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## William S. Haggard Diary

Diary of William S. Haggard - The son of Eleanor Earle  
 Feb 24, 1865 - July 31, 1865  
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William S. Haggard was the youngest son of Eleanor Earle Roult Haggard. The diary begins the day he was released from Douglas Prison. Eleanor's first marriage was to James Daniel Roult in 1827 in Clark Co. Ky. He died in 1831 and the young widow married William Haggard. She was the daughter of Capt. John Earle and Barbara Hodgkins. James was the son of Daniel Roult and Martha Stigler.

#### February 24th 1865

To day I started on exchange after having been confined as a prisoner of war in Camp Douglas Ill for nineteen months. I am unable to describe my feelings on again having the pleasure of breathing the pure air of heaven without it having to penetrate prison walls & bars to reach me. It appeared to me that I had been shut up from the outer world for an entire age.

#### February 25th 1865

Today I passed through Ohio by the way of Mansfield Alliance and Salem.

#### Feb 27th

Yesterday & today I passed through Pa. By the way of Leabriten Altoona & Halvison.

#### Feb 28th

This morning at daylight I arrived at Baltimore MD. At ten O Clock we took passage on the Wenons & started up the Chesapeak to night we anchored at Fortress Monroe.

#### March 1st 1865

To day we passed City point at 1 pm and reached Aikens landing on the James river the point of exchange at 5 O clock PM where we Anchored for the night.

#### March 2nd

This morning we landed and walked through the federal lines to the point of delivery three miles from Aikens landing & twelve miles from Richmon where we were delivered to the Rebel authorities. As they had no transportation ready we were obliged to walk through to Richmond. It commenced raining at eight in the morning and rained till five in the evening at which time wet hungry tired and footsore we arrived at Richmond Va & took up our quarters for the night in an empty tobacco factory with but little fire.

#### March 3rd

This morning I moved out to (Pu?ble) Camp Lee two miles west of town.

#### March 4th 1865

Today I was furloughed for thirty days & paid \$156.

#### March 6th

Left Camp Lee and went back to Richmond.

#### March 7th

Left Richmond for Abingdon Va.

#### March 8th

Arrived at Lynchburg Va at 1 PM

#### March 10th 1865

Arrived at Abingdon & went in Parol Camp three miles from town.

#### March 16th

Today the paroled men of Gen Sukes command was presented a fine dinner by the Ladies of Abingdon. It rained almost the entire day with the exception of this we had quite a nice time.

#### March 18 1865

This morning I & three of my company left camp to spend a few days in the country. We have stoped for the night with John P. King 8 miles from Abingdon.

#### March 19th

Today we are at Leander M. King 9 miles from Bristol, Tenn where we intend to stop a few days.

#### March 26th 1865

I have been at Mr? Kings a week to day during which time I have been treated very kindly by him & all his family. He is anxious that I should stay longer & I regret to leave but I am necessitated by circumstances beyond my control. I leave this evening for Abingdon.

#### March 27th

Arrived at Wytheville at daylight this morning and Started on to Christiansburg at once where I arrived at 10 o clock AM & went in to Parole camp three miles west of town.

#### Aprile 4th 1865

This morning about two hours before day the Yankees were discovered to be marching on Christiansburg. The paroled men about five hundred in number were ordered to town immediately. We remained there till nine O clock AM when we were ordered on to Salem 26 miles farther up the road being unable to get transportation we were obliged to walk to Big Springs 13 miles distant where took the train for Salem arriving there an hour by sun part of us. Here news reached us of the evacuation of Richmond which was commenced on the 2nd inst. Citizens seem to be very much cast down but the soldiers are generally in good Spirits.

#### Aprile 5th 1865

This morning the Yankees are reported to be in ten miles of this place (Salem) & we are ordered to Liberty. Ten O clock P.M. we arrived at Liberty this evening & are now ordered Lynchburg tonight as the Yankees are still advancing.

**Aprile 6th**

5 O.P.M. We arrived at Lynchburg this morning at day light. The Military authority Have been quite active here all day arming citizens and sending them to the front as the enemy are expected to move in this place soon. the commander of the post Gen. Colstonthinks he will be able to hold the place till he is reinforced. The paroled men are ordered from here to Aberst Court house 12 miles north of this place Amberst.

**Aprile 7th/65**

Have heard nothing definite from Lynchburg today.

**Aprile 8th**

Deserters and straglers have been passing through town off & on all day they tell a doleful tale of the defeat that Gen. Lee is reported to have met with in the neighborhood of Farmville though there is no reliance to be put in that class of men.

**Aprile 9th**

There was heavy firing heard in the direction of farmvill this morning which continues for three hours the firing was resumed this evening but as yet we have heard no news from there. Later this evening we heard the sad intelligence that Gen Lee had surrendered his army this morning about eleven O'clock. This news was brought by straglers who still continue to pass hear in great numbers at first I was not disposed to credit this report but since it has been recitenated so often I fear it is too true.

**Aprile 10th**

This morning the parole men find themselves in rather a bad condition being on the north of the James river with the threatened evacuations of Lynchburg and having no orders we are rather at a loss to know what to do. The lieut-in command thinks best for us to take care if ourselves. I & eight others of my regiment are going strike west in the direction of Lexington. Five O'clock P.M. We have stoped for the night with Mr James Richeson 21 miles from Amherst & 14 miles from Lexington. Mr Richeson is a clever and intelligent man but he thinks the fate of the confederacy is sealed thinks it useless to fight as it were against the hand of the almighty. there are three other soldiers here from Va car the seemd to regard it as useless to resist longer. I admit that the prospects look quite gloomy but I hope we may yet be able in a measure to retrieve ourselves.

**Aprile 11th 1865**

This morning we crossed the blue Ridge mountain by way of Robisons Gap. Here the mountain is eight miles across. For a coniderable distance on the top we were amongst the clouds soon after leaving the foot of the mountains we crossed North river & three of us have stoped to night with Mr Merrirs Heartsook in the valley of Va. In Rockbridge County. This valley lies between the blue Ridge & Alleghany & at this place is about 36 miles wide. The land is quite productive.

**Aprile 12th 1865**

This morning we walked out to Pitman Hotell near the Natural Bridge where we eat dinner after which we went out to look at the great natural curiosity. This bridede is on a small stream called cedar creek. It is two Hundred & fourteen feet-high. Has a span of seventy feet & is about thirty feet wide. The rock which forms the arch is some seventy feet thick on this nock beneath the arch she is said to be the picture of an Eagle & a Lyon formed by nature these pictures can only be seen on a clear bright day. as it was a dark cloudy day & threatening rain I did not get to see them myself. After spending an hour or so at the bridg we proceeded on towards Buchanan & three of us stoped for the night with Mr Wm P. Barger. The others for the nine is still with me have stoped at other houses on the road. as I may have occasion to speak of them here often I don't know as it would be amiss for me to give their names here. There is B. W. Taylor, E. G. Boxten, A. R. Clark, A. Hamilton, S. Newkirk, O. W. Cosby, Jas Johnston, H. L. Woosley. All belong to the same regiment and five (?) Company Co(H)

**Aprile 13th 1865**

This morning we crossed the James River at Buchanan a little town at the foot of pergatory mountain but in the opposite side of the River in Botetourt county. On leaving the town we took the Macadomized road for salem. Three of us have stoped for the night 17 miles from Buchanan with George Nininger. We came up little stream called mill creek in a distance of 15 miles & passed twelve mills. Soon after Leaving Breckhanan we began to meet men of Gen Ekles comund who tell us that he disbanded all the troop in his department this morning. The command I belong to Gen Dukes being cavalry would not disband but chose to go to Gen Forrest. They left Christians burg yesterday. We find ourselves in quite a delema as it would be impossible to overtake him being a foot therefore I am of aloss to know where to go or what to do.

**Aprile 14th 1865**

Yesterday Clark and Hamilton pressed themselves & went in. This morning the remaining seven came on to Botetery springs here Johnston met with mr. Micheal & went on with him. I & Woosley have stoped for a few days with Mr Isaac Hershberger in Roanoke County, Va. Seven miles from Salem 42 miles from Botetourt spring. The other four boys have gone in towards salem being separated from all the boys I feel quite lonesome.

**Aprile 16th 1865**

I am still at mr Hershbergers. Elis Baxter & Dowctor Taylor came over this morning. They are staying with Mr (?) Frantz half mile from here. I & Baxter & Woosley walk rit sometime at the Dunkorn church. These Dunkards as they are called are differ from any denomination I ever seen. At the beginning of the services they all kneel down while the paster prays without rising he is followed by one of the members who repeats the lords prayers. They are very lengthy in ther discouses & generally seled the longest hymns. After preaching they go through the same ceremony that they do at the beginning. All the female members of this denomination both young & old wear a white cap similar to those worn by old ladies only they have no frill. They wear these cap when at home. They immerse those who Join them three times face foremost. They have a great many other pecoliarities too sedious to mention. This evening Cosby & Newkirk came over. I learn from them that they are staying with Mr Wm Mallery a mile distant. Miss Georgeann Bryant came upon a visit this evening.

**Aprile 18th 1865**

This afternoon I went over to Mr Fed Bryant to get my boots halvesouled as he was buisy ploughing I ploughed for him while he mended them. While there I visited the Alivon Springs which are near his house. He live half mile from here.

**Aprile 20th 1865**

I was over at Mr Frantzes this evening to see Dr Taylor & Baxter. They are not very well satisfied at the place they are staying they talk of starting to Kentucky soon.

**Aprile 21st**

This evening I & Woosley & Mr Hershberger went over to mr Hagy to swingle some flax. Just as we were starting Ellis Baxter came over & he went with us he is here to night. The Dr left Mr Frantz this evening also. He is at Mr Jacob Brocius tonight a half mile from here.

**Aprile 22nd**

I & Ellis Baxter have been dropping some corn for Mr Booton Hershberger. He is a son of Isaac. This is the first corn I have dropped for three years though. It comes quite natural. It has been near two weeks since I left Amherst. During that time I have heard but little or no news. The east Tenn B.K. will be in operation ... probably there we will get some news.

**Sunday April 23rd**

I & Woosley & Baxter went to meeting to day at Cannon meeting house near the Botetourt spring. Mrs Mikles went from here also. She is adaughter of Mr Hersberger. After meeting Miss M. T. Patison, Miss Sarah J. Brown & Miss Siss Brown came home with us. After dinner Miss Georgeann Bryant came up then Mr Joseph Brocires, John Day & Phillip Brown came up & we all went over to the Ali.?. springs. We then came back to Mr Hersberger where the company broke up & I & Baxter & Woosley Went over to Mr. Wm Mallerys to see Cosby A. Newkirk. We have decided to start for Ky in the morning. We are all a foot.

**April 24th 1865**

This morning we (six of us) left Mr Hersbergers for Ky. We passed through Amsterdam & ficastle. The latter is the county seat of Botetourt county. This evening we crossed Prices mountain four miles a cross we have stoped for the night at MrsHuntz in Craig Count 25 miles from where we started.

**April 25th**

This morning we crossed the eleven miles mountain. I suppose it takes its name from being eleven miles across. We didn't go more than a mile before we came to the foot of Sweet Spring mountain. These mountains are in Aleghany County said to be one of the poorest Co. in Va. The latter one is six miles across just at the foot of the morntain on the west side is Sweet springs. These are the nicest Springs I have visited in Va. There is two large Hotels with Several other buildings. They are all owned by Mr Oliver Burns. We called on Mr Wm L. Lewis for a nights lodging. He told us he had thirty in family & were almost on the point of starvation but he had made it a point never to turn of a soldier so gave us a place to sleep & something to eat (?24and?)

**April 26th**

White Sulphur Spring We left the What is called the old Sweet Spring this morning & came in here in our way we passed the new or real Save the water of these springs are not Red but take their name from a sulpher which accumulates on the rocks giving a real appearance. I spoke of the Sweet springs being such a nice place but these (the White Sulpher) exceed any springs in beauty I ever seen. The water has a white appearance & is the prettiest water I ever seen. They are in greenbryer County Va. They were once owned by one man Mr Wm Coldwell but are now owned by a company Mr Lewis is a Stockholder. They are 17 miles from S. Springs. After leaving the Springs we traveled six miles where we crossed the green Bryer River in a canoe & have stoped for the night in a mile & a half of Lewisburg in Greenbuger Co. making in distance of 26 miles we have traveled in the three last days we have been unable to get anything to eat at but two houses they all tell us they haven't got anything to eat which I expect is pretty much the case.

**April - 1865**

This morning we came on to Lewisburg where we got our Breakfast & then started in toward Charleston Which is a hundred miles from Lewisburg. Today we passed a place called meadow Bluffs fifteen miles from town. Lest any one should form a wrong conception of this place I will mention it more particularly instead of being any Bluffs it is a track of swamp land about two miles across. There has been a great many troops on both sides camped here since the war commensed after passing this place we crossed Little Servel mountain & stoped 22 miles from Lewisburg making 23 miles we have traveled to. Today we are unable to get anything to eat. To night five miles from town Mr John W. Curtover took us & has traveled with us today. He is going ?tory to the Hamarwall Valey. He lives eleven miles below Charlston.

**April 28th 1865**

This morning we passed over Big sewel mountain. We have walked 27 miles today & have stoped for the night with Mr. George Hunt in Fayette County.

**April 29th 1865**

We struck the New River six miles from where we staid last night at the hawks nest. This is said to be 300 feet high. This place on the new River is the wildest place I ever seen. The River is quite rapid & rough the mountains rise to a good hight on ei?tres side eight miles from the Hawksnest we crossed the Gawley River at its mouts, the Gawley & New River forms the Kanawak River. We came up to the picket post of the federals here & came on to their camp in Loup Creek six miles down the River where we seven of us drew one days Rations & are going to stay here tonight. This is in Kanawak County 18 miles from where stayed last night it rained on us very had about the middle of the day htofore we have been blessed with fine weather in ?m.

**Sunday April 30th**

This morning we left the Coup creek & walked to camp Piatt 22 miles below. There is 20 of us in company now they are going down to Charlston to get their parole. On our way we passed a little place called candleton. There is an extensive candle coal mine here. There is a great quantity of oil made here & shipped Maysville for refinement. It rained miss about 3 hours again today before we get camp it is rainy some yet.

**May 1st 1865**

This morning we walked to Charlstown distance of 10 miles arrived here at 12 o'clock in the after noon we were paroled & got passes with transportation to Galipoleele Ohio. We intend leaving here as soon as a government boat arrives to give transportation.

It is just a week today since I left Mr. Hersbergers. That kind hearted good old man how often while traveling over those mountain tired & hungry have I wished my self back with that kind old man & family but my heart beats high with hope that the time is not far distant when I will be able to enjoy the presence o friend more dear than ever them made so by the ties of relationship though not by disinterested friendship. Mr Cart left us this evening & went to his home. We fell in with five La boys this evening. They are going down the river with us. Tonight 7 of us took Supper at ? gosmorne Hotell. Going to stay tonight free of charges

**May 2nd 1865**

Have been waiting all day in Charleston for a boat the Govl Crook in Government boat comes ?rps Came up this evening after taking supper at Mr Loohanns. Again we got on board & we going to sleep on her tonight.

**May 4th 1865**

We arrived at Maysville this morning at nine o'clock. We then walked out in Mayslock 12 miles where we took dinner. We then walked on to the blue lick springs 12 miles further where we crossed the Licking River. We then came on to Mr Mealuchaims 8 miles further where we stayed all night. 27 miles from Maysville.

**May 5th 1865**

This morning we walked on to Millerburg eleven miles. However we met with some friends who ??? us on the Sharpsburg stage & sent us up to Paris eight miles. Here Dr Taylor met with Mr Bret a fiend of his who ??? he's him money to bring us up to Winchester eighteen miles on the Stage. We arrived there at four o'clock. Here I met with Adr?ant Hickman, John Kelly & several others of the regiment who had come on before me. Here the six of us that came to gether separated. Oliver Cosby, Cyrus newkirk went to their homes on Fayette Co. Dr. B. W. Taylor lives in Winchester and Ellis Z. Baxter & Henry L. Woosley went on to their homes six miles from town & I went out to my Uncle David Haggards 8 miles South of town. I had been absent for two years & seven month. I found my Sister Martha A. Bruce here. They were all very much rejoiced to see me return again Safe & I was quite thankful myself that I had been spared to return to my home & friends. Though I fear not as thankful as I should have been. I say I am thankful to get home. I am not at home by may miles for my home is in Missouri Where I have many ?? friends an aged father & two beloved Sisters Whome I long to see very much but I shall have to deny myself that pleasure for a while & consider Kentucky as my home where I have a great many friends & relatives as well as in Missouri.

**May 6th 1865**

Today James & Samuel Rutledge came up to see me soon after Ed Blakemore, cousin Elize Doyle & Miss Nanne Hampton came by from Lexington & took dinner & in the afternoon I went home with them. Uncle Dennis Doyles, Cousin Nancy Edswise was here. They were a very glad to see me.

#### **Sunday May 7th**

Clifton Buck came down to see me this morning. The first time I have seen him since he left prison three months ago. This evening Rus? Bush & his wife was over a little while & after they left PV cousin Eliza & Cous George Doyle went up to Cousin Wm Doyles & stayed till after supper. We then came back to Uncle Denises.

#### **May 8th**

This morning came up to Uncle davys. It has rained almost the entire day.

#### **May the 9th**

I was expecting Uncle Denis up this morning to go to town with me but as was still raining he did not come. Uncle davy was going up to town this evening I went with him & purchased a suit of clothes for \$55 Dollars

#### **May 10th**

This afternoon I went down to Mr. James Rutledges the first time I had been there since the Summer of 1863 at which time I had a very severe attack of typhoid fever was confined to my bed for nine weeks. During my illness I was treated by Mr Rutledge & family as though I was one of their family. It is raining tonight.

#### **May 11th**

I came back to Uncle Davys this morning. This afternoon he went to town & brought me a letter from Sister Fannie. The first I had heard from her since the 22 of Feb. there is nothing gives me more pleasure than to get a letter from her. Oh how I love to see her & my other relation in Mo. Once more but I hope the time is not far distant when I ?? have this pleasure but amidst all my misfortunes I have a great deal to thankful for. It is still raining.

#### **May 12th**

I helped Uncle davy get some wood this morning. This afternoon we have been making some fence.

#### **May 13th**

Yesterday Uncle Dennis went to his Sister Mrs Polly Strand. Today as he returned she sent me 20 Dollars as a present to buy some clothes.

#### **Sunday May 14th**

I went to meeting at Am? Swck preaching by Mr James Harden. After meeting I went to Uncle Denises in Company with Jas. Rutledge, Jas Hampton, Henry Hampton, Miss Nannie Hampton, Cousin Eliza Doyle, cousin Mary M. Haggard, Uncl David Haggard & George Haggard. Soon after Dinner S V Uncl Davy went up to Ed Blakemores. He & Carry Carsh live together. We stayed till after supper when we came by M Howard Hampton after Cousin Mary Haggard & then came on home.

#### **May 15th**

Ed Blakemon wanted me to go to Combs fery on the Ky river today to make some arrangements to pasture some cattle but I dropped corn for Uncle Davy & got him to go. When he came back I came down to Eds to stay all night.

#### **May 16th**

I & Ed have been riding round all day hunting some cattle but were unable to find them. Took dinner at Mr Thos Blakemores. Tonight I am at Uncle Denises.

#### **May 17th**

I drove some cattle over to Mr Daniel Bentlys in Madison Co. to pasture them for Ed Blakemore. We crossed the Ky river at Combs fery. Came back to Uncle Denis to night. Has been raining all the afternoon.

#### **May 18th**

Came up to Uncle Davy Haggards. Got a letter from Bettie & one from fannie.

#### **May 19th**

Set out eight hundred Cabbage plants for Uncle Davy then took some down to Uncle Denises & came back to Uncle Days.

#### **May 20th**

Helped plant some Sugar corn seed & potatos for Uncle Davy. Martha Haggard, cousin P. Haggards wife came out this evening from town.

#### **May 21st**

Went to meeting to Mt Olive with cousin Martha Haggard. Preaching by Mr Rash in the forenoon had dinner on the ground after dinner the congregation was addressed by Mr edmonson. Went to Uncle Davys from meeting. Got my cloths & came back to Mr Jo bushes where I left them & went to Uncl Dennis. Here I got acquainted with Miss Mattie Risk from Madison. Stayed there till Bed time & went home with Cliff Bush & stayed all night.

#### **May 22nd**

I & Cliff Went up to his brother Eleamy bushes where I set in to work for Cliff to work for ?one ?month do ? have been replanting corn.

#### **May 23rd**

Cousin Wm Doyles wife & Mrs Griggs was here today. I have been replanting .. plowing corn.

#### **May 24th**

... been ploughing all day.

#### **May 25**

It has been raining ever since 7 oclock this morning

#### **May 26th**

I went up to Mr Stokelys to have my boots mended. While he was mending them I went up to Uncle David Haggards & Aunt Tempy's sister Mrs Rebecka Hampton, her daughter Mrs Morga, Stinson Phillip her son & Miss Manerva Baker were there in the evening. I came back home. It has rained the whole day without ceasing & is raining yet. Aunt Eliza Doyle is here tonight.

#### **My 27th**

It had quit raining this morning & has been a nice day. we have been cutting & hauling some wood.

#### **Sunday May 28th**

I went to Uncl Denis Doyles & I & Cousin Eliz & George Doyle & Cliff bush attended the funeral of Mr James Oliver at Mr Henry Rooks. He belonged to the same company I did & was confined in the same prison. He died while there & his remains were brought home. After meeting I & Cliff went to Mr James Muirs in company with Jas Bibee, Miss Poole Tisle, Miss Tribble Snew, Miss Nannie Schooler & some others that I didnt get acquainted with. In the evening we came up to Mr Jo Bushes & stayed all night has been

raining all evening.

**May 29th**

I came home this morning. Cousin Caleb Doyle & Wife stayed here last night went home this evening & Cousin Eliza Doyle came up to stay all night.

**May 30th**

Mrs Betsy Bush & Mrs Ferrile from Mo. Was here today. This evening them & Cousin Eliz. Went home

**May 31st**

Thos Blakemore & wife, Cousin Eliz & Jerry Bush are with us to night

**Thursday June 1st 1865**

Mr Blakemore & wife went home this morning & Cousin Eliza this evening have been ploughing.

**June 2nd**

Mrs Pollyann Bush & Mrs Sarah Ferril were here today. Mr Bush went home the evening Mrs Ferril is going to stay all night.

**June 3rd**

Mrs Ferril went home today Cousin Eliza & George Doyle came up this evening & I came home with them to stay all night Cousin Caleb Doyle & family are here to night.

**Sunday June 4th**

I attended the funeral of Jessie Hampton at Mt Olive. It was preached by Mr Rash & Mr Wills. Jessie belonged to the same company with me. We were captured together July 6 the 19th 1863. We were in prison together till December 1864 at which time he took the small pox & died. He was a good boy & a brave soldier well taken by all who know him. I came ??? meeting Thos Blakemore & wife were here for dinner. I came to Mr Brisha to night.

**June 5th**

I have been ploughing the weather is quite warm.

**June 6th**

Aunt Eliza Doyle is here tonight.

**June 7th**

Aunt Eliza went home this morning

**June 8th**

Miss Ferila Brookshes was here awhile this evening

**June 9**

Cousin Eliza is here to night some rain this evening

**June 10th**

I went to Winchester this evening to night I am at Uncle Davie Haggards. Had a right smart shower of rain this morning

**Sunday June 11th**

All of Uncle Davies family went to meeting except Aunt Tempy. I stayed at home with her. I was at Uncle Denises awhile this evening & tonight I am at Mr Jo Bushes.

**June 12**

I came home this morning & went ploughing. This evening we had quite a heavy rain.

**June 13th**

Had another hard rain this evening

**June 14th**

Thos Blakimore & Jerry Barsk are here tonight

**June 15**

Cousin Eliza Doyle is here tonight

**June 16th**

Cousin Eliza went home this morning. We had a considerable rain today.

**June 17th**

This afternoon I went to Winchester & came back to Uncle Davy Haggards tonight.

**Sunday June 18th**

I came to Uncle Denis Doyles this morning. Cousin Nancy Jane & Ed came down this morning. They have all gone to meeting from here today except I, Cousin Nancy & Uncle Denis, Miss Sarah Liste came home with them from meeting & ?? little brothers. I am at Mr Cary Bushes tonight.

**June 19th & 20th**

I have nothing to say more than I have been ploughing. The weather is right warm.

**June 21st**

The time for which I hired to Mr Bush expired today. Cousin Eliza is here to night some rain.

**June 22nd**

I left Mr Bushes this morning. Went Uncle Denises & from there Uncle Davy Haggard this evening I went to Winchester. Came back to Uncle Davys & left my horse & went over to Cousin Enock Haggards. He is running a market wagon to Lexington. I am going down with him tomorrow.

**June 23rd**

Went to Lexington. Received \$30 that was expressed to me from Mo by Mr Shaw. Took the Oath of Allegiance the U S Government & came back to Uncle David Haggards.

**June 24th**

Came down to Uncle Denis Doyles this morning & this Evening I & Cousin Eliza Doyle went up to Mrs Howard Hamptons to stay all night. There is one white & four colored soldiers here tonight. Cousin George Doyle & Jerry Bush came up at Dusk & stayed till bed time. They have started home.

**June 25th**

Last night as Cousin George came home his horse fell down with him & sprained his ankle. He is at Mr Jo Bushes. He is unable to bear any weight on it. I came down that far with Cousin Eliza & then went back. I

went to church with Miss Nancy Hampton & her Brother Henry Allen to the Uper Stone Meeting house preaching by two Men Asbels. After meeting we went home with Rodney & Miss Milised Haggard to ther bothers Gus Haggard. Mrs Battie Elkin & John Cole were there also. Soon after dinner it commenced raining & we all staid all night with the exception Mr Cole.

#### June 16th

This morning I came home with Miss Nannie & Henry Alen Hampton & from there to Uncle Denis Doyles. It being a buisy time he wished me to take Georges place in the field. The graine being to wet to plough I went to Frank Allens curding factory for Aunt Elizie. This evening I have been ploughing.

#### June 27

I have been ploughing all day

#### June 28th & 19th

Have been Harvesting the first I have harvested for three years. Some rain this evening.

#### June 30th

I pulled flax till Eleven oclock. The first I ever pulled. It rained about three hours in the middle of the day. this evening Miss Nanie Hampton & Miss Tearba Brookshies came down to stay all night. These are 2 very fine girls I can enjoy myself might well with them.

#### Saturday July 1st 1865

It rained this morning so Miss nannie & Miss teriba couldnt go home till pretty near noon at which time it cleared off & they went home & I and cousin Eliza Doyle went over in Madison to cousin silas Rupards... Rupear was there & we get him to go after Miss Martha A. Risk but she had company so she coudent come.

#### Sunday July 2nd

This morning I & cousin Eliza went down to Mr Magans to see Miss Risk & Her & Rake Hunter went to meeting to Union with us & we?ent to Miss Rupards with us go & Miss Druce Rupan went with us also. Miss Houston & Miss Rupan went to meeting at coneon. I & cousin Liza started home so Rupard & Miss risk came with us as far as Union.

#### July 3rd

I went up to Uncle David Haggards this morning. This afternoon I & Aunt terropy went over & spent the evening with Cousin Frankie Haggard, Shep Haggard his son & his wife were there & Mr Washington form Cur'n. I came back home with Aunt Tempy & then came down to Mr Jas Rutledges to stay tonight.

#### July 4th

I went to Uncle Davys this morning. From there to Uncle Denis Doyles this evening I comeover to Cousan Caleb Doyles to stay tonight. This is thought to be the warmest day we have had for 4 years.

#### July 5th

I came home this morning. Went to Thos blackmores a while this morning. Mrs Hast was here to day. This afternoon I & cousin Eliza Doyle went up to Mrs Sale Haggards. I was introduced to Miss Sophie Albn, Miss Mdria Warren from Maine, Miss Martha Catheswood. The two latter one are teaching school in the neighborhood and miss Allen is going. The weather remains no quite warm.

#### July 6th

This morning we came home & went up to Uncle Haggards intending to go to Jas Hodgkins tonight. Jas P Haggard & Jas Rutledge were to go with me. I waited for them till late when I learned Jas Rutledge couldnt go so we all declined going I & cousin. I staid with Jimie Rutledge till bedtime & then went up to Uncle David Haggards.

#### July 7th

Came home this morning & having determined to start for Mo on the 10. I have been busy packing my clothes & getting ready. This evening I came over to Cary Bushes to stay all night with him & Cliff. Weather warm.

#### July 8th

Came home this morning & went to Antive to Meeting. Went home with Miss Mildred Haggard came home this evening Carry Bushes wife is here tonight.

#### July 9th

I went to Antive to meeting with cousin George & cousin Eliza Doyle. I seen a great many of my old acquaintances there to day & bid them farewell. They all expressed many regrets at my going to leave them so soon. After church I went to Howard Hamptons for dinner with his daughter Miss Nannie, Mr James Rutledge, David Liphweb, Benjamin Quisenbery & Miss Becky Hodgkin were there for dinner also. Soon after dinner I & Jas Rutledge went down to Uncle Dennis Doyles. Miss Bettie & Miss Ann Sneed, Mr Mike Haggard, Zefferson Lockman & Clifton Bush were there. They left soon after I got there & cousin Mary Haggard came down few minutes & I & her & Jas Rutledge & cousin Eliza Doyle started up to Uncle David Haggard after I had bid them all farewell we came by Mr Howard Hamptons & Miss Nannie Hampton & Miss Rebecka Hodgkin went with us up there. These was not person else there except Mr. W. G. Nunelgt who is boarding there teaching school. Jas Rutledge went home at bedtime.

#### July 10th

This morning I told them all goodbye at Uncle Davids & started for Missouri. It is almost like leaving home to part with my friends & relation here who have become indeared to me by association & acts of kindness. Cousin Samuel Haggard accompanied me as far as Winchester. I met with Jerry Bush as per appointment who was going to Lexington in a spring wagon & I went with him. We get ?? at Eleven P.M. at 2 I took the cars for Jericho & arrived here at 5 P.M. I am at Paschal Madoxes. He married Miss Elizabeth Haggard a cousin of mine. Cousin Barbara Haggard is here from Clark on a visit. She is a sister Bettie Martox has been down two months. She is sick now has something like the feaver. Has been sick for 4 to 6 days. Miss Elizabeth Whitely is here tonight. Cousin Cattie Whitely was here a wile this evening. She is a daughter of Uncle Martin Haggard Who was killed several years ago by being through from a horse. She married a Whitely. She has a family of 4 Children 2 boys & 2 girls. This is the first time I have been here since I can remember though we used to be together when I was small. Now a few words about Jericho. This is a little village on the Louisville & Lexington Railroad in Henry Co. 82 miles from Louisville. It comprises 3 stores post office drugstore Hotel the land around this place is pretty thin & don't think crops look as well as they do in Clark though they look better here than common.

#### July 11th

I was up in Jericho a little while this morning & this afternoon I went down to Mr Leon Whiteleys. He is cousin Calties Husband I staid there till after supper & cousin Cattie came up to Mr Maddoxes with me to stay all night with cousin Barbara she doesnet seem to be any better. She has no appetite whatever. We had a fine rain here this evening.

#### July 12

Cousin Cattie Whitely has been up with us all day, this evening she insisted on me coming home with her so I came down here this evening. Cousin Barbra was right sick this morning but she is better this evening. Before retiring Mr Whitley sid A portion of Gods word after which he engaged in family prayer which ?? is his regular custom.

**July 13th**

I come up to Pashal Maddoxes cousin Cattie & Miss Lizabeth Whittey & Wm Whittey were there this evening at four oclock. I bid them all farewell & took the train for Louisville. Arrive there at 7 P M & took the train for St Louis Missouri.

**July 14th**

I arrive at Michael a 1-30 this morning. Here I changed cars for St Louis. Arrived there a 8 P.M. took the train for Centralia at 4:45 run thro to St Charles left there at 7 P.M. traveled all night.

**July 15th**

I arrived at Centralia this morning at 6 oclock A.M. from there I went out to Simeon Shane 7 miles from ?untalia. I get there at 10 oclock found them all well. Simeon sister Mary is living with him & Mr thos Watson also. They were all much rejoiced that I had reached home in safety. I have been absent for three years & one month. Miss Mollie rummons & Mr Porter Zackman are here to night. Heavy rain this evening

**Sunday July 16th**

I & Simeon Shane went to meeting to day at pleasant Grove preaching by Mr William Wigenton. He is a missionary babtist. I used to hear him preach quite often before the war. Miss Rumenions is still here. Miss Emma Louch came down this evening soon after Natt. Post came he is staying here now has been down in Boone on a visit. He is an ex captain of the confederate army I was with a good deal the first year of the war.

**July 17th**

I went up to Centralia a distance of 7 miles after my trunk which I left there Saturday & a barrel of salt for Mr Shaw. I got back there at noon after dinner I & Miss Mary Shaw & Sullie Shaw a daughter of John Shaw & a niece of mine started to My Fathers near Sturgeon. We arrived there at 6 P.M. I have been gone three years & ?ni months today. My Father & stepmother were quite glad to see me. The old place hasent altered much since I left. The trees & shrubbery have grown some & the fencing have been altersome but the change most noticeable is that which has taken place in the appearance of my father. I think he looks considerably older than when I left & seems more feeble though he has heavy whiskers which I think make him look older than he would otherwise though these three years have left their impress plainly marked on his face & I can not repress a feeling of sadness when I notice his altered appearance & the conviction is forced upon my mind that he is soon to pass from this world as I hope to a better one.

**July 18th**

This morning Pap & the old lady accompanied over to sister Fannies. I found them all well Sure they were quite glad to see me once more. It rained almost the entire day

**July 19th**

I & Mary & Callie Shaw started to Johns this morning a distance of 18 miles. At eleven oclock we get to Mrs Amelia Rowland when we stoped & took dinner. She is William Rowlands widow. Her husband had died in prison since the war commenced. In the evening we proceeded on to Johns. Arrived there at 2 P.M. I found them all well. They were perfectly over joyed to see me return safe for this is something some of them hardly ever expected to see & I acknowledge that the ?ad have seem to be against me but I thank God I have been spared to get back to friends & home again. At times this was a joy that ?red David to hope for but this was a subject upon which I never permit my mind to dwell up on more than I could help for?? when looked to the future all looked dark and uncertain but it has terminated as well as could be expected considering the way the war resulted.

**July 20th**

James Taylor & Josiah Little were here a while this morning & this afternoon Miss Eliza Skinner & Miss Fannie Soue came u & stayed till after supper. It rained as much as half of the day so to day.

**July 21st**

Thomas Waltson was here awile this morning. It has rained a good deal today.

**July 22**

I went to meeting at evereet preaching by Horace Brown of the Methodist profession. There was not many in attendance though in that number I found several of my acquaintances it Reminded me of old times to be there at meeting.

**July 23**

This morning accompanied by By Miss Shaw & my sister Bettie & four of her Children I came to Simeon Shaws. A distance of 30 miles. It rained on us the whole way besides we lost our way once & had too rumble round for a while though we came out all wright.

**July 24**

This morning I and Simeon C. Shaw killed a Huston. This evening we were out with his cattle ?? some six hundred hedd. We had a very hard rain a ?? dark.

**July 25**

I was introduced to Mr Sims today who was here this morning

**July 26th**

It rained last night & has been raining off & on all day.

**July 27**

Heavy rain last night & more this morning

**July 28th**

Rained hard last night & this morning. This evening Willis Angell came after Bettie as John Shaw was sick. We started as soon as we got the word which was about six oclock. We drove as far as Jack Hawkins is sixteen miles where we stoped about ten oclock. The road were mighty near awful.

**July 29**

We drove over to Willis Angells this morning we had intended to stay there 2 or 3 day but as John was sick we only stoped at the fence & then drove on to Johns. We got there at 12 oclock found that John had been very sick a few days back but was some better. He set up a little this evening. I killed him a squirrel of which they made him some soup. He eat some of that the first he had eat for a week.

**July 30**

John is about like he was yesterday. Miss Mary Cockran & her Brothers William & Simeon Shaw came here this morning. Doctor Shock & John Skinner this evening.

**July 31**

John is some better this morning. He is eating up some appetite better I have Sims carriage as far as Middletown where I got his horse & went to Willis Angells get my dinner & went in to sturgeon. Stayed there a few minutes & went out to my Fathers a mile from town. This closes five months & my book is full. Good evening sir.

\*\*\*\*\*Notes in back of book\*\*\*\*\*

Levi Ashbrook  
St Louis Mo

Mr Scobee  
No 822 Broadway  
St Louis Mo

Mr Pronix Hugaricly  
White Hall Ky

Texas seceded Feb 1st 1861  
Va seceded Aprile 17th 61

Though the poor lady shall ?nohoe in the ?to?n

(crossed out: In dotrage?)

An soft wind, mumms ovr us while at home  
Strance ?owcl ?flouiss bossom over us ?New ?ells ?eres

Home who can tell

The touching power of that most sacred word

Save he who feels one weep that he has none

Of this O life is thy prime bounties

Why gild the rain ? gandy cliene

Bachelon Definition of Loge

Sighing crying some dying & more lying

This world a joke all things show it

I once thought so no I know it -

Off in tender recollection  
Call to mind your absent friend;  
Cherish for him that affection  
Which .. all never end

July 10th fare from:  
Winchester to Lexington \$0.50  
Hair trimming;.25  
Fare from Lexington to Jericho on cars 2.70

July 18th from Jericho to Louisville 1.40  
? to St. Louis Mo\$12.50

July 14 from St Louis to Centralian \$6.75

May 8th received of George Haggard \$7.00  
"8th"of Denis Doyle \$13.00  
"13th of Polly Straad 20.00  
"31st of Ells Blakemore 8.00  
?16thof Clifton Busch 20.00

General Hobson head Qr  
Capt Priestlz  
Elizabet Haggard  
Born Feb 20, 1780 Died No 8 1850

N Haggard  
Born June 17th 1796 Died July 21 1858

May 9th  
1 coat \$27.00  
pants 13.00  
vest 7.50  
suspenders 1.00  
shirt 2.30  
18 stamps & Envelop 0.60  
20 to writing paper .30  
26 Boot mending .85  
Paid \$56.55

June 17th  
one shirt\$ 2.40  
Boots \$12.00  
23 Express 1.35  
Colars 0.40  
soda .10  
16.15

Mrs Mary Michaels  
Sarah Goshornd  
David Goshornd  
Major Nentchel  
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One box Josep Gillet pens No 303  
Pen holer bottle ink



7clane paper

Stamp .75 cts

Paper .20"

Book 1.50

Park? .25

Env .35

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