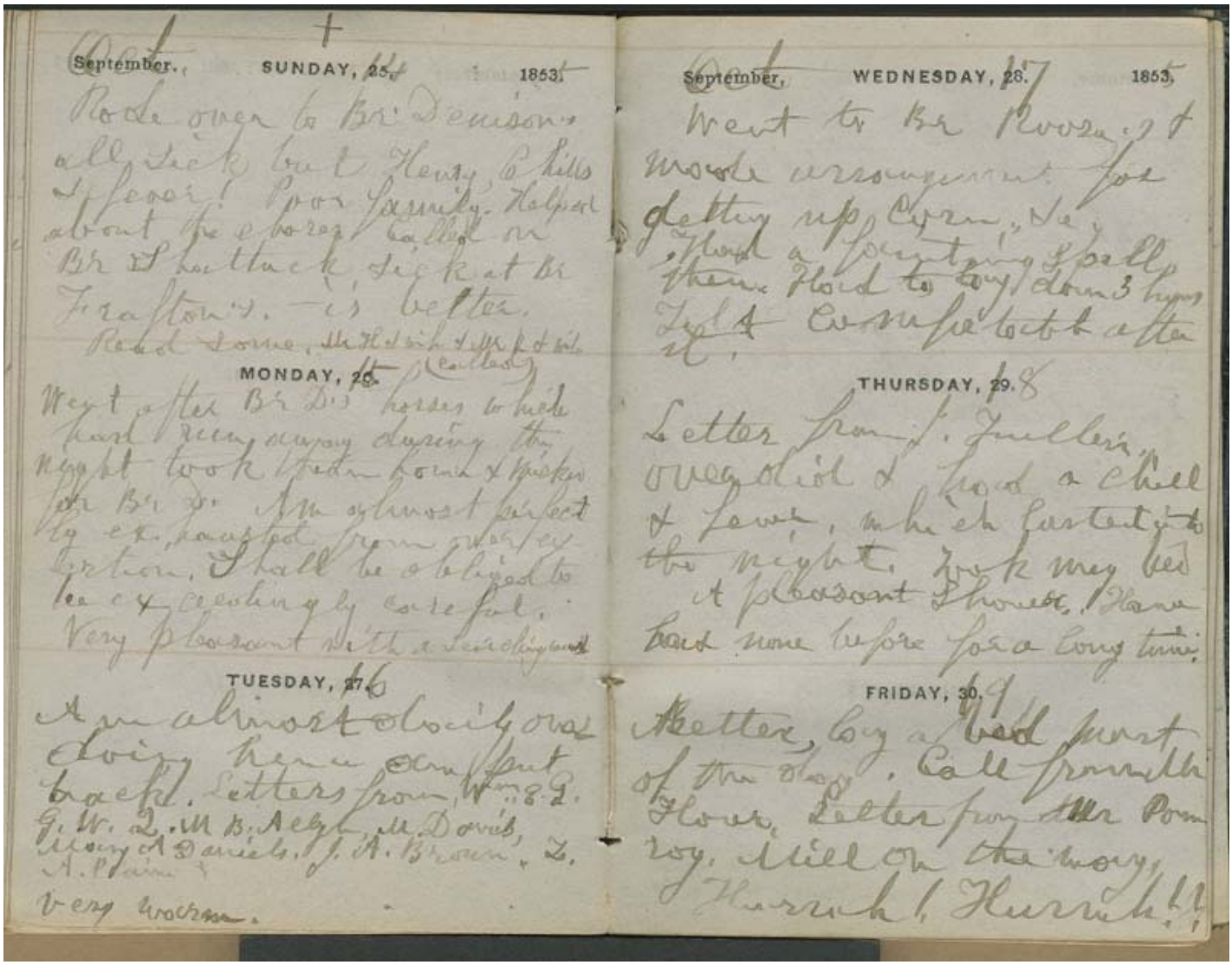
Read a very little in the Evening Telegraph. Am trying to get posted on the news. Have a large number of papers to read - am going to my Office. Can read but little.

SATURDAY, 24.

Rode to Mr Houston's & drew up some papers on City business for Rowe to sign.

Quite pleasant & dry. Read an hour in the Ele

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September. SUNDAY, 25. 1853.

Rode over to Br Denison's all sick but Henry & Phillo I fear! Prov Journey. Helped about the chores. Called on Br Shattuck sick at Br Fraston's. is better.

Read some. Wrote a letter to [illegible] called.

MONDAY, 26.

Went after Br D's horses to pick last corn many days during the night took Peden home & broke for Br D. An almost perfect day except from over exertion. Shall be obliged to be exceedingly careful.

Very pleasant with a refreshing wind.

TUESDAY, 27.

A fine almost cloudy day doing chores & at work. Letters from W. S. G. W. L. M. B. Aleph, M. Davis, Mary A. Daniels, J. A. Brown, L. A. Pain.

Very cool.

September. WEDNESDAY, 28. 1853.

Went to Br Rogers & made arrangement for getting up Corn, &c. Had a counting & tally then Had to lay down 3 hours to rest & recuperate after it.

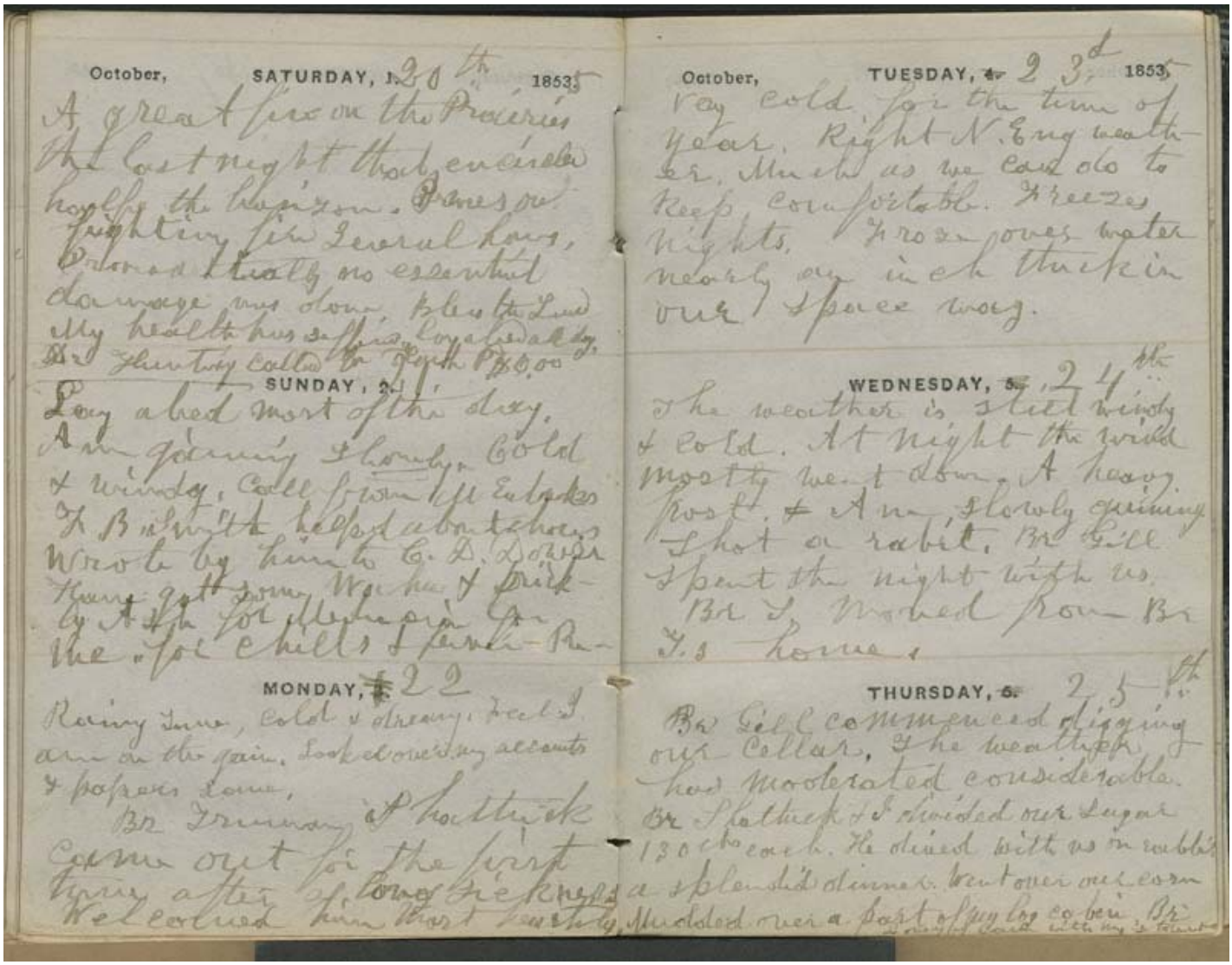
THURSDAY, 29.

Letter from J. Fuller. Very sick & had a chill & fever, which lasted to the night. Took my bed. A pleasant shower. Have had none before for a long time.

FRIDAY, 30.

Better, by a good part of the day. Call from the Flowers. Letter from Mr Pomroy. Mill on the way. Hurrah! Hurrah!!

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October, SATURDAY, 20th 1853

A great fire on the Prairies the last night that ever[illegible] nearly the horizon. Panes of glass in several houses, Colored Church no essential damage was done. Blessed Lord My health has again been graciously [illegible] Hunting called in Forth $20.00

SUNDAY, 21

Lay a bed most of the day. Am gaining slowly. Cold & windy. Call from Mr Eubanks & Bailey & helped about chores. Wrote by letter to C. D. Dover. Have got some Weeds & Prickly Ash for Medicine. Cut the roof of chills & fever. Re-

MONDAY, 22

Rainy time, cold & dreary. Feel I am on the gain. Looked over my accounts & papers some.

Br Truman & Hattrick Come out for the first time after long sickness. Welcomed him most heartily.

October, TUESDAY, 23d 1853

Very cold for the time of year. Right N. Eng weather. Much as we could do to keep comfortable. Freezes nights. Frozen over water nearly an inch thick in our Spare way.

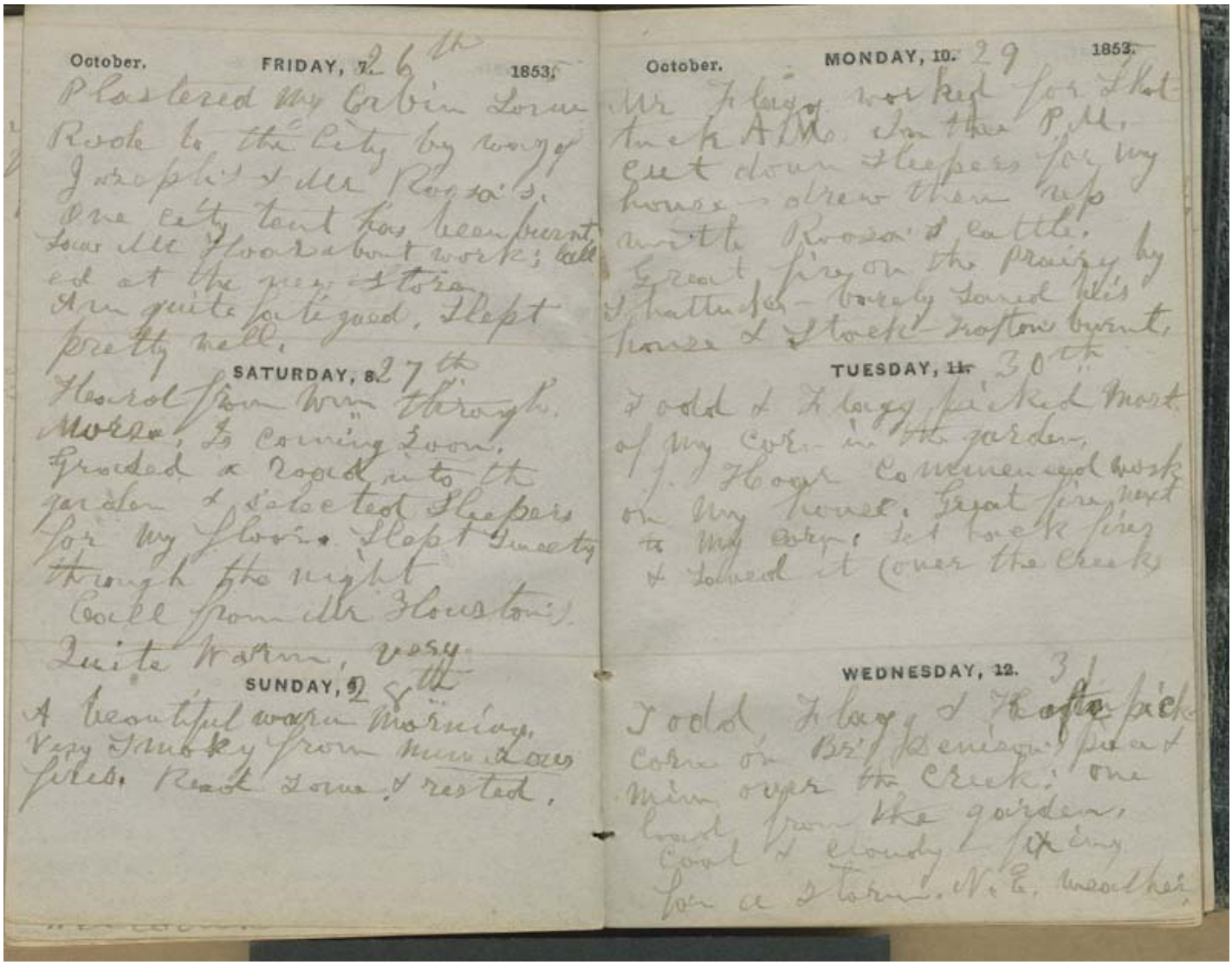
WEDNESDAY, 24th

The weather is still windy & cold. At night the wind mostly went down. A heavy frost. Am slowly gaining. Shot a rabit. Br Gill Spent the night with us. Br S. Moved from Br T.'s home.

THURSDAY, 25th

Br Gill Commenced digging our Cellar. The weather has moderated considerable. Br Hattrick & I divided our sugar 130 lbs each. He dined with us on rabbit a splendid dinner. Went over our corn Shucked over a part of my log co-bin. Br [illegible]

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October. FRIDAY, 26th 1853.
Plastered my Cabin Some
Rode to the City by way of
Shapleis & Mr Rogers.
One City tent has been burnt,
Some Mr Floor about work; call
ed at the new Store
Am quite fatigued. Slept
pretty well.

SATURDAY, 27th
Heard from Wm through.
Morse, is coming soon.
Provided a Load wood to the
garden & selected Sleepers
for my floor. Slept pretty
through the night
Cold from the North.
Quite warm, rosy.

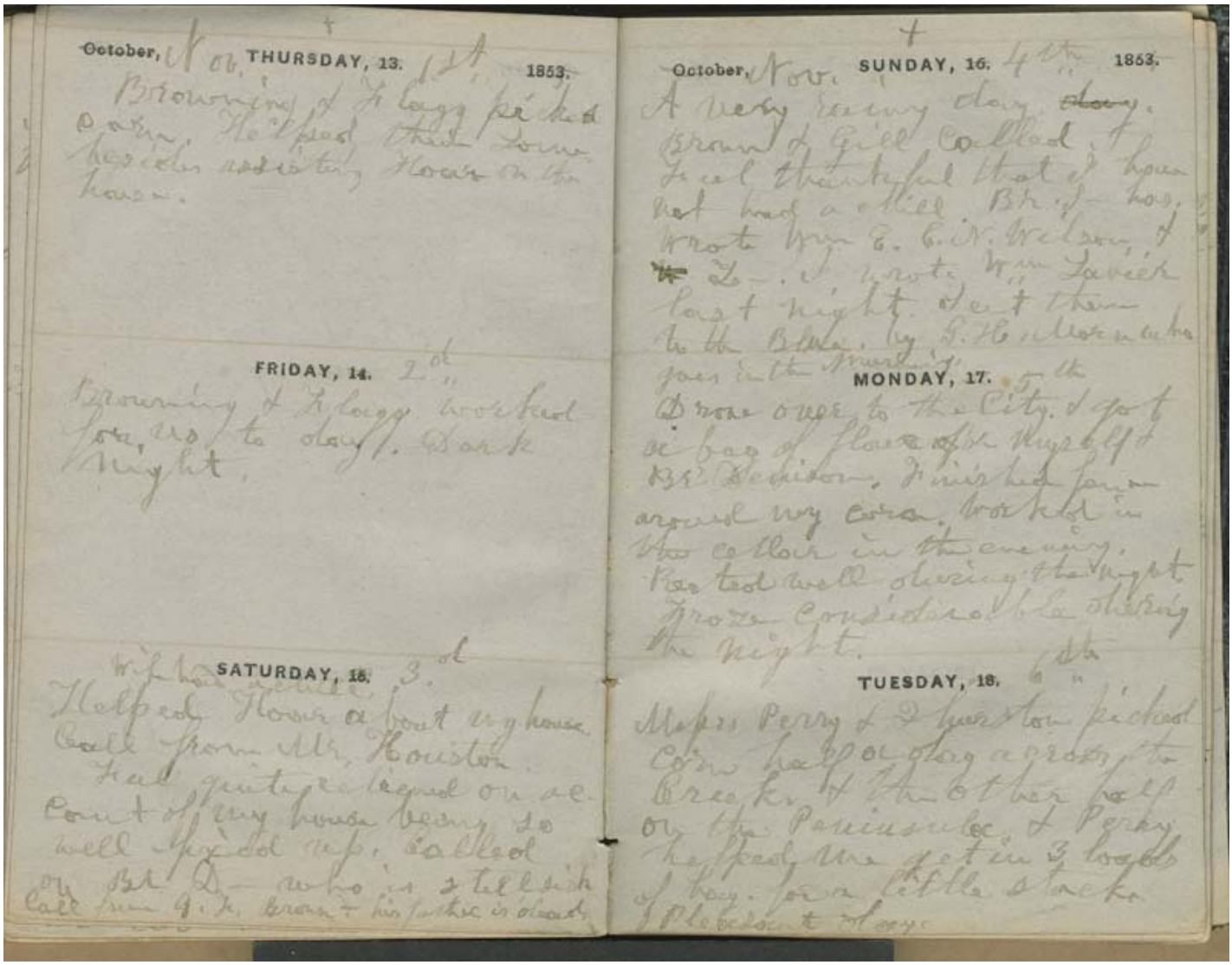
SUNDAY, 28th
A beautiful warm morning.
Very Turkey from Mrs Davis
Fires. Read some & rested.

October. MONDAY, 10. 29 1853.
Mr Tichenor worked for Shot
tuck A.M. In the P.M.
Cut down Sleepers for my
house - drew them up
with Rosa's Cattle.
Great fire on the prairie by
Shattuck - barely saved his
house & stack - rest burnt.

TUESDAY, 11th 30th
Todd & Tichenor picked most
of my Corn in the garden.
J. Hoover Commenced work
on my house. Great fire next
to my corn; let back fire
& saved it (over the Creek)

WEDNESDAY, 12. 31
Todd, Tichenor & Hoover pick
Corn on Bx's Reniger's put it
Min over the Creek; one
load from the garden.
Cool & cloudy - looking
for a Storm. N.E. weather.

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October, THURSDAY, 13. 12th 1853.

Browning & I Clagg picked Corn, Helped Thresh some besides reading, Hoeing in the house.

FRIDAY, 14. 2d "

Browning & I Clagg worked for me, all to day. Dark Night.

SATURDAY, 15. 3d "

Helped Hoeing about my house. Call from Mr. Houston. Had quite a legend on account of my house being so well Mixed up. Called on Br D— who is sick with Call from J. H. Brown & his father is dead.

October, SUNDAY, 16. 4th 1853.

A very rainy day. Brown & Gill Called. I feel thankful that I have not had a chill. Br J— has. wrote Wm. E. G. Wilson & D— . I wrote Wm Lovick last night. Sent them to the Bluffs. by J. H. Mercer who goes in the Morning.

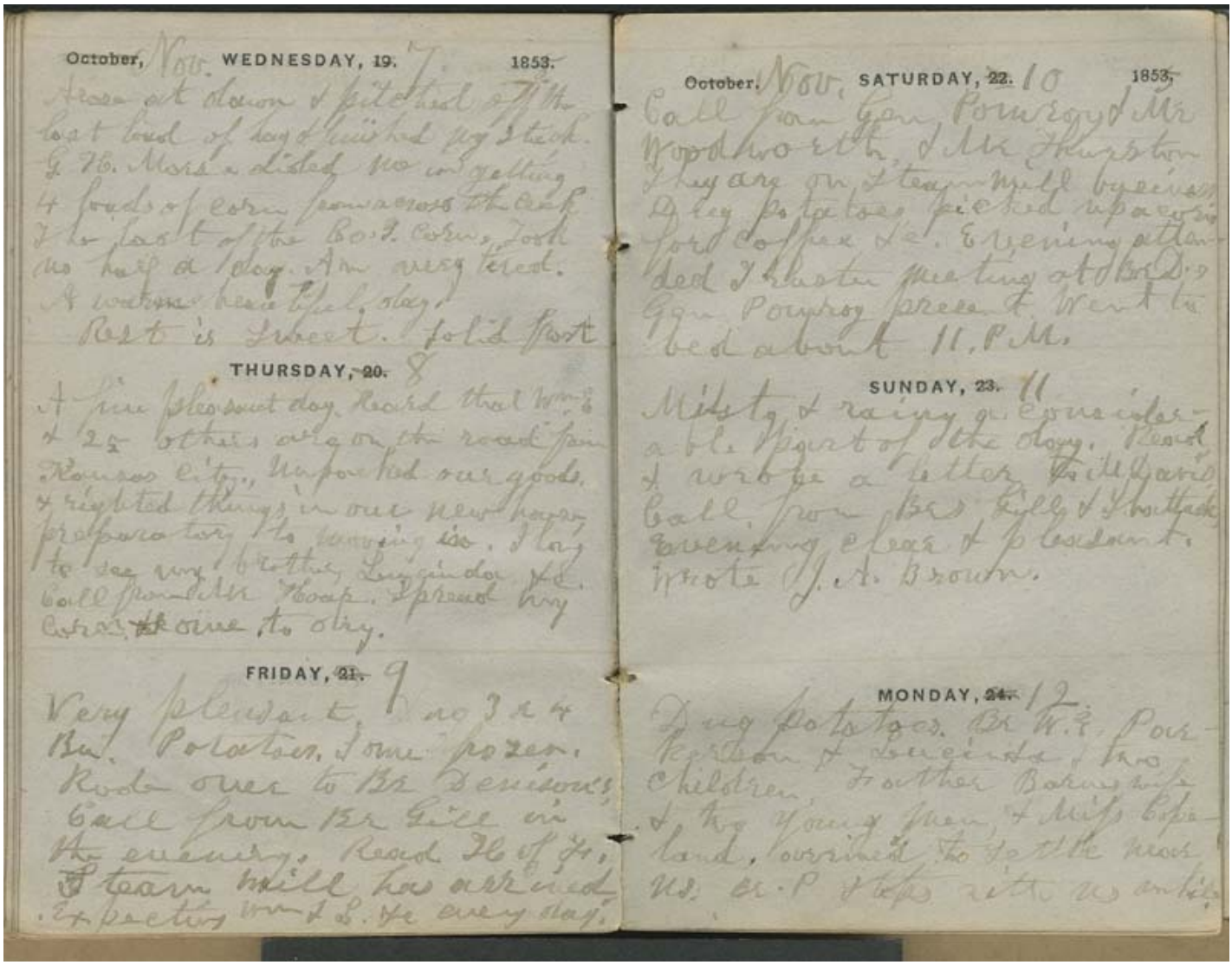
MONDAY, 17. 5th

Drove over to the City. & got a bag of flour for myself & Br Nichols. Finished fencing around my Corn. worked in Mr Collins in the evening. Rested well during the night. Froze Considerable during the night.

TUESDAY, 18. 6th "

Majors Perry & Thurston picked Corn half a day across the Creek & the other half on the Peninsula. & Perry Helped. We got in 3 loads I Say. for a little stack. Pleasant day.

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October, Nov. WEDNESDAY, 19. 1853.

Rose at dawn & pitched off the last load of hay & finished my stack. G. Th. Mose a Lisle & I on getting 4 loads of corn from across the Creek & the last of the Bo. Corn, took us half a day. Am very tired. A warm beautiful day. Rest is sweet. Sold Post

THURSDAY, 20. 8

A fine pleasant day. Heard that Wm & 2 others were on the road from Kansas City. Unpacked our goods & righted things in our new house preparatory to removing into. Glad to see my brother Lysander &c. Call from Mr Hoag. Spread hay Corn. Done to day.

FRIDAY, 21. 9

Very pleasant. Dug 3 & 4 Bu. Potatoes. Some frozen. Rode over to Br Benson's. Call from Br Gill in the evening. Read Ps of Jr. Steam mill has arrived. Expecting wm & L. to-morrow.

October. Nov. SATURDAY, 22. 10 1853.

Call from Gen Pomroy & Mr Woodworth & Mr Thurston They are on Steam Mill business. Dug potatoes picked up apples for dinner &c. Evening attended Theatre meeting at Br D's Gen Pomroy present & went to bed about 11. P.M.

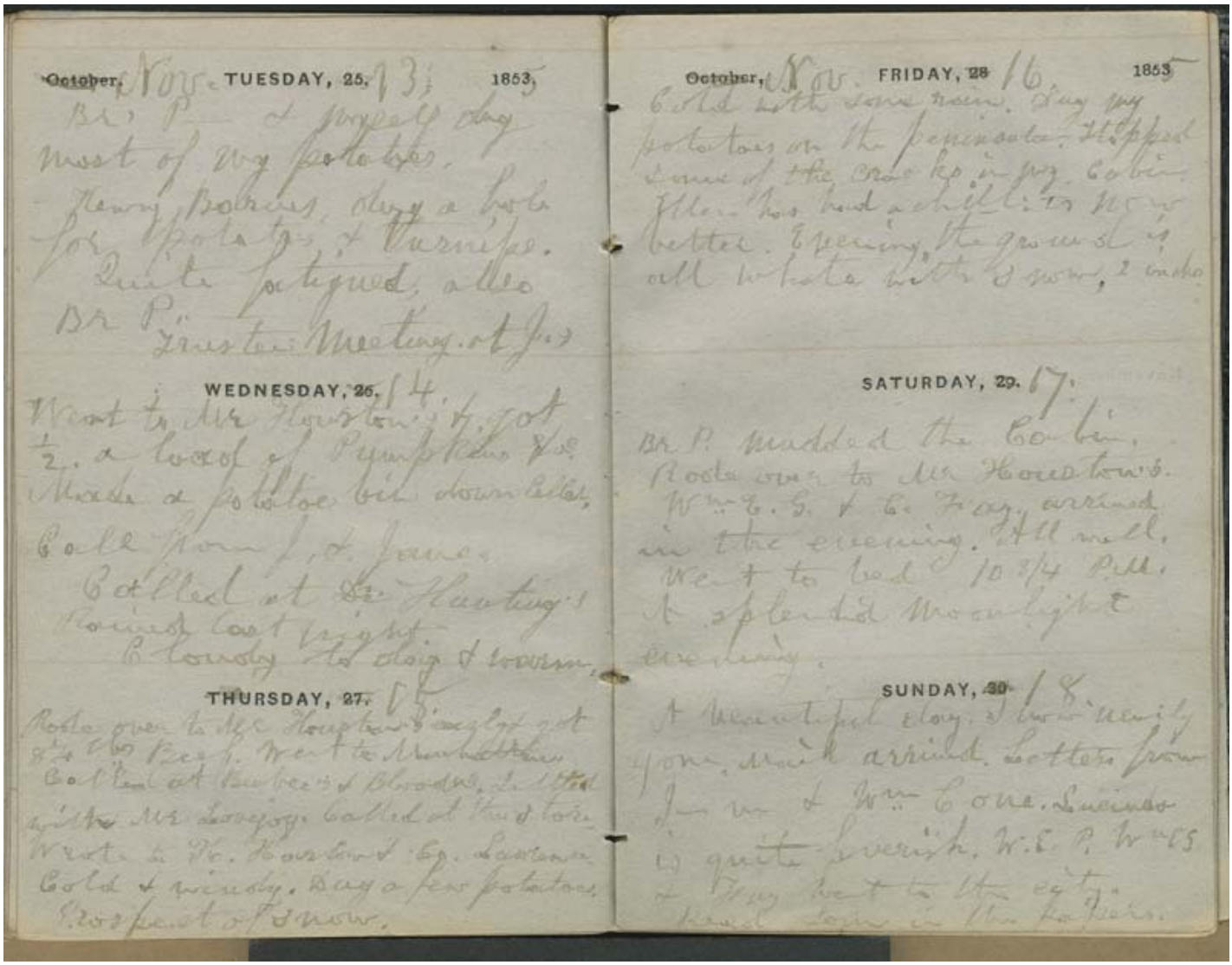
SUNDAY, 23. 11

Misty & rainy a considerable part of the day. Read & wrote a letter to Wm Garis Call from Br's Gill & Southack Evening clear & pleasant. Wrote J. A. Brown.

MONDAY, 24. 12

Dug potatoes. Br W. & Pomeroy & Sergeants & two children. Father Baker wife & two young men & Miss Copeland, arrived to settle near us. Cr. P stops with us a while.

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October, Nov. TUESDAY, 25. 13 1853

Br P— & myself dug most of my potatoes.

Henry Robbins, dug a hole for potatoes & turnips.

Quite fatigued, also Br P.

Trustees Meeting at Jos

WEDNESDAY, 26. 14

Went to Mr Houston's & got ½ a load of Pumpkins &c. Made a potatoe pit down cellar.

Cold from N. & snow.

Called at Dr Hunting's

Rained last night

Cloudy & cold & warm.

THURSDAY, 27. 15

Rode over to Mr Houston's & got 8½ lbs Beef. Went to Mr Mitchell's

Called at Barber's & Brooks's. Traded with Mr Lovejoy. Called at Thistle's. Went to Mr. Haviland's Esq. Lawrence

Cold & windy. Dug a few potatoes.

Frost first of 3 snow.

October, Nov. FRIDAY, 28 16 1853

Cold with some rain. Dug my potatoes on the peninsula. Stopped some of the crow up in my Cabin. Elbert has had a chill. To-day better. Evening the ground is all white with 2 snow, 2 rain.

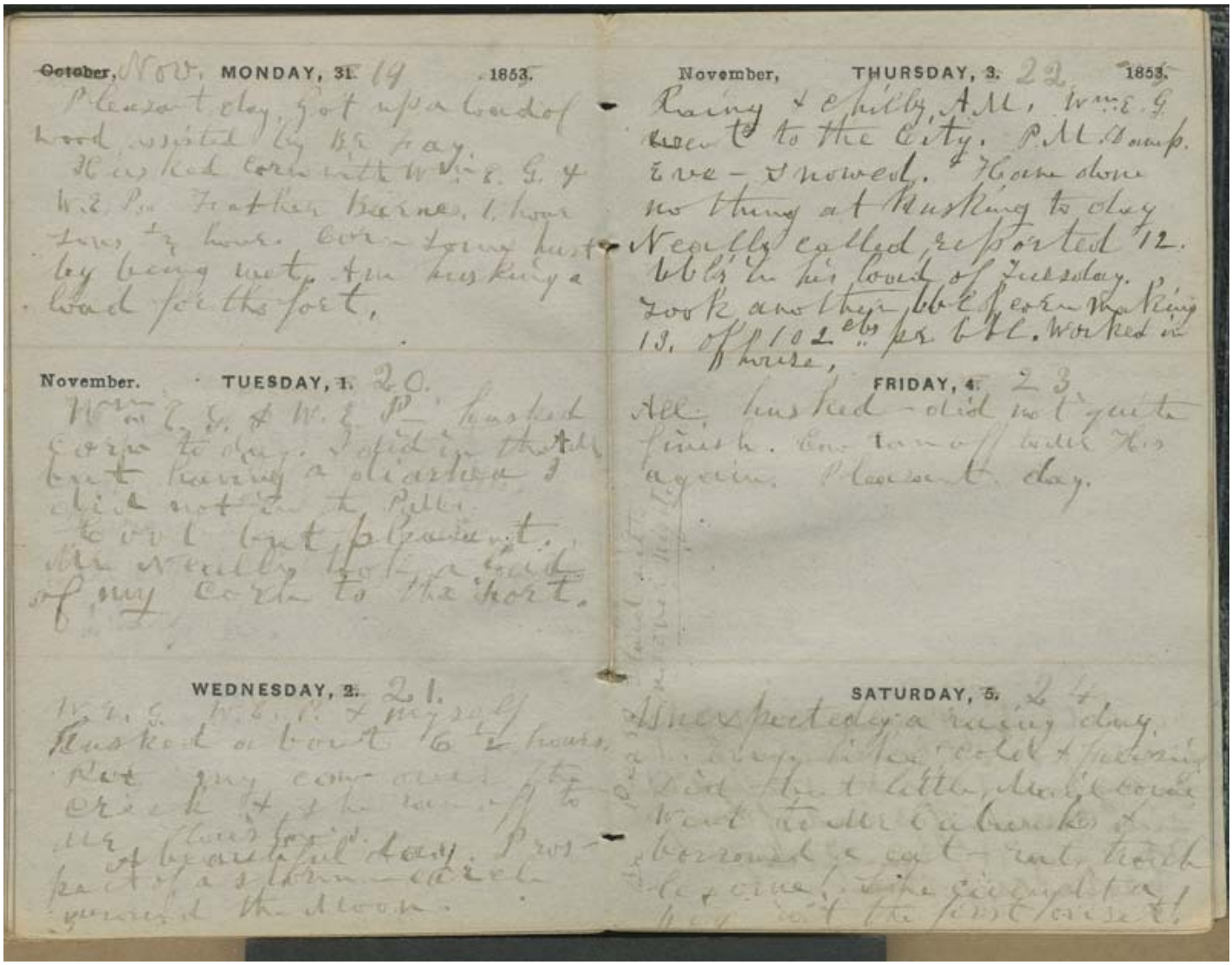
SATURDAY, 29. 17

Br P. mudded the Cabin. Rode over to Mr Houston's. Wm G. S. & G. Fay arrived in the evening. All well. Went to bed 10 3/4 P.M. A splendid Moonlight evening.

SUNDAY, 30. 18

A beautiful day. Family all well. Mail arrived. Letters from Jno & Wm Coue. Lucinda quite feverish. W. & P. Wm G & Fay left to the east. Heard from in the papers.

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October, ~~Nov.~~ MONDAY, 31. 19 1853.

Pleasant day. Got up a load of wood visited by Mr Gray. Husked corn with Wm. G. & W. E. Pa Father Barnes. 1 hour two & ½ hour. Corn spoilt by being wet. Am husking a load for the fort.

November. TUESDAY, 1. 20.

Wm. E. G. & W. E. P. husked corn to day. I did in the fore part having a chance I did not go to Pella. Cool but pleasant. Am really lost a pair of my cards to the fort.

WEDNESDAY, 2. 21.

Wm. G. W. E. P. & myself husked about 60 bushels. Put my corn over the creek & the rest off to the Chief for the day. Pleasant & beautiful day. Prospect of a storm. Red around the Moon.

November, THURSDAY, 3. 22. 1853.

Rainy & chilly. All, Wm. G. went to the City. P. M. Stamp. Eve – Snowed. Came done no thing at husking to day. Nearly called, reported 12. bbls in his load of Tuesday. Took another bbl of corn making 13. Off 102 lbs per bbl. Worked in house.

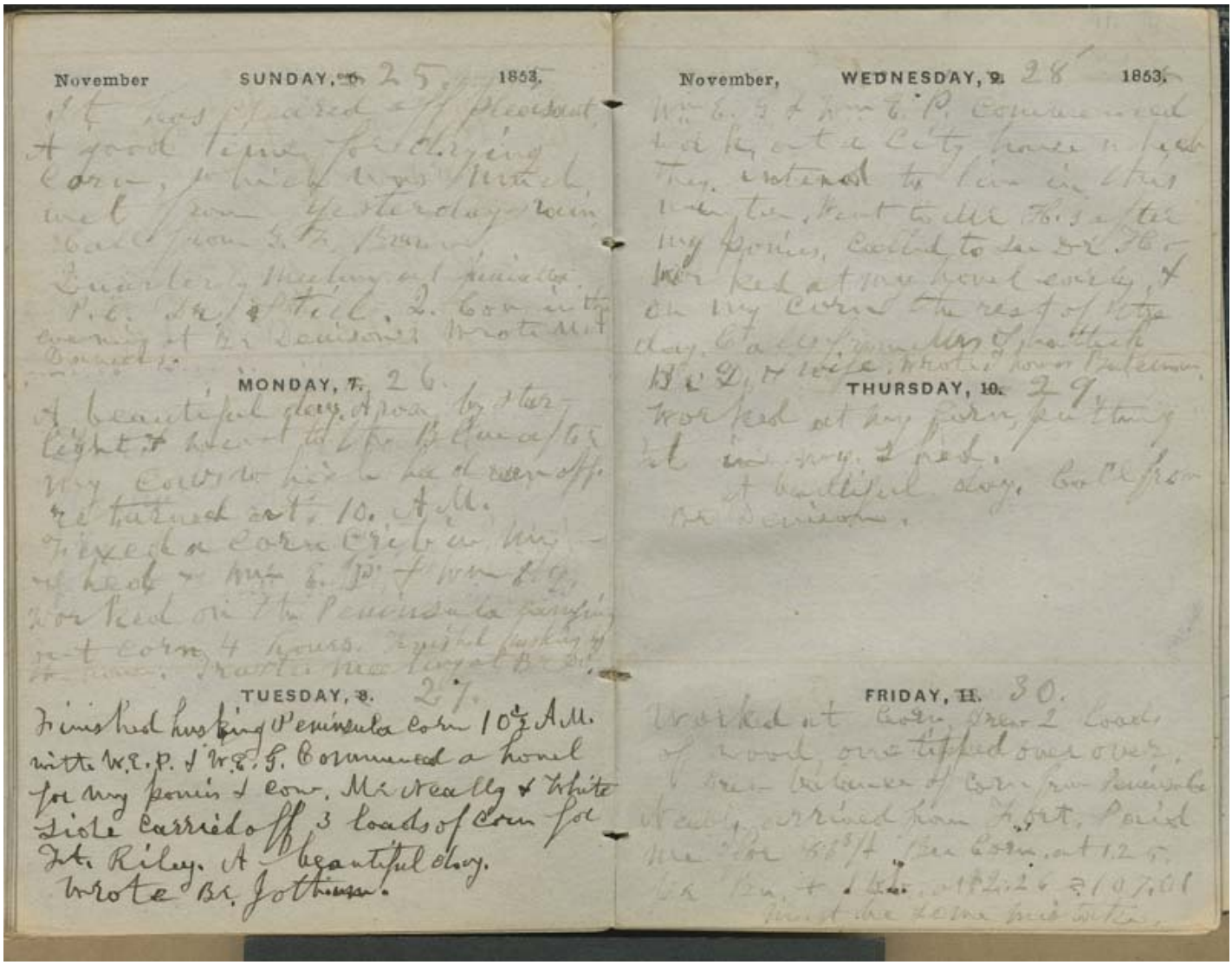
FRIDAY, 4. 23

All husked – did not get quite finish. Com. came off with his again. Pleasant day.

SATURDAY, 5. 24

Unexpectedly a rainy day. Cool & freezing. Did not little. Must come & not to mill & borrowed a cart – rut. Took to Corne, the Gingleton & boy & the fort & set it.

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November SUNDAY, 25. 1863.
It was pleasant & pleasant,
A good time for drying
corn, which was attended,
well from yesterday's rain.
Called on Br. Brown.
Quarterly Meeting at Juniata
P.C. Br. Tell. 2. Com in the
evening at Br Davidson's Wrote Mc
Daniels.

MONDAY, 7. 26.
A beautiful day. Upon by star
light I went to the Pilmore for
my Cow which he had run off.
Returned at 10. A.M.
Husked corn Cribbed same
at head of Mrs G. P. & Wm L.
Worked on the Peninsula finishing
husking corn 4 hours. Cold looking
for rain. Prayer meeting P.C.

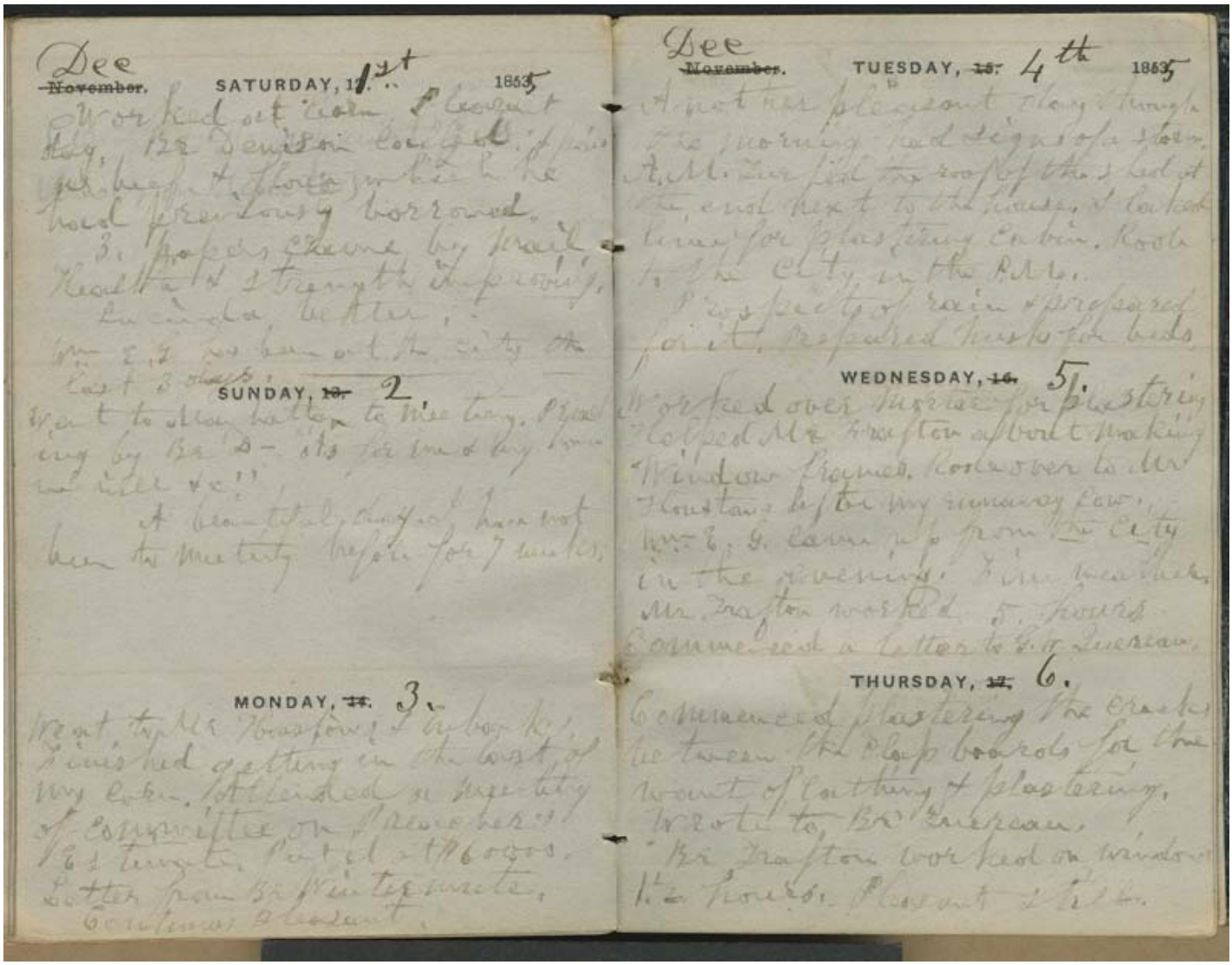
TUESDAY, 8. 27.
Finished husking Peninsula corn 10½ A.M.
with W.L.P. & W.S.G. Commenced a house
for my ponies & cow. Mr Neally & White
Side carried off 3 loads of corn for
Ft. Riley. A beautiful day.
Wrote Br. Jothinson.

November, WEDNESDAY, 9. 28
Wm G. & Wm T. P. Commenced
hauling on the City house logs
They entered to live in the
new house. Went to Mr Hoffer
my ponies, called to see Dr. Pot-
ter. Worked at my house corking, &
on my Corn the rest of the
day. Called from Mrs Gaither
W & L, & wife, Mrs Patterson.

THURSDAY, 10. 29
Worked at my farm, putting
hay in my yard.
A beautiful day. Call from
Br Davidson.

FRIDAY, 11. 30.
Worked at Corn. Drew 2 loads
of wood, one tipped over over.
Drew balance of Corn from Peninsula
Neally carried him to Ft. Paid
me for 68¾ Bu Corn at 12 ½
for Bu, + 1 Lb. = 17.24 = 10.76
Finished the Corn husking.

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Dec
~~November.~~ SATURDAY, 1st 1853

Worked at corn. Pleasant day. Rec'd Denison Courier. Finished reading Uncle Tom's Cabin which I had previously borrowed.

Mr. Rogers returned by train. Health & strength improving. Am able to be out. The city the last 3 days.

SUNDAY, ~~10.~~ 2.

Went to Mission Station to Meeting. Preaching by Br. S— "It is for me to live and to die" &c."

A beautiful day. Have not been to Meeting before for 7 weeks.

MONDAY, ~~11.~~ 3.

Went to Mr Rogers. Labor ceased. Finished getting in the last of my corn. Attended a Prudential Committee or Board meeting. Rec'd letter from Br Peet & Mrs Goodnow. Letter from Br Wintermute. Cool. Cloudy. Pleasant.

Dec
~~November.~~ TUESDAY, ~~15.~~ 4th 1853

Another pleasant day. Thunder this morning. Had deign of a shower. A.M. Carried the roof of the shed at the end next to the house. Cut cedar timber for plastering Cabin. Rode to the City in the P.M.

Prospect of rain. Prepared fuel & put it. Prepared bunks for beds.

WEDNESDAY, ~~16.~~ 5.

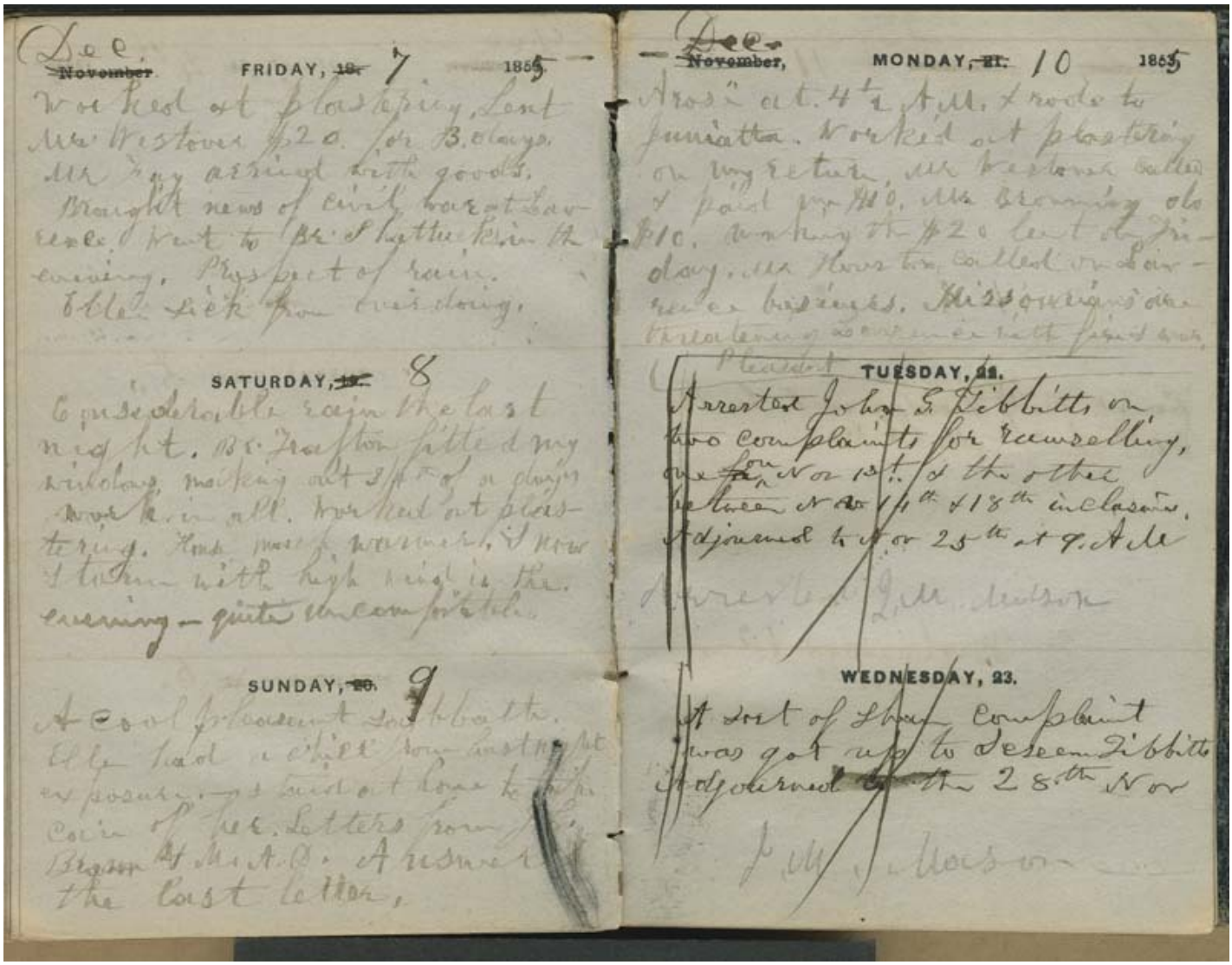
Worked over timber for plastering. Helped Mr Grafton about making Window Frames. Rode over to Mr Houston's after my runaway pony. Mrs G. came up from the City in the evening. Fine weather. Mr Grafton worked 5 hours. Commenced a Letter to Br Lucrean.

THURSDAY, ~~17.~~ 6.

Commenced plastering the cracks between the clap boards for the want of Earthing & plastering. Wrote to Br Lucrean.

Br Grafton worked on windows 1½ hours. Pleasant & Cool.

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Dec.
~~November~~ FRIDAY, ~~18~~ 7 1855
Worked at plastering, Lent Mr Westover $20. for 3 days. Mr Ivy arrived with goods. Brought news of civil war at Lawrence. Went to Mr Hatten's in the evening. Prospect of rain. Ellen sick from over doing.

SATURDAY, ~~19~~ 8
Copious delicious rain the last night. Mr Fraction settled my ninety, making out $3 for a day's work in all. Worked at plastering. Rain much warmer. Snow thawing with high wind in the evening — quite uncomfortable.

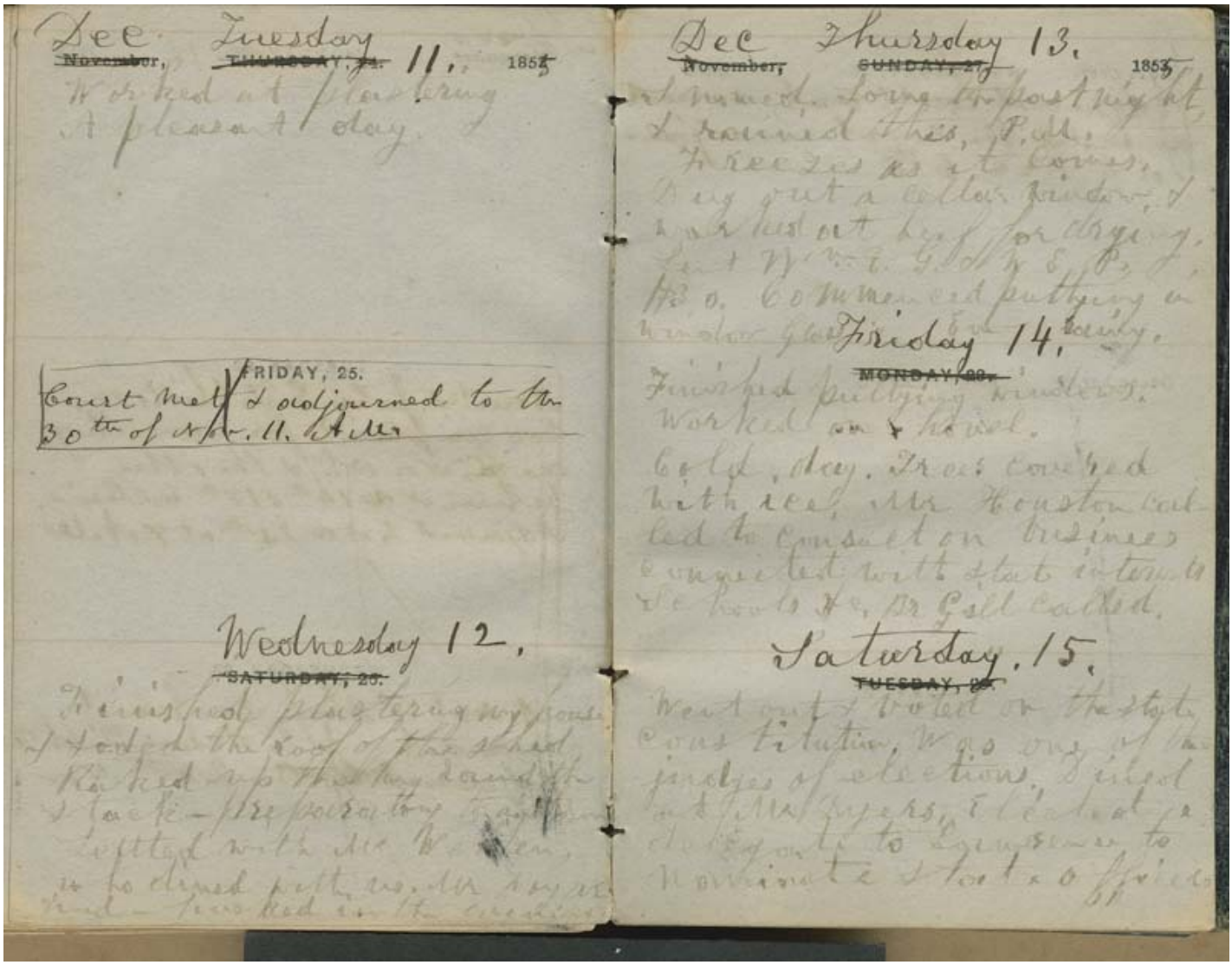
SUNDAY, ~~20~~ 9
A cool pleasant Sabbath. Ellen had a visit from Mrs Hatten & Mrs Pearson. Went out home to the Cain's. Received letters from Bryson & Mr A. B. Arrived the last letter.

Dec.
~~November~~, MONDAY, ~~21~~ 10 1855
Arose at 4½ A.M. & rode to Juniatta. Worked at plastering on my return. Mr Westover called & paid me $10. Mr Browning ob $10. Working the $20 sent by Friday. Mr Houston called on business. Missourians are threatening to come & kill free soilers.

TUESDAY, ~~22~~.
Arrested John S. Tibbitts on two complaints for ~~kidnapping~~ ~~one~~ for Nov 13th & the other between Nov 14th & 18th inclusive. Adjourned to 9 o'r 25th at 9 A.M.

WEDNESDAY, 23.
A sort of Libel Complaint was got up to screen Tibbitts. Adjourned to the 28th Nov

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Dec. Tuesday 11. 1855
~~November,~~ ~~TUESDAY, 27.~~
Worked at plastering
A pleasant day.

FRIDAY, 25.
Court met & adjourned to the
30th of inst. H. Adler

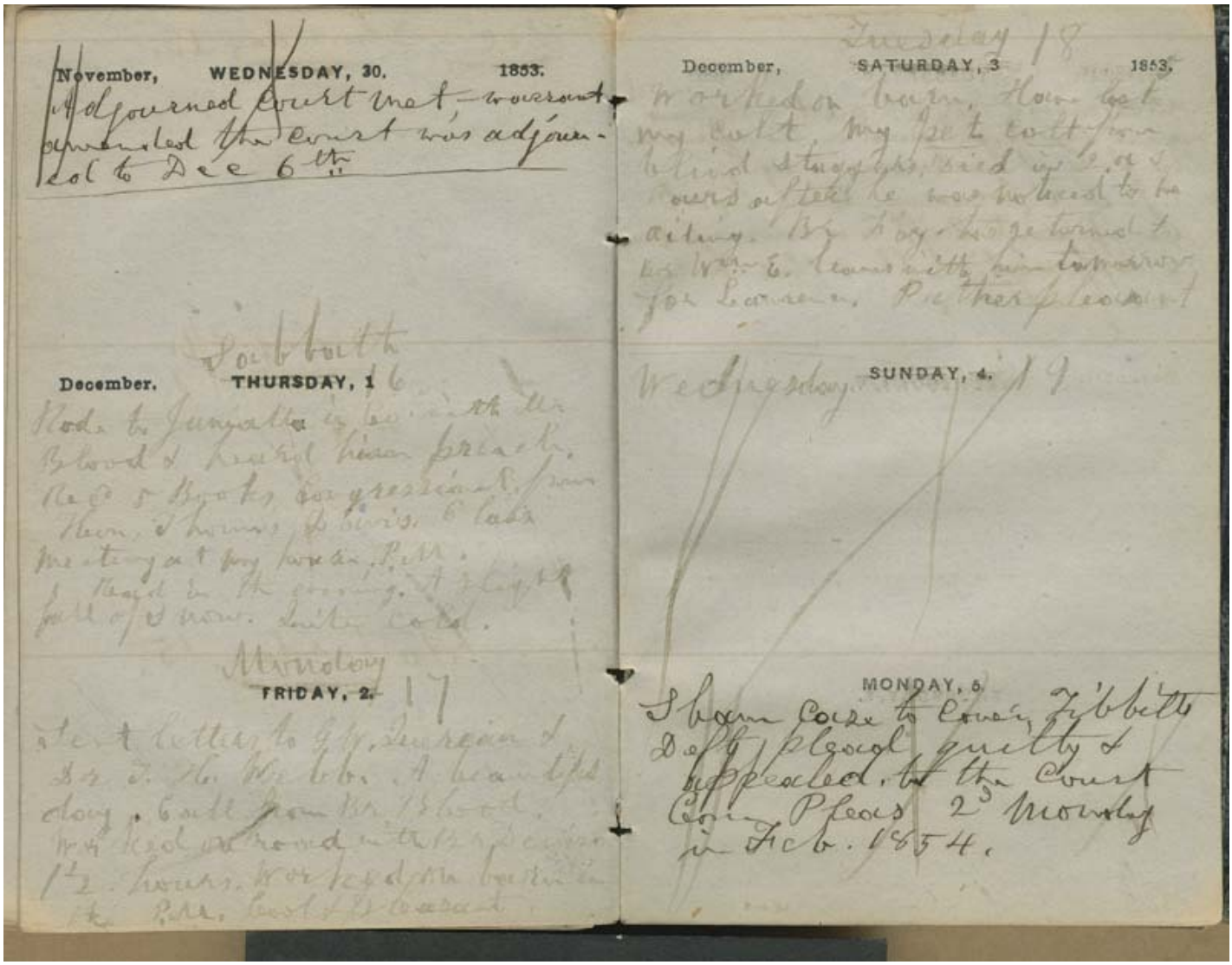
Wednesday 12.
~~SATURDAY, 28.~~
Finished plastering my house
Roofed the roof of the shed
Racked up the hay round the
stacks — preparatory to
settled with Mr Warren,
& he closed put us. Mr Sayre
and — worked in the creation

Dec Thursday 13.
~~November,~~ ~~SUNDAY, 27.~~ 1855
rained. Long the post night
& rained this P.M.
Freezes as it comes.
Dug out a cellar window. &
worked at hay for drying.
Sent W. T. Goodnow & P.
P.O. Commenced putting in
window glass

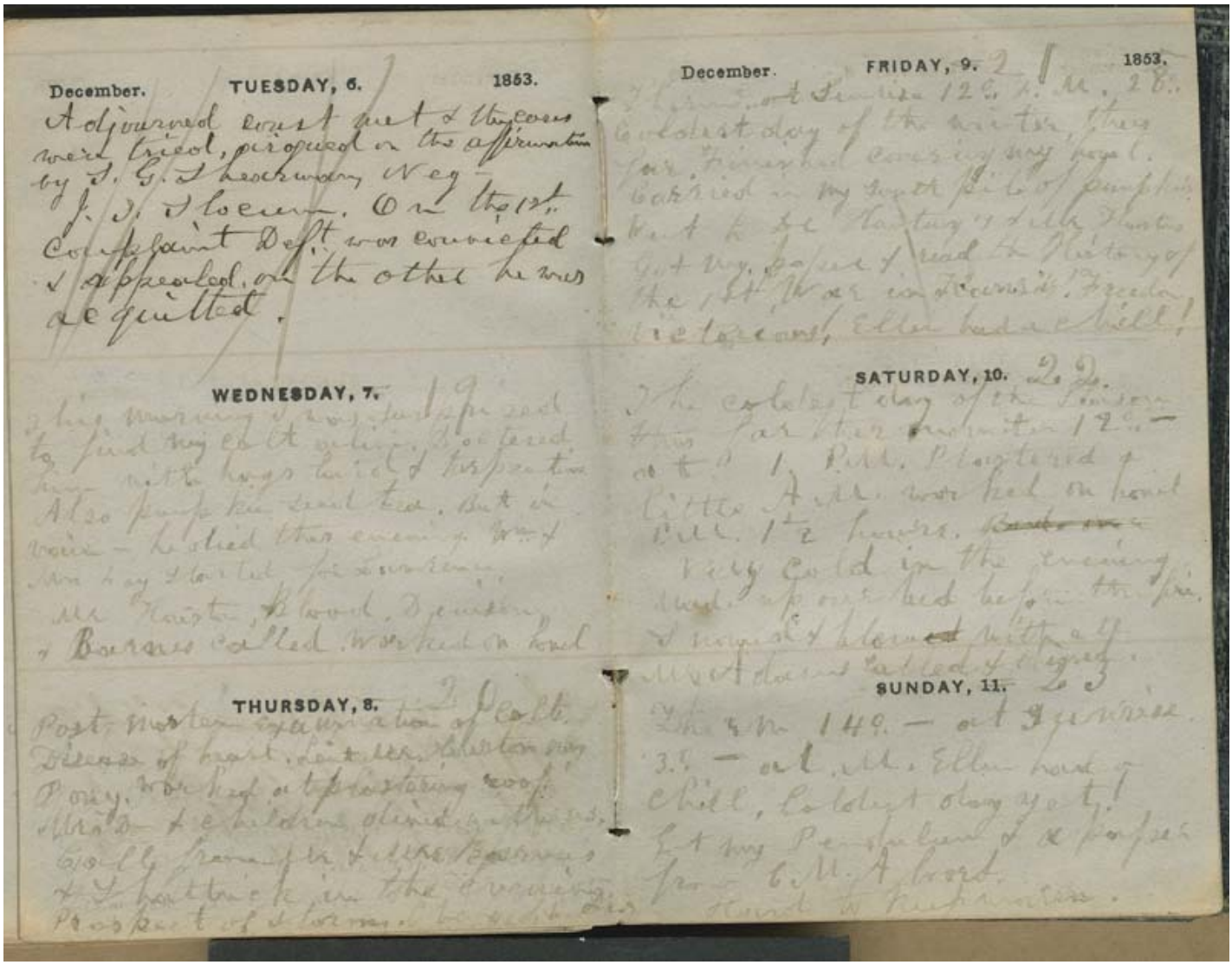
Friday 14.
~~MONDAY, 29.~~
Finished putting windows.
Worked on a shed.
Cold day. Trees covered
with ice, Mr Houston call-
ed to consult on business
engaged with state interests
He knows to do, Dr Gill called.

Saturday. 15.
~~TUESDAY, 30.~~
went out & voted on the style
constitution, Wagon one of the
judges of election. Signed
on 5 papers, I elected a
delegate to Congress to
Nominate 4 Post Office

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December. TUESDAY, 6. 1853.

Adjourned court met & the cases were tried, prosecuted on the affirmation by J. G. Theckwood Reg — J. J. Sloeum. On the 1st Complaint Deft was convicted & appealed, on the other he was acquitted.

WEDNESDAY, 7.

[illegible] Also pumpkin seed tea. But it [illegible] Mr Master, Blood, Dennison & Barnes called. Worked on load

THURSDAY, 8.

Post mortem examination of Colt. Disease of heart. Letter from Pomeroy. Worked at [illegible] roof. Mrs & children planting trees. Cold from [illegible] & Thatcher in the evening. Prospect of storm.

December. FRIDAY, 9. 1853.

[illegible] at Sunrise 12° A. M. 26°. Coldest day of the winter, thus far. Finished carving my pipe. Carried in my last pile of pumpkins. Went to the Factory & delivered Hunter's Got my paper & read to Mother of the 1st War in Europe. Spain victorious, Ellen had a bill!

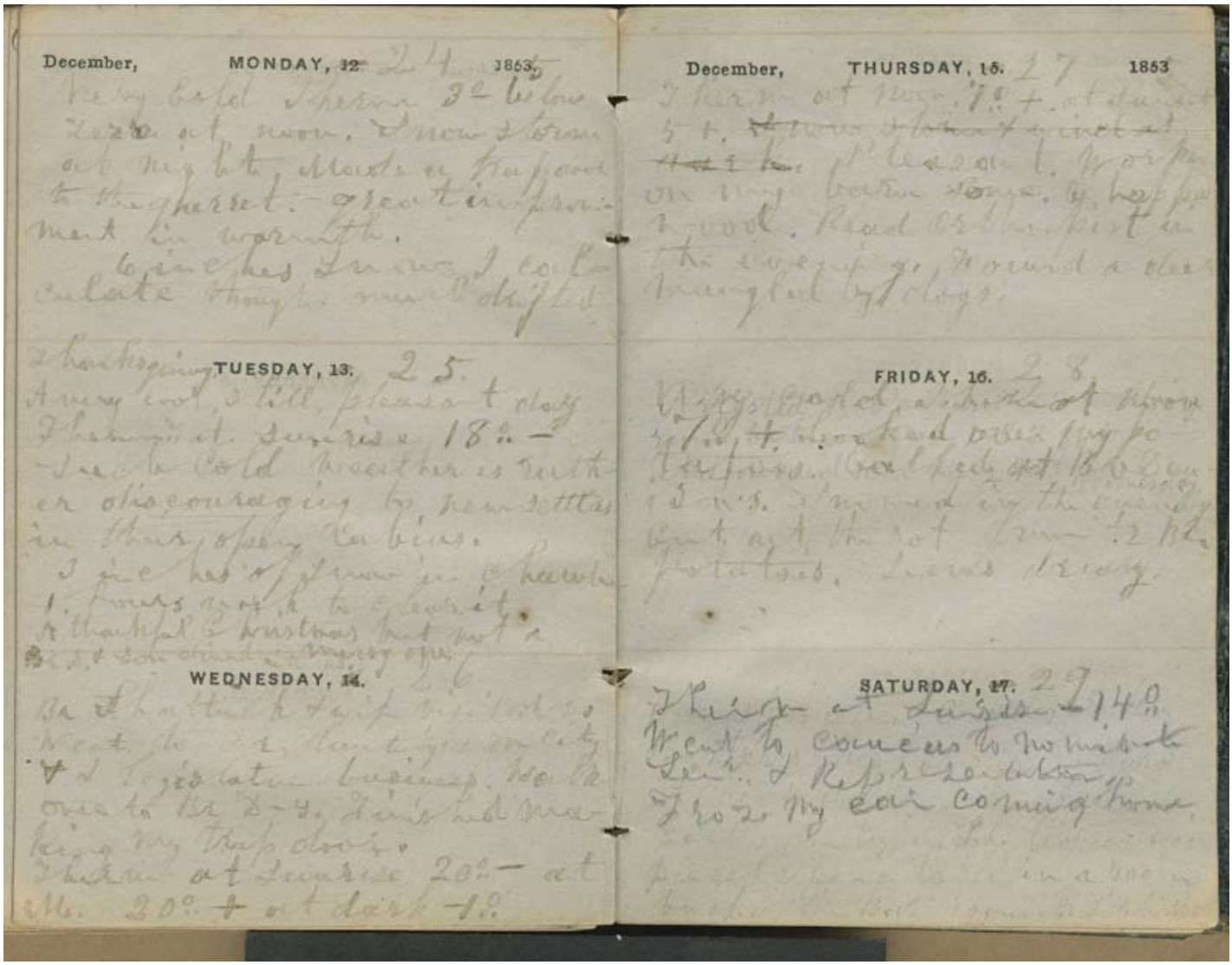
SATURDAY, 10. 29°

The coldest day of the season thus far this morning 12°— at 8 A. M. Pleasant & little Ann. worked on wood bill. 1½ hours. [illegible] very cold in the evening. Read. upon bed before the fire. I myself & blowed with all [illegible] called & signed.

SUNDAY, 11. 29°

The mo 14°. — at 9 Sunrise. 3.° — at 1 P. M. Ellen heard Child, Coldest day yet! Set my Penpalent & X paper for 6 P. M. A Prayer. Read & performed.

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December, MONDAY, 12. 24 1853

very cold Therm 3° below Zero at noon. Snow storm at night. Made a fire in the parlor. Practicing in warmth.

6 inches Snow. I calculate thought. must Ship Ice

THURSDAY, 15. 27

Therm at noon 7° + at sunset 5 +. Snow storm ~~last night~~ ~~4 in.~~ Pleasant. Worked on my barn some. Got wood. Read Observer in the evening. Around a clear bright day.

TUESDAY, 13. 25.

A very cool, still, pleasant day. Therm at Sunrise 18° — Such Cold weather is rather discouraging to new settlers in their open cabins.

Snow has all gone in the woods. Farmers not ~~a~~ to plowing.

A thankful Christmas but not a [illegible]

FRIDAY, 16. 28

Very cold, a little cloudy. Therm 7° +. Worked over my potatoes. Got ~~[illegible]~~ about 15 bu. S.W.S. Covered up the cellar. Put out the pot from 12 bu potatoes. Lewis Reay.

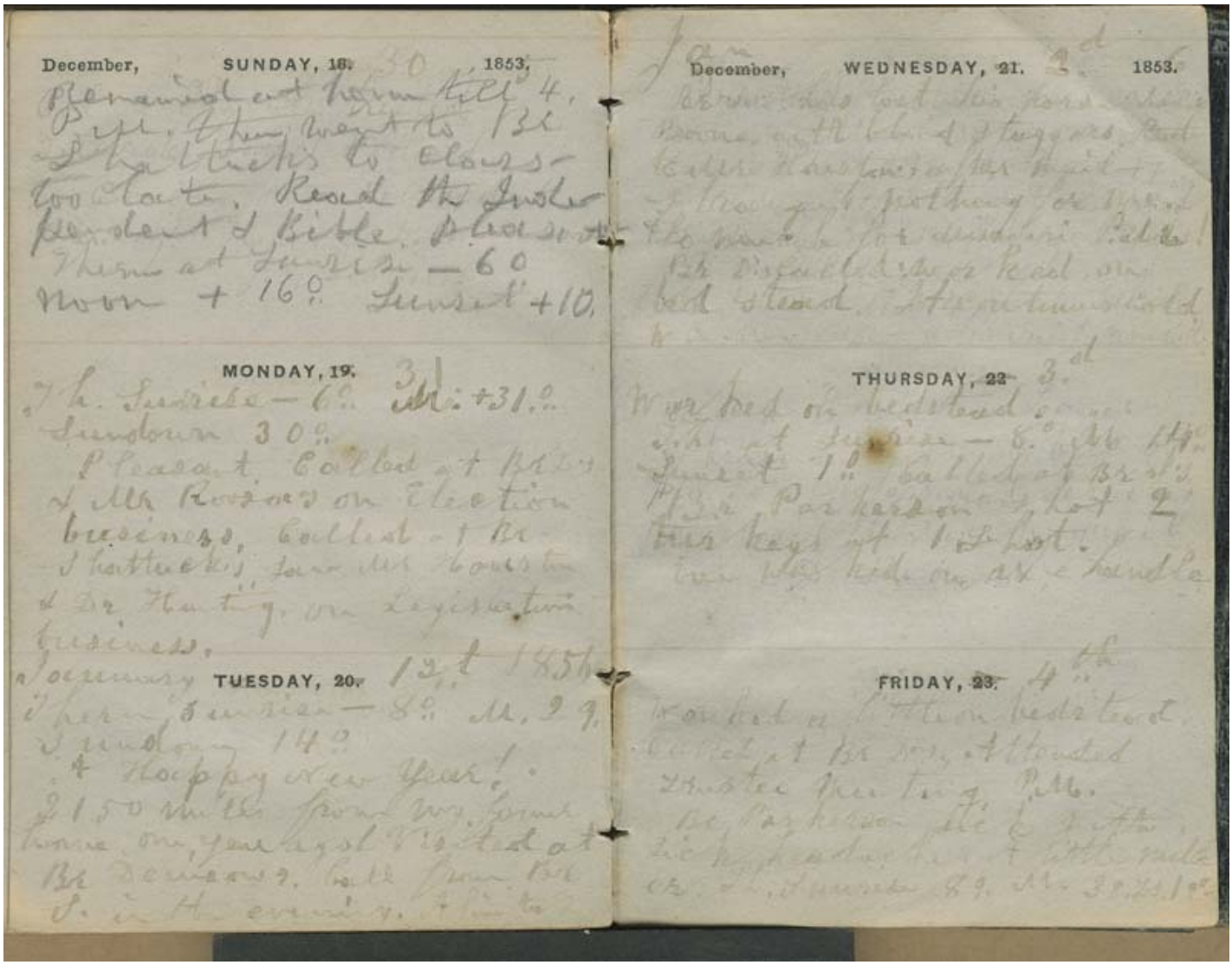
WEDNESDAY, 14. 26

Therm at Sunrise 20° — at noon 30° + at dark +1°.

SATURDAY, 17. 29

Therm at Sunrise —14°. Went to Coneca to two miles Conv. of Representatives. Froze my ear coming home.

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December, SUNDAY, 18. 1853.

Remained at home till 4 P.M. then went to Bt Shattuck's to Class-Too late. Read the Independent & Bible. Pleasant
Therm at Sunrise — 6 0
Noon + 16° Sunset +10.

MONDAY, 19.

7 h. Sunrise — 6°. Mr: +31.°
Sundown 30°.
Pleasant. Called at Br's & Mr Rosins on Election business. Called at Br Shattuck's. Saw Mr Houston & Dr Hunting on Legislature business.

TUESDAY, 20.

7 h. Sunrise — 8°. Mr. 29.
Sundown 14°
A Happy New Year!
2150 miles from my former home, one year ago I visited at Br Benedict's. Left from Br S. in the evening. Pleasant

December, WEDNESDAY, 21. 1853.

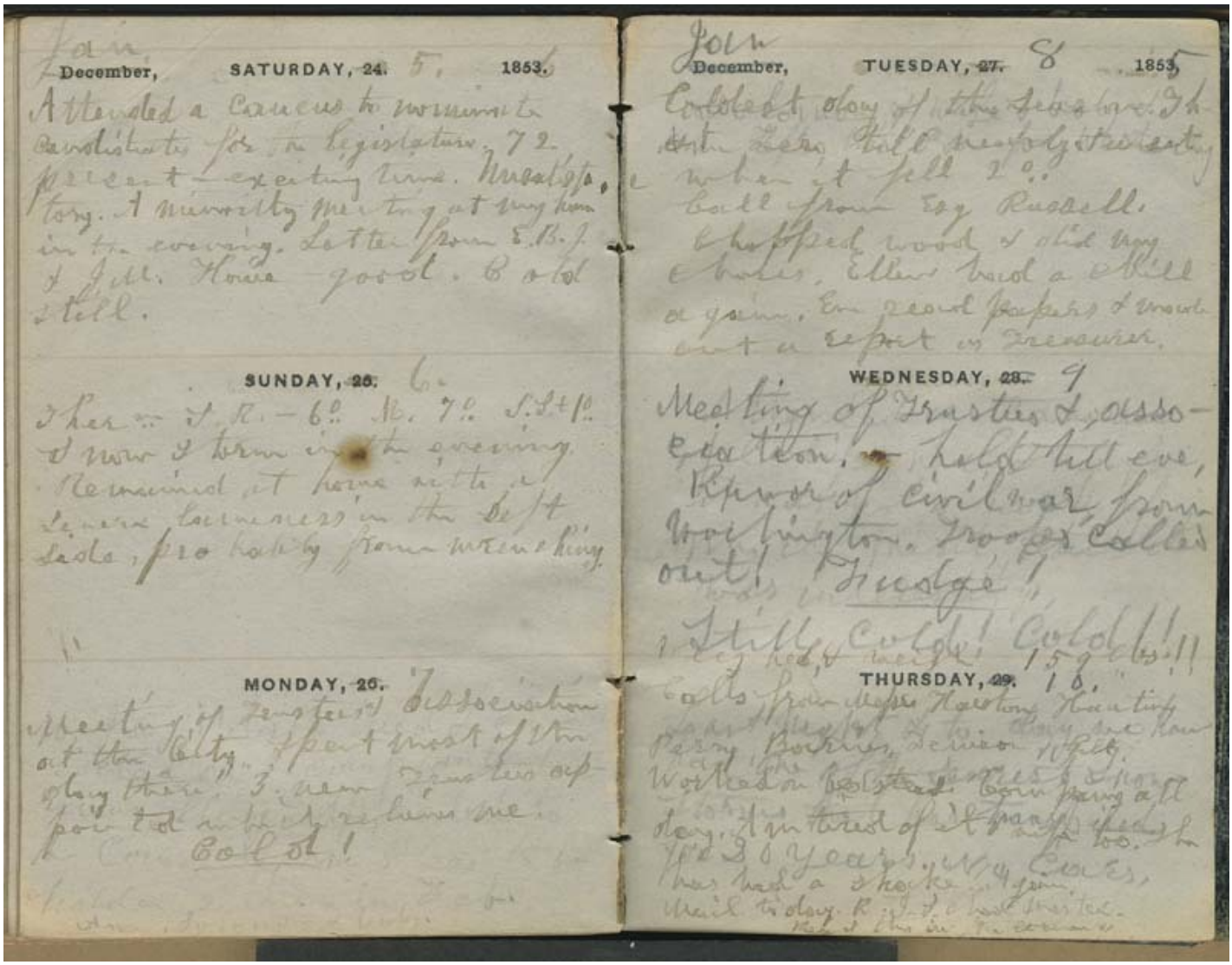
[illegible] Pleasant

THURSDAY, 22

Was [illegible] on Bedstead
7 h. at Sunrise — 6°. Mr 14°.
Sunset 10°. Called at Br's
Br Parker's. Lot 2
Two keys of 1 Lot.

FRIDAY, 23.

Rained [illegible] Attended
Minister Meeting P.M.
at Parkinson's & Settle
[illegible]



Jour.

December, SATURDAY, 24. 5, 1853.

Attended a Caucus to nominate candidates for the Legislature. 72 present — exciting times. Municipal, tory. A mercantile meeting at my house in the evening. Letter from E.B.J. & Jill. House good. Cold & still.

SUNDAY, 25. 6.

Ther. 7 A.M. — 6°. N. 7°. S. 2 & 1°. A snow storm in the evening. Remained at home all the severe tenderness in the left side, probably from wrenching.

MONDAY, 26. 7

Association meeting of Trustees at the City. Spent most of the day there. 3 new Trustees appointed to hold over one year. Cold!

Jour

December, TUESDAY, 27. 8 1853.

Coldest day of the season. The thermometer in the store fell 2°. Call from Ezy Russell. Chopped wood & did my chores. Ellen had a chill & going. Examined papers & wrote out a report as Treasurer.

WEDNESDAY, 28. 9

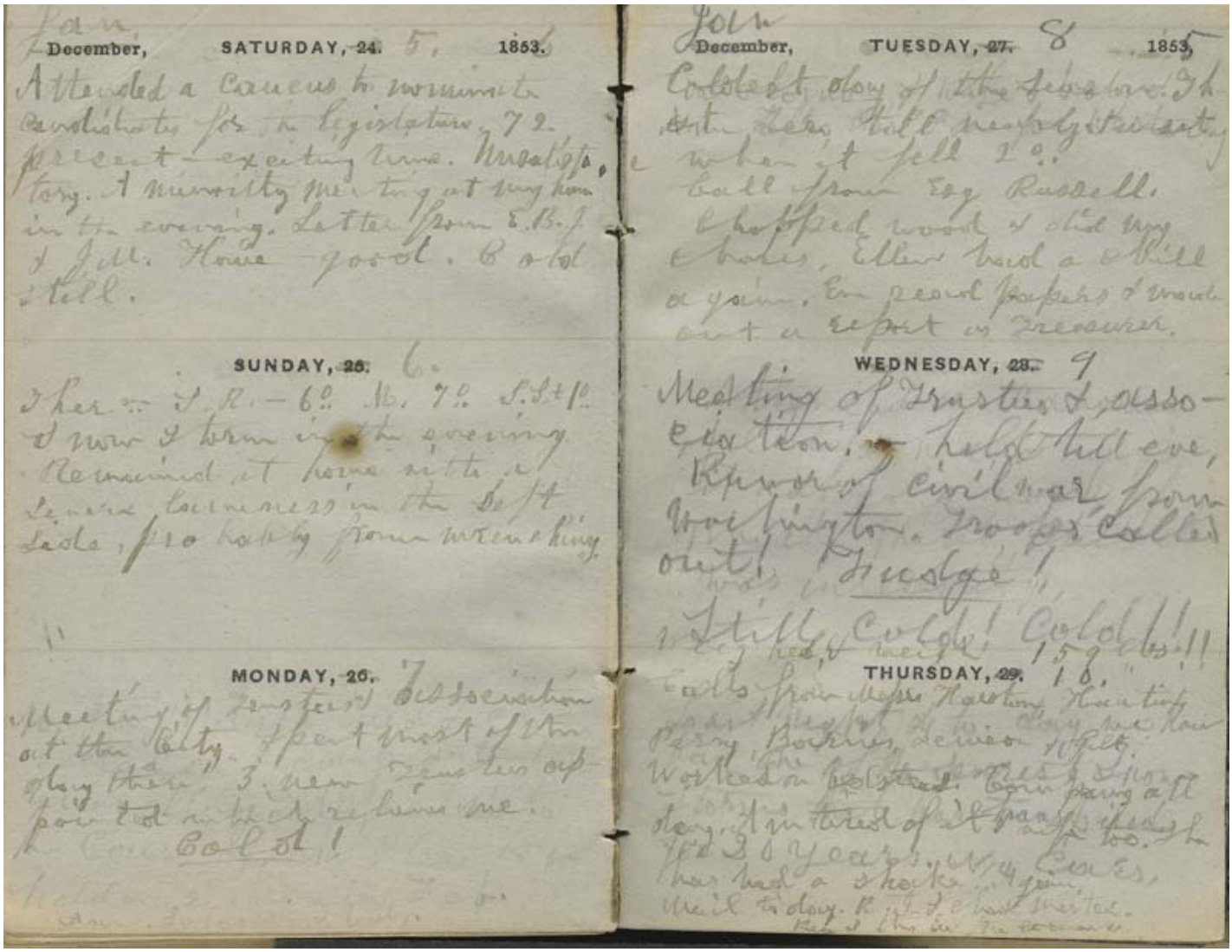
Meeting of Trustees & Association. held till eve. Rumor of civil war from Washington. Troops called out! Snuggé!

Still Cold! Cold!! 15° below!!!

THURSDAY, 29. 10.

Calls from Myers, Hawley, Hunting, Perry, Perkins, Dennison, Pell. Worked on Pole Star. Cold day all day. Warmed at stove. Paid $2.00 for Ellen. Mrs. Hunting has had a stroke. 4 years old. Well today. Put the last letter in the column.

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December, SATURDAY, 24. 5. 1853.

Attended a Caucus to nominate candidates for the Legislature, 72 present — exciting time. Unsatisfactory. A minority meeting at my house in the evening. Letter from E.B.J. & Jill. Home good. Cold still.

SUNDAY, 25. 6.

Ther. 7 A.M. — 6°. N. 7°. S. 8 + 1°. A snow storm in the evening. Remained at home with a severe soreness in the left side, probably from wrenching.

MONDAY, 26. 7.

Association meeting of Trustees at the City. Spent most of the day there. 3 new Trustees appointed in place of those who resigned me. Cold!

December, TUESDAY, 27. 8. 1853.

Coldest day of the season. Ther. at sunrise 2° below zero, at noon nearly thirty when it fell 2°. Call from Esq. Russell. Chopped wood & did my chores. Ellen read a Bible to me. Examined papers & wrote out a report as Treasurer.

WEDNESDAY, 28. 9.

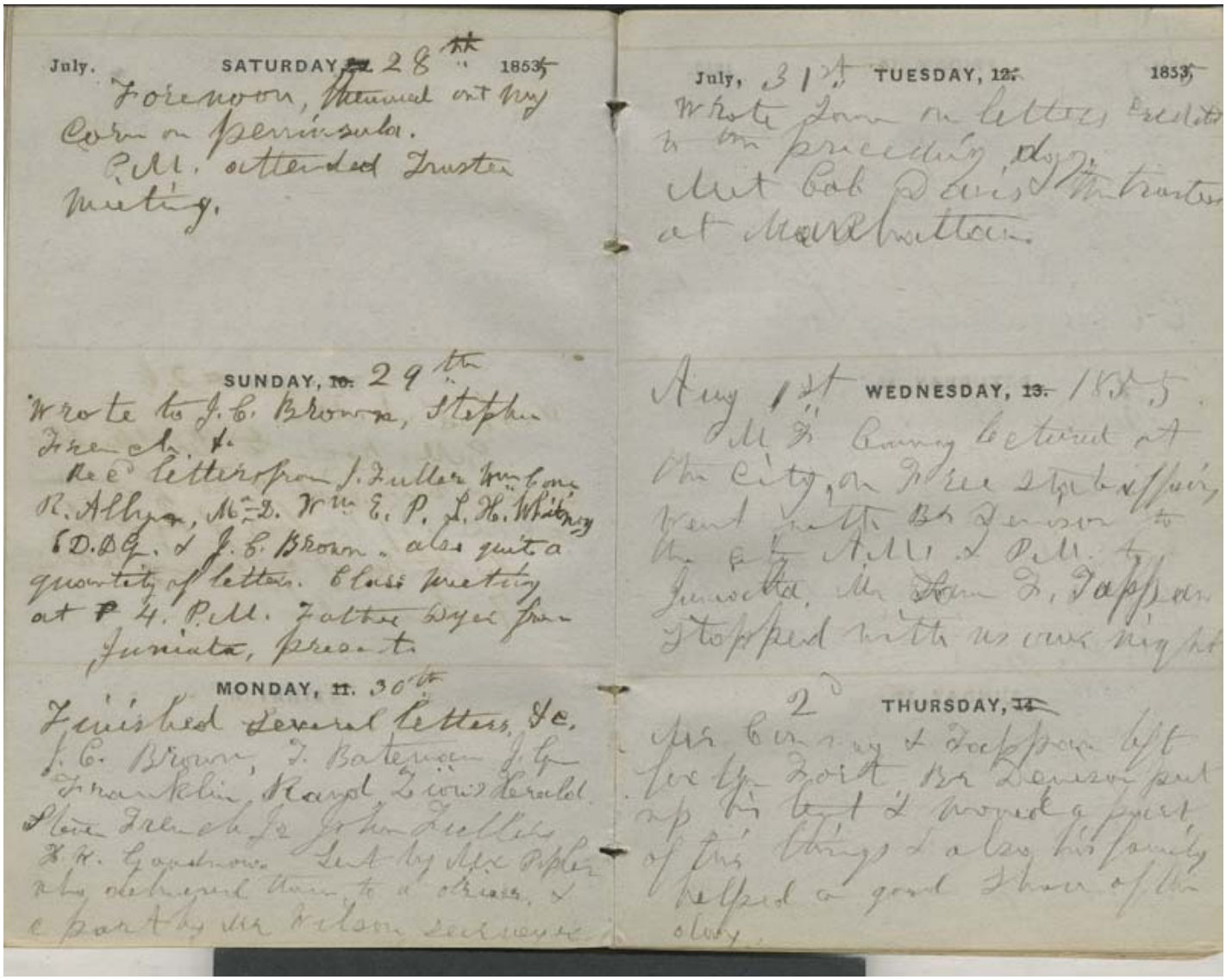
Meeting of Trustees & Association. — held till eve. Report of civil war from Worlington. Troops called out! Snowdge!

Still Cold! Cold!! Cold!!!

THURSDAY, 29. 10.

Calls from Messrs Hawley, Hunting, Perry, Barnes, Denison & Gill. Worked on Holstead. Cow gave all day. Interest of it paid to-day. Ellen 30 years old. Mrs Eggs has had a shake 4 years until to-day. [illegible]

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July. SATURDAY, ~~29~~ 28th 1853

Forenoon, returned out my Corn on Peninsula.
P.M. attended Trustee Meeting.

SUNDAY, ~~30~~ 29th

Wrote to J. C. Brown, Stephen Jones & Co.
Rec'd Letter from J. Fuller Wm Cone R. Allyn, Mc-D. Wm E. P. L. H. Whitney E.D.D.G. & J. C. Brown. also quite a quantity of letters. Class meeting at P 4. P.M. Father Dyer from Juniata, present.

MONDAY, ~~31~~ 30th

Finished several letters, &c. J. C. Brown, T. Bateman J. G. Franklin, Karpl Lewis Herald Plow Iron &c &c to Jno Fuller E. K. Goodnow. Sent by Alex Pipler who delayed them to a chaos. & a part by Mr Nelson Secretary

July, 31st TUESDAY, ~~12~~ 1853

Wrote some on letters Dated to the preceding day. Met Col Davis & Trustees at Manhattan.

Aug 1st WEDNESDAY, ~~13~~ 1853.

Mr Bowing returned at the City, on Free State business went with Mr Benson to the P.M. & P.M. to Juniata. Mr Thos D. Tappan. Stopped with us over night

2d THURSDAY, ~~14~~

Mr Bowing & Tappan left Geo Doit Mr Benson put up his tent & moved a part of his things & also his family helped a good share of the day.