

Diary for January, 1917--1st Month

Note: John Herschel Kelly was 38 years old.

- Mon 1 Cloudy, warm and rained. Done nothing.
- Tue 2 Partly cloudy in morning. Rained in evening. Warm. Done nothing. ("Evening" referred to the afternoon.)
- Wed 3 Partly cloudy, windy and rained some. Sharpened saw in morning.
- Thu 4 Partly cloudy and hot. Trimmed the fruit trees.
- Fri 5 Partly cloudy and rained nearly all day. Turned cool in evening.
- Sat 6 Fair and pleasant all day. Cut sprouts in morning.
- Sun 7 Fair and warm. Went up home. Spent the day. Billie came in evening. (Billie Lumsden was a relative, who had a crippled hand but made beautiful tatting.)
- Mon 8 Fair and warm. Cut sprouts in evening.
- Tue 9 Fair and warm. Sawed wood for self. Went to Lodge at night. (See note.)
- Wed 10 Partly cloudy in morning. Fair in evening. Went to Mansfield.
- Thu 11 Cloudy and cold in morning. Snowed some in morning. Fair and cold in evening. Done nothing.
- Fri 12 Fair and pleasant. Hauled up some wood.
- Sat 13 Cold and cloudy. Carried Billie to Floyd Layson's in morning. Rained hard at night. (Floyd was Seal Layson's father.)
- Sun 14 Fair in morning. Partly cloudy in evening. Cool. Laurence and family came in evening. Mattie Hue and children, too. (Mattie Hue Chaffin)
- Mon 15 Cold and rained all day. Done nothing. (Above line: Laurence Jordan)
- Tue 16 Cold and rained all day nearly. Didn't do anything. Willie came by hunting in evening. (Willie was John Herschel's brother.)
- Wed 17 Cloudy and rained a little. Went up home in morning. Cut some in evening.
- Thu 18 Cloudy and rained hard about middle of day. Split posts in morning. Done nothing in evening.
- Fri 19 Cloudy and cooler. Me and Doc sawed wood for self. (Doc Lunsford was a black man who lived with his sister, Mira.)
- Sat 20 Cloudy and drizzled rain off and on all day. Hauled posts and built lot fence.
- Sun 21 Cloudy in morning. Partly cloudy in evening. Very warm. Staid at home.
- Mon 22 Cloudy and rained hard in evening. Sawed wood for Willie until rain in evening.
- Tue 23 Cloudy all day. Big rain at night. Sawed wood for Willie all day. Went to lodge at night.
- Wed 24 Cloudy and rained all day. Done nothing.
- Thu 25 Fair and moderately cold. Pa came and got some timber in evening.
- Fri 26 Fair and frosty in morning. Fair and cool in evening. Drove in some frost.
- Sat 27 Fair and pleasant. Went to Mansfield. Clouded up in evening. Rained a shower at night.
- Sun 28 Cloudy and rained a little. Staid at home.
- Mon 29 Cloudy and raining in morning. Hot and rained big rain in evening.
- Tue 30 Fair and hot. Sawed wood for self.
- Wed 31 Partly cloudy and hot. Went to Erbin's in morning. Split wood in evening. Big rain at night. (Erbin is John Herschel's father.)

The Masonic Lodge was at Loice Allen, Sr.'s on Highway 11. It was a two story building with a store and post office downstairs. (See picture.)

The Lodge met upstairs where it is reported there was a casket containing a skeleton.

It is interesting to note that throughout the journal, John Herschel refers to his father by different names: Pa, G. Pa Kelly, Erbin, and Dr. Kelly.

Diary for February, 1917-- 2nd Month

- Thu 1 Partly cloudy and colder. Split wood in the afternoon. Cold at night.
- Fri 2 Partly cloudy and very cold and windy. Split wood in the morning. Coldest weather since 1899.
- Sat 3 Fair, a little warmer. Hauled up some wood.
- Sun 4 Fair, cold and windy. Storm and snow at night.
- Mon 5 Fair, cold and windy. Cut some sprouts. Champ came in evening. (See note.)
- Tue 6 Fair and some warmer. Cut some sprouts in evening.
- Wed 7 Cloudy and cool. Went to Willie's in evening. Nina spent the night with Cornelia. (Nina Allen) (Cornelia was 11 ½ years old.)
- Thu 8 Cloudy and rained in morning. Cloudy in evening. Took down some wire.
- Fri 9 Cold and windy. Killed hog in the evening. Then went up home to store.
- Sat 10 Fair and warmer. Dried up lard in morning. ("Dried up lard" meant cooking the fat and making cracklings and lard.)
- Sun 11 Fair and cold. Staid at home.
- Mon 12 Fair and cold wind blowing from East. Hauled up some stovewood.
- Tue 13 Fair and cold wind blowing from East. Went to Mansfield. Willie came in evening.
- Wed 14 Partly cloudy and some warmer. Had my crowder peas threshed. Rained at night.
- Thu 15 Partly cloudy and windy and warmer. Staid up to Mr. Allen's all day. (William Walker Allen)
- Fri 16 Fair and cool. Went to Calvin in morning. Staid up to Mr. Allen's in evening. (See note.)
- Sat 17 Cloudy and began raining in p.m. Put up some wire. Big rains at night.
- Sun 18 Mr. W. W. Allen died at 3:00 o'clock in morning. Inis and children came in p.m. (Inis was Willie's wife)
- Mon 19 Hot and cloudy and rained a big rain in evening. Went to burying in morning. Annie and Gus ate dinner here. (Annie and Gus Floyd)
- Tue 20 Hot and cloudy and rained in morning. Went up home in evening.
- Wed 21 Hot and cloudy and rained in morning. Fair and warm in evening. Fixed a pasture fence.
- Thu 22 Hot and fair all day. Piled wood in morning. Cleaned off in evening.
- Fri 23 Cloudy, raining and thundering all day. Done nothing.
- Sat 24 Fair and warm. Went to Mansfield in morning. Went to hunting with Willie in evening.
- Sun 25 Fair and warm. Aubet, Dess, and children came. Dickie, Champ, Harvey and Felton in evening. (See note.)
- Mon 26 Fair and warm. Worked on pasture in morning. Cut sprouts in evening.
- Tue 27 Fair and warm. Cut sprouts in morning. Went to Mr. Cook's in evening. (Mr. John Wesley Cook, Jr. was John Herschel's father-in-law.)
- Wed 28 Rained in morning. Warm. Hauled brush in evening.

Calvin Store was on Calvin Road off of Liberty Church Road. The first child born in Jasper County (known then as Randolph County) was Calvin Fish in 1807. He married Serena Kelly, daughter of Allen and Polly Riggins Kelly, in 1830. Their son, Nathan Calvin Fish, married Elmira Kelly, daughter of John Riggins and Rebecca W. Smith Kelly. Aubet was John Herschel's brother. Dickie (Uncle Dick) was Dick Nowles, Dess Kelly's father. Champ was John Herschel's brother. Harvey and Felton were sons of Laurence Jordan. Harvey was later killed in a sawmill accident.

Diary for March, 1917-- 3rd Month

- Thu 1 Cloudy, cold and rained hard off and on all day from East. Went after kids in evening.
- Fri 2 Cloudy, cold and rained hard off and on all day from East.
- Sat 3 Cloudy and warmer, but still raining big rains. Some thunder also.
- Sun 4 Big rains all day; also thunder and lightning. Turned cold late in evening.
- Mon 5 Fair, cold and windy. Went to Calvin in morning. Piled brush in evening.
- Tue 6 Fair and some warm. Done nothing.
- Wed 7 Cloudy and cool. Cut and hauled some wood.
- Thu 8 Fair and warm. Cut some sprouts.
- Fri 9 Fair and warm. Cleaned off terraces in evening.
- Sat 10 Fair and warm. Went to Mansfield. Cloudy in evening.
- Sun 11 Partly cloudy and warm. Went to Mr. Cook's and spent the day.
- Mon 12 Fair and warm. Hauled out manure in morning. Bedded sweet potatoes. Planted Irish potatoes. (See note.)
- Tue 13 Fair and warm. Planted ribbon cane in morning. Plowed a little in evening.
- Wed 14 Cloudy and showery. Plowed part of the day.
- Thu 15 Fair and warm. Plowed all day.
- Fri 16 Partly cloudy, wind in East and cool. Plowed all day.
- Sat 17 Cloudy and raining in morning. Fair, cold and windy in evening. Went to Mansfield.
- Sun 18 Fair, cold and windy. Staid at home..
- Mon 19 Fair and cool. Plowed all day.
- Tue 20 Partly cloudy and warmer. Plowed all day.
- Wed 21 Plowed until rain in morning. Rained, thundered, hailed a little in morning.
- Thu 22 Fair and cold wind blowing from East. Hauled a load of guano. Rained in evening. (Guano was fertilizer.)
- Fri 23 Cloudy and drizzling rain in morning. Fair in evening. Willie came in evening.
- Sat 24 Cloudy and rained a big rain in early morning. Carried wagon home. Fair in East.
- Sun 25 Fair in morning. Fair and cool wind blowing from the east. Staid at home.
- Mon 26 Raining, thundering and lightning nearly all day. Big rain and hail at night.
- Tue 27 Rain in early morning. Fair and cool in evening. Frost at night.
- Wed 28 Fair and windy. Went to Mansfield after guano.
- Thu 29 Fair and windy. Went to Mansfield after guano in morning. Cut sprouts in evening.
- Fri 30 Fair and warmer. Went to Mansfield after guano in morning.
- Sat 31 Fair and warm. Threw up terraces in morning. Broke up sage patch in evening. ("Threw up terraces" meant plowing and making the terraces. He broke up the sage patch to plant watermelons. The sage was used for making sausage.)
"Bedded" meant that he put wheat or pine straw in a pile, placed the potatoes in a pile on top, and covered them with corn stalks in order to grow slips for planting the next season.

Diary for April, 1917-- 4th Month

- Sun 1 Fair and warm. Leila and Corban came. Inis and Willie and children in evening. (Leila and Corban Ozburn)
- Mon 2 Raining and thunder in morning. Fair in evening. Put up hogwire.
- Tue 3 Fair and cold. Plowed all day.
- Wed 4 Plowed until dinner. Cloudy. Rained in evening. Rained all night hard.
- Thu 5 Rained in early morning. Fair and cool in evening.
- Fri 6 Fair, cold and windy. Worked on hog lot.
- Sat 7 Fair and warm. Cloudy at night. Went to Monticello in morning.
- Sun 8 Cloudy and rained in morning. Partly cloudy and rained some in evening. Went to Prospect in morning. (Prospect Methodist Church)
- Mon 9 Cold and windy. Frost. Went to Mansfield in morning.
- Tue 10 Fair and cool. Drug with harrow and carried it home in evening.
- Wed 11 Fair and cool. Planted some yellow dent corn in morning. Plowed in evening.
- Thu 12 Fair and warm. Plowed all day fixing corn ground.
- Fri 13 Fair and warm. Plowed all day fixing corn ground. Rained a little in evening.
- Sat 14 Fair and cool in morning. Fair and warm in evening. Plowed all day, breaking up.
- Sun 15 Fair and cool all day. Went and spent the day with Gus and Annie.
- Mon 16 Fair and warm. Plowed all day.
- Tue 17 Fair and warm. Plowed all day.
- Wed 18 Fair and hot. Plowed all day.
- Thu 19 Fair and hot. Plowed all day.
- Fri 20 Fair and hot. Planted corn in new ground.
- Sat 21 Fair and hot. Planted cotton all day. Rained a shower in p.m.
- Sun 22 Fair and cool in morning. Fair and warm in evening. Staid at home.
- Mon 23 Fair and warm all day. Laid off cotton ground.
- Tue 24 Fair and warm all day. Planted syrup cane, goobers, chufas and peas in morning. (Chufas were a type of peas.)
- Wed 25 Fair in morning. Laid off cotton ground. Lightning, thunder, and a nice shower in evening.
- Thu 26 Fair and pleasant. Planted cotton all day.
- Fri 27 Fair and hot all day. Planted cotton all day.
- Sat 28 Fair and cool in morning. Fair and hot in evening. Went to Mansfield in morning.
- Sun 29 Fair and hot in morning. Ma and Pa spent the day. Rained a little and hailed a little in evening.
- Mon 30 Fair and hot. Planted cotton all day in Mira's crop. (Mira was Doc Lunsford's sister who cleaned for them.)

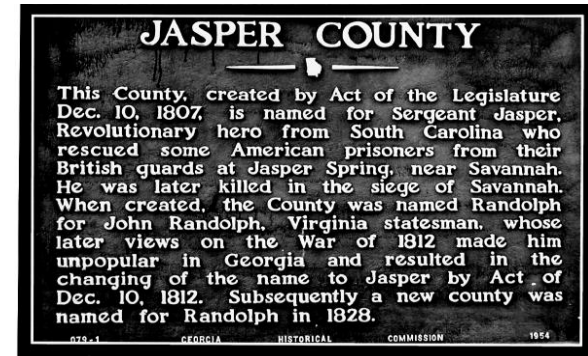


Prospect United Methodist Church
Picture taken in the 1960's

Diary for May, 1917--5th Month

- Tue 1 Fair and hot. Finished planting cotton at 4:00 o'clock in evening.
 Wed 2 Fair and hot. Planted corn all day in big field.
 Thu 3 Partly cloudy and cooler. Planted corn and peas until dinner.
 Fri 4 Rained off and on all day. Went up home in morning a little while.
 Sat 5 Fair and cool in morning. Went to Mr. Cook's in morning. Worked on pasture in evening.
 Sun 6 Fair and cold wind blowing from East. Went to Sunday School in morning.
 Mon 7 Cloudy and set in raining. Went to Calvin in morning. Done nothing in evening.
 Tue 8 Windy and cold. Fixed pasture in evening.
 Wed 9 Windy and cold in morning. Cut sprouts. Warmer in evening.
 Thu 10 Fair and warmer. Sowed some peas.
 Fri 11 Partly cloudy. Plowed corn in morning. Plowed corn in evening.
 Sat 12 Fair and cold. Plowed corn in morning. Hoed watermelons in evening.
 Sun 13 Fair, cold and windy. Went to Aubet's and spent the day.
 Mon 14 Fair, cold and windy. Plowed cotton all day.
 Tue 15 Fair and some warmer. Went to Mansfield in morning. Done nothing in evening.
 Wed 16 Fair and warm. Plowed peas and goobers in morning.
 Thu 17 Fair and warm in day. Cool at night. Tried to plow cotton.
 Fri 18 Fair and warm. Went to Quarterly meeting at Prospect.
 Sat 19 Fair and warm. Harrowed cotton in morning. Inis and children came.
 Sun 20 Fair and warm. Went to children's day at Prospect.
 Mon 21 Fair and warm and dry. Chopped cotton. Started. ("Started" meant it was the first time he began chopping cotton.)
 Tue 22 Windy and warm. Chopped cotton. Rained, hailed, thundered, and lightning at night.
 Wed 23 Windy and cool. Sowed peas in morning. Went to Doctor's in evening. (See note.)
 Thu 24 Partly cloudy and cool. Went to Doctor's in evening.
 Fri 25 Partly cloudy and rained a shower in morning. Done nothing.
 Sat 26 Partly cloudy and rained a shower. Planted over some cotton in evening.
 Sun 27 Partly cloudy and hot. Went riding in evening with R. Y. T. (Ray Thompson)
 Mon 28 Fair and warm. Plowed and replanted cotton. John Ben got sick. (John Ben was 13 months old.)
 Tue 29 Fair and warm. Plowed cotton.
 Wed 30 Fair and warm. Plowed cotton.
 Thu 31 Fair and warm. Plowed cotton.

This was probably Dr. Ellis who had an office at Palalto, which is at the end of Liberty Church Road and Highway 11.
 Mr. Carroll Hodge said there was a cheese factory at Palalto in the late 20's and 30's.



Diary for June, 1917--6th Month

- Fri 1 Fair and hot. Plowed cotton in morning. Went to Mansfield in evening after medicine.
Sat 2 Fair and hot. Plowed corn and watermelons.
Sun 3 Fair and hot in morning. Partly cloudy in evening. Laurence Jordan and family came in evening. Aubet and family also.
Mon 4 Fair and hot all day. Plowed cotton in evening.
Tue 5 Fair and hot all day. Plowed cotton all day.
Wed 6 Fair and hot all day. Plowed corn.
Thu 7 Partly cloudy. Plowed corn, peas and goobers.
Fri 8 Partly cloudy here. Showers in places. Plowed young cotton and then chopped till night.
Sat 9 Partly cloudy in morning. Went to Mansfield. Chopped cotton in evening. Rained late in evening.
Sun 10 Fair and hot. Went after medicine in morning. Willie came in evening.
Mon 11 Fair and hot. Chopped cotton in morning. Plowed out corn middles in evening.
Tue 12 Fair and hot. Plowed corn middles in morning. Plowed cotton in evening.
Wed 13 Fair and hot in morning. Rain in places in evening. Finished chopping. Plowed cotton all day.
Thu 14 Fair and hot. Went to Mansfield in morning. Plowed cotton in evening.
Fri 15 Fair and cool. Plowed cotton all day.
Sat 16 Fair and cool in morning. Warmer in evening. Put up barb wire. Laid by watermelons. ("Laid by" meant worked the last time.)
Sun 17 Fair and cool. Rode about in evening. Uncle Tink died. (Albert Tink Allen was Loice Allen, Sr.'s granddaddy.)
Mon 18 Fair and cool. Plowed cotton all day. Went to funeral in evening.
Tue 19 Partly cloudy and cool. Plowed corn.
Wed 20 Fair and hot. Plowed corn until late in evening. Plowed cotton.
Thu 21 Fair and hot. Plowed cotton all day. Rained a shower in evening.
Fri 22 Fair and hot. Plowed in early morning. Then done nothing. Went to Grandpa Cook's in evening.
Sat 23 Fair and very hot. Went to Mansfield in morning. Went to Lodge at night.
Sun 24 Fair and hot in morning. Hot and showery in evening. Staid at home.
Mon 25 Fair and very hot. Laid by cotton house and pasture. Cut off corn in morning. Plowed cotton in evening.
Tue 26 Partly cloudy and very hot. Rain in places. Hoed in morning. Started plowing out middles in evening.
Wed 27 Partly cloudy and very hot. Rain in places. Hoed in morning. Plowed out cotton middles in evening.
Thu 28 Fair and very hot. Put one furrow in delta patch of corn in morning. Rained a shower in evening.
Fri 29 Partly cloudy in morning. Hoed potatoes in morning. Good rain in afternoon.
Sat 30 Fair and hot. Set out some potato slips in morning.

June ended with crops small but in good shape. A fine season in the ground.

Diary for July, 1917--7th Month

- Sun 1 Fair and hot. Fleet and family spent the day. Willie and Ruth came in evening. (Fleet Thomas was Dots' first cousin.)
Mon 2 Partly cloudy and hot. Plowed new ground corn in evening. (Above line: Ruth is Willie's daughter.)
Tue 3 Partly cloudy and had a storm and big rain in evening. Plowed cotton until rain.
Wed 4 Partly cloudy and pleasant. Went to family reunion at Willie's.
Thu 5 Partly cloudy and hot. Laid by cane and plowed cotton in evening.
Fri 6 Partly cloudy and hot. Plowed cotton all day.
Sat 7 Fair and hot. Went to Mansfield in morning. Done nothing in evening.
Sun 8 Fair and very hot. Spent the day up home.
Mon 9 Fair and very hot in morning. Plowed cotton until shower in evening.
Tue 10 Fair and hot in morning. Plowed cotton all day.
Wed 11 Fair and windy all day. Laid by potatoes. Plowed corn rest of day.
Thu 12 Partly cloudy. Plowed corn until dinner. Plowed sage patch in evening.
Fri 13 Cloudy in morning. Fair and windy in evening. Dots and children went to J. W. C's. (John Wesley Cook was Dots' father.)
Sat 14 Cloudy in morning. Fair and hot and windy in evening. Done nothing.
Sun 15 Fair and hot in morning. Went to preaching in morning. Rained a shower in evening.
Mon 16 Partly cloudy and hot. Laid by cotton all day.
Tue 17 Partly cloudy in morning. Plowed in early morning. Rained a shower in evening.
Wed 18 Cloudy and rained a good shower in morning. Hoed until rain in morning.
Thu 19 Cloudy and rained a good shower in morning. Went to Mansfield in morning.
Fri 20 Cloudy in morning. Fair and hot in evening. Plowed cotton in evening.
Sat 21 Cloudy in morning. Fair and hot in evening. Laid by cotton in morning. Rained a shower late in evening.
Sun 22 Fair and cool in morning. Went to S. School in morning. Dots and children went to W. C. Jones' in evening. Rained a good rain in evening.
Mon 23 Cloudy in morning. Cleaned off some terraces. Fair here, rain in places in evening. (See note for above line.)
Tue 24 Partly cloudy in morning. Fair in evening here.
Wed 25 Fair and hot in morning. Finished laying by. Good rain in evening.
Thu 26 Fair and hot here. Rain in places. Done nothing.
Fri 27 Fair and hot in morning. Went to Mansfield in morning. Rained a shower in evening.
Sat 28 Fair and very hot. Went up home in early morning. To Lodge at night.
Sun 29 Fair and very hot in morning. Went to S. S. in morning. Went to Ida Allen's in evening.
Mon 30 Fair and very hot. Rained a shower in evening. Went to preaching at night.
Tue 31 Fair and extremely hot. Went up home in morning. Went to preaching at night.

W. C. Jones was a prominent member of Prospect United Methodist Church and helped build the present church and the pews. He moved his family to Oxford in 1920 in order for his nine children to attend school. They all attended college, each one helping the next child to attend. His daughter Annie Jean taught at Prospect School and played the organ at Prospect UMC. Information is from Prospect United Methodist Church Cemetery 1882-2002.

Diary for August, 1917--8th Month

- Wed 1 Fair and hot in morning. Rained a big rain at noon.
Thu 2 Fair and some cooler. Went to Smith's store in p.m. (It is not clear where Smith's store was located.)
Fri 3 Partly cloudy and some cooler. Went to Mansfield in morning. Big rain at night.
Sat 4 Partly cloudy but no rain. Worked in garden in morning.
Sun 5 Cloudy and rained in morning. Willie came in morning. Rained in evening at night.
Mon 6 Cloudy and rained off and on all day. Inis and Champ came in evening.
Tue 7 Cloudy in morning. Big rain at noon.
Wed 8 Cloudy in morning. Big rain at noon. Big rain in evening.
Thu 9 Fair here and very hot. Big rain at night in places; sprinkled here.
Fri 10 Fair and cool here. Went to Mansfield in morning. Cool at night.
Sat 11 Fair and hot here. Rain in places. Went to Lodge at night.
Sun 12 Partly cloudy all day. Went to S. S. in morning. Went to Willie's in evening.
Mon 13 Fair and hot. Planted some Irish potatoes in morning.
Tue 14 Fair and hot. Went after lumber in morning. Helped cover a house balance of day.
Wed 15 Fair and hot in morning. Rained in evening. Fixed well.
Thu 16 Fair and hot in morning. Rained a big rain in evening. Helped to cover a house.
Fri 17 Fair and hot all day. Went to store in morning. Went to Mansfield in evening.
Sat 18 Fair and some cooler. Went to reunion at Mr. Thomases.
Sun 19 Partly cloudy in morning. Rained a good rain in evening. Went to meeting at night.
Mon 20 Partly cloudy in morning. Rained a shower in evening. Went to meeting at night
Tue 21 Fair and very hot. Worked on basket in evening. Went to meeting at night.
Wed 22 Fair and extremely hot all day. Carried cow off in morning. Worked on basket in evening.
Thu 23 Fair and extremely hot in morning. Hot in afternoon, too. Went to preaching at night.
Fri 24 Fair and windy. Went to Mansfield in morning. Picked a few peas in evening. Went to preaching at night.
Sat 25 Cool and windy. Went to see Mr. Thompson in morning. Staid at home in evening.
Sun 26 Fair and some warmer. Went to Willie's and staid all day.
Mon 27 Fair and hot. Cut some hay.
Tue 28 Fair and hot. Raked and hauled some hay up.
Wed 29 Partly cloudy. Pulled fodder all day.
Thu 30 Partly cloudy and rained a shower at noon. Hot in evening. Pulled fodder
Fri 31 Partly cloudy and rained in evening and at night. Picked some peas.



Diary for September, 1917--9th Month

- Sat 1 Cloudy. Went to Mansfield in morning. Rained in evening.
Sun 2 Partly cloudy. Went to Baptizing in morning. Dots went to Miss Ida's in evening.
Mon 3 Partly cloudy. And hot. Sowed turnip seed in morning. Then pulled some fodder. (See note.)
Tue 4 Partly cloudy and hot. Stripped and cut down cane.
Wed 5 Fair and hot. Hauled cane to mill.
Thu 6 Fair and hot. Made cane into syrup. Rained at night.
Fri 7 Partly cloudy and hot. Pulled fodder in Mira's corn.
Sat 8 Fair and hot. Went to Mansfield in morning. Picked some cotton and took up fodder.
Sun 9 Fair and hot in morning. Rained a big rain in evening. Went to Sunday School in morning.
Mon 10 Cloudy and threatening. Picked peas in morning. Picked cotton in evening.
Tue 11 Cloudy and threatening. Cool. Picked cotton all day.
Wed 12 Fair and wind blowing from East. Picked cotton and loaded wagon in evening.
Thu 13 Partly cloudy and wind blowing from East. Carried 1st bale to gin. Rained in evening late.
Fri 14 Cloudy in morning. Picked cotton. Rained in evening.
Sat 15 Cloudy in morning. Went after lumber. Worked on wagon frame in evening.
Sun 16 Partly cloudy and cool. Staid at home. Champ and Ruth ate dinner with us.
Mon 17 Partly cloudy and warm. Pulled fodder all day.
Tue 18 Fair and cool wind blowing from East. Finished pulling fodder.
Wed 19 Fair and cool wind blowing from East. Hauled up fodder in morning.
Thu 20 Fair and warm. Picked cotton all day.
Fri 21 Partly cloudy and hot. Picked some peas.
Sat 22 Partly cloudy and cool. Went to Mansfield in morning. Built hog pen in evening.
Sun 23 Partly cloudy and cold and windy. Went to Sunday School in morning. Staid at home in evening.
Mon 24 Cloudy and drizzling in morning. Picked cotton in evening.
Tue 25 Cloudy and cold in morning. Picked peas. Fair in evening. Picked cotton in evening.
Wed 26 Fair and pleasant. Picked cotton in morning. Went to Mansfield in evening.
Thu 27 Cloudy and rained in morning. Went to Willie's in morning. Picked cotton in evening. Rained at night.
Fri 28 Cloudy and rained all day off and on. Went to Calvin in evening.
Sat 29 Cloudy and rained hard all day.
Sun 30 Fair and cool wind blowing from West.

According to Mr. Carroll Hodge, age 95, "pulling fodder" was done in the late evening after the dew had begun to fall. It involved stripping blades of corn and then binding them with another blade and hanging on the stalk for a day or two. Later, two or three of those would be tied together to form a bundle.



William Champion Kelly
b . 8/25/1882--d. 7/4/1979
John Herschel Kelly's brother

Diary for October, 1917--10th Month

- Mon 1 Fair and cool. Picked cotton all day.
 Tue 2 Fair and some warmer. Picked cotton all day.
 Wed 3 Fair and pleasant. Carried cotton to Mansfield. Got 25 ⅔ cents/seed 11 cents. (The amount for the seed is not clear.)
 Thu 4 Fair and pleasant. Hauled a load of wood in morning. Picked cotton rest of the day.
 Fri 5 Fair and warm. Went to gin in morning. Done nothing in evening.
 Sat 6 Fair and cool. Went to Mansfield in morning. Done nothing in evening.
 Sun 7 Fair and cool. Went to Sunday School in morning. Staid at home in evening.
 Mon 8 Cloudy and hot. Picked cotton all day. Rained at night.
 Tue 9 Cloudy and rained some. Went to Calvin in evening.
 Wed 10 Fair and cool. Picked cotton.
 Thu 11 Fair and cool. Picked cotton all day.
 Fri 12 Fair and cool. Went to gin with bale in morning.
 Sat 13 Fair and pleasant. Frost in early morning. Carried rent cotton to town. (See note.)
 Sun 14 Fair and cool. Went to Sunday School in morning. Leila and Corban came.
 Mon 15 Fair and warm. Picked cotton all day.
 Tue 16 Fair and hot. Picked cotton all day.
 Wed 17 Fair and hot. Picked cotton all day.
 Thu 18 Partly cloudy and hot. Picked cotton all day. Rained a shower at night.
 Fri 19 Cloudy and hot. Gathered Mira's corn in morning.
 Sat 20 Windy and cool. Carried cotton to Mansfield. Got 28 ¼ cent a pound.
 Sun 21 Fair and cool. Went to Sunday School in morning.
 Mon 22 Fair and pleasant. Gathered corn all day.
 Tue 23 Fair and cool. Gathered corn all day.
 Wed 24 Fair, windy and cold. Finished corn in morning. Went to Mansfield in evening. Frost.
 Thu 25 Fair and some warmer. Went to Quarterly meeting at Concord. (Concord Methodist Church was on Shepherd's Road.)
 Fri 26 Partly cloudy and warm. Bedded ribbon cane in morning. Picked cotton in evening.
 Sat 27 Fair and pleasant. Went to Mansfield in morning. Done nothing in evening.
 Sun 28 Fair and hot. Went to Fleet's.
 Mon 29 Cloudy and drizzled rain in morning. Picked cotton. Big rain at night.
 Tue 30 Fair, windy and cold in morning. Picked cotton in evening.
 Wed 31 Fair, windy and cold all day.

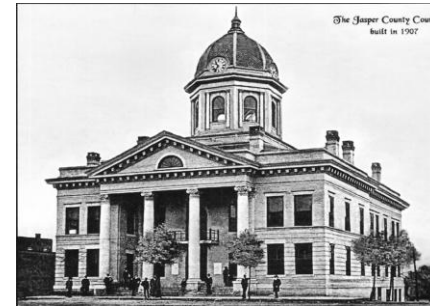
According to Mr. Carroll Hodge, someone would rent a place to raise cotton and then pay the rent with the cotton or sell the cotton in town and use the money to pay the rent.



Julian Lafor Kelly
 b. 1/31/1881--d. 2/15/1945
 with his children,
 Charles Herschel Kelly & Mary Lizzie Kelly
 Julian was John Herschel's brother
 Charles died at age 16
 Mary Lizzie Kelly Pritchard died at age 103 in
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Diary for November, 1917

- Thu 1 Fair and cool. Picked cotton all day.
Fri 2 Fair and cold. Dug potatoes. Banked potatoes in evening.
Sat 3 Fair and cold. Went to Mansfield in morning. Done nothing in evening.
Sun 4 Fair and wind in East. Went to S. S. in morning. Went to J. W. Cook's in evening.
Mon 5 Fair and some warmer. Picked cotton all day.
Tue 6 Fair and pleasant. Picked cotton all day.
Wed 7 Fair and pleasant. Went to Mansfield in morning. Carried cotton.
Thu 8 Fair and pleasant. Plowed a little.
Fri 9 Fair and warm. Went to Mansfield in morning. Sowed wheat in evening.
Sat 10 Fair and warm. Went to Monticello.
Sun 11 Fair and warm. Went to J. C. Ozburn's and spent the day.
Mon 12 Cloudy and rained a shower with thunder. Finished sowing wheat in evening.
Tue 13 Cloudy and foggy. Went to Fleet's in morning after plowing. Plowed a little in evening.
Wed 14 Fair and some cooler. Went to Mansfield in morning. Staid at home in evening.
Thu 15 Fair and some cooler. Picked cotton.
Fri 16 Partly cloudy and cold. Picked cotton.
Sat 17 Fair and pleasant. Carried cotton to Mansfield. Got 28 ½ cents.
Sun 18 Fair and pleasant. Staid at home. Ma, Pa, and Mrs. Anna Aaron spent the day. (Anna Aaron was Orell Aaron's mother.)
Mon 19 Cloudy and hot, rained hard all night. Picked cotton all day.
Tue 20 Cloudy and some cooler. Went to Willie's in morning.
Wed 21 Fair and pleasant. Picked cotton in evening.
Thu 22 Fair and some cooler. Cut some corn stalks. Helped Dots wash.
Fri 23 Partly cloudy and turning cold. Picked beans in evening.
Sat 24 Partly cloudy and windy and cold. Killed hogs in morning. Went to Mansfield in evening.
Sun 25 Fair and cool. Willie and Inis came and spent the day.
Mon 26 Fair and cool. Plowed in morning. Picked cotton in evening.
Tue 27 Fair and cool. Went to Mansfield in morning. Picked cotton in evening.
Wed 28 Fair and hot. Plowed some in new ground.
Thu 29 Cloudy and rained in morning. Sawed some wood.
Fri 30 Cloudy and rained in evening. Picked cotton until rain.



Diary for December, 1917

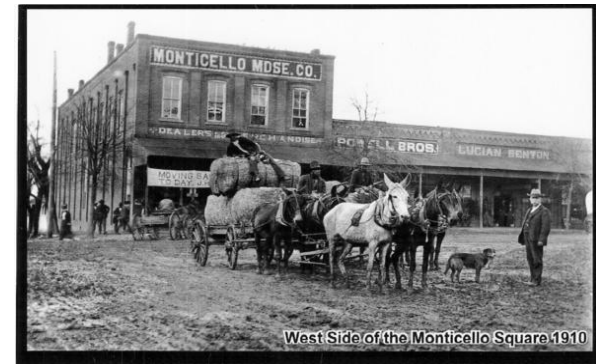
- Sat 1 Fair and pleasant. Picked v. beans in morning. Picked cotton in evening. Mr. Doc Lunsford (See January 19, 1917.) was killed near Mansfield by train Sat. morning at 11:30 o'clock. (V. beans were velvet green beans.)
- Sun 2 Fair and pleasant. Went to S. School in morning. Went to Laurence Jordans' in evening.
- Mon 3 Fair and pleasant. Hauled rails in morning. Picked cotton in evening. (Rails were wooden fencing.)
- Tue 4 Partly cloudy. Picked cotton all day.
- Wed 5 Cloudy and warm. Plowed all day. Rained a shower at night.
- Thu 6 Cloudy in morning. Plowed in mornng. Picked cotton in evening.
- Fri 7 Fair and cool. Picked cotton all day. Rained hard at night.
- Sat 8 Cloudy, cold and windy. Very cold at night. Sawed wood in morning.
- Sun 9 Fair and ground froze all day. Went to Willie's in morning. Staid at home in evening.
- Mon 10 Fair and cold. Ground froze all day. Went to Calvin's in morning.
- Tue 11 Cloudy and cold, started to sleeting and snowing in evening.
- Wed 12 Cloudy and everything covered in sleet.
- Thu 13 Cloudy and everything covered in sleet.
- Fri 14 Fair part of day. Sleet melted some.
- Sat 15 Fair and cold wind blowing from north. Went to Mansfield in evening.
- Sun 16 Cloudy and very cold. Willie and Wesley came in morning. (Wesley was Willie's son.)
- Mon 17 Cloudy and very cold in morning. Fair and warmer in evening. Sawed wood for Willie.
- Tue 18 Cloudy and very cold in morning. Fair and warmer in evening. Sawed wood for self.
- Wed 19 Cloudy and cold. Went hunting in morning.
- Thu 20 Fair and still cold. Went to Lodge at night. Went up home in morning.
- Fri 21 Fair and still cold. Went to Monticello and carried cotton.
- Sat 22 Fair and some warmer. Went to Mansfield after hulls. (Cotton seed hulls were used for cow feed.)
- Sun 23 Fair and wind blowing cold from East. Went to S. S. and over to J. W. C.'s from there.
- Mon 24 Hazy, cloudy and warm. Hauled rails in morning.
- Tue 25 Cloudy and rained right smart. Went to Christmas tree in evening.
- Wed 26 Cloudy and cold. Moved some fodder.
- Thu 27 Cloudy and cold. Moved partition in house.
- Fri 28 Cloudy in morning. Fair in evening. Moved house plunder. ("Plunder" was the debris from the renovation.)
- Sat 29 Cloudy and extremely cold in evening and at night. Moved some and worked on fence.
- Sun 30 Fair and cold. Staid at home.
- Mon 31 Cloudy and cold. Hauled rails and built cow pen.



END OF YEAR 1917

Diary for January, 1918

- Tue 1 Fair and cold. Moved fodder and corn in morning. Went to Calvin in evening. G. Pa Kelly came. (See note.)
Wed 2 Fair and cold. Moved corn and cotton seed. Snowed a little at night.
Thu 3 Cloudy and cold. Went hunting in morning. Killed two rabbits.
Fri 4 Fair and cold. Rained some in morning. Went to Mansfield in morning.
Sat 5 Cloudy and cold. Rained some in morning. Went to Mansfield in morning.
Sun 6 Cloudy and rained in morning. Went over to church in morning. Staid at home in evening.
Mon 7 Cloudy and cold, with showers of snow. Sawed wood for Willie.
Tue 8 Fair and cold. Sawed wood for self. Sleeted at night.
Wed 9 Cloudy and drizzling rain in morning. Split some firewood in morning. Hauled wood in evening.
Thu 10 Fair and more moderate. Staid at house. Dots washed.
Fri 11 Cloudy, thundered, rained, hailed and came a storm. Blowed Lamar's house and barn away. (Lamar was John Herschel's brother.)
Sat 12 Cold and windy all day. Laurence came in evening. Champ staid all night.
Sun 13 Cold and windy all day. Went up home in evening.
Mon 14 Cloudy and wind blowing from South. Hauled wood. Storm and rain at night.
Tue 15 Fair, windy and cold. Piddled.
Wed 16 Cloudy and cold. Went to Mansfield.
Thu 17 Partly cloudy and cold.
Fri 18 Cloudy, cold and snow flurries all day. Cut and trimmed some trees.
Sat 19 Partly cloudy and cold. Hauled wood in morning. Went to Willie's in evening.
Sun 20 Partly cloudy and cold. Staid at home all day.
Mon 21 Cloudy and set in raining in evening. Sawed wood for Willie. Sleet at night.
Tue 22 Cloudy and cold. Everything covered in ice. Went to L. H. Jordan's in evening.
Wed 23 Partly cloudy and cold. Piddled all day.
Thu 24 Cloudy in morning. Fair in evening. Sawed wood for self.
Fri 25 Fair and pleasant. Sawed wood for Willie.
Sat 26 Cloudy and warm. Hauled posts and wood.
Sun 27 Cloudy and threatening weather. Went up home and spent the day.
Mon 28 Cloudy and threatening weather in morning. Big rain in evening. Sawed wood for self in morning.
Tue 29 Cloudy, hot and threatening. Big rains at night. Split a little wood in evening.
Wed 30 Cloudy and raining off and on all day.
Thu 31 Cloudy and cool. Split stove wood.



"G. Pa Kelly" must have referred to his father, Erbin Herschel, since his grandfather, John Riggins Kelly, died in 1887.

Diary for February, 1918

- Fri 1 Partly cloudy and warm. Split wood rest of day.
Sat 2 Cloudy and raining. Uncle Dick came and spent the day.
Sun 3 Cloudy in morning. Fair in evening and cooler. Willie came in evening.
Mon 4 Fair, windy and cold. Helped Willie cover house.
Tue 5 Fair and some warmer. Helped Willie cover house.
Wed 6 Fair and warmer. Went to Mansfield.
Thu 7 Cloudy in morning. Hot for time of year. Sawed wood and got out posts and hauled in evening.
Fri 8 Fair and very warm for time of year. Put up hog wire.
Sat 9 Partly cloudy and warm for time of year. Built hog pen and chicken house and set out pecan trees.
Sun 10 Fair, windy and cool. Went to S. School in morning. Uncle Dick came in evening.
Mon 11 Fair, windy and warm. Helped Willie saw wood.
Tue 12 Cloudy and rained a big rain in evening. Threshed out peas.
Wed 13 Fair and pleasant. Moved wire in morning. Went to Calvin in evening.
Thu 14 Cloudy and rained a big rain in evening. Moved barb wire in morning.
Fri 15 Fair and warm. Hauled wood and posts in morning. Sawed wood in evening for self.
Sat 16 Cloudy and threatening. Went to Mansfield in evening.
Sun 17 Fair, cool, and windy. Staid at home.
Mon 18 Cloudy and drizzled off and on all day. Done nothing. All were sick.
Tue 19 Cloudy and threatening. Done nothing.
Wed 20 Partly cloudy. Worked on pasture fence.
Thu 21 Partly cloudy and rained some. Put up wire.
Fri 22 Partly cloudy and some cooler. Put up wire in morning.
Sat 23 Fair and cool. Killed hog in morning. Went to Mansfield in evening.
Sun 24 Cloudy and cool. Went to Sunday School in morning. Staid at home in evening.
Mon 25 Fair and warm. Hauled stove wood all day. Turned cool at night.
Tue 26 Fair, cool, and windy. Hauled stove wood and rails.
Wed 27 Fair and some warmer. Fixed fence in morning. Hauled manure and brush in evening.
Thu 28 Fair and warm. Went after guano in morning.



Odessa Noles Kelly,
Wife of Aubet Nathan Kelly
Daughter of Dick Noles

Diary for March, 1918

- Fri 1 Fair and warm. Went to Mansfield in morning. Bedded potatoes in evening.
Sat 2 Fair and warm. Planted Irish potatoes and onions in morning. Went to Calvin in evening.
Sun 3 Fair and warm. Went to S. School in morning. Went to Mr. Cook's in evening.
Mon 4 Cloudy, raining and thundering. Plowed part of the day.
Tue 5 Fair and some cooler. Plowed all day, breaking with scooters. (Scooters was a type of plow.)
Wed 6 Fair and warm. Plowed all day, breaking with scooters.
Thu 7 Rained in early morning. Moved Pinkie Thompson.
Fri 8 Partly cloudy. Worked on garden some. Billie came in evening.
Sat 9 Partly cloudy in morning. Fair in evening. Cut some sprouts in evening. Rained at night, thundering and lightning.
Sun 10 Fair and cold wind blowing. Staid at home. Willie, Inis, and children came in evening.
Mon 11 Fair and warm. Plowed all day. Breaking up for cotton.
Tue 12 Partly cloudy. Plowed all day. Breaking up for cotton.
Wed 13 Fair and warm. Plowed all day. Breaking up for cotton.
Thu 14 Fair and windy. Plowed all day. Breaking up for cotton.
Fri 15 Fair, cold, and windy. Plowed all day. Breaking up for cotton.
Sat 16 Cloudy and cold wind blowing from East. Went to Mansfield after guano.
Sun 17 Cloudy and raining in early morning. Went to Sunday School in morning. Uncle Dick's in evening.
Mon 18 Fair and hot. Threwed up terraces all day.
Tue 19 Cloudy and threatening. Hauled brush and fixed terraces.
Wed 20 Partly cloudy and warm. Cut some stove wood in evening.
Thu 21 Fair and warm. Went to Mansfield after guano.
Fri 22 Partly cloudy and very warm. Planted ribbon cane in evening.
Sat 23 Partly cloudy and very warm. Plowed all day fixing corn ground.
Sun 24 Partly cloudy and cool. Billie and Ruth spent the day. Aubet and Dickie came in evening.
Mon 25 Fair and cold. Plowed all day. Fixing corn ground.
Tue 26 Fair and warmer. Plowed all day. Fixing corn ground.
Wed 27 Fair and cool. Went to Mansfield in morning. Planted corn in evening. Rosen ear patch. (See note.)
Thu 28 Fair and warmer. Plowed all day. Fixing corn ground.
Fri 29 Cloudy and cold. Plowed all day. Fixing corn ground. Wind in East.
Sat 30 Fair and cold wind blowing from East. Went to Mansfield in evening.
Sun 31 Partly cloudy and wind blowing from East. Rained a shower in the p.m.
"Rosen ear patch" was the corn for eating--roasting ears.

Diary for April, 1918

- Mon 1 Rained a good rain in morning. Cleaned off cane patch in evening.
- Tue 2 Partly cloudy in morning. Cut sprouts. Fair in evening. Harrowed some in evening.
- Wed 3 Fair and warm. Drug with harrow in morning. Planted corn in evening. Started.
- Thu 4 Fair in morning. Rain in places in evening. Planted corn all day.
- Fri 5 Partly cloudy and cold wind blowing from East. Laid off cotton ground.
- Sat 6 Partly cloudy and cold wind blowing from East. Laid off cotton ground.
- Sun 7 Cloudy, cold, and raining. Staid at home.
- Mon 8 Cloudy and showery in morning. Went to Calvin in morning.
- Tue 9 Cloudy, windy and cold. Sprouted in evening.
- Wed 10 Cloudy, windy and cold in morning. Done nothing in evening.
- Thu 11 Cloudy, cold in morning. Raining, snowing, sleetng a little. Hauled straw and a load of wood in morning.
- Fri 12 Cloudy, cold and windy. Sowed some velvet beans.
- Sat 13 Fair and cool. Went to Mansfield in morning. Worked in garden in evening. Went to Lodge at night.
- Sun 14 Partly cloudy and cool. Went to S. S. in morning. Staid at home in evening.
- Mon 15 Partly cloudy and cool. Drug with harrow all day.
- Tue 16 Partly cloudy and warmer. Planted cotton all day. Started to planting.
- Wed 17 Fair and warm. Planted cotton in morning. Then planted goobers, cane, chufas and peas until dinner.
- Thu 18 Fair and warm. Planted corn in morning and went to Mr. Davis' funeral. Laid off cotton ground in evening. (See note.)
- Fri 19 Cloudy, warm and rained a shower in morning. Laid off cotton ground all day. Rain at night.
- Sat 20 Cloudy and raining in morning. Went to Mansfield in mornng. Went to G. Pa Cook's in evening. Cleaned off cemetery.
- Sun 21 Fair, cool and windy. Went to preaching. Ma, Pa, Allen and his family came and spent the day.
- Mon 22 Fair and cool. Cut wood in morning. Cut sprouts in evening.
- Tue 23 Fair and cool. Went to King Ozburn's in morning. Planted beans in evening. (See note.)
- Wed 24 Fair and some warmer. Planted cotton all day.
- Thu 25 Fair and warm. Planted cotton all day. Rained all night.
- Fri 26 Cloudy and cold all day. Went fishing with Ralph. (Ralph was 9 years old.)
- Sat 27 Cloudy and cold in morning. Went to lodge at night.
- Sun 28 Cloudy and rained nearly all day. Willie, Inis and children came. Dick and Laurence in evening.
- Mon 29 Cloudy and rained off and on all day. Done nothing.
- Tue 30 Cloudy and rain in morning. Went to Dick's in morning. Went to Allen's in evening.

Mr. Davis was a member at Concord Methodist Church. King Ozburn was Tully Ozburn's grandfather and Corban Ozburn's brother.

Diary for May, 1918

- Wed 1 Cool, fair and windy. Went to Mansfield.
Thu 2 Cool, fair and windy. Went to Mansfield in morning. Cut some sprouts in evening.
Fri 3 Fair and some warmer. Went to Monticello.
Sat 4 Fair and some warmer. Went to Mansfield in morning. Planted corn in evening.
Sun 5 Fair and pleasant. Went to Sunday School in morning. Staid at home in evening.
Mon 6 Partly cloudy and warm. Finished planting corn, cotton and planted syrup cane.
Tue 7 Partly cloudy and warm. Plowed out rosen ear patch. Sowed some peas in evening.
Wed 8 Cloudy and rained a shower in morning. Started to plowing cotton.
Thu 9 Partly cloudy and rain in places, but none here. Plowed corn all day.
Fri 10 Fair, hot and windy. Plowed in morning. Replanted corn in evening.
Sat 11 Fair, hot and windy. Plowed cotton in morning. Rested in evening. Went to set up at night with Mr. Ellis. (Allen Ellis)
Sun 12 Fair and hot in morning. Went to S. S., Leila and Corban came in evening. Rained at night.
Mon 13 Cloudy and warm in morning. Replanted some cotton in morning. A big rain at noon. Done nothing in evening.
Tue 14 Fair and warm. Sowed some peas. Dots and children went to Willie's.
Wed 15 Fair and warm. Plowed corn all day. Mr. Allen Ellis died. (There is an Ellis Road that turns off Shepherd Road.)
Thu 16 Hot and showery. Plowed cotton all day.
Fri 17 Fair and hot. Plowed cotton all day.
Sat 18 Fair and hot. Went to Mansfield in morning. Planted some cotton over in evening.
Sun 19 Fair and hot. Dots and children went to Prospect in morning. Went to Concord in evening to preaching.
Mon 20 Cloudy and showery in early morning. Plowed Pink's cotton 2nd time.
Tue 21 Fair and warm. Plowed in corn middles all day.
Wed 22 Fair and warm. Plowed in corn middles all day.
Thu 23 Fair and hot here. Rain in places. Plowed rosen ear patch and watermelon patch.
Fri 24 Fair and hot. Had a sprinkle in p.m. Chopped cotton all day.
Sat 25 Fair and warm. Went to Mansfield in morning. Went up home in evening.
Sun 26 Fair, warm and dry. Went to S. School in morning. Went to Uncle Dick's in p.m.
Mon 27 Fair, warm and dry. Plowed cotton all day.
Tue 28 Fair, warm and dry. Plowed cotton all day.
Wed 29 Fair, warm and dry. Cut wheat and oats.
Thu 30 Fair, hot and very dry weather. Tied up oats in p.m.
Fri 31 Fair, hot and very dry weather. Chopped cotton in morning. Plowed some cotton in evening.



Diary for June, 1918

Sat 1 Fair, dry and very hot. Went to Mansfield in morning.
Sun 2 Fair, dry and very hot. Went to S. School in morning. Laurence and wife came in evening. Also Willie.
Mon 3 Fair, dry and very hot. Plowed corn all day. Set out a few potato slips in evening.
Tue 4 Fair, dry and very hot. Plowed corn all day.
Wed 5 Fair, dry and very hot. Plowed corn in early morning. Had wheat threshed in evening.
Thu 6 Fair, dry and very hot. Plowed Pink's cotton crop.
Fri 7 Fair, dry and very hot here. Rain in places. Finished chopping cotton in morning.
Sat 8 Fair and some cooler. Went to Mansfield in morning. Went to Willie's in evening. Lodge at night.
Sun 9 Partly cloudy and hot. Staid at home all day. Uncle Dick and Aunt Clara came in evening.
Mon 10 Partly cloudy and rained a big rain in evening. Plowed out cotton middles until rain.
Tue 11 Fair and extremely hot. Sowed peas in morning. Plowed in wheat patch in evening.
Wed 12 Fair and hot in morning. Planted corn and cotton where wheat was. Rained a big rain late in evening.
Thu 13 Fair and hot all day. Too wet to do any plowing.
Fri 14 Fair and hot all day. Laid by rosen ears and watermelon patch in the p.m.
Sat 15 Fair and hot in morning. Went to Mansfield in early morning. Plowed rest of day.
Sun 16 Partly cloudy and some cooler. Went to preaching in morning.
Mon 17 Partly cloudy and hot in morning. Rain and dust storm winds in evening. Plowed cotton until rain.
Tue 18 Partly cloudy and hot. Done nothing.
Wed 19 Fair and hot. Worked on terraces in morning. Hoed cotton in evening.
Thu 20 Fair and hot. Plowed cotton all day.
Fri 21 Partly cloudy and hot. Plowed all day.
Sat 22 Fair, windy and cooler. Plowed corn all day.
Sun 23 Fair and hot. Staid at home. Had company in p.m.
Mon 24 Partly cloudy. Plowed corn all day.
Tue 25 Partly cloudy, windy and hot. Plowed corn, potatoes, cane, and late cotton in morning. Rain at night.
Wed 26 Partly cloudy and windy. Cut weeds in morning. Hoed cotton in evening.
Thu 27 Partly cloudy and hot. Hoed cotton all day.
Fri 28 Partly cloudy and hot. Plowed cotton in morning. Went to J. W. Cook's in evening.
Sat 29 Went to Mansfield in morning. Fair and hot in morning. Rained a shower at noon and in the evening.
Sun 30 Fair in morning. Went to S. School in morning. Rained a good rain in evening at night.

June ended with crops small but in good condition.



Nevin Evans
son of Lillian Kelly Evans

Diary for July, 1918

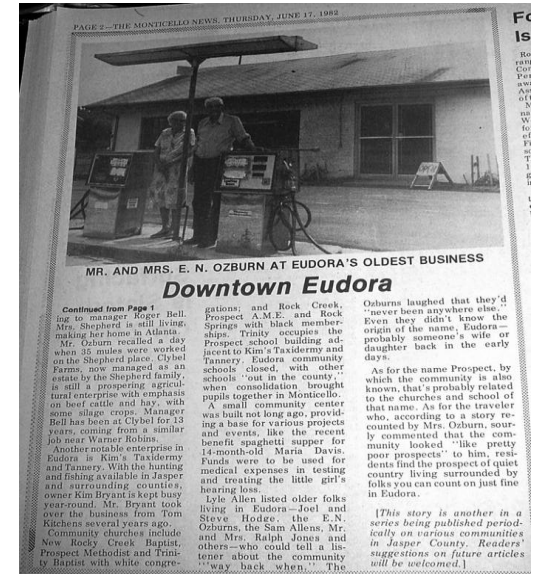
- Mon 1 Fair, cool and windy. Went to Uncle Dick's in morning. Went to Mansfield in evening.
- Tue 2 Fair, cool and windy. Run up terraces in morning. Plowed cotton in evening.
- Wed 3 Fair and some warmer. Plowed cotton all day.
- Thu 4 Fair and hot. Run out cotton middles all day.
- Fri 5 Fair and very hot all day. Laid by young corn all day.
- Sat 6 Fair and very hot all day. Finished laying by corn and cane in morning. Went a seining in the p.m. (Seining was fishing with a net.)
- Sun 7 Fair and windy in morning. Rained a shower in evening. Spent the day up home.
- Mon 8 Partly cloudy and wind blowing hard. Rained, wind blew a storm here, hard in places. Plowed cotton until rain in evening.
- Tue 9 Partly cloudy. Picked up and cut off apples to dry.
- Wed 10 Fair and pleasant. Went to Mansfield in morning. Cut off apples to dry in evening.
- Thu 11 Fair and pleasant. Willie came in evening. Cut off apples to dry in evening.
- Fri 12 Fair and pleasant. Willie came in evening.
- Sat 13 Fair and pleasant all day. Hoed a little in morning. Plowed cotton in evening.
- Sun 14 Fair and pleasant. Cool at night. Plowed cotton in morning. Went to Lodge at night.
- Mon 15 Fair and some warmer. Plowed cotton in morning. Put a furrow in corn in p.m.
- Tue 16 Fair and moderately hot. Done nothing all day.
- Wed 17 Partly cloudy. Went to mill in morning. Rained a nice rain in evening. G. Pa Kelly came in evening.
- Thu 18 Cloudy in morning. Plowed a little in morning. Rained a big rain at noon. Alva ate dinner with us. (Alva was John Herschel's brother.)
- Fri 19 Cloudy and rained in early morning. Went to Mansfield.
- Sat 20 Cloudy and rained in East. Went to Willie's in morning. Staid at home in evening.
- Sun 21 Partly cloudy. Went to preaching in morning. Went to burial in evening.
- Mon 22 Partly cloudy and very hot. Rained a shower in evening.
- Tue 23 Partly cloudy and very hot. Rained a shower at night. Went a seining on Murder Creek.
- Wed 24 Partly cloudy and very hot. Rained a shower in evening and a big rain at night. Plowed wheat patch cotton in morning.
- Thu 25 Partly cloudy and extremely hot, rained a shower. Went to preaching at night.
- Fri 26 Partly cloudy and extremely hot. Went to Sigman's store in morning. Preaching at night. (See note.)
- Sat 27 Cloudy and raining. Done nothing.
- Sun 28 Partly cloudy. Had company in evening.
- Mon 29 Partly cloudy and hot. Went to Mansfield in morning.
- Tue 30 Partly cloudy and hot. Plowed some cotton in morning.
- Wed 31 Partly cloudy and hot.

Ruth Kelly Kitchens remembers selling scrap cotton and cracked corn for a nickle in order to buy candy at Sigman's Store, which was near where they lived. Ruth says that her family and John Herschel's family lived only a couple of miles apart on Shepherd Road. They had to ford a creek to go from one place to the other and enjoyed playing in the water along the way. She and Cornelia often spent the night or weekend with each other.

Diary for August, 1918

- Thu 1 Partly cloudy and rained in evening. Worked in garden. Rained at night.
 Fri 2 Cloudy and rained all morning. Went to Willie's in morning. Done nothing in evening.
 Sat 3 Fair in morning. Fair in evening. Uncle Dick came in morning.
 Sun 4 Fair and very hot in morning. Went to S. School in morning. Dots and children went to Mr. Cook's. Rained a shower in evening.
 Mon 5 Fair and cool. Done nothing all day.
 Tue 6 Thundered and lightning in early morning. Went fishing at long bridge. (The long bridge may have been Waters Bridge at Jackson Lake.)
 Wed 7 Fair and hot. Went to Mansfield in evening.
 Thu 8 Fair and hot. Mrs. Turner and Lewis came in the p.m.
 Fri 9 Fair and hot. Done nothing.
 Sat 10 Partly cloudy and hot. Went to Mansfield in morning. Rained late in evening and at night.
 Sun 11 Fair and hot. Staid at home. Willie and Inis and children came in evening.
 Mon 12 Fair and hot. Piddled all day.
 Tue 13 Fair and very hot. Worked on a basket.
 Wed 14 Fair and very hot. Pulled a little fodder in morning. Went to Eudora in the p.m. (See note.)
 Thu 15 Fair and very hot here. Rain in places in evening. Done nothing.
 Fri 16 Fair and very hot. Went to Mansfield in morning. Then went to Prospect to convention.
 Sat 17 Fair and some cooler. Staid at home.
 Sun 18 Fair and some cooler. Ma and Pa spent the day.
 Mon 19 Partly cloudy and rained a shower at noon. Pulled fodder in morning.
 Tue 20 Fair and cool, wind blowing from East. Pulled fodder all day.
 Wed 21 Fair and cool, wind blowing from East. Pulled fodder all day.
 Thu 22 Fair and some warmer. Pulled fodder until dinner. Hauled fodder in evening.
 Fri 23 Fair and pretty hot. Went to Monticello in morning. Hauled up a load of fodder in evening.
 Sat 24 Partly cloudy and hot. Done nothing.
 Sun 25 Fair and hot. Went to Sunday School in morning. Staid at home in evening.
 Mon 26 Pulled a little fodder in morning. Then finished basket.
 Tue 27 Went to Mansfield in morning. Picked peas in evening. Partly cloudy.
 Wed 28 Picked peas in morning. Rained a big rain in p.m.
 Thu 29 Partly cloudy and very hot. Sawed stack in p.m.
 Fri 30 Fair and very hot. Hauled logs to sawmill.
 Sat 31 Partly cloudy and rained a shower in p.m. Hauled a load of lumber.

"Eudora" is the same as Prospect Community. There was a post office in the two story building at Lois Allen's on Highway 11. According to History of Jasper County, Georgia, Eudora was one of the most heavily populated sections in the county before World War I. Eudora remains on most Georgia maps today.



Diary for September, 1918

- Sun 1 Fair and hot. Went to Sunday school in morning. Laurence, Ocie, and children came in evening.
Mon 2 Partly cloudy and warm. Pulled fodder all day.
Tue 3 Partly cloudy and threatening. Pulled fodder until dinner. Picked cotton in evening.
Wed 4 Partly cloudy and threatening. Rained a sprinkle in evening. Went to Hall at night.
Thu 5 Partly cloudy and threatening. Rained a big rain in morning. Took up some fodder.
Fri 6 Cloudy and rained a shower in morning. Hauled a load of lumber in morning. Picked a few peas in evening.
Sat 7 Cloudy and drizzled all day. Worked on shelter part of the day. Finished hauling lumber in morning.
Sun 8 Cloudy and threatening in morning. Went to Uncle Dick's in morning. Mr. Tedders came in evening. (See note.)
Mon 9 Cloudy in morning. Fair in evening. Stripped and cut down cane.
Tue 10 Fair and warm. Hauled cane to mill.
Wed 11 Cloudy part of day. Pulled some fodder and finished hauling cane.
Thu 12 Cloudy and threatening. Hauled up hay and fodder in morning. Went to register at noon.
Fri 13 Fair and some cooler. Made up syrup.
Sat 14 Fair and warm. Finished making syrup and picked some cotton.
Sun 15 Partly cloudy and hot. Spent the day up home.
Mon 16 Partly cloudy and hot. Picked cotton all day.
Tue 17 Partly cloudy and hot. Carried a bale of cotton to gin.
Wed 18 Partly cloudy and hot. Picked cotton all day.
Thu 19 Partly cloudy and hot. Rained at night. Carried bale of cotton to gin and to town.
Fri 20 Cloudy and showery. Covered shelter in morning. Warned road tax payers in evening. (See note.)
Sat 21 Fair and cool and windy. Summoned road tax payers all day.
Sun 22 Fair, cool and windy. Staid at home all day. Willie, Vivian, and Ruth came. (Vivian was also Willie's daughter.)
Mon 23 Fair, cool and windy. Warned road tax payers in morning. Picked cotton in evening.
Tue 24 Partly cloudy and hot. Picked cotton all day.
Wed 25 Partly cloudy and hot in morning. Picked cotton all day.
Thu 26 Partly cloudy and warm. Carried cotton to gin.
Fri 27 Partly cloudy and hot.
Sat 28 Cloudy and rained a shower in morning. Carried cotton to Monticello.
Sun 29 Fair and warm all day. Went to Sunday School in morning.
Mon 30 Fair and warm all day. Picked cotton all day.

George Tedders was Mrs. R. W. (Lola) Tedders Lewis' father. He was killed September 28, 1922 in a runaway accident on the square in Monticello. See the news article included in this book.

John Herschel collected county taxes in his area. "Warned road tax payers" meant letting them know taxes were due. Summoned apparently meant the same thing. Mr. Carroll Hodge said if someone could not pay the taxes, he was required to work on a portion of the road.

Diary for October, 1918

- Tue 1 Fair and hot for October. Went to Maxwell to collect road tax. (See note.)
- Wed 2 Fair and hot. Picked cotton.
- Thu 3 Fair and very warm for time of year. Went to gin at Mansfield.
- Fri 4 Fair and very warm for time of year. Went to Mansfield in morning. Picked cotton in evening.
- Sat 5 Cloudy in morning. Fair in evening. Picked cotton in morning. Went to Uncle Dick's in evening.
- Sun 6 Fair and pleasant. Went to Sunday School in morning. Staid at home in evening.
- Mon 7 Fair and pleasant. Picked cotton all day.
- Tue 8 Fair and cool wind blowing from East. Went to gin in morning.
- Wed 9 Fair and warm. Picked cotton.
- Thu 10 Fair and warm. Went to Monticello to commissioner's court.
- Fri 11 Partly cloudy and warm. Picked cotton all day.
- Sat 12 Partly cloudy and warm. Went to Mansfield in morning. Lodge at night.
- Sun 13 Cloudy and raining in morning. Partly cloudy in East.
- Mon 14 Fair and cool. Carried cotton to gin. Done nothing balance of day.
- Tue 15 Fair and cool. Carried cotton to gin in morning. Picked cotton in evening.
- Wed 16 Partly cloudy and warm. Picked cotton until late in evening. Hauled a load of corn.
- Thu 17 Partly cloudy and warm. Hauled Pink's corn in morning. Went to Monticello in evening.
- Fri 18 Partly cloudy and very warm. Carried cotton seed to Monticello. Rained at night.
- Sat 19 Cloudy, cool and rained some in morning and rained a shower in evening. Went to Mansfield in evening.
- Sun 20 Cloudy, cool and rained off and on all day. Staid at home all day.
- Mon 21 Partly cloudy and warm. Fixed well curb in morning. Pulled corn in evening. (The curb was the boxing around a well.)
- Tue 22 Partly cloudy and cool. Hauled up corn in morning. Sowed oats in evening.
- Wed 23 Partly cloudy and cool. Picked cotton all day. Went to Sigman's late in the evening.
- Thu 24 Cloudy, raining and wind blowing from East. Thundered and rained in evening and at night.
- Fri 25 Cloudy, raining and very hot. Cousin Lizzie Jane Kelly died at 7:00 o'clock in evening. (See note.)
- Sat 26 Cloudy and rained some in morning. Partly cloudy in evening. Very hot.
- Sun 27 Cloudy and rained a little. We all went to Willie's.
- Mon 28 Cloudy and rained a big rain in evening. Went to Monticello, carried cotton. Got 31 ½ cents.
- Tue 29 Cloudy and warm. Fixed cow pen in morning. Went to Mansfield in evening.
- Wed 30 Rained nearly all day.
- Thu 31 Cool, fair and wind blowing from the West. Hauled a load of wood in morning. Picked cotton in evening.

Maxwell was located on Post Road. Mr. Ludie Kelly (and later his son William) owned a store there. Mr. Carroll Hodge remembered his family moving there in December, 1917 and staying through 1918 while his father, Lee Hodge, worked in the store.

Ruth Kitchens said that Lizzie Jane Allen Kelly, Rebecca and Shug Kelly's mother, was pregnant and died with the flu. Nineteen eighteen was the year of the flu that killed so many people.

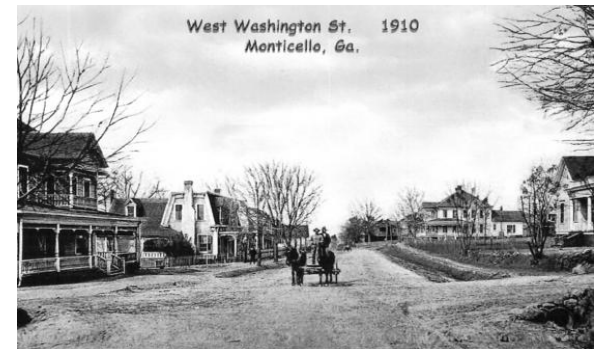


Diary for November, 1918

- Fri 1 Fair and cool all day. Pulled corn all day.
Sat 2 Fair and cool all day. Frost in morning. Hauled up corn in morning. Went to Mansfield in evening.
Sun 3 Fair and wind blowing from the East. Went to Corban's in evening and came back at night.
Mon 4 Fair and cool. Pulled corn and hauled up corn in evening.
Tue 5 Fair and cool. Hauled corn in morning. Went to Monticello in evening. Came back and hauled manure.
Wed 6 Fair and cool. Hauled manure in morning. Sowed wheat in evening.
Thu 7 Fair and cool all day. Sowed wheat. Finished.
Fri 8 Fair and some warmer. Picked cotton all day.
Sat 9 Fair and some warmer. Went to Mansfield in morning. Got our car tore up. (He mentions a Maxwell car later on.)
Sun 10 Fair and very pleasant weather. Leila and Corban came and we all went to Willie's.
Mon 11 Fair and cold wind blowing from East. Carried cotton to gin. Sold it. Got 30 $\frac{3}{4}$ cents.
Tue 12 Fair and cold wind blowing from West. Picked cotton all day.
Wed 13 Fair and cold. Big frost in morning. Went to Mansfield and then to Monticello.
Thu 14 Fair and some warmer. Dug potatoes and hauled them up and hilled them. (See note.)
Fri 15 Partly cloudy and warm. Pulled corn and hauled one load late in evening.
Sat 16 Cloudy and began raining in morning. Finished hauling corn just as rain came. Hard rain at night.
Sun 17 Cloudy and threatening. Rained some in morning. Went to Uncle Dick's in morning.
Mon 18 Cloudy and cool. Sawed wood in morning. Hauled wood in evening.
Tue 19 Cloudy and cool. Picked a little cotton.
Wed 20 Fair and warm. Picked a little cotton. Plowed in evening.
Thu 21 Partly cloudy and warm. Picked in evening. Plowed in morning.
Fri 22 Partly cloudy and cold. Went to Monticello in morning. Picked a little cotton.
Sat 23 Rained all day nearly. Went to Lodge at night.
Sun 24 Cloudy and cold and raining in morning. Laurence came in p.m.
Mon 25 Cloudy and cold and windy. Went to Mansfield in morning.
Tue 26 Cloudy and raining a cold rain in morning. Piddled around house.
Wed 27 Cloudy and drizzling rain. Went to Monticello. Rained hard all night.
Thu 28 Partly cloudy and rained in morning. Went hunting in evening.
Fri 29 Partly cloudy and colder. Picked cotton in evening.
Sat 30 Partly cloudy and colder. Hauled shelter in morning. Picked a little cotton and then went to store late in evening.

November ended very disagreeably.

"Hilled" involved putting wheat or pine straw on ground, placing potatoes on top of that, corn stalks over the potatoes, then boards and, last of all, dirt on top of the boards. A hole was left at the top of mound. When it rained, a tin tub would be placed over the top to keep out the rain. These were the potatoes for eating during the winter. (Information from Mr. Carroll Hodge)



Diary for December, 1918

- Sun 1 Cloudy and cold and rained some. Staid at home all day.
Mon 2 Cloudy and cold. Shelled corn in morning. Picked a little cotton in evening.
Tue 3 Partly cloudy and cold. Picked cotton all day.
Wed 4 Partly cloudy and cold. Went to Mansfield in morning.
Thu 5 Partly cloudy and killed hogs in morning.
Fri 6 Partly cloudy and some warmer. Carried cotton to gin.
Sat 7 Partly cloudy and some warmer. Went to Mansfield in morning.
Sun 8 Partly cloudy and some warmer. Willie and his family came in evening.
Mon 9 Partly cloudy and hot for time of year. Carried cotton seed to Monticello.
Tue 10 Partly cloudy and hot for time of year. Picked cotton all day.
Wed 11 Cloudy and foggy. Sawed up the tree in the yard.
Thu 12 Cloudy and foggy. Went to store in morning and W. C. Jones' in evening.
Fri 13 Cloudy and foggy and drizzling rain. Went to Mansfield in morning.
Sat 14 Rained very hard in morning. Rained in evening too.
Sun 15 Partly cloudy and warm. Went to preaching in morning.
Mon 16 Partly cloudy and warm. Sawed a little wood in morning. Fixed saw in evening.
Tue 17 Partly cloudy and cool. Went to Monticello.
Wed 18 Partly cloudy and cool. Went to Monticello in morning. Sawed wood in evening.
Thu 19 Cloudy and cold wind blowing from East. Helped Willie saw wood all day.
Fri 20 Cloudy and cold wind blowing from East. Rained in East. Dots and Leon went to Mansfield. (Leon was 15 years old.)
Sat 21 Cloudy and cold. Hard rain all day. Done nothing.
Sun 22 Partly cloudy and cool. Uncle Dick came and spent the day. Mr. Tedders came in evening.
Mon 23 Partly cloudy and hot. Rained hard at night. Went to Mansfield in morning.
Tue 24 Faired off and turned cool. Staid at home in morning. Hunted some in evening.
Wed 25 Partly cloudy, windy and cold. Went up home in the p.m.
Thu 26 Fair, windy and cold. Went to Uncle Dick's in morning. Staid at home in evening.
Fri 27 Partly cloudy and cold. Staid at home most of the day.
Sat 28 Fair, cold, and windy. Dots and children went to Leila's and spent the day. (Leila Ozburn)
Sun 29 Fair, cold and windy. Dots and children went to Willie's and spent the day.
Mon 30 Fair and some warmer. Went over to Charlie Davis' and also hunted some.
Tue 31 Cloudy and sprinkled rain. Went to Mansfield in morning.



Durwood Leon Kelly
Picture taken around 1921

Diary for January, 1919

Wed 1 Cloudy and wind blowing from South. Willie, Inis and children came.
Thu 2 Rained all day. Turned cold at night.
Fri 3 Fair and cold. Sawed a little wood in evening.
Sat 4 Fair, cold and windy. Went to Monticello in evening.
Sun 5 Fair and some warmer after early morning.
Mon 6
Tue 7 Partly cloudy and cool. Sawed wood for self.
Wed 8 Cloudy and rained some. Went to Mansfield twice. Rained in evening.
Thu 9 Fair, cold and windy. Split some stove wood.
Fri 10 Fair and some warmer. Split out some post.
Sat 11 Fair and pleasant all day. Went to Mansfield in p.m.
Sun 12 Fair and cold, windy blowing from the East. Staid at home all day.
Mon 13 Partly cloudy and cold. Carried cotton to gin.
Tue 14 Fair and pleasant. Hauled posts and drove in some in evening.
Wed 15 Fair and pleasant. Helped Willie saw in evening.
Thu 16 Partly cloudy all day. Put up barb wire.
Fri 17 Rained all day. Built closet in porch.
Sat 18 Fair and cool. Built doors to shelter. Inis and Champ came in evening.
Sun 19 Fair and cool. Ma, Pa, and Lillious spent the day. (Lillian Kelly Evans' son)
Mon 20 Fair and cool. Went to Monticello in morning. Sawed a little in evening.
Tue 21 Fair and hot. Sawed wood all day for self.
Wed 22 Cloudy and hot. Split up wood in morning. Corban and Leila came in evening.
Thu 23 Cloudy and raining in morning. Quit raining in evening. Went to Dickie's in evening.
Fri 24 Fair and hot in morning. Helped Willie saw all day. Partly cloudy in evening.
Sat 25 Raining all day. Went to store in evening.
Sun 26 Fair and warm.
Mon 27 Fair and warm. Sawed stove wood for self.
Tue 28 Partly cloudy and cool. Sawed stove wood for Willie.
Wed 29 Fair, cold, and windy. Finished pasture and shelled some corn.
Thu 30 Fair, cool and pleasant. Split wood in morning. Went to Mansfield in evening.
Fri 31 Fair and warm. Hauled wood in morning. Split stove wood in evening.



Lillian Maude Kelly Evans
b. 1876--d. 1957
John Herschel Kelly's sister

Diary for February, 1919

- Sat 1 Fair and warm in morning. Partly cloudy in East. Split stove wood in morning. Rode about in evening.
Sun 2 Partly cloudy and cold wind blowing from East. Dots and children went to Inis'.
Mon 3 Cloudy and threatening. Hauled rock out of field. Rained some at night.
Tue 4 Cloudy and threatening. Helped saw wood for Willie.
Wed 5 Cloudy and threatening. Sawed wood for self in morning. Split wood and post in evening.
Thu 6 Partly cloudy and cool. Went to Mansfield in morning. Went to Uncle Dick's in evening.
Fri 7 Fair and warm. Put in garden posts.
Sat 8 Fair, windy and cool. Dots, Leon and Ralph went to Monticello. (Leon was almost 16 and Ralph was 9 years old.)
Sun 9 Cloudy and turned cold at noon. Gus and Annie spent the day. J. W. C. went home.
Mon 10 Fair and cold. Helped Willie kill hogs.
Tue 11 Cloudy and cold. Put up garden wire. Went to Lodge at night.
Wed 12 Fair and warm. Split stove wood in morning. Went to Mansfield in evening.
Thu 13 Cloudy and rained all day.
Fri 14 Fair, windy and cold. Split stove wood blocks all day.
Sat 15 Cloudy and cold. Went to Monticello in p.m. Old sow found pigs. ("Found" meant birthed.)
Sun 16 Fair, cold and windy. Went to see Dickie in the morning.
Mon 17 Fair and warmer. Cut corn stalks and weeds in p.m.
Tue 18 Fair and pleasant for time of year. Cut corn stalks all day.
Wed 19 Partly cloudy and warm. Hauled rock out of field.
Thu 20 Cloudy and drizzled off and on all day. Went to store in morning.
Fri 21 Cloudy and warm. Went to Uncle Dick's in morning. Split some wood in p.m.
Sat 22 Cloudy, rained hard and thundered some. Staid at home.
Sun 23 Fair and cool. Went to Uncle Dick's in p.m.
Mon 24 Partly cloudy and cool. Frost in early morning. Went to Mansfield in morning.
Tue 25 Cloudy and rained all day, very hard in p.m.
Wed 26 Fair and warm. Sawed a little wood in morning. Made a garden gate in evening.
Thu 27 Fair and cold wind blowing from East. Went to Mansfield in morning.
Fri 28 Cloudy and warm. Rained some in morning. Rained a big rain, thundered and lightning in evening.
Hauled stove wood all day.

Two months gone and not a furrow run yet.

In the spring of 1938, Leon Kelly bought the first tractor in Jasper County. He purchased his red Farmall from Jewely Greer, who had a farm equipment dealership. Leon and his family lived in the Allen house on Shepherd Road. A barbecue was held at his house and many people, including local reporters, attended the big event to see him demonstrate the tractor. He planted many acres of cotton. It is said that his wife, Vallie, and her sister, Maver, could pick a bale a day. Their father was a cotton broker.



Diary for March, 1919

- Sat 1 Partly cloudy and warm. Went to store in evening. To Woodman Camp at night.
Sun 2 Partly cloudy and warm. Went to Ben Turner's in the p.m.
Mon 3 Fair and warm. Went after Dr. Kelly in p.m. for cow. (See note.)
Tue 4 Cloudy and foggy in morning. Fair in evening. Done nothing.
Wed 5 Cloudy and wind blowing hard from Southwest. To Mansfield in morning. Rained in evening.
Thu 6 Fair and warm. Went over to Willie's in morning. To L. H. Jordan's in evening.
Fri 7 Fair and warm. Went to Monticello in p.m.
Sat 8 Cloudy and started to raining about 10:00 o'clock. And rained all day and night.
Sun 9 Fair and wind blowing from West. Went up home and spent the day.
Mon 10 Partly cloudy and cold. Went to Mansfield in morning after Guano.
Tue 11 Partly cloudy and cool. Went to Mansfield after Guano.
Wed 12 Fair and warm. Hauled out manure.
Thu 13 Fair and warm. Cut and raked corn stalks.
Fri 14 Partly cloudy and warm. Piddled some.
Sat 15 Drizzling rain all day. Went to Mansfield in morning. Store in evening.
Sun 16 Drizzling rain in morning. Fair in evening. Willie's and Uncle Dick's in evening.
Mon 17 Cloudy and rained a big rain at noon. Threw up terraces in morning.
Tue 18 Fair and wind blowing from West. Mixed Guano in manure. Washed meat in evening. (Washed salt off cured meat.)
Wed 19 Fair and wind blowing from West. Went to Mansfield after guano.
Thu 20 Fair and warm. Cut sprouts in morning. Went to Mansfield after guano for Laurence.
Fri 21 Fair and warm. Planted Irish potatoes in morning. Onions in the p.m.
Sat 22 Fair and warm. Run up terraces in morning. Went to store in evening.
Sun 23 Fair and warm. Went to Mr. T. W. Dooley's burial in p.m. (See note.)
Mon 24 Fair and warm. Laid off corn ground all day.
Tue 25 Fair and warm. Laid off corn ground all day.
Wed 26 Fair and warm. Broke up all day. Rained a shower at night.
Thu 27 Partly cloudy and cold. Plowed all day.
Fri 28 Fair, windy and cold. Plowed all day.
Sat 29 Fair, windy and cold. Plowed in morning. Went to Mansfield in evening.
Sun 30 Partly cloudy and cool. John and Puella (Chaffin) and children came. Inis and children. Also Mrs. Lewis and children. (See note.)
Mon 31 Fair, windy and cold. Plowed all day.

Dr. Kelly was his father, Erbin Hershcel Kelly, a self-taught veteraniar.

T. W. Dooley is buried at Prospect UMC cemetery. He was well known for his singing. His daughter, Grace, played the piano for many years.

This was Mrs. R. W. (Bob) Lewis. One of their sons was George who later married Cornelia. (See April, 1921.)



Cornelia & Dotsy
with Benny

Diary for April, 1919

- Tue 1 Fair, cold and ice in morning. Plowed all day.
Wed 2 Fair, cold and some warmer. Plowed all day.
Thu 3 Fair and warm. Plowed all day.
Fri 4 Cloudy and sprinkling rain in morning. Fair in evening. Sprouted some in morning.
Sat 5 Fair and warm. Plowed in morning. Went to Mansfield in evening.
Sun 6 Fair and warm. Went to Uncle Dick's in morning. Staid at home in p.m.
Mon 7 Fair and very hot. Plowed all day. Fixing corn ground.
Tue 8 Fair and very hot. Plowed in morning. Fixed watermelon patch in evening.
Wed 9 Fair and very hot. Planted corn and cane seed in morning. Went to Uncle Dick's at noon.
Thu 10 Cloudy and cooler. Went to Monticello. Rained at night.
Fri 11 Rained in early morning. Broke off cool. Done nothing.
Sat 12 Fair and pleasant. Drug with harrow in the p.m.
Sun 13 Fair and pleasant. Went to Sunday School in morning. Staid at home in evening.
Mon 14 Fair and pleasant. Plowed in morning. Went fishing in p.m. Went on to Maxwell.
Tue 15 Partly cloudy and hot. Laid off cotton ground. Rained at night.
Wed 16 Raining in morning. Faired off cool and windy in the p.m.
Thu 17 Fair, cold, and windy. Cut sprouts in the evening.
Fri 18 Fair, cold and windy. Went to Mansfield in morning. Threw up terraces in p.m.
Sat 19 Fair and some warmer. Harrowed some in morning. Planted corn rest of day. Started.
Sun 20 Fair and pleasant. Went to Concord to preaching in the p.m.
Mon 21 Fair and pleasant. Planted corn all day.
Tue 22 Fair and pleasant. Laid off cotton ground.
Wed 23 Fair and pleasant. Finished laying off cotton. Planted cotton in evening. Started.
Thu 24 Fair and windy. Planted cotton in morning.
Fri 25 Fair and warm in morning. Cold and cloudy in evening. Went to Mansfield in evening.
Sat 26 Fair and some warmer. Went to Odd Fellows to-do at Eudora. (See note.)
Sun 27 Partly cloudy and cool. Leila and Corbin, Ma & Pa, Fleet and Lizzie and children came.
Mon 28 Fair and warm. Planted cotton all day.
Tue 29 Fair and warm. Planted cotton all day.
Wed 30 Partly cloudy and cool. Finished planting cotton in morning. Went to Maxwell in the evening. Went to Uncle Dick's at night.

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Inis & Willie Kelly

Diary for May, 1919

- Thu 1 Sprinkled rain in morning. Staid all day at Uncle Dick's. He died at 10:30 o'clock in the evening.
- Fri 2 Fair and warm. Helped to dig grave in evening. Went to Dorsey's store. (See note.)
- Sat 3 Fair and warm. Uncle Dick Nowles was buried in morning. Went to Mansfield in evening. (See note.)
- Sun 4 Fair and warm. Went to Monticello in morning. Went to Willie's in evening.
- Mon 5 Partly cloudy and sprinkled rain some. Plowed in morning.
- Tue 6 Partly cloudy and sprinkled rain some. Covered porch.
- Wed 7 Partly cloudy in morning. Rained a sprinkle in evening.
- Thu 8 Partly cloudy and warm. Planted corn and peas all day. Sprinkled rain at night.
- Fri 9 Partly cloudy and sprinkled rain. Done nothing.
- Sat 10 Partly cloudy in morning. Fair and cool in evening. Went to Monticello in morning.
- Sun 11 Partly cloudy and cool in morning. Went to Rocky Creek to singing in the evening.
- Mon 12 Partly cloudy and cool. Fixed floor to porch.
- Tue 13 Partly cloudy and sprinkled rain in morning. Turned cold in evening. Plowed a little in morning.
- Wed 14 Fair and cool. Done nothing.
- Thu 15 Fair and cool. Plowed cotton in evening.
- Fri 16 Fair and some warmer. Plowed cotton in morning. Went to Big Dam in the evening. (See note.)
- Sat 17 Fair and warm. Went to Quarterly meeting in morning. To Mrs. Henderson's funeral in evening. (See note.)
- Sun 18 Fair and warm. Went to Willie's in evening.
- Mon 19 Fair and warm. Plowed cotton all day.
- Tue 20 Rained a shower in morning. Plowed cotton until rain. Chopped in evening.
- Wed 21 Cold and windy. Plowed cotton all day.
- Thu 22 Cold and windy. Plowed cotton in morning. Plowed corn rest of the day.
- Fri 23 Cold and windy and fair. Plowed corn until middle of evening. Cut oats in evening.
- Sat 24 Fair and some warmer. Chopped cotton and hauled up oats in morning. Went to Mansfield in evening.
- Sun 25 Rained a shower in early morning. Fair in evening. Laurence and wife came in evening.
- Mon 26 Hot and rained a shower or two. Had wheat cut.
- Tue 27 Partly cloudy and hot. Chopped cotton all day. Rained at night.
- Wed 28 Partly cloudy and hot. Chopped cotton in evening.
- Thu 29 Partly cloudy and hot. Chopped cotton all day.
- Fri 30 Partly cloudy and hot in morning. Plowed until quit to haul up wheat. Rained hard in evening. Had wheat threshed.
- Sat 31 Cloudy and rained two or three showers. Set out potatoes and hauled straw. Went to store in evening.
- Dorsey's store was at the corner of Highway 11 and Barnes Mountain Road.
- Uncle Dick was Dess Kelly's father and is buried in the Nowles Family Cemetery on Shepherd Road across the road from John Herschel Kelly's home.
- The Big Dam is the Jackson Lake Dam built in 1910.
- Mrs. Henderson is Emma Henderson who lived in what was later Sam Allen's house.

Diary for June, 1919

- Sun 1 Raining in early morning hard. Grandpa Kelly came in morning.
Mon 2 Cloudy and hot. Sowed peas all day. Finished chopping cotton.
Tue 3 Cloudy and set in raining about 7:00 o'clock in morning. Plowed until rain.
Wed 4 Cloudy and rained some. Went to Mansfield in morning. Hoed corn in evening.
Thu 5 Cloudy in morning. Picked dewberries in morning. Hoed corn in the morning.
Fri 6 Fair and hot. Plowed cotton in the evening.
Sat 7 Fair and hot. Plowed cotton all day nearly and went to store late in evening.
Sun 8 Fair in morning. Rain in places in evening. Spent the day at Corban and Leila's.
Mon 9 Fair and hot. Plowed cotton all day.
Tue 10 Fair and hot. Plowed cotton in morning. Plowed corn in evening.
Wed 11 Cloudy, hot and showery. Plowed in corn all day.
Thu 12 Cloudy and hot. Rained a good rain in the p.m. Hoed potatoes and cotton.
Fri 13 Partly cloudy and cooler. Went to Monticello in morning. Hoed cotton in evening.
Sat 14 Fair and hot. Went to Mansfield in morning. Cut some bushes in the p.m.
Sun 15 Fair and hot in morning. Showers about in the p.m. Children went to preaching in morning.
Mon 16 Fair and hot in morning. Showers about in the p.m. Plowed corn.
Tue 17 Fair in morning. Rained a big rain and wind blowed in east. Plowed cotton until rain in evening.
Wed 18 Cloudy and hot. Went up home a little while in evening.
Thu 19 Fair and hot. Hoed cotton in the p.m.
Fri 20 Fair and hot. Hoed cotton all day.
Sat 21 Fair and hot. Hoed cotton. Plowed young cotton. Went after ice in morning.
Sun 22 Fair in morning. Rained a shower in evening. Aubet, Dess, and children came in evening. Also Bud & Laurence.
Mon 23 Cloudy and hot. Hoed cotton until rain in evening.
Tue 24 Cloudy and rained two big rains in the p.m.
Wed 25 Cloudy and no rain here. Hoed cotton in the p.m.
Thu 26 Cloudy and rained in the p.m. Hoed cotton until rain.
Fri 27 Cloudy and rained a big shower at noon. A big rain late in evening.
Sat 28 Fair and hot. Went to Mansfield in evening.
Sun 29 Fair and hot. Staid at home all day. Bud and Laurence come in evening.
Mon 30 Fair and some cooler. Hoed cotton all day.



Aubet Nathan Kelly
b. 5/31/1886--d. 5/12/1981
John Herschel Kelly's brother

Diary for July, 1919

- Tue 1 Fair and hot. Plowed cotton in evening. Chopped wheat patch in morning.
 Wed 2 Fair and hot. Plowed cotton all day.
 Thu 3 Fair and hot. Plowed corn.
 Fri 4 Fair and hot. Plowed cotton and hoed cotton all day.
 Sat 5 Fair and hot in morning. Rained big rain in the evening. Plowed cotton until rain.
 Sun 6 Fair and hot. Ma and Pa spent the day. Went to Dr. Pittard's in morning. (See note.)
 Mon 7 Fair and very hot. Went to Monticello in early morning. Hoed cotton rest of day.
 Tue 8 Partly cloudy and very hot. Laid by corn. Rained late in evening.
 Wed 9 Cloudy and rained some in morning. Went to Mansfield in morning.
 Thu 10 Cloudy and rained two big rains in the evening.
 Fri 11 Partly cloudy and hot. Carried hog up home in the morning.
 Sat 12 Partly cloudy and hot. Done nothing.
 Sun 13 Fair and extremely hot. Staid at home.
 Mon 14 Fair and extremely hot. Went to mill in morning. Plowed corn rest of the day. Finished corn.
 Tue 15 Fair and extremely hot. Plowed cotton all day laying by.
 Wed 16 Partly cloudy and hot. Plowed cotton all day laying by. Rained a shower in evening.
 Thu 17 Partly cloudy in morning. Rained a big rain in evening. Plowed cotton until dinner.
 Fri 18 Cloudy and rained off and on all day.
 Sat 19 Cloudy and rained off and on the evening.
 Sun 20 Cloudy in morning. Rained a big rain in the morning. Fair in evening.
 Mon 21 Cloudy in morning. Fair in evening. Went to Willie's in evening.
 Tue 22 Cloudy in morning. Went to dam in morning. Went to Mansfield in evening. Rained in evening.
 Wed 23 Cloudy in morning. Rained off and on all day.
 Thu 24 Cloudy and rained all day long.
 Fri 25 Partly cloudy, rain in places, none here. Went to Covington in the p.m.
 Sat 26 Fair in morning. Rained late in the evening. Leila and Corban came in p.m.
 Sun 27 Fair and hot. Rained in places. Staid at home.
 Mon 28 Fair and hot. Done nothing.
 Tue 29 Fair and hot. Went to Willie's in morning. Went to Hall in the p.m.
 Wed 30 Fair and very hot. Plowed cotton in morning. Helped to wash in p.m.
 Thu 31 Fair and very hot in morning. Went to Mansfield in morning.

Dr. L. Y. Pittard was a well-loved doctor in Monticello from 1914 until 1947, when he and his wife both died in a house fire. There is monument erected to him at the Rose Bowl Field in Monticello.



Diary for August, 1919

- Fri 1 Fair and hot in morning. Worked in garden. Rained in evening.
Sat 2 Cloudy and hot. More rain in the evening. Went to Mansfield in morning.
Sun 3 Cloudy and cool. Went up home.
Mon 4 Cloudy and raining in morning. Raining in the p.m. Drizzling.
Tue 5 Cloudy and drizzling in morning. Very hot in the p.m. Went to see Mr. Cook in evening.
Wed 6 Fair and hot. Rained a good big rain in the p.m.
Thu 7 Fair and hot all day. Done nothing. Went to Liberty at night. (Liberty Methodist Church)
Fri 8 Partly cloudy and hot all day.
Sat 9 Cloudy and rained a big shower at noon. Went to Mansfield in morning.
Sun 10 Cloudy but no rain here. Staid at home.
Mon 11 Partly cloudy and some cooler. Went to preaching at night.
Tue 12 Partly cloudy and some cooler. Went to preaching at night.
Wed 13 Fair and some warmer. Kate Henderson and children spent the day. (See note.)
Thu 14 Partly cloudy and hot in morning. Rained in evening. Went to Mansfield in morning.
Fri 15 Partly cloudy and cool. Went to preaching at night.
Sat 16 Partly cloudy and cool. Staid at home.
Sun 17 Fair and pretty hot. Went to Aunt Clara's in the p.m.
Mon 18 Fair and pretty hot. Went to Mansfield in morning.
Tue 19 Partly cloudy in morning. Helped to move Bee Kelly in morning. (Mr. Carroll Hodge remembers him well.)
Wed 20 Fair and hot in morning. Done nothing.
Thu 21 Partly cloudy and hot. Went to Mansfield in morning. Rained in evening.
Fri 22 Partly cloudy and hot. Went to Prospect in evening. Rained in evening.
Sat 23 Partly cloudy and hot. Rained in evening.
Sun 24 Cloudy and rained all day nearly. Staid at home.
Mon 25 Fair and hot all day. Pulled fodder in evening.
Tue 26 Fair and hot all day. Went to land sale.
Wed 27 Fair and hot all day. Went to association at Shiloh Church.
Thu 28 Fair and hot all day. Pulled some fodder.
Fri 29 Fair and extremely hot. Helped cover barn up home. Rained at night.
Sat 30 Partly cloudy and some cooler. Done nothing.
Sun 31 Fair and hot in morning. Carried Mattie Kate home in morning. Rained a big rain in the p.m.
Kate Henderson (Reeves). Mattie Kate was her daughter.



Shiloh Baptist Church around 1955

Diary for September, 1919

- Mon 1 Fair and hot. Pulled fodder all day.
Tue 2 Fair and hot. Pulled fodder all day.
Wed 3 Fair and hot. Cut some hay and picked some peas. Went to Mansfield in morning.
Thu 4 Fair and hot. Picked some peas and took up fodder.
Fri 5 Fair and hot. Picked a little cotton. Bro. Davis and R. Y. Thompson came in evening.
Sat 6 Fair and hot. Went to Mansfield in morning. Hauled hay in evening.
Sun 7 Fair and hot. Went to J. M. Chaffin's and spent the day.
Mon 8 Fair and very hot. Picked cotton all day.
Tue 9 Fair and very hot. Picked cotton all day.
Wed 10 Fair and very hot. Picked cotton all day.
Thu 11 Fair and very hot. Picked cotton all day. Rained a shower at night.
Fri 12 Partly cloudy and hot. Carried cotton to gin and town. 28 ½ cents--seed 90 cents bushel.
Sat 13 Fair and cool. Pulled fodder in morning. Went to Mansfield in p.m.
Sun 14 Fair and cool. Staid at home all day. Laurence Jordan came in morning.
Mon 15 Fair and hot. Picked cotton. Leon cut some pea vine hay.
Tue 16 Fair and hot. Picked cotton all day.
Wed 17 Fair and hot. Picked cotton in morning. Hauled hay in evening.
Thu 18 Fair and hot. Went to Monticello in morning. Picked cotton in evening.
Fri 19 Partly cloudy and very hot. Rained a shower late in evening. Picked cotton until rain in evening.
Sat 20 Partly cloudy and showers in evening. Went to store in morning. Picked a little cotton in evening.
Sun 21 Partly cloudy and hot in morning. Rained a shower in the p.m.
Mon 22 Fair in morning. Went to Monticello in morning at noon. Picked peas and cotton in evening.
Tue 23 Fair and warm. Went to gin in morning. Picked cotton rest of day.
Wed 24 Fair and warm. Went to Mansfield. Picked cotton rest of day.
Thu 25 Fair and warm. Picked cotton all day.
Fri 26 Partly cloudy and hot. Picked cotton all day.
Sat 27 Fair and cool. Wind blowing from East. Went to Henderson's Mill. (See note.)
Sun 28 Fair and cool, wind blowing from East. Leila and Corban spent the day.
Mon 29 Fair and cool. Carried cotton to gin in evening. Picked cotton in morning.
Tue 30 Fair and cool. Went to Macon to I.O.O.F. Division meeting. (See note.)

Henderson Mill still stands on Henderson Mill Road in Newton County. Hubert and Rachel Cunard owned and operated it as a restaurant in the late 1960's. It is now a private residence.

I.O.O.F.--According to the Internet, these initials stand for Inauguration of Odd Fellowship.



John Riggins Kelly Cemetery
Liberty Church Road

Diary for October, 1919

- Wed 1 Cloudy and showery. Spent the day in Macon, Ga.
Thu 2 Cloudy and showery. Picked peas all day.
Fri 3 Fair and warm. Picked cotton in evening.
Sat 4 Fair and hot. Picked cotton until dinner. Went to store in evening.
Sun 5 Fair and hot. Ma spent the day with us.
Mon 6 Fair and hot. Picked cotton all day.
Tue 7 Fair and very hot. Went to gin and then went to Monticello.
Wed 8 Partly cloudy and hot. Big rain in evening. Picked cotton until rain.
Thu 9 Partly cloudy and hot. Picked a little cotton in evening.
Fri 10 Partly cloudy in morning. Hauled a load of corn in morning. Picked cotton in the evening.
Sat 11 Partly cloudy and hot. Went to Dr. Pittard's in morning and then to Mansfield.
Sun 12 Fair and hot. Staid at home all day.
Mon 13 Fair and hot. Picked cotton all day.
Tue 14 Cloudy and hot. Went to gin and on to Mansfield.
Wed 15 Cloudy in morning. Fair in evening. Picked cotton in evening.
Thu 16 Cloudy in morning. Fair in evening. Picked cotton in evening.
Fri 17 Cloudy in morning. Fair in evening. Sowed some oats in morning. Picked cotton in evening.
Sat 18 Cloudy and cold wind blowing from East. Went to Mansfield in morning. Picked cotton in evening.
Sun 19 Cloudy and cold wind blowing from East. Staid at home all day.
Mon 20 Partly cloudy and warm. Picked cotton all day.
Tue 21 Partly cloudy and warm, threatening weather. Went to Mansfield.
Wed 22 Partly cloudy and warm, threatening weather. Went to Mansfield in evening.
Thu 23 Partly cloudy and rained late in the p.m. Went to Quarterly meeting.
Fri 24 Cloudy in morning. Fair in evening. Carried a hog to Mansfield in evening.
Sat 25 Cloudy in morning. Fair in evening. Picked cotton in evening.
Sun 26 Fair and hot. Had company in afternoon.
Mon 27 Fair and hot. Went to gin in morning. Picked cotton in p.m.
Tue 28 Fair and hot. Picked cotton in p.m.
Wed 29 Fair and hot. Went to Monticello in morning. Pulled corn in p.m.
Thu 30 Partly cloudy and hot. Gathered corn.
Fri 31 Partly cloudy and hot. Gathered corn.



Maude Irene Kelly Armstead
daughter of Lamar Kelly
1931



Raymond Kelly
son of Lamar Kelly
1944

Diary for November, 1919

- Sat 1 Partly cloudy in morning. Went to Mansfield in morning. Hauled corn in evening. Rained late in evening.
Sun 2 Fair and cool. Went up home and to Richard Ozburn's funeral.
Mon 3 Fair and cool. Pulled corn all day. Leon plowed.
Tue 4 Fair and cool. Hauled up corn; finished.
Wed 5 Fair and cool. Hauled manure and sowed some wheat.
Thu 6 Fair and cool. Sowed some wheat in morning. Picked some cotton in evening.
Fri 7 Partly cloudy and cool. Picked cotton and plowed.
Sat 8 Partly cloudy and cool. Went to Monticello in morning.
Sun 9 Partly cloudy and cool. Went to Willie's in the p.m. To King Ozburn's in morning.
Mon 10 Cloudy and threatening. Dug potatoes.
Tue 11 Cloudy and showery all day. Went to Lodge at night.
Wed 12 Rained a hard rain in morning. Went to Dorsey's store in morning.
Thu 13 Fair and cool. Plowed all day. Picked cotton myself in evening.
Fri 14 Fair and cold. Plowed all day. Big frost at night.
Sat 15 Fair and cold. Went to Mansfield in morning. Billie came in evening.
Sun 16 Partly cloudy and cool. Staid at home.
Mon 17 Fair and cool. Picked cotton all day.
Tue 18 Fair and cool. Picked cotton all day.
Wed 19 Fair and cool. Picked cotton all day. Finished picking.
Thu 20 Partly cloudy and cold. Plowed in morning. Went to Mansfield in evening.
Fri 21 Partly cloudy and cold. Sawed and hauled some wood.
Sat 22 Partly cloudy and cold. Went to Monticello, carried cotton to gin.
Sun 23 Fair and pleasant, carried Billie to Floyd's in morning. Went to Aubet's in p.m.
Mon 24 Fair and pleasant. Went to the circus at Monticello.
Tue 25 Partly cloudy and warm. Went to Willie's in evening.
Wed 26 Partly cloudy and rained a little.
Thu 27 Went to Monticello in morning. Went hunting in p.m. a little while.
Fri 28 Cold and cloudy. Went to Mansfield in morning.
Sat 29 Cloudy and drizzling rain. Rained a good rain at night.
Sun 30 Fair and cold wind blowing from West. John, Puella and chidlren came. Mrs. Lewis and children in p.m. Dots got sick.



Cornelia, John Ben, & Ruth

Diary for December, 1919

Mon 1 Fair and cold. Staid at house. Leon plowed in evening.
Tue 2 Partly cloudy and warmer. Leon plowed in morning.
Wed 3 Partly cloudy and warmer. Went to Mansfield in evening.
Thu 4 Partly cloudy and cool. Put floor in house.
Fri 5 Partly cloudy and cool. Staid at home.
Sat 6 Fair and warm. Went to Mansfield after shingles.
Sun 7 Rained all day. Staid at home.
Mon 8 Rained all day. Done nothing.
Tue 9 Rained all day. Done nothing.
Wed 10 Partly cloudy and cold. Sawed and hauled some wood.
Thu 11 Cloudy and cold wind blowing from East. Hauled a load of sawdust.
Fri 12 Cloudy and drizzled rain. Sawed some in the p.m.
Sat 13 Partly cloudy and cool. Went to Mansfield. Rained hard at night.
Sun 14 Partly cloudy and cold wind blowing from west.
Mon 15 Fair and cold. Killed hogs and ground up sausage.
Tue 16 Fair and cold. Dried up lard. Went up home late in the p.m.
Wed 17 Fair and cold. Piddled all day.
Thu 18 Fair and warmer. Covered one side of the house.
Fri 19 Cloudy and raining. Went to Dorsey's store in morning.
Sat 20 Cloudy and drizzling a cold rain. Went to Mansfield. Rained hard at night.
Sun 21 Fair and cold. Grandpa Kelly came in evening.
Mon 22 Partly cloudy and cold. Sawed wood all day.
Tue 23 Fair and cold. Piddled in morning. Went to Sigman's store in evening.
Wed 24 Fair and cold. Went hunting.
Thu 25 Fair and cold. Ma and Pa came. Laurence and his family in the evening.
Fri 26 Fair and cold. Went to Willie's in the p.m.
Sat 27 Fair and cold. Went to Mansfield a little while in evening.
Sun 28 Fair and cold. Partly cloudy and cold. Went to Mr. Lewis' in evening.
Mon 29 Partly cloudy, cold and windy. Went to Corban's bird hunting.
Tue 30 Fair, cold and windy. Had company all day.
Wed 31 Partly cloudy and warmer. Went after Cornelia in the p.m.



Colvin & Ruth Kelly Kitchens

Diary for January, 1920

- Thu 1 Partly cloudy and turned cold in the p.m. Went to Mansfield in morning.
Fri 2 Fair, cold and windy. Went hunting a while in p.m.
Sat 3 Fair, cold and windy. Went to Mansfield.
Sun 4 Fair, cold and windy. Staid at home all day.
Mon 5 Fair and wind blowing from the East. Sawed wood for Willie in morning.
Tue 6 Cloudy and cold. Snowed and sleeted some. Mr. Cook died at 11:00 o'clock in morning. (See note.)
Wed 7 Cloudy and cold and raining. Mr. Cook was buried.
Thu 8 Cloudy and very warm. Rained at night. Sawed and hauled some wood.
Fri 9 Cloudy and raining. Done nothing.
Sat 10 Fair and cold. Went to Monticello.
Sun 11 Fair and cold. Staid at home.
Mon 12 Cloudy and some warmer. Sawed stove wood in morning.
Tue 13 Partly cloudy and cold. Went to Mansfield in morning. Sprinkled rain in evening.
Wed 14 Fair, cold and windy. Covered other side of house.
Thu 15 Fair and some warmer. Split up some wood in morning.
Fri 16 Cloudy and raining. Carried children to school.
Sat 17 Partly cloudy and windy. Went to mill in the p.m.
Sun 18 Partly cloudy, cold and windy. Aubet and Laurence came in p.m.
Mon 19 Partly cloudy, warm and windy. Went to Farrar, Broughton and Mansfield in morning.
Tue 20 Partly cloudy, warm. Sawed some house wood for self.
Wed 21 Partly cloudy, warm. Hauled wood in p.m.
Thu 22 Partly cloudy and hot for time of year. Sawed wood for Willie.
Fri 23 Partly cloudy and some cooler. Sawed wood for self.
Sat 24 Partly cloudy and started to raining in morning. Went to store in morning.
Sun 25 Cloudy and rained all day.
Mon 26 Cloudy and rained and sleeted all day. Very cold all day.
Tue 27 Cloudy and rained. Done nothing.
Wed 28 Cloudy, but no rain. Carried children to school.
Thu 29 Cloudy and cold wind blowing from East. Went to Mansfield.
Fri 30 Cloudy and some warmer. Threshed out peas.
Sat 31 Fair and wind blowing from East. Went to Calvin in the p.m.

Mr. Cook was John Wesley Cook, Jr., Dots' father. His father, John Wesley Cook, Sr., served in the Confederacy and was also known as an itinerant Methodist lay preacher. Ruth remembers Mr. R. W. (Bob) Lewis digging Mr. Cook's grave by himself.

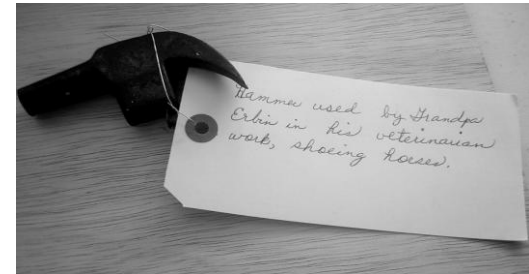


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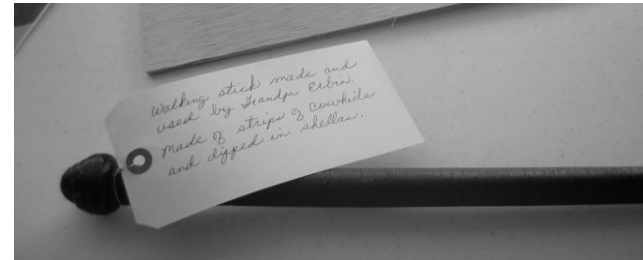
- Sun 1 Partly cloudy and cold wind blowing from East. Spent the day at Gus and Annie's. (Annie and Gus Floyd)
- Mon 2 Cloudy and some warmer. Went to help Willie saw wood.
- Tue 3 Cloudy and raining all day. Done nothing.
- Wed 4 Cloudy and raining all day. Done nothing.
- Thu 5 Cloudy and drizzling in morning. Some cooler in evening. Sawed some wood in the p.m.
- Fri 6 Partly cloudy and cold and windy. Sharpened saw in p.m.
- Sat 7 Partly cloudy and cold and windy. Went to Mansfield.
- Sun 8 Fair and pleasant. Aubet and Dess and children came in evening.
- Mon 9 Cloudy and warm. Sawed wood for self.
- Tue 10 Partly cloudy and rained in the p.m. a little. Went on the pond hunting. (Probably duck hunting)
- Wed 11 Partly cloudy and warm. Split some stovewood.
- Thu 12 Cloudy and started raining in morning.
- Fri 13 Partly cloudy and cool. Worked on pit shelter in morning. Killed hog in evening. (The pit was a storm shelter.)
- Sat 14 Partly cloudy and cool. Finished pit shelter in morning. Done nothing in morning.
- Sun 15 Fair, windy and very cold. Staid at home all day.
- Mon 16 Fair, windy and very cold. Sawed wood for Willie. John Morgan Davis buried.
- Tue 17 Partly cloudy and some warmer. Split wood all day.
- Wed 18 Partly cloudy and sprinkled rain. Hauled wood and split stove wood up.
- Thu 19 Partly cloudy and cold. Went to Mansfield after guano.
- Fri 20 Partly cloudy and warm. Took down some barb wire in morning. Trimmed trees in evening.
- Sat 21 Partly cloudy and warm. Hauled a load of guano. Rained some at night.
- Sun 22 Cloudy and raining in morning. Went to Willie's in the evening.
- Mon 23 Cloudy and threatening. Fair in evening. Helped put wire around graves.
- Tue 24 Cloudy and turned cold in the evening. Went to Mrs. W. W. Allen's burial. (See note.)
- Wed 25 Fair cold and windy. Knocked cotton stalks.
- Thu 26 Fair and getting colder. Knocked cotton stalks in morning. Set by fire in evening.
- Fri 27 Fair and still cold and windy. Cleaned off some in p.m.
- Sat 28 Fair and some warmer. Went after guano in morning. To store in evening.
- Sun 29 Cloudy and raining in morning. Faired off and turned cold in evening. Willie came.
- Mrs. W. W. (Sarah Ida) Allen and her husband, William Walker Allen, are buried in the Allen Family Cemetery on Shepherd Road. There is a chain-link fence surrounding the cemetery and a tall wrought iron structure commemorating his service in the Confederacy.

Diary for March, 1920

- Mon 1 Fair, cold and windy. Sawed some wood.
Tue 2 Fair and some warmer. Knocked cotton stalks in morning.
Wed 3 Fair and some warmer. Hauled stove wood.
Thu 4 Cloudy, cold and went to raining. Went to Mansfield in morning.
Fri 5 Fair, cold and the wind blowed hard all day. Big freeze at night.
Sat 6 Fair, cold and windy. Went to Dorsey's store in the morning.
Sun 7 Fair, very cold, and windy. Children had the Flu.
Mon 8 Fair and some warmer. Went to Monticello in morning. Took the Flu in evening.
Tue 9 Fair and some warmer.
Wed 10 Fair and warm. Still sick. Inis came in evening.
Thu 11 Fair and warm. Grandpa came in evening.
Fri 12 Cloudy and rained hard nearly all day and night.
Sat 13 Fair, cold. Windy. All some better.
Sun 14 Fair and pleasant. Laurence came in morning. All able to sit up a little. Willie came too.
Mon 15 Fair and pleasant. Laurence hauled a load of guana for me.
Tue 16 Cloudy, hot and rained. Thundered and lightning all night. Inis and Bill and children came in evening. (Willie was sometimes also called Bill.)
Wed 17 Cloudy and rained nearly all day. Thundered some.
Thu 18 Cloudy and rained nearly all day. Thundered some.
Fri 19 Cloudy and rained a big rain in the morning. Went to Calvin in morning.
Sat 20 Fair and cool and windy. Done nothing but sit around.
Sun 21 Fair and warm. Staid at home. Grandpa Kelly came in the evening.
Mon 22 Fair and warm. Went to Mansfield.
Tue 23 Partly cloudy and cool. Hauled some brush.
Wed 24 Partly cloudy and rained some. Threwed up some terraces.
Thu 25 Partly cloudy and warm. Went to Mansfield in the p.m.
Fri 26 Fair, cool and windy. Done nothing.
Sat 27 Fair and warm. Went to Monticello in morning.
Sun 28 Rained nearly all day. Thundered, lightning, hailed and heavy rains. Lots of storms.
Mon 29 Fair and cool. Done nothing.
Tue 30 Fair and warm. Done nothing.
Wed 31 Cloudy and rained some. Went to Mansfield in morning.
March gone and not a furrow run yet.



Tom Kitchens has some of Erbin Herschel Kelly's tools.
"Hammer used by Grandpa Erbin in his veterinarian work, shoeing horses."



"Walking stick made and used by Grandpa Erbin. Made of strips of cowhide and dipped in shellac."

Diary for April, 1920

- Thu 1 Cloudy and foggy in morning. Went to Willie's in evening. Rained at night.
Fri 2 Cloudy in morning. Fair and hot at night. Went to Mansfield in evening. Rained at night.
Sat 3 Cloudy and rained nearly all day.
Sun 4 Cloudy in morning. Fair in evening. Staid at home all day.
Mon 5 Cloudy, windy and cold. Went to store.
Tue 6 Fair, windy and cold. Piddled all day.
Wed 7 Fair and windy and cool. Went to Mansfield in morning. Clipped mules in evening.
Thu 8 Partly cloudy and warmer. Went to Clyde Kelly's funeral in morning. Planted in evening. Rained at night. (See note.)
Fri 9 Cloudy and raining from East. Rained all day.
Sat 10 Fair and cool. Went after Billie Saturday evening.
Sun 11 Fair and cool. Staid at home all day.
Mon 12 Cloudy and rained and hailed in evening. Too wet to plow.
Tue 13 Fair, cold and windy. Went to Willie's in evening. To Lodge at night.
Wed 14 Fair and some warmer. Drug with harrow in evening.
Thu 15 Partly cloudy. Run up stalks in the p.m. (See note.)
Fri 16 Rained off and on all day.
Sat 17 Fair and hot. Went to Mansfield in morning.
Sun 18 Cloudy and cool. Staid at home all day.
Mon 19 Cloudy and drizzly. Done nothing.
Tue 20 Cloudy and drizzly. Went to election in morning.
Wed 21 Fair and hot. Planted corn and beans in evening. Went to Monticello in morning.
Thu 22 Cloudy and hot. Laid off cotton ground.
Fri 23 Cloudy and rained a shower in morning. Plowed all day.
Sat 24 Fair and pleasant. Planted cotton all day. Started.
Sun 25 Cloudy and cold wind blowing from East.
Mon 26 Cloudy and rained in evening. Plowed until rain.
Tue 27 Cloudy and rained in morning. Fair and cool in evening. Went fishing in evening.
Wed 28 Fair, cold and windy. Went to Mansfield.
Thu 29 Fair and some warmer. Too wet to plow.
Fri 30 Fair and pleasant. Planted cotton seed in the p.m.

April gone and no plowing done much.

Clyde Kelly died in an accident when his car ran off into the creek going into Monticello.

"Run up stalks" was usually done with two mules dragging an iron rod behind them knocking down corn stalks. These were left to rot in the field.



John Ben Kelly
Four years old
April 27, 1920

Diary for May, 1920

- Sat 1 Fair and windy. Planted cotton all day.
Sun 2 Partly cloudy and warm. Staid at home all day. Big rain at night.
Mon 3 Cloudy and rained all day nearly. Went to L. H. Jordan's in morning.
Tue 4 Fair and warm. Went to Mansfield in morning. Worked on Maxwell in evening. (This may be the same car he mentioned in 1918. See note.)
Wed 5 Partly cloudy and rained before night. Dots and children went to Willie's.
Thu 6 Partly cloudy and rained some.
Fri 7 Went to Mansfield and Monticello in evening.
Sat 8 Fair and cool. Went to Paul Chaffin's in the p.m.
Sun 9 Fair and warm. Staid at home.
Mon 10 Fair and warm. Planted cotton all day.
Tue 11 Fair and warm. Planted cotton all day.
Wed 12 Fair and hot. Bedded corn ground all day. (He got the ground ready to plant.)
Thu 13 Rained in early morning. Rained in evening also.
Fri 14 Cloudy and cool. Done nothing.
Sat 15 Cloudy and cool in morning. Fair in evening.
Sun 16 Partly cloudy and wind blowing from East. Dess and children spent the day.
Mon 17 Partly cloudy and cool. Finished fixing corn ground.
Tue 18 Partly cloudy and drizzling rain. Planted over some cotton and started to planting corn.
Wed 19 Partly cloudy and drizzling rain. Planted corn in morning. Plowed corn in evening.
Thu 20 Partly cloudy in morning. Planted cotton all day.
Fri 21 Fair and hot. Plowed. Planted corn and peas in evening.
Sat 22 Fair and hot. Planted corn and peas in morning. Went to store in evening.
Sun 23 Fair and hot. Staid at home. Willie and Mr. Lewis came in evening.
Mon 24 Partly cloudy and rained at night. Chopped cotton, started.
Tue 25 Partly cloudy and rained some. Cool weather.
Wed 26 Partly cloudy and cool. Went to mill in morning. Done nothing in evening.
Thu 27 Fair and warm. Went to Monticello. Chopped cotton in evening.
Fri 28 Fair and warm. Plowed cotton all day.
Sat 29 Fair and hot.
Sun 30 Fair and hot. Ma and Pa and Lillious spent the day. Mr. Tedders came in evening.
Mon 31 Fair and warm. Plowing and chopping cotton.

The Maxwell car was first produced in 1904, in the former Mobile Steamer factory in Tarrytown, New York. They built a handful of cars that first year. By 1905, business was booming, and through the first half of the year, they had sold 542 cars. In 1905, a second factory was needed to allow for greater production, and a plant was leased in Pawtucket, Rhode Island. For 1906, yet more production capacity was needed; therefore, a factory was opened in Chicago. Maxwell production continued until 1925, when the old Maxwell cars became the basis for the four-cylinder Chrysler and later the first Plymouths. (Information from Internet)



Diary for June, 1920

Tue 1 Fair and hot. Plowed cotton all day. (See note.)
Wed 2 Fair and hot. Plowed cotton all day.
Thu 3 Fair and hot. Cut oats in evening.
Fri 4 Cloudy and sprinkled rain in early morning.
Sat 5 Cloudy and rained a good rain.
Sun 6 Fair and hot. Went to Corban's.
Mon 7 Fair and hot. Plowed cotton all day.
Tue 8 Fair and hot. Plowed cotton all day.
Wed 9 Fair and hot. Cut wheat in morning.
Thu 10 Fair and hot. Plowed cotton until...
Fri 11 Fair and hot. Plowed cotton until...
Sat 12 Fair and hot. Plowed corn in morning. Went...
Sun 13 Fair and hot. Gus and Annie Dozier...
Mon 14 Fair and hot. Plowed corn all day.
Tue 15 Fair and hot. Plowed corn in morning. Then...
Wed 16 Fair and hot. Plowed corn in morning.
Thu 17 Fair and hot. Hoed corn all...
Fri 18 Fair and hot. Went to Monticello to...
Sat 19 Fair and hot. Done nothing all...
Sun 20 Rained a shower or two. Went ...
Mon 21 Fair and cool. Plowed cotton all...
Tue 22 Fair and some warmer. Plowed cotton all...
Wed 23 Fair and hot. Plowed cotton in...
Thu 24 Fair and hot. Plowed corn.
Fri 25 Fair and hot. Went to Mansfield.
Sat 26 Fair and hot. Went to Covington...
Sun 27 Fair and hot. Staid at home.
Mon 28 Fair and hot. Hoed cotton all...
Tue 29 Fair and hot. Hoed cotton all...
Wed 30 Fair and hot. Hoed cotton in...

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Alva Ralph Kelly
b. 11/30/1895--7/28/1955

Diary for July, 1920

- Thu 1 ...Went to Monticello in morning. (See note.)
- Fri 2 ...in evening.
- Sat 3 ...Sowed peas in wheat patch.
- Sun 4 ...rest of day. Went to Fleet Thomases.
- Mon 5 ...Plowed out corn middles.
- Tue 6 ...Plowed cotton all day.
- Wed 7 ...Plowed out cotton middles.
- Thu 8 ...day.
- Fri 9 ...morning.
- Sat 10 ...Went to Mansfield and Monticello.
- Sun 11 ...Went to Willie's in morning.
- Mon 12 ...Grandpa Kelly came in evening.
- Tue 13 ...Chaffin's in evening. Hoed patch of corn in morning.
- Wed 14 ...the evening.
- Thu 15 ...day. Julian ate dinner with us.
- Fri 16 ...cotton until rain.
- Sat 17 ...nothing. Too wet to work.
- Sun 18 ...Went to Mansfield in the p.m.
- Mon 19 ...little ones. Willie came in morning.
- Tue 20 ...Done nothing.
- Wed 21 ...Done nothing.
- Thu 22 ...Done nothing.
- Fri 23 ...steps in morning.
- Sat 24 ...Went to Mansfield in morning.
- Sun 25 ...Went to Mansfield in evening.
- Mon 26 ...in morning. Went to Willie's in the p.m.
- Tue 27 ...day.
- Wed 28 ...day.
- Thu 29 ...day.
- Fri 30 ...to mill.
- Sat 31 ...in morning.

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Robinson Family Cemetery
Aldridge Road, Jasper County, Georgia



Allen Kelly Cemetery
Liberty Church Road

Diary for August, 1920

- Sun 1 Partly cloudy and rained a shower.
- Mon 2 Partly cloudy but no rain here. Finished laying by.
- Tue 3 Partly cloudy and rained a shower. Went to Thomson, GA.
- Wed 4 Partly cloudy. Picked up squares in morning. (See note.)
- Thu 5 Partly cloudy and cool for time of year. Done nothing.
- Fri 6 Fair and pretty hot. Went to singing at New Rocky Creek.
- Sat 7 Fair and pretty hot. Went to picture show at Mansfield. (Wouldn't you like to know which silent movie he saw? Maybe it was
- Sun 8 Fair and pretty hot. Staid at home. "The Birth of a Nation" or "Dr. Jekyll and Mr. Hyde.")
- Mon 9 Partly cloudy and rained some. Picked up cotton squares.
- Tue 10 Partly cloudy and rained some. Helped to can peaches.
- Wed 11 Partly cloudy and rained a big rain in the p.m.
- Thu 12 Partly cloudy and rained a shower in the p.m.
- Fri 13 Partly cloudy but no rain. Went to Monticello in morning.
- Sat 14 Partly cloudy and very hot. Leila and Corban came. Went to baptizing in morning.
- Sun 15 Partly cloudy and very hot in morning. Rained in evening. Staid at home.
- Mon 16 Partly cloudy and very hot in morning. Went to Mansfield in morning. Rain in evening.
- Tue 17 Partly cloudy and very hot. Rained a big rain in late evening.
- Wed 18 Partly cloudy and very hot. Went to preaching in morning. No rain today.
- Thu 19 Partly cloudy and very hot. Went to preaching in morning. Rained in the p.m.
- Fri 20 Partly cloudy and very hot. No rain here. Caught boll weevils in morning.
- Sat 21 Partly cloudy and very hot. Went to Mansfield in the p.m.
- Sun 22 Partly cloudy and rained in evening. Staid at home. Mr. Lewis and Tedders came in evening.
- Mon 23 Partly cloudy and some cooler. Done nothing.
- Tue 24 Partly cloudy and hot. Done nothing.
- Wed 25 Partly cloudy and hot. Done nothing.
- Thu 26 Fair and hot all day. Went to Mansfield in morning.
- Fri 27 Cloudy and hot. Went dove hunting. Went to Monticello in morning.
- Sat 28 Cloudy and hot. Went to Mansfield.
- Sun 29 Partly cloudy and hot in morning. Rained a shower in evening. Went to preaching at night.
- Mon 30 Fair and hot in morning. Rained a good shower in evening.
- Tue 31 Fair and hot all day. Went to preaching at night.

"Square" referred to the cotton bloom. The boll weevil would get in the bloom and lay an egg making the bloom fall off. It would not be able to make a boll, the part that would later open up in cotton. Hand-picking the infested squares off cotton plants helped to prevent weevil production.

Diary for September, 1920

Wed 1 Fair and hot. Went to preaching morning and at night.
Thu 2 Fair and hot all day. Picked peas in morning. Rained at night.
Fri 3 Cloudy in morning. Drizzled part of day. Picked a few peas in the p.m.
Sat 4 Cloudy and drizzled rain all day. Done nothing all day.
Sun 5 Partly cloudy in morning. Went up home and spent the day.
Mon 6 Partly cloudy and very hot. Picked some peas.
Tue 7 Partly cloudy and very hot. Picked some peas. Cut some hay.
Wed 8 Partly cloudy and very hot. Went to election in p.m.
Thu 9 Fair and hot in morning. Went to Monticello to mill. Rained in late p.m.
Fri 10 Fair and hot in morning. Hauled hay in p.m.
Sat 11 Partly cloudy and hot in morning. Fair in the p.m.
Sun 12 Fair in morning. Staid at home. Fair in the p.m.
Mon 13 Partly cloudy and very hot. Cut hay in the evening.
Tue 14 Partly cloudy and very hot. Pulled fodder in morning.
Wed 15 Partly cloudy and very hot. Hauled hay and picked cotton.
Thu 16 Fair and extremely hot. Hauled hay and pulled fodder.
Fri 17 Fair and some cooler. Pulled fodder all day.
Sat 18 Fair and some cooler. Pulled fodder in morning. Went to Mansfield in evening.
Sun 19 Fair and pleasant. Staid at home.
Mon 20 Fair and pleasant. Picked cotton all day.
Tue 21 Fair and hot. Picked cotton all day.
Wed 22 Partly cloudy and threatening. Carried cotton to gin. Picked cotton all day.
Thu 23 Partly cloudy and rained a shower in the p.m. Picked cotton all day.
Fri 24 Partly cloudy and rained a little. Went to Mansfield in morning. Picked cotton in evening.
Sat 25 Fair and hot. Picked cotton in p.m.
Sun 26 Fair and hot. Staid at home. Had company in p.m.
Mon 27 Fair and hot. Picked cotton all day.
Tue 28 Fair and hot. Picked cotton all day. Hauled two bales to gin in morning.
Wed 29 Rained in evening. Picked cotton until rain. Rain at night.
Thu 30 Cold, fair and wind blowing hard all day. Picked peas in evening.



Carmie and Ralph Herschel Kelly
February 3, 1940

Diary for October, 1920

- Fri 1 Fair and cold. Went to Monticello. Carried cotton. Got 26 $\frac{1}{8}$ cents.
Sat 2 Fair and cool. Picked cotton in morning. Went to Mansfield in evening.
Sun 3 Fair and cool in morning. Hazy, cloudy in evening. Went to R. W. Lewis' in evening.
Mon 4 Fair and cool in morning. Carried cotton to gin in morning. Picked cotton all day.
Tue 5 Fair and cool. Picked cotton all day.
Wed 6 Fair and cool. Picked cotton all day.
Thu 7 Fair and cool. Picked cotton all day.
Fri 8 Fair and cool. Picked cotton all day.
Sat 9 Fair and cool. Picked cotton in morning. Went to Monticello in evening.
Sun 10 Fair and cool. Staid at home in morning. Went to preaching in evening.
Mon 11 Fair and warm. Picked cotton all day.
Tue 12 Fair and warm. Picked cotton all day.
Wed 13 Fair and warm. Picked cotton all day.
Thu 14 Fair and warm. Went to Quarterly at Concord.
Fri 15 Fair and warm. Picked cotton all day.
Sat 16 Fair and warm. Went to Monticello in morning. Went to Mansfield in evening.
Sun 17 Fair and warm. Went to preaching in the morning.
Mon 18 Fair and warm. Picked cotton all day. Went to gin in morning.
Tue 19 Fair and warm. Picked cotton all day.
Wed 20 Fair and warm. Picked cotton all day.
Thu 21 Fair and warm. Picked cotton all day. Went to Monticello in morning.
Fri 22 Fair and warm. Picked cotton all day.
Sat 23 Fair and warm. Picked cotton in morning.
Sun 24 Fair and warm. Ma and Pa spent the day.
Mon 25 Cloudy and warm. Hauled lumber.
Tue 26 Cloudy and warm. Hauled lumber in morning. Went to Mansfield in evening.
Wed 27 Cloudy and raining. Done nothing.
Thu 28 Fair and cold. Went to Welcome Kelly's in morning. Gathered a load of corn in evening. (See note.)
Fri 29 Fair and cold. Went to Monticello. Carried cotton to gin.
Sat 30 Fair and cold. Sowed oats in morning. Went to Mansfield in evening.
Sun 31 Partly cloudy and cool. Went to Corban and Leila's and spent the day.

Ruth remembers that Welcome Kelly lived at the Gay place. He was electrocuted when he went down in a well to do some repairs.



Ralph Herschel Kelly
1981

Diary for November, 1920

Mon 1 Partly cloudy and warm. Hauled out manure for wheat.
Tue 2 Partly cloudy and rained in evening. Sowed wheat until rain.
Wed 3 Fair and cool. Sowed wheat all day. Finished sowing wheat.
Thu 4 Fair and cool. Gathered corn all day.
Fri 5 Fair and cool. Gathered corn all day.
Sat 6 Fair and cool. Dug potatoes in morning. Went to Mansfield in evening.
Sun 7 Fair and cool. Staid at home all day.
Mon 8 Fair and warm. Picked cotton in morning. Pulled and hauled corn in evening.
Tue 9 Fair and warm. Hauled corn in morning. Picked cotton in evening.
Wed 10 Fair and warm. Picked cotton all day.
Thu 11 Fair and warm. Picked cotton all day.
Fri 12 Partly cloudy and cold. Took down barbwire.
Sat 13 Partly cloudy and cold. Went to Mansfield in morning. Put up wire in evening.
Sun 14 Partly cloudy and cold. Went up home in morning. Put up wire in evening.
Mon 15 Cloudy, cold and raining some. Rained all day and night. Cold.
Tue 16 Cloudy, cold and raining some. Done nothing.
Wed 17 Windy and cold. Sawed wood in morning. Went to Mansfield in evening.
Thu 18 Fair and cold. Worked on barn all day.
Fri 19 Fair and cold. Worked on barn all day. Went to Willie's at night.
Sat 20 Fair and some warmer. Worked on barn till dinner. Fixed pasture in evening.
Sun 21 Partly cloudy and cool. Staid at home all day.
Mon 22 Cloudy and rained a shower in morning. Worked on barn in evening.
Tue 23 Cloudy and cold. Worked on barn all day.
Wed 24 Fair and cold. Covered barn.
Thu 25 Fair and cold. Picked cotton in morning. Worked on barn in evening.
Fri 26 Fair and cold. Wind from East. Picked cotton all day. Finished.
Sat 27 Cloudy and rained late in evening. Went to gin and Mansfield.
Sun 28 Partly cloudy and cool. Staid at home.
Mon 29 Cloudy and drizzling rain. Sawed wood.
Tue 30 Cloudy and drizzling rain. Sawed wood.



Ruth Kelly

Diary for December, 1920

- Wed 1 Fair and cold. Hauled wood in morning. Dressed a shoat in p.m.
Thu 2 Fair and cool. Hauled fodder and peas and moved cotton seed.
Fri 3 Fair and warmer. Piddled all day.
Sat 4 Cloudy and rained late in evening and at night. Went to Mansfield in morning.
Sun 5 Cloudy and cool. Staid at home all day.
Mon 6 Cloudy and cold. Went to Monticello to court.
Tue 7 Cloudy and rained. Went to Monticello to court.
Wed 8 Cloudy and rained in morning. Went to Monticello to court. Colder in evening.
Thu 9 Cloudy and cool. Helped to wash.
Fri 10 Partly cloudy and colder. Sawed wood for self.
Sat 11 Fair and warm. Went to sale at Ruby Kelly's. (See note.)
Sun 12 Cloudy and warm. Went to Willie's in morning. Staid at home rest of day.
Mon 13 Cloudy and raining. Went to Willie's in evening.
Tue 14 Cloudy and windy. Sawed wood in evening. Went to Lodge at night.
Wed 15 Fair and windy. Sawed in morning. Killed hogs in evening.
Thu 16 Fair and windy. Dried up lard.
Fri 17 Fair and windy. Sawed wood and hauled wood.
Sat 18 Cloudy and cold. Went to Mansfield in morning.
Sun 19 Cloudy, cold and tried to rain and sleet. Mrs. Lewis came in morning.
Mon 20 Fair and warm. Leon plowed. I went hunting.
Tue 21 Partly cloudy. Plowed all day.
Wed 22 Cloudy, foggy and come a storm of rain. Went to Mansfield in morning.
Thu 23 Cloudy and colder. Done nothing.
Fri 24 Cloudy and cold. Went to hunting in morning. Done nothing in evening.
Sat 25 Cloudy and cold. Went to Mr. Lewis' in morning. Staid at home rest of day.
Sun 26 Cloudy and cold. Went to raining in evening. Grandpa Kelly and Lillious came in evening.
Mon 27 Cloudy and rained some. Went to Mansfield in morning.
Tue 28 Fair and cold. Went up home and spent the day. Alva came home with us.
Wed 29 Fair and cold. Went hunting in p.m. with Willie.
Thu 30 Fair and cold. Had a turkey dinner.
Fri 31 Fair and warm and pleasant. Leila and Corban spent the day.
Ruby Kelly was Clyde Kelly's widow.



Velma & Agnes Kelly
daughters of Aubet & Odessa Kelly
Picture was taken in 1920

Diary for January, 1921

- Sat 1 Partly cloudy and warm. Piddled. (See note.)
Sun 2 Cloudy and warm. Alva came in evening.
Mon 3 Cloudy and rained all morning. Went to mill in evening.
Tue 4 Cloudy and foggy. Went to Monticello in morning.
Wed 5 Fair and warm. Went hunting in evening.
Thu 6 Fair and warm. Sawed wood in evening.
Fri 7 Fair and cool. Sawed wood all day.
Sat 8 Cloudy and warm. Went to Mansfield.
Sun 9 Cloudy and rained hard in evening. Alva came.
Mon 10 Faired off cold. Cut wood all day.
Tue 11 Fair and cool. Sawed wood for self.
Wed 12 Fair and colder. Sawed wood for Willie.
Thu 13 Cloudy and cold. Done nothing.
Fri 14 Cloudy and eveything covered in ice. Rained in morning.
Sat 15 Partly cloudy and windy. Went to Monticello.
Sun 16 Fair and cool. Went to Aubet's in evening.
Mon 17 Fair and cool. Sawed wood for self.
Tue 18 Partly cloudy and cold. Sawed wood for Willie.
Wed 19 Fair and cold wind from East. Went to Monticello.
Thu 20 Fair and cool. Sawed and split wood for self in morning.
Fri 21 Fair and cool. Went to Mansfield in morning. Hauled wood in evening.
Sat 22 Fair and warmer. Drug over cotton stalks.
Sun 23 Partly cloudy and warm. Staid at home.
Mon 24 Fair and warm. Plowed all day.
Tue 25 Cloudy and rained in evening. Plowed all day.
Wed 26 Cloudy and rained in evening. Plowed until rain.
Thu 27 Cold and raining. Snowed a little.
Fri 28 Fair and warm. Went to Mansfield in evening.
Sat 29 Fair and warm. Trimmed up trees in morning.
Sun 30 Cloudy and rained some. Willie came in morning. Leon and I went up home in the afternoon.
Mon 31 Fair and cool. Sawed wood in morning. Killed hog in evening.

The entries are shorter because he was running out of ledger pages; therefore, he put two months on a page.



John Ben Kelly
Picture taken around early 1940's

Diary for February, 1921

Tue 1 Cloudy and rained. Dried up lard.
Wed 2 Cloudy and cool. Sawed wood.
Thu 3 Fair and warmer. Big frost. Hauled wood.
Fri 4 Partly cloudy and cold. Went to Monticello.
Sat 5 Cloudy and rained all morning. Fair in evening.
Sun 6 Fair and warm. Laurence and family came in evening.
Mon 7 Cloudy and rained at night. Went to Mansfield in morning.
Tue 8 Cloudy in morning. Partly cloudy in evening.
Wed 9 Cloudy in morning. Rained all the p.m. and all night.
Thu 10 Cloudy and rained some. Faired off at night.
Fri 11 Cold and windy. Cut up some wood.
Sat 12 Partly cloudy and cold. Went to Lydia Bryant's. (No one could recall this name.)
Sun 13 Fair and pleasant. Staid at home.
Mon 14 Fair and warm. Hauled stove wood.
Tue 15 Fair and warm. Hauled stove wood in morning.
Wed 16 Fair and warm. Went to Monticello.
Thu 17 Partly cloudy and cool. Raked corn stalks.
Fri 18 Partly cloudy and cool. Done nothing.
Sat 19 Cold, cloudy and rained some.
Sun 20 Cold and cloudy. Staid at home.
Mon 21 Cold, cloudy, rained and snowed. Went to Monticello.
Tue 22 Cold, and cloudy. Went to Mansfield in morning.
Wed 23 Cold and partly cloudy. Sawed wood.
Thu 24 Cold and partly cloudy. Hauled wood.
Fri 25 Fair and cold. Done nothing.
Sat 26 Fair and cold. Done nothing.
Sun 27 Fair and cold. Staid at home.
Mon 28 Fair and warm. Hauled out manure.



Aubet Kelly & Henry Ozburn
Postcard Picture

Postcard
Dated 8/31/1908

Addressed to
Mr. Willie Kelly
Farrar, Georgia

*Hello, how are you.
I am sick with a cole.
I got a job all right.
A. N. K.*

Diary for March, 1921

Tue 1 Fair and warm. Plowed all day.
Wed 2 Fair and warm. Plowed all day.
Thu 3 Fair and warm. Plowed all day.
Fri 4 Fair and warm. Plowed all day.
Sat 5 Fair and warm. Went to Monticello in wagon.
Sun 6 Fair and warm. Pa and Lillious came in evening.
Mon 7 Fair and warm. Plowed all day.
Tue 8 Fair and warm. Plowed all day.
Wed 9 Cloudy and rained a shower. Plowed.
Thu 10 Fair and cool. Bedded corn ground.
Fri 11 Fair and cool. Bedded corn ground.
Sat 12 Cloudy and rained some. Planted yellow dent corn in morning.
Sun 13 Fair and warm. Ma and Pa came.
Mon 14 Cloudy and hot. Went to funeral in morning for Mrs. McClendon. Plowed in evening. (See note.)
Tue 15 Threatening. Plowed all day.
Wed 16 Cloudy and threatening rain. Planted cane and corn. Started.
Thu 17 Fair and hot. Planted corn.
Fri 18 Fair and hot. Hauled out manure in morning.
Sat 19 Fair and hot. Hauled a load of guano.
Sun 20 Fair and hot. Went to Corban's and spent the day.
Mon 21 Fair and hot. Plowed. Pigs born.
Tue 22 Rained a shower. Harrowed.
Wed 23 Cloudy and cool. Rained at night. Rained in morning.
Thu 24 Faired off. Broke up v. bean patch.
Fri 25 Fair and hot. Laid off cotton ground.
Sat 26 Fair and hot. Went to Mansfield in morning.
Sun 27 Fair and cool. Staid at home.
Mon 28 Fair and cool.
Tue 29 Cloudy and cold.
Wed 30 Cloudy and cold. Hauled straw.
Thu 31 Cloudy and rained.

Mrs. Clementine McClendon was Carroll Hodge's grandmother.



Cornelia Kelly Lewis
b. 8/2/1906--d. 5/13/2003
John Herschel Kelly's daughter

Diary for April, 1921

- Fri 1 Fair and warm. Drug with harrow.
Sat 2 Fair and warm. Went to Monticello in evening.
Sun 3 Fair and warm. Willie and Inis came in evening.
Mon 4 Fair and warm. Planted corn and beans.
Tue 5 Fair and warm. Planted cotton all day.
Wed 6 Fair and warm. Planted cotton all day.
Thu 7 Fair and warm. Planted cotton all day.
Fri 8 Fair and hot. Went to Monticello.
Sat 9 Fair and cooler. Done nothing.
Sun 10 Fair and very windy and cold. Billie came.
Mon 11 Fair and cold. Went to mill in morning.
Tue 12 Fair and warmer. Beat out peas. ("Beat out peas" involved putting peas in a burlap sack and beating with a stick.)
Wed 13 Partly cloudy and warm. Done nothing.
Thu 14 Cloudy and rained a shower in morning.
Fri 15 Partly cloudy. Plowed in p.m.
Sat 16 Partly cloudy. Rained big rain in evening. Went to Monticello.
Sun 17 Cold and windy. Went to Prospect in morning. Went to Willie's in the p.m. Cornelia got married. (See note.)
Mon 18 Cold and windy. Done nothing.
Tue 19 Cold and windy. Piddled some.
Wed 20 Fair and some warmer. Planted goobers.
Thu 21 Partly cloudy. Drug corn middles.
Fri 22 Rained a good rain. Done nothing.
Sat 23 Rained a good rain. Done nothing.
Sun 24 Fair and cool. Went to store in morning.
Mon 25 Partly cloudy and hot. Hoed out garden.
Tue 26 Partly cloudy and hot. Went to Mansfield in morning.
Wed 27 Cloudy and rained in evening.
Thu 28 Fair and warm. Fixed well shelter.
Fri 29 Fair, cold and windy. Went to Pond.
Sat 30 Fair, cold and windy. Went to Mansfield.



Cornelia & George
1960

Cornelia married George Lewis, son of R. W. Lewis. She was 15 years old. In an article for the *AJC* in 1999, she was quoted, "When George and I got married, we cleaned up this little old tenant house and moved in. It had a wood stove and a big old fireplace and a little bantam hen had a nest on the shelf. I cooked on that wood stove. There were no windows. We had shutters. When you opened the shutters, it was open. I wish I had a picture of that today."

Diary for May, 1921

Sun 1 Fair and cold and windy. Leila and Corban come.
Mon 2 Partly cloudy, rained big rain in evening.
Tue 3 Cold, windy and cloudy. Fixed cradle. (A cradle was a farm implement for cutting and holding the wheat or oats until emptying.)
Wed 4 Cold, windy. Went to Monticello.
Thu 5 Cold, windy. Worked on car in morning. Plowed in evening.
Fri 6 Cold, windy. Plowed cotton all day.
Sat 7 Fair and warmer. Plowed cotton all day.
Sun 8 Fair and warm. Staid at home.
Mon 9 Fair and warm. Plowed corn all day.
Tue 10 Fair and warm. Plowed corn all day.
Wed 11 Went to mill in morning. Rained in evening. Hot.
Thu 12 Fair and warm. Chopped cotton.
Fri 13 Cloudy and warm. Done nothing.
Sat 14 Partly cloudy. Done nothing.
Sun 15 Partly cloudy. Willie and children came in evening.
Mon 16 Cloudy and rained some. Went to Mansfield.
Tue 17 Fair and cool. Chopped cotton in evening.
Wed 18 Fair and cool. Chopped cotton all day.
Thu 19 Fair and cool. Chopped cotton all day.
Fri 20 Fair and cool. Chopped cotton all day.
Sat 21 Cloudy and rained in morning. Went to Monticello in evening.
Sun 22 Cloudy and rained in morning. Went up home.
Mon 23 Fair and hot. Cut wheat.
Tue 24 Fair and hot. Plowed cotton all day.
Wed 25 Fair and hot. Plowed cotton all day.
Thu 26 Fair and hot. Plowed cotton all day.
Fri 27 Fair and very hot. Plowed corn all day.
Sat 28 Fair and very hot. Plowed corn in morning. Went to mill in evening.
Sun 29 Fair and very hot. Went to Aubet's in evening.
Mon 30 Fair and very hot. Chopped cotton. Finished.
Tue 31 Fair and very hot. Plowed cotton.



Ruth Kelly & Colvin Kitchens

Diary for June, 1921

- Wed 1 Fair and hot. Plowed corn all day.
 Thu 2 Fair and hot. Plowed corn all day.
 Fri 3 Partly cloudy and hot. Threshed wheat in morning.
 Sat 4 Partly cloudy in morning. Went to Monticello in morning.
 Sun 5 Fair and warm. Staid at home.
 Mon 6 Fair and warm. Went to mill in morning.
 Tue 7 Fair and hot. Hoed and plowed all day.
 Wed 8 Fair and hot. Hoed cotton all day.
 Thu 9 Fair and hot. Hoed cotton all day.
 Fri 10 Fair and hot. Done nothing.
 Sat 11 Fair and hot. Went to Monticello in morning, mill in evening.
 Sun 12 Fair and hot. Staid at home all day.
 Mon 13 Fair and hot. Plowed corn all day.
 Tue 14 Fair and hot and very dry. Done nothing.
 Wed 15 Fair and hot and very dry. Done nothing.
 Thu 16 Fair and hot and very dry. Plowed cotton.
 Fri 17 Fair and hot and very dry. Plowed cotton.
 Sat 18 Fair and hot and very dry. Went to Mansfield.
 Sun 19 Fair and hot and very dry. Staid at home.
 Mon 20 Partly cloudy and sprinkled rain. Plowed peas and hoed goobers.
 Tue 21 Fair, hot and very dry. Done nothing.
 Wed 22 Fair, hot and very dry. Done nothing.
 Thu 23 Fair, hot and very dry. Done nothing.
 Fri 24 Fair, hot and very dry. Done nothing.
 Sat 25 Fair in morning. Went to Monticello in morning. Went to Dude Henderson's funeral. Rain in evening. First rain in 5 weeks.
 Sun 26 Fair here, rain in places. Staid at home.
 Mon 27 Fair here, rain in places. Sowed peas.
 Tue 28 Rained in evening. Plowed corn until rain.
 Wed 29 Very hot. Rain in places.
 Thu 30 Very hot. Rained in East. Cut some sprouts.

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WILLIE KELLY (L) AND BROTHER, A.N.

No. 96 Is Celebrated

A birthday luncheon at the American Legion House on Saturday, Aug. 26, honored Willie C. Kelly, who was 96 on Aug. 25. More than 20 family members and friends attended the luncheon, given by Mr. Kelly's children.

Mr. Kelly, a Monticello native, is now a resident Lynn Haven Nursing Home in Bradley. He was for many years overseer for Roy Kelly, Sr., and for E.F. Perry, and also trapped foxes for the county. Before moving to Lynn Haven, he made his home with a daughter, Mrs. Vivian Bearden, in Monticello. His children, in addition to Mrs.

Bearden, are Mrs. Colvin Kitchens, Mrs. Walker Thornton, Mrs. O.B. Fears, and Weslie Kelly. He has 14 grandchildren, 33 great-grandchildren, and three great-great grandchildren. A.N. Kelly, Mr. Kelly's 92-year-old brother, was among the guests at the birthday celebration.

Diary for July, 1921

Fri 1 Partly cloudy, rain in places.
Sat 2 Partly cloudy and hot. Rained in East.
Sun 3 Fair and hot. Went to Aubet's in evening.
Mon 4 Fair and hot. Finished laying old corn.
Tue 5 Fair and hot. Plowed young corn.
Wed 6 Partly cloudy. Plowed cotton all day. Rained some in evening.
Thu 7 Partly cloudy. Plowed cotton until big rain in evening.
Fri 8 Partly cloudy but no rain. Went to Mansfield.
Sat 9 Partly cloudy and rained some.
Sun 10 Partly cloudy but no rain. Went to Corban's.
Mon 11 Partly cloudy and rained in evening. Plowed until rain.
Tue 12 Fair in morning. Rained in evening. Plowed until rain.
Wed 13 Fair in morning. Rained in evening. Plowed until rain.
Thu 14 Partly cloudy. Done nothing. Rain at night.
Fri 15 Partly cloudy and rained in evening. Done nothing.
Sat 16 Partly cloudy and rained in evening. Went to corn mill.
Sun 17 Cloudy in morning. No rain. Went to Willie's in evening.
Mon 18 Cloudy and rained in evening. Picked up squares.
Tue 19 Cloudy and rained in evening. Picked up squares in morning.
Wed 20 Cloudy and rained in evening. Cooked dinner.
Thu 21 Cloudy and rained in evening. Done nothing.
Fri 22 Cloudy and rained at noon. Went to Mansfield in morning.
Sat 23 Partly cloudy and rained at night. Went to Laurence Jordan's in the p.m.
Sun 24 Fair and hot. Staid at home.
Mon 25 Fair and hot. Picked up squares.
Tue 26 Partly cloudy and hot. Picked up squares.
Wed 27 Partly cloudy. Plowed cotton all day. Rained some in evening.
Thu 28 Partly cloudy. Plowed cotton in morning.
Fri 29 Fair and hot. Done nothing.
Sat 30 Fair and hot. Went to Mansfield in morning. Rained a shower at dusk. Inis and children came.
Sun 31 Fair and hot. Staid at home.



Ruth Kelly Kitchens & Mildred McElhane Kelly,
widow of Wesley Kelly, Ruth's brother
Kelly Reunion, 2007

Diary for August, 1921

Mon 1 Fair and hot. Went to Little River. (Probably at Pennington)
Tue 2 Fair and hot. Done nothing. Alva came in evening.
Wed 3 Fair and hot in morning. Rained in east. Went to mill in morning.
Thu 4 Fair and hot in morning. Rained a shower in evening.
Fri 5 Cloudy and rained in evening. Went to Mansfield in morning.
Sat 6 Fair and hot. Done nothing.
Sun 7 Partly cloudy. Went to baptizing in evening. Rained at night.
Mon 8 Fair and hot. Went to store in morning.
Tue 9 Fair and hot. Done nothing.
Wed 10 Fair and hot. Done nothing.
Thu 11 Fair and hot. Done nothing.
Fri 12 Fair and hot. Done nothing.
Sat 13 Fair and hot. Done nothing.
Sun 14 Fair and hot. Staid at home.
Mon 15 Partly cloudy. Picked peas.
Tue 16 Cloudy and rained a big rain. Picked peas in evening.
Wed 17 Cloudy and rained some. Went to store in morning.
Thu 18 Fair and hot. Pulled fodder all day.
Fri 19 Fair and hot. Pulled fodder all day.
Sat 20 Fair and hot. Pulled fodder in morning.
Sun 21 Cloudy and rained in evening. Dess and children came.
Mon 22 Fair and hot. Pulled fodder.
Tue 23 Cloudy and rained in evening. Willie and preacher came in evening.
Wed 24 Cloudy and threatening. Worked in house.
Thu 25 Cloudy and threatening. Worked in house.
Fri 26 Fair and hot. Picked peas.
Sat 27 Fair and hot. Went to Monticello in morning.
Sun 28 Cool and cloudy. Staid at home.
Mon 29 Partly cloudy and hot. Picked cotton until rain.
Tue 30 Fair and hot. Picked cotton all day.
Wed 31 Fair and extremely hot. Went to Bethel to the Association.



Vivian , Wesley, Inis, Ruth, Willie, Marion, & Lucille