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Friday, January 1, 1932

1st day – 365 days to come

This first day of the new year is a clear sunshine with sparkling frost. A good day to begin to add a record to the more than four score years that are charged against my life. If I had a record before me of all the past days I might be able to pass judgement as to how much claim I have to the judgement of well done making all allowance for _____ and environment. I am sure I have more than an average amount of blessings for one. The nature citizenship of America is such a mixture of nationalities there is no distinctive American type. My parents were extreme in their difference. Especially they were physically and temperamentally opposites. My father was a good sample of the Scotch Irish Clarks of the George Rodgers Clark who were pioneers in the settling Ky. and Tenn. when Tennessee was called

Saturday, January 2, 1932

2nd day – 364 days to come

Franklin Territory. The younger brother was the Clark of the Lewis and Clark expedition to the Pacific. My father's Father was Thomas Dyson Clark. His mother was Jane Cunningham of the same race.

My mothers family genealogy as far as family tradition goes leads to the Huguenots in their seeking a place where they might worship God in no _____ name.

Tradition says the family were with these people in fleeing from France to Holland to England and the to _____ in America. Mother was a physical intellectual beauty, "A perfect woman nobly planned"

Joseph Addison Clark and Hetty (Esther) D'Spain were married in Nacogdoches County Jan 1842.

On characteristic of the orig-

Sunday, January 3, 1932

3rd day – 363 days to come

inal Scotch Irish was they were religious, political and social dissenters. Highly intellectual, they settled all questions by mathematical reasoning, and formed conclusions by opposition. He became the sole support of mother and two younger sisters at the age of 12.

The first visitors to the fatherless and the widow left them homeless without food or shelter. It took all the family had to settle claims against the father. The boy felt that life was a battle for the right to live in the world and he accepted it and asked no favors. No job was too hard. The choice

Monday, January 4, 1932
4th day – 362 days to come

of vocations was in favor of the one that would furnish food and shelter. When he worked he _____ with much hard manual labor beside, he had taught a boy's school severed an opportunity in a printing office and owned and edited a county newspaper. He sold the paper and gave himself one year in a state university studying law and surveying. Leaving the university he taught school near Lexington. He soon had sufficient money to pay the expenses to Tex.

They came to Texas and his experiment as a lawyer and surveyor gave ready

Tuesday, January 5, 1932
5th day – 361 days to come

employment. Texas had belonged to so many nations that land titles to individuals had become conflicting. His business brought _____ association with a class of people different from the world he had grown up in. Instead of settling difficulties in law suits or by fighting each helped the other and all helped the losers. Here we have an illustration of Christ teaching when He said you are the of the world. The disciples are the seed of the Kingdom. No books of evidence on Christianity written to prove the claims of the church had gained a respectful hearing. But the _____

Wednesday, January 6
6th day - 360 days to come

convinced him of the fact of Christ and that Christianity was the only power on earth that would ever make mankind a brotherhood. This caused him to _____ into this different kind of people. His wife influenced him to serve the _____ incoming population by building a school. He selected a site located the land and built a house sufficient. To begin with the school was filled with eager students from the first day. A preacher, Glen Weaver came to TX from Ind. He preached the gospel without any place for secularism in doctrine or name. Father was baptized. This caused

Thursday, January 7
7th day - 359 days to come

trouble. When he began the school it was understood that he was an unbeliever. Now he learned that the churches had less opposition to an infidel than to an undenominational Christian. This caused him to abandon the school. He removed to what was then Titus County, bought a small farm, raised a crop, and ~~farmed~~ preached. His preaching was a lawyers defence of his position of unsectarian Christianity. His faith was strictly unstructural belief in the things that were written that one might believe that Jesus

Friday, January 8
8th day - 358 days to come

is the Christ the son of God. The conditions were not favorable for learning the meaning of the life _____ the believer is to follow.

His wife's faith was a belief in Christ that made a faith that that worked by love and _____ the complete life which Jesus came that man might have.

Their first born came to them December 11, 1842 in Titus Co. Mother had just come to womanhood. She was well prepared for the right kind of home building. She was educated in the best of female seminary at Baton Rouge

Saturday, January 9
9th day - 357 days to come

La under President Shannon one of the great men of his day was afterward president of the University of Mo.

She was an ____ in music and and painting, and the walls of the humble home hung with original nature paintings and two oil paintings of two pictures of perfect women. These from a master painter showed the type of perfect womanhood under this were the names Mary and Esther.

Mother's literary course included the best literature of the time.

Sunday, January 10
10th day - 356 days to come

Father moved to Harrison Co. when the second boy was born Aug 15, 1844. With these two boys Addison and Randolph the family began. Home was then first school and mother was their teacher. There was less than two years difference in their ages and Addison was ready to lay aside the primer book when I began to link words into sentences. I used the books as he left them, but I did not get with him. Addison liked hard studies math and language beyond his native tongue. Father seemed to like best of all his vocation

Monday, January 11
11th day - 355 days to come

The news paper business. We went to primary school & where we would begin moving until 1854. When Addison was 12. I coming ten. Then he was put in the Academy which prepared students for the junior year in the eastern colleges.

After this we were separated save in vacations. Father had practiced law and edited a paper at different places. IN 54, when Addison entered the Academy we were living at Palestine. At that time we employed to the East Texas cooperation to Evangelize

Tuesday, January 12
12th day - 354 days to come

Dunn the time between 1844 and 1854 father edited a paper at Bonham Rusk Galveston and Palestine. Mother taught the boys. When father employed to the Cooperation To Evangelize, and Addison entered the Academy, Addison was at home only in vacation of school. Father was absent most of the time. Mother and I kept the home fires burning. Father found the best teachers in the country for Addison. He was in school one year at Palestine and three years at Tennessee Colony in Anderson County, two years at the colony _____ he had a college teacher and library. This with one session with a teacher in

Wednesday, January 13
13th day - 353 days to come

McK_____ who had a boys preparatory school. He pursued more than an ordinary college A.B. course. In 1860 the threatening war called him home. We were then living in Collin County. The family moved to Kentuckytown in Grayson County in 1861. Lincoln called for troops to invade the seceded states. Up to this time Addison had taken no part in the political discussion that kept the country in a turmoil but when an army of invasion threatened to over run the country he

Thursday, January 14

14th day - 352 days to come

volunteered to defend the homes. The only time I knew father to go into a business seemingly to make money. He bought wheat put me to hauling it to mill and filled army contracts for flour and shipped flour to commission houses. He went to the sugar mills in La bought tons of sugar and went Mobile Alabama, bought heavily of tobacco. All this had shipped to Texas and sold to retail merchants. In 1893 he gave up speculating and bought a farm ranch in Johnson County near the corner of Hill County. A better farm and _____ ranch

Friday, January 15

15th day - 351 days to come

could hardly been found in the state. Rich land creek of lasting springs a sea of grass, 16 miles to Hillsboro without a mark of civilization. Here he put one hundred stock horses. I supposed he expected me to look after them had come for me to go to the war or give the Authorities reason why. There were now two younger boys in the family. I helped them get the horses. One of the boys was seven years old the other ten. I took a pony from the herd and went on a search for Addison in the army. I was just in time to miss

Saturday, January 16

16th day - 350 days to come

two big battles. I took place in the front route with the veterans in Walker's Division of infantry and soon learned that war was not a picnic.-

On Sunday afternoon May 26, 1865 Addison and I after _____ onto the nights tramped home at the farm ranch place. As we came near we saw the smoke from the kitchen stovepipe. We knew that mother was cooking for the soldier boys who might pass and with a prayer that her boys might along soon. The little blue eyed Mary was in the gate watching the soldier boys _____ home eyeing each crowd to

Sunday, January 17

17th day - 349 days to come

See if her brothers might be there when these two took the path that led to the house she walked timidly to meet if _____ weather beaten men could be her brothers. This was the only time I ever saw Addison overcome with emotion. We hurried to the house. Mother was there and this was home. We could visit without the fear of being molested by bugle note or drum.

_____ Father soon came then was time for the general family move. He had bought an interest in a flour mill near Alvarado and was prepar-

Monday, January 18

18th day - 348 days to come

ing to move. A stillness reigned over the country like the quiet after a destructive storm. The war was over but it was yet to be seen what would be when the conquering army came to take possession. Men were hurrying home to repair farms rebuild houses and begin to have their own many opportunities. These were engage in traffic or join with the conquerors in plunder. The boys that had not been left on the battle fields had lost four years of the time they should have been in school. Addison had commanded boys in Conf be them in battle, he would now gather these as they returned and teach school. He found a log cabin where with

Tuesday, January 19

19th day - 347 days to come

some repairs answered for a school house and soon had it crowded with ex soldier boys and children that had no school during the war. This was near the town of Alvarado. He taught here the summer of 65. In Sept 65 until June 26 he taught in the town of Alvarado.

Addison had finished better than an ordinary college course in the Academies. He wanted to be associated with a teacher of experience and study teaching and further advance in studies. He found the man

Wednesday, January 20

20th day - 346 days to come

who had the authority to be called a teacher. He had been thoroughly _____ in the School of hardships and had granted under Alexander Campbell in Bethany College Va. He was teaching at Springfield Mo when the war broke up all schools on the border. He moved to Texas and was waiting for the war troubles to settle in Mo and had opened school in a large church house in Grayson Co Texas. This man was Charles Carlton. A big room was filled to over flow mostly of ex soldier boys. Addison found the man he wanted

Thursday, January 21

21st day - 345 days to come

to association with as a teacher but could get little help to advance his studies. He assisted Mr. Carlton in teaching several his studies and went on alone in his scientific studies and the _____.

The boys would assemble in groups on the grass under the trees beside the house when the weather would permit. They would come to class to report progress and get help needed. We were with this school from Sept 66 to June 67. Mr. Carlton had moved to Bonham

Friday, January 22

22nd day - 344 days to come

where he had better school building and equipment. I must say a word about Bonham. The highland country bordering Red River from Texas came to Grayson County including what is now Bower Red River Lamar Fannin and Grayson counties was settled by good citizens from the southern states principally from Ky Va Tenn and Miss. When Texas belonged to Spain attention was called to this country when Aaron Burr [?] made his attempt to get the country. When Texas was dark as Africa from there to the far south border this section

Saturday, January 23

23rd day - 343 days to come

Well developed farms with orchards, schools and churches. R E Lees of the Virginia Lee family a graduate of the West Point Military Academy was serving in the Texas army, stationed on Red River in Fannin Co.

On annexation of Texas to the United States Texas Army was disbanded. Col. Lee _____ and laid out the county seat of Fannin Co. now called Bonham.

Soon after some of the citizens _____ and excellent _____ for that time and sent to Boston for a

Sunday, January 24

24th day - 342 days to come

to teach a female seminary. They secured a faculty of one man and two ladies a faculty representing the best of New England culture and the children of choice Southern _____ with a few generations of training made an improvement in both classes.

The children went to the same school acquired the same style of dress. The same great manners of home. The homes came to be alike in all their

Monday, January 25

25th day - 341 days to come

home life. The churches had the same customs of worship. Their social life all was the same. Pastors were given at a home no _____ in public places with all sorts of comers. They met a private house had a certain hour to adjourn. Young men of good character arrived. The Seminary faculty returned to Boston on the breaking out of the civil war.

Mrs. Carlton secured the building and on the first Monday in Sept 67

Tuesday, January 26

26th day - 340 days to come

The seminary chapel was filled with expectant students. One half the room had the Bonham girls and young ladies. The other with Fannin County boys and a goodly number of ex soldier boys from many parts of the state. These soldier boys had heard of Mr. C. and wanted his help to make up lost time. There was little time for social life. I had not had any of what is known as society. I lived close to mother till I went to the war, then I did not even have a girl to correspond with as most of the boys had.

Addison had been in student boarding till he went to the war and too much absorbed in books to form any girl attachments. We had _____ offers to go into the profession of the law and chance of business to make money. Our purpose was to help the cause of Christian education by teaching building and

Wednesday, January 27

27th day - 339 days to come

for tr__ing for citizenship and home builder.

Mr. Carlton announced the program. Each student must understand school life was for the purpose of making the best possible character of the material that God had given. That entrusted to the

individual during this life. Not just to prepare to make a living for _____ time of life, but to make the complete life. Physical and spiritual. Mr. Carlton's personality before the students authorized him to be called a teacher, a builder of character.

That was the kind so of school to develop the best in them. They would be careful to _____ the best in class and in the occasional meeting in

Thursday, January 28

28th day - 338 days to come

passing. The young men looked at the group in the opposite of the house and soon began to select individuals for study and soon found themselves looking for an individual. I had in mind the complete measure of perfect womanhood from my mother and grandmother and some pictures mother had of true woman hood. I had fixed in my mind so that I would make no mistake when I met one of the class. As the boys of my class became acquainted with the other side of the house I learned the individual names and charishes from the boys talk. In a short time there were no strangers. Privilege _____ were given. These were social parties where seven the young men of the school

Friday, January 29

29th day - 337 days to come

visited in the homes of school girls. I had discovered one that was different. I found myself looking for her at chapel assembly and in class. I would always find her but never once caught her eye. I found out that she was the most universally loved young lady not only in school but in the town. She seemed to be unconscious of this. I made efforts to see her at home but on days when the school house social privileges. My not asking for a date would be answered with regrets for a "previous engagement." This young lady was the daughter of Mrs. Lee. Ella Lee just coming into mature womanhood.

Saturday, January 30

30th day - 336 days to come

I visited the home I visited the home and had an explanation of thus being such a daughter. Mrs. Lee was a superior woman of that class that was different. She made me welcome to come as well without previous announcement. I would go at times when the daughter had engagement to a social would spend the time with the mother on one occasion. I spent the evening till Ella return and learned that the mother was in the habit of waiting for the ~~mother's~~ daughter's return and before retiring she read the Bible lesson. Neither was a member of a church. The Virginia

Sunday, January 31

31st day - 335 days to come

Lees were Episcopalians. Mrs. Lee had studied the Bible and wanted to become a Christian with a sectarian church relation. The preachers seemed to teach it different from what it was in the Book.

As I had opportunity to become acquainted with Mrs. Ella I let my feeling lead me to approach love making. I was promptly checked. She let me know that she had wished to have the company of intelligent____ said she needed to have conventional college. Thought young should have something beneficial to talk about.

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But she could not when the conversation took the course of love making.

I was in an embarrassing situation but made a bold effort to get right. I proposed that if she would agree for me to visit and try to make the association pleasant I would promise to keep clear of the objectionable subject. She would be no _____ of it. She agreed. I felt free to visit and left my word. That was in the ~~fall of 68~~ Spring of 68.

At the close of the session in June 68 Addison and I

Monday, February 1

32nd day - 334 days to come

went home. Father had moved from Alvarado to to the place to where the county seat of Johnson County had been moved and named Cleburne. Father was building a mill at the new town. I went to work helping with the mill building. Addison continued with his books.

In Sept. 68 we were in school at Bonham. Addison teaching. I putting in full time as a student. These were my first undisturbed years at school.

Addison was paying my board and tuition. He had agreed to take the school at Ft. Worth and begin there in Jan. 69. We were considering that place for our life work. Addison would need all his earnings. I had some good

Tuesday, February 2

33rd day - 333 days to come

horses. I rode one of these back to Bonham and made a trade with a farmer to let him have the horse and wait for pay until he sold his pork and made a trade for my with the account against the farmer. All went well.

I was rooming the boys lodging house at Mr. Carlton's so I did not have to account for absence. I did not send notes to be answered with regrets for previous engagement. I happened occasionally and had a welcome where the daughter was engaged the mother gave me a welcome. When alone I felt at home in the parlor. I gave myself a close examination. When

Wednesday, February 3

34th day - 332 days to come

Ella declined my advance in declaring love. The first thought was to go to some other school. Some far away college and forget. It seemed that would be impossible. If I ever married another the past would always be there to dis_____. I must stay there and if I really loved her as I thought I must be glad if she should marry one worthy, more worthy than I. We were together often and I think she felt no embarrassment. I just became home folks. We read books discussed subjects and

Thursday, February 4

35th day - 331 days to come

made the daily life common place. I knew she had company often and that one young lawyer was pressing his case. My greater anxiety was not for myself but for her if she should take I was sure she would in the end be disappointed.

It finally got among the women that she had declined him. A council was held of a gather of some of the mothers of the town. Ella and her mother were present. They pressed Ella to say why she did not accept so good an offer. She surprised them by declaring she _____ the same moral stand-

Friday, February 5

36th day - 330 days to come

ard or was asked to be given. She was told she would not find it. She replied she did not have to marry. Things _____ along our road went, to school, partly the same but we seldom went together. One Saturday afternoon there was a social gathering at Mrs. Lee's. A number of students had a great social with games and special events that made memories for such occasions. The day had passed. The party dissolved. I was little of the evening with Ella but I had a good time. Each young lady had an escort on leaving. I watched them depart.

Saturday, February 6

37th day - 329 days to come

I was standing alone leaning against the door facing. It seems to me now I must have looked lonely. Ella came near. I saw she was going to speak. She even touched my arm with her hand. Said I have had a presentiment. And made a date for J.P. Clark that night in the parlor for me to interpret. I was on time. She had a presentiment that she had decided to please me from the bond for silenced and that I was of the same feeling toward her as when she _____ the bond and that we would take the Highway of life together.

She waited my interpretation, I was the

Sunday, February 7

38th day - 328 days to come

Daniel for the occasion. It took till the small hours of the night to talk it all out. This was _____ December ~~18~~ 21, 1868 became the day in our lives from which we counted time. She had caused me to examine myself and start on the effort to be worthy of such a life companion. Now I was placed under a life obligation. It was nearly two years before we _____ a day to marry but we were just as certain on for the other as if married.

I am sure that what I have done that has been for good to the world as a teacher _____ to help make a better world had been the inspiration received from Ella and my great sorrow is that she is not here.

Monday, February 8

39th day - 327 days to come

Addison married in the school chapel on the last Sunday in Dec. 1868. We left Bonham to go to Fort Worth for Addison to being to _____ on the first Monday of 1869. J.P. Smith of the firm of Hendricks Smith Lawyers was teaching the school to hold it till a suitable person could be had to take it permanently. Addison would assist Smith till the close of the school term in June. We would begin in Setp. The house in which the school was taught was used, the upper story, as a masonic lodge. The lodge claimed all the building and gave us notice that a preacher could not teach the school and that the masons would

Tuesday, February 9

40th day - 326 days to come

begin school in it at the time for which we had announced to begin. Some of the members advised us to promise not to preach – but that would have been to give up the main purpose of our teaching. We had taken teaching as our life work as the best way we could serve to make this a better world in which to live. By training young people for better citizenship and better home builders. This would require us to build toward the measure of the Christ Standard. The Bible would be the guide for whatsoever was the honest just true lovely of good report. We would ____ it all the time. We found

Wednesday, February 10

41st day - 325 days to come

Another house that with some repairing ____ and went to work to build a house to be ready for the next year.

A house must be built. But where we were to get the money to build we could not see just then. Some angel would ____ the stone away. I taught school in the nearby village of Birdville while Addison taught with Col. Smith and we began together in the house we had secured. In the fall of 69 we had a one story brick church and a small 2 story

Thursday, February 11

42nd day - 324 days to come

house by the side of the church. Those two furnished room. Better than the masonic room would have been. We could teach and train for night ____ when none could molest. We taught here with increasing attendance till 1873. Then a storm came. The boom that struck Ft Worth has been dis _____. The quiet little village was soon to become the Metropolis of the South West. It became crowded by all sorts of people from all sorts of nationalities. This during the Reconstruction era. There was no semblance of law enforcement civil or military. The plot of ground we had secured on which to build our Academy was soon crowded

Friday, February 12

43rd day - 323 days to come

By red lights dance places every devise for dissipation Satan could devise.

I found a great place 40 miles from a rail road. I began there. Addison remained to teach the session of 74 which had been announced. Thorp Spring had acquired some notice as a health resort. Mr. Thorp had much of the rich valley lands near the Brazos river. He built a two story stone house. Called it a college building. His word was that a school would bring buyers for his farm lands. It was a good building suited to our purposes. There were no students near but there was not another

Saturday, February 13

44th day - 322 days to come

school in the state that had announced for the same purpose that we had believed we could get the students. Thorp offered no inducements, only he would sell the buildings at cost, require no cash payment, but wanted interest payed at regular intervals. The house being security for the cost price.

The wild boom on at Ft W made us feel certain we could easily get the money to pay for the building. First Monday in Sept 73 I was there to begin the school. The scholastic population of the community assembled in the big house. They numbered thirteen.

Sunday, February 14

45th day - 321 days to come

That was about what I expected and was not disappointed for the school was not brought there for local patronage. But something did happen just as the school got under way. Something that nearly paralyzed all efforts. The great Ft Worth boom collapsed. This shook the final world beyond the boundaries of America. J. Cook & Co. that had financed the federal government in the civil war and was advertised as being the force making Scott's enterprises possible and had created the Ft Worth boom was

Monday, February 15

46th day - 320 days to come

reported insolvent. The swarm left Ft Worth faster than they had come. The wreck of cyclone could not compare with the wreckage in and around Ft Worth. Capitalists became paupers. Unfinished stone buildings look gastly unhoused. Dry goods were in piles. Our prospects for paying for the school building were simply gone to naught.

I went to Mr. Thorp. Told him the conditions. As I was the only one that had moved and gone to any expense and as there was no knowing when our Ft Worth property would bring us money to pay for the building I proposed that the deal be canceled and

Tuesday, February 16

47th day - 319 days to come

I would return to Ft W. Mr. Thorp would not agree to that. He was ___ if we could not pay the interest on the note for the house he could take it at any time so he would wait. It soon got spread abroad that we had bought the property and moved the school from Ft Worth. Students soon began to come from remote parts of the county and ___ man by counties. At the end of the first month I had to employ an assistant teacher.

Our purposed was not to build a college, but an academy preparing character for the best in life. The house had been ___ before there was a

Wednesday, February 17

48th day - 318 days to come

school in it. Some came expecting a college course. Addison hesitated about getting a college charter. This would incur heavy expense for equipment and teachers. He did not want to add one more to the number of "Soon ___" colleges that had appeared in TX. In 1874 Addison came to take charge. Students came beyond all expectation. Many from a distance. Addison consented to getting a charter.

A charter was obtained for AddRan College. The name had been made for Addison's first born. A marble pillar in the Pioneer Cemetery marked AddRan is the sole keeper of the name.

Thursday, February 18

49th day - 317 days to come

The school session of 74-75 increased beyond our expectations. Students from the west as far as El Paso and from beyond San Antonio from South East and north Texas. When the financial collapse came building on, the T and P railroad stopped at _____ five miles west of. A few enterprising businessmen in Ft Worth organized a volunteer force and agreed to finance the rail road grade to Ft W. The Rail R company to _____ the rail to Ft Worth and begin to run trains as soon as the track was ready. The road was ours to get to Ft Worth. The legislature had voted the sections of land

Friday, February 19

50th day - 316 days to come

To the mile through the state and the road would forfeit this if not running to Ft Worth by a certain date. It was built in time to save the land.

For several years Ft Worth was the nearest station to our school but students came. Father sold his mill at Cleburne and moved to Ft Worth when we went there to begin school. This was a profitable move for him. The administrators of the M.T. Johnson _____ had on sale a lot of acreage and town lots in Ft Worth. Father bought town lots and several blocks. One 40 acre block where after the _____ _____ for RR station.

Saturday, February 20

51st day - 315 days to come

When the boom came he sold most of this before the bubble burst. At the same time the the Reconstruction Gov. appointed him post master at Ft Worth. In 1875 he moved to Thorp Spring and bought the choice 50 acres near the college and built mother the most comfortable home I remember her of ever having. The session closing Jun 75 gave promise of continued growth. I was anxious to finish a course in college and be ready to have a teachers place in the college and teach _____ to the best. My schooling had been interrupted by

Sunday, February 21

52nd day - 314 days to come

frequent movings by having to be subject to fathers need of me for several kinds of work. The time I went to Mr. Carlton after the war was the first time my schooling was not interrupted by need of home work.

I now wanted a year to finish, even _____ a college that had been started. AddRan College was more organized with a good faculty. Addison was in command. He wanted to have no business to call his attention. Thorp was satisfied to get the interest on our note for the house. Father could _____ _____. It not could be spared from teachers salaries and may

Monday, February 22

53rd day - 313 days to come

Thorp. Ft. Worth was beginning to _____ from the great disaster. Addison thought I might sit out a year without danger to the college. I had bought a choice 12 acre place, built a small house, had some dairy cows. That was helping to supply the college boarding house. I let a man have my place to live in and take care of. I entered Bethan College at the session beginning Sept 1876 and soon found my place in the senior class with a fine lot of young men.

Tuesday, February 23
54th day - 312 days to come

In February I was surprised to learn that I was mistaken in supposing I had an unmolested year at college. I received a letter from Addison calling me to come home at once or AddRan would be without a shelter at the close of the present session. Father _____ done a business that required pay in notes monthly. It was the time for the biannual move. The school was making a reputation that would give it a home by moving to some one of several places that offered to build such house as we would demand. He asked Mr. Thorp to take back the dues and give up the notes. Thorp got mad. Refused to listen to father. He did not want

Wednesday, February 24
55th day - 311 days to come

the house paid for. He wanted it as security as an investment for regular interest income. The Ft Worth property had not come back to a price that would justify selling. He counted the students and the tuition per student and _____ we were trying to swindle him. He _____ a _____ to _____ money. He would take the house back, get some teachers and divide the tuition. He did not know that an empty house on a hill was not a school. He gave up the notes demanded sent \$50.00 per month to close of session. This was the state of affairs that called me home.

Thursday, February 25
56th day - 310 days to come

We were doing splendidly at Bethany. I was getting what I needed with such men as M.K. Pendleton C.L. Loose and their associate teachers. I was getting ready to keep AddRan Ella with our babes were in a place where the _____ were in favor and she was having many friends. We felt at home.

We gave this up and hastened home. Addison refused to accept any proposition. He had told the people the college was located so long as he was its president. Several had bough and built homes on this statement. He said unless he could pay such what they would lose he would keep his work. A meeting of some half dozen citizens held a consul-

Friday, February 26
57th day - 309 days to come

tation. Father _____.

Resolutions were passed that the college would remain at Thorp Spring and that I would be authorized to secure money to build a house. I supposed they thought they had transacted some business. I went her who was always my comforter in time of trouble. Somehow she could always give comfort. We made our home _____ in a choice place to build a home, where we planned to spend our lives.

My first move was to sell and buy six and one half acres on which to build. This cost \$600. I suppose would have been valued at \$100 if the college were _____

Saturday, February 27
58th day - 308 days to come

I gave father the dimensions of the house we would need for the first year.

We would need a 2 ½ story stone building 40x60. ___ Father made a contract with a builder to put up the house. The stone to be put on the ground. The contractor to ___ as ___ story of the wall was finished.

We to put the stone on the ground. It had to be hauled two miles from the quarry. Every seemed to rest east that dear little woman and might do the worrying. I went to Ft Worth and sold the home to which Ella came as a bride and where our first child was born. I got for it just what one months rent was in the Boom time. The first story was to be

Sunday, February 28

59th day - 307 days to come

paid for on Saturday on Friday after noon. I had the money in my pocket and went out of town the opposite way from the course home to avoid road agents. Cirled to the direction. Slept on the horse off the good road 20 miles early next morning and at noon paid for the stone wall and advanced \$200 on the next wall.

Ella's old home where she was born raised and ___ associated with hallowed memories – This worth next sale – This was a two story house five acres of land in one block at the courthouse square in Bonham.

Monday, February 29

60th day - 306 days to come

My 80 acres of land now near T.C.U. campus was given to Ella by her father – but I need not give all the items sacrificed. What these sales lacked for building and equipment I sold scholarships including board. This went at low board rate for money advanced.

Ella worked it out booking boys who build AddRan. I claim no honor. She to whom the honor due never one time demanding credit never mentioned it. She at first hesitant to go in partnership with me in life's home building. But after she decided to join me we were on

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life's highway together. 51 years more than half century and never a sigh that we had started together. Never a family ____. I tried to be worthy such but she was better than I deserved never ceased to give thanks for such a mother for our children. In heaven I want to give thanks.

The house was built. The school continued to grow. But it was a constant struggle to meet the expense to keep and number of men to maintain a real college.

Tuesday, March 1

61st day - 305 days to come

Fortunately I had made some preparation for partial endowment. I had sold on lot off of Ella's home in Bonham and bought a choice 12 acre block in Thorp Spring. This was an excellent ___ lot of land with a spring and part of the land sub _____. Very fortunately I found an educated gardener a middle age Englishman and Christian with no family ties in America. He was educated in industrial school. Taught to know the composition of soil and the _____ for each soil and knew the soil _____. He came to America during the Civil War. He was put into the Union army. When he got out he claimed a pension.

Wednesday, March 2

62nd day - 304 days to come

This was granted him. He wanted a home and wanted just such a place as mine to raise garden and flowers. He came had a house to _____ in the yard. Would receive no pay for his first work. What he did not use for his small needs he would help some child in school. He wanted tools and a easy going horse and durry cart. Two acres was all the ground needed for garden. He cultivated this with hoe and spade let no one go in to gather vegetables pick berries and vegetables and brought them to the kitchen when ready for the _____.

Thursday, March 3

63rd day - 303 days to come

I had from three to five of the best dairy cows raised all they feed thing needed. Gave one boy his board to feed and milk them, I furnished the college boarding house hundreds of dollars worth vegetables and milk and butter. No charge made. No account kept. No hots. Had a flock of goats. Man on farm _____ and divided kid m_____.

That queen of mothers and wives, hard working supervision over all this so the machinery ran smoothly. Every loved this woman and I got the praise of her success. This saved AddRan.

I had calls for every Sunday to preach at needy places.

Friday, March 4

64th day - 302 days to come

I _____ Saturday and Sunday from College teaching and gave this time to country places.

My first protracted meeting

I was busy at work on cow barn when a stranger rode up enquiring for a preacher. Said he had never before was in a condition that he must have a preacher. He said the denominations were united in several meetings. They began at Bluff Dale on the _____. Ha d a rousing meeting then at another place on the creek. The denominations with trained helpers. This mand had just finished a new school house in a neighborhood on the creek. The _____ had announced to moved

Saturday, March 5

65th day - 301 days to come

next to that place. This man was leader in the community, had been the main one in having a community school house built. This man asked the union camp meeting preachers. He claimed the right to have a preacher. They consented and named the preacher. This man had been to see the preacher but could not get him. He came to me as the last chance. I insisted that I _____ they would not take me into the union. He said he was furnishing the beef for the campers and would have a right to have his preacher. This was early in the week. I agreed to be there the next Saturday

Sunday, March 6

66th day - 300 days to come

The place was 25 miles from my home on the bank of the Paluxy. A mill dam made a half mile up lake beautiful clear water. A grove of trees a nice school house and _____ arbor on smooth ground made a fine meeting place. The camp meeting drew a great crowd. An old hunter volunteered to _____ me to the place. This was of 74. We came upon the ground Saturday afternoon and found the _____ all

ready. The preachers were together at their place of camping. They did not ask me to join them but sent a man to inform me that the doors of the churches would not be opened till the close of the meeting then the converts would be given choice of church to join

Monday, March 7

67th day - 299 days to come

I told them that Christ had built and opened the church and my duty was to show believers how to get into Christ.

They had another Council and announced that each preacher would hold his own meeting and close as he liked and there would be alternate preaching.

The three preachers took seat on the preacher platform. They did not invite me to sit with them. I took a seat in the audience near by. These were three founders in the community. Ministers of the Christian Church. The women and tow men were numbered. The man

Tuesday, March 8

68th day - 298 days to come

who had me come was the speaker man for these five members.

The meeting began one man preached to bring in the excitement. The other two joined all at once. These trained shouters took down their h____ unbuttoned their collars – The scene can't be described. It continued till late. The leading preacher had spent, and announced a meeting for many day and that they must rest till the next meeting which would be the next night. Nothing said about meeting the next day Sunday. My friend announced that I would preach the next

Wednesday, March 9

69th day - 297 days to come

day. Sunday at 11 a.m. Told all the campers to tell their friends there was provision for all who came.

Sunday came. A great crowd was there. There were only a few counted or converts the previous night. A good number came forward for prayer and seemed anxious to get what the preachers called religion.

I took the preachers stand none joined me nor did I get a friendly amen to anything I did. I was sure I saw some anxious enquirers in the audience. Many among the mourners of the previous night. I felt lonely but was anxious to use the opportunity

Thursday, March 10

70th day - 296 days to come

for good. I had not held several meetings and had preached but short time. I knew nothing but to teach. I knew no better than to read from Acts 2. What must we do to be saved? This caught their eager attention. To their surprise and delight I read the answer. I talked a short while and gave an invitation. The one man on my side tried to sing but failed. None of them singers came to my _____ but we _____ no singing. Many came forward made the confession. Baptizing was appointed for the afternoon. At night the preachers and helpers were gone. Their wagons were gone. No one claimed the hour.

Friday, March 11

71st day - 295 days to come

I continued through the week day and night. We got together a good number of members organized a church which continued many years to meet each Sunday. I visited them one Sunday in the month. I had a young man from the college to teach a weeks singing school. The church grew and prospered. I neglected to teach them one important lesson. That they propose to pay for a preacher for themselves and for other communities.

I had not learned the lesson of Christian service. I had not gotten far enough to realize that Christianity is more than a good moral character. One can build a

Saturday, March 12

72nd day - 294 days to come

moral character and not be a Christian. Worship and prayer is sometimes mingled with selfishness. The law of the Spirit of life in Christ that makes free from the law of sin and death is the law of love. This always includes the others. God so loved that he gave His Son to save. There is much of Church religion that is selfish.

I _____ for it can say I made no boast to show pride in the meeting no disposition to exalt over a victory. I felt so much the responsibility of one who claimed to speak for the Father in heaven. I had heard legalistic preaching a faith of the intellect alone that I can now see had its effect but I had learned from

Sunday, March 13

73rd day - 293 days to come

Mother and grandmother something of the faith that works by love and _____ the heart and life. A faith which brings a service to help save the world.

Only this will make the world a brotherhood and bring the promised era of peace among people of good will.

Addison made the confession when a boy under the preaching of Dr. Caroll Kendrick at Palestine. He had an intellectual faith for he saw that the preachers family, his boys did not have the bond of love to each other and to parents that a faith of love should give. He had not preach and taught long before he saw that. Being must be

Monday, March 14

74th day - 292 days to come

the result of the doing. The fruit must of the likeness of the vine.

Addison would not agree to naming the school Christian, thus denominational, but he would make the work Christian in its result. He impressed it upon them that they were there at school to take the best of the _____ they had given to them _____ life they must understand they were here for some purpose more than just to make a living. Each as he grew in knowledge he must find himself, and educate himself to do something that benefit others beside himself. He must help to make this world a better place to live. In doing this he would help while making his own living.

Tuesday, March 15

75th day - 291 days to come

The vacation months in the summer were given holding meetings. We had more calls we could fill. We did not go together. We went to different parts of the state. We were especially advertising the school but we usually advertised students and the money paid for the meetings was to help support the college. These were busy _____ the good wife at _____ kept the home fires burning, and as the children grew _____ then they became _____ in home making and in taking care of people who came to look after settling man or to arrange to send to school. We never set a price for holding meetings. I can say for myself I never was paid less than I thought I should have received. Except at one place and that was the richest congregation that

Wednesday, March 16
76th day - 290 days to come

I preached for and the church treasurer was the wealthiest man in the church.

In school Addison did not place as much emphasis on setting a diploma as he did on thorough work and integrity of character. He wanted when he signed a diploma or certificate to be able to say I can endorse this student for everything he says he can do and what he says he is.

Time has justified that kind of school training. The students of the old AddRan family are found in many parts of the world and none of them in a _____ line all helping to make this world a better place to live.

Thursday, March 17
77th day - 289 days to come

This is our reward for service. It seems now that whatever good we did was in that part of our lives since then we can only claim part in what these of the old family do.

After the school had by years of sacrifice gained a reputation, rather made a character, we were _____ to give it to the church. It was contended that it could not live longer as private property than the lives of those who were struggling to make it a calling. It was claimed that the church would endow it and that it might continue under the same faculty to conduct it. A board of trustees would be selected to take charge. We had put all we had and all we had not into building and

Friday, March 18
78th day - 288 days to come

equipping and maintaining the college. We made a deed to everything to a board of trustees for the church. They very soon wrote a set of rules to govern the president in disciplining the students. They held that Addison was too strict that men who had money to endow the college must be given consideration in managing their children.

Addison handed in his resignation with notice that he was not objecting to the trustees taking the discipline but their way was not his way and they should have harmony in the governing body.

We had received offers to have the college moved to a city but entertained none of them. Now the trustees

Saturday, March 19
79th day - 287 days to come

received offers from citizens of Waco to move to that city.

The name was changed when we made the deed. Changed from AddRan College to AddRan Christian University. An offer to move to Waco was accepted. The move was made and the name changed to Texas Christian University. These changes were not indication of growth in greater college work but indication of adjusting to world custom with educational institutions.

We made the mistake that brought disaster when we gave the college property that we did not separate in the deed that if the college should move the property would revert to A & R Clark.

Sunday, March 20

80th day - 286 days to come

Monday, March 21

81st day - 285 days to come

Tuesday, March 22

82nd day - 284 days to come

When the college was moved to Waco, R.F. Holloway and I rented the AddRan buildings at the rate of \$600.00 per year. Could get them for only two years.

We designed teaching an academy after the AddRan method, preparing youth for useful life and such as wished could go college. At the close of the first year we were notified we would be put out at the end of the lease – They claimed we were keeping students from the university. Then we made another mistake. We should have moved into the Thorp building and continued our work.

We accepted an offer to go to Lancaster. This was no

Wednesday, March 23

83rd day - 283 days to come

better for us and worse for the university. We had students in the country. Our school prospered at their expense. They needed the patronage of the class of students we were getting. I was notified that we would have to stop or the Waco school would fail. Seemed to be a case of the survival of the fittest. At a great loss to ourselves and to Lancaster we gave up the school rather than divide the church on schools. We began to _____ but could teach no where without being in the way of the university.

Mr. Holloway was teacher of mathematics when the college was moved to Waco and they needed such a man badly. But the AddRan method did not suit university method. It seems that Addison's and my life work was over

Thursday, March 24

84th day - 282 days to come

When AddRan went out of service.

I broke myself financially by moving around. It is true "The tissue of the life to be we weave in colors all our own. And in the field of destiny we reap as we have sown." But often impressions are made that give distinction to life before one has the _____ to choose.

Addison was from home at school except in vacations until the war began. Then he was in the army till the close of the Civil War. Father was from home much of the time with some of his many vocations and professions.

Mother and grandmother

Friday, March 25

85th day - 281 days to come

were my teachers and companions. Mother was an artist at the piano and with the brush. Her music and original sketches and paintings with the costly portraits of ideal womanhood gave the humble home an atmosphere of refinement and Christian culture. Frequent moving lost most of these valuable relics of mother's school days but the faith of mother and grandmother _____ the boys life and controlled in social life. He even had a distinct

Saturday, March 26

86th day - 280 days to come

idea of one class of woman. There was one type of perfect _____ looked for and no other caught his affection. They had a faith that worked through love and purified the life. The boys from birth were given feelings of God as a loving father and were drawn to Christianity with a feeling of gratitude. As Addison mingled with the world he had something of an intellectual faith but when he began to _____ his life work the law of the Spirit of life in Christ assisted and gave strength to resist all temptation to be

Sunday, March 27

87th day - 279 days to come

Governed by _____ to make money. When offered _____ opportunities of partnerships that would insure riches he said "Unless I help save the world I will not save myself."

He selected the life work of training youth for better citizenship and home life and even after decided every question on what is right.

We we _____ home from the war in May 65. He was prepared to begin teaching. He had completed more than an ordinary college education, had commanded men as a commissioned officer in battle and in camp, and had the rule

Monday, March 28

88th day - 278 days to come

to lead where he wished others to go. He found a man teaching with the same purpose he had in mind. That is, to raise a better race of people for a better world to live in.

This man was Charles Carlton. Addison was with him two and one half school years teaching and going further with his own studies. Mr. Carlton graduated at Bethany under Alexander Campbell and was the man Addison needed to be with in starting his life work.

I case my lot with Addison went to Mr. Carlton the time Addison was assisting

Tuesday, March 29

89th day - 277 days to come

him. The first undisturbed going to school I had been allowed. My companionship with mother gave the right view of life and the wisdom to know people and how to avoid the dangers of social life. We agreed to go together and teach not with the purpose of building a college but an academy to prepare for life in some vocation and for those who wished to go to college would have character for the work. In making this decision, I refused an opportunity to become wealthy.

Father had a choice farm ranch. Rich land, 50 acres in cultivation. Creek of lasting running water, _____ of finest grass for stock 60 head of good stock horses.

Wednesday, March 30
90th day - 276 days to come

It was time for father's biennial move. He had bought another place and business as was moving. I could have the place and stock all free of any debt. It was a temptation I could soon have ranked among the rich stock men.

The price would have been the difference in the life the difference in the home maker I would have and the children given to society.

I have made mistakes in life but that was not one I believe our prayers are answered when we are doing God's will in selecting our course in life.

Friday, April 1
92nd day - 274 days to come

Recollections.

Life we've been long together.
Thru pleasant and thru cloudy weather;
'Tis hard to part when friends are dear,
Twill cost a sigh, perhaps a tear;
Then steal away; give letting warning.
Choose thine own time; say not good-night,
But in some better clime
Bid me good-morning."

In looking over the long road passed over it is easy now when mistakes were made time lost unnecessary hills climbed, but who is to blame for these mistakes? Some one said

The tissue of the life to be
We weave in colors all our own
And in the field of destiny
We reap what we have sown.

Saturday, April 2
93rd day - 273 days to come

This takes no account of inherited tenderness or influences of environment.

The past pages of scribbling is so poorly done. I think it doubtful if much of it can be read. I will make _____ start and make it readable.

The Story of My Life.

There was a distinct racial difference in my parents. Each was a high type of the race represented. My father's ancestors came from the Shire in England whose population were known as Scotch-Irish. His people helped more to the success of Washington's army and in gaining the success of the

Colonies' independence than history gives them credit for. Father was a real type of the _____ Scotch-Irish. Tall of stature. Spare of flesh. High intellect. Stubborn will. _____ of religious obligations at the time he married. Mother _____ a _____ line traces to the Huguenot's and followers of the _____ John

Thursday, April 7
98th day - 268 days to come

Huss. The Spanish Inquisition and St. Bartholomew's Massacre are incidence in their traditional history. They had no connection with any _____ national or sect religion. They were home builders and when a few could assemble they had a church. Joseph Addison Clark and Hetty (Esther) D'Spain were married in Nacogdoches County

Friday, April 8
99th day - 267 days to come

Republic of Texas. Jan 1847. There is a story of two of two of such race difference should come together, but it need not be told here.

My mother was a "Perfect Woman nobly planned." She had just finished her education on of the best female seminaries in the country at Baton Rough La. Conducted by Mr. Shannon who was after ward president of the university of Mo. I was the second born to this family

Saturday, April 9
100th day - 266 days to come

with less than two years difference in age. Addison was the first. The family record says Randolph, son of Joseph Addison and Hetty (Esther) Clark was born in Harrison County Republic of Tex August 15 1844. Mother's family had moved to TX from Alabama in 1838. A son Randolph D'Spain had come to Texas with Fannie. He was killed at the Massacre of Goliad. They could hear nothing of his fate. The family moved, coming to Texas in a keel boat down

Sunday, April 10
101st day - 265 days to come

the Tennessee river to the Miss to Red River and Sabine to Shelby County. Father, from boyhood, had emphasized his Scotch-Irish fighting qualities supporting his mother and two sisters who had worked at many jobs, studied several vocations and professions. When he married he was employed in untangling land titles in East Texas. Law and surveying was part the knowledge he had gained as fighting his

Monday, April 11
102nd day - 264 days to come

Way from boyhood.

After marrying he gave up the law and surveying. Located a beautiful spot of land and built a house suitable for an Academy. The school was need by the rush of imports come to Texas. Soon it was in successful operation. In the meantime from his wife and the family he had been brought to a different view of religion. A Mr. _____ a preacher

Tuesday, April 12

103rd day - 263 days to come

of this unsectarian faith held a meeting in the community. He confessed his faith and was baptized. This caused a disturbance among the denominations. He gave up teaching moved to another county bought a farm and tried raising cotton and preaching. His farming was not profitable, and his preaching was a lawyers defense of his stand on religion.

There was no more to be said when he made

Wednesday, April 13

104th day - 262 days to come

His defense of unsectarian Christianity. It was ___ E.D.

Home was the school for the two boys that came early into the family. Mother was the teacher. She was an artist with the brush and at the piano. The unpapered walls of the home had many pictures of her own make and some oil paintings of distinguished womanhood. Addison was a student from early child-

Thursday, April 14

105th day - 261 days to come

hood. When I came on the scene to begin school life he had finished the primmer books, pushed them aside for the "Body." He soon left me and found a school where he could work in arithmetic.

Addison soon began studies that were not found in the primary schools. In 1854 he entered the academy at Palestine Texas and classed with young men: he left behind all boy life. Father was practicing law at Palestine. He employed to the East Tex Cooperation, a missionary organization, to evangelize East Tex. The mother and I to make the home.

Friday, April 15

106th day - 260 days to come

I would attend a primary school when we chanced to live near one. They frequent moving interfered with Addison's studies. He found a teacher at Tennessee Colony in Anderson county who was a college. A Baptist preacher had been a college president in the East. He had a college library. Addison was with him from 1856 to 1860. He and this teacher formed close fellowship. In scanning the Classic poets and going into the mysteries of higher mathematics they were companions. Addison boarded. Came home

Saturday, April 16

107th day - 259 days to come

Onlin in vacation. Father edited a newspaper and practiced law. Father edited newspaper and practiced law in Bonham Fannin Co. in 46 in Rusk Cherokee Co in 48 & 49 in Palestine in 50 associate editor of Galveston News in 51 & 52. In 58 moved to Colling county. In 1860 to Grayson County. In 1860 the war cloud that had long hung over the land broke in all its fury when Lincoln called for troops to invade the seceded states. The schools broke up. The boys from the shops stores farms and shops went to the war.

Sunday, April 17

108th day - 258 days to come

Addison had enough of the Scotch-Irish force that he took counsel with no one. Came home equipped himself and went to the war. He was very emphatic in informing me that I would not go to war. I was partner with mother and grandmother in keeping the home. In all fathers changing vocation I had not known him to change simply to make money save for present need. _____ he went into speculation in a big way. He bought _____ the quantity, put me to

Monday, April 18

109th day - 257 days to come

hauling from the farm to the mill and having the flour shipped by mule team freighters to Jefferson, Tx. and consigned to commission merchants. He went East of the Mississippi River and bought heavily of box tobacco. Returned by the sugar mill of _____ and bought 40000 pounds of sugar in _____. I must be at the home end of this _____.

The war was raging in all fury. The border counties were furnishing business for deserters and bandits of various classes. Father sold out to the merchants and bought a

Tuesday, April 19

110th day - 256 days to come

Farm rand in the southwest where the country did not have so much of the horrors of war. Here he bought one hundred stock horses, from a drover who was getting his horses away from the war ridden country. He put these on the ranch and gave me in charge.

There was now two younger boys in the family 9 and 12 years. This farm ranch was surrounded by a sea _____ grass; a stream of clear water running through the land. I cut a cottonwood tree, bored the log with holes, filled these with salt

Wednesday, April 20

111th day - 255 days to come

helped the boy to get the horses located near the watering place, put the boys in charge, selected a pony and went to meet Addison. I found him in command of company D, 16th Regiment Watkin's Division of Infantry. I had delayed till I _____ three hard fought battles, but I was there in time to learn that war was nothing but _____. But I was a long time learning to be thankful that I missed the worst of it.

I joined the front rank with the veterans and given no time to get used to it but made our _____ the front.

Thursday, April 21

112th day - 254 days to come

In April 1865 Lee gave up the fight. Lincoln was assassinated. Gen. Joe Johnson surrendered. The Confederacy had collapsed. The stillness was the hush after a destructive storm. The Radical party of the Republicans seized the government. They were determined that Lincoln's policy in letting the southern army disband go home and rebuild reform and assume their places as states in the union should not be carried out. They were determined Johnson should

Friday, April 22

113th day - 253 days to come

succeed Lincoln as president. He would treat the states as conquered provinces and have the spoils of the armies west of the Mississippi river under Dr. E. Kirby Smith. Everything stopped. The question everywhere was what is to be done. It was proposed that the armies ___ into bands and continue as guerilla warfare. In a little while life began to slow individuals moved. The governor of Texas went to Mexico. Generals without giving notice left the army. The five brigades forming Walkers Divisions (Walkers Grey Hounds) remained _____

Saturday, April 23

114th day - 252 days to come

till Gen Walker came and told them there was nothing to do but go home and stand by the home while they lived. He made an effort to talk to us but could not wave his hands good by. The army went to pieces, most of them were from Texas and in _____ and lone individual stories to hunt home. The '46 dismounted cavalry was ____ he decided to hold together in our organized condition and march for home the soldiers as they would come where they were as ____ home as they would get to remain with the Reg

Sunday, April 24

115th day - 251 days to come

would drop out of rank and go home. On May 22 after noon Monday the Regiment with the drum beating started on the march home.

Addison and I marched with the regiment till Tuesday noon. That was our last soldier march on Sunday afternoon May 28 we walked into the yard of home, and mother was watching and praying for her boys that they might be the next.

Father had bought an interest in a flour mill near Alvarado in Johnson County and was ready to move. Addison knew what he would do and was ready

Monday, April 25

116th day - 250 days to come

To go to work. He would he would help reconstruct the state by teaching school. He would take the boys who were returning from the war and had failed to be at school while in the war, now while all was chaos and confusion, the State government had collapsed, the governor to Mexico. The Radical faction of the Republican party were busy trying to impeach Andy Johnson. They would soon send an army to take charge of Texas. In the mean-

Tuesday, April 26

117th day - 249 days to come

-stuting was rampant. There were many confederates from Mo and Ark who could not return home for the war had divided families in the border states and there was no peace then. Addison would gather the ex soldier boys and the children who had been without school during the war and train for ____

citizenship, and home builders. He soon found a school house that with a little repair would answer for a goodly number. Addi-

Wednesday, April 27

118th day - 248 days to come

-son had it filled with busy crowds.

He taught through the summer and winter of 65. In 66 he found another ex con officer in teaching in the town of Alvarado. In Sept 66 he joined Mr. Carlton in Grayson County. In all this time, I helped the family move and worked as fireman and engineer for the mill. I took Joe the next younger brother and hunted the range to near Red River on the ____ to get together what

Thursday, April 28

119th day - 247 days to come

Could be found of the one hundred horses father had put on the ranch. We got together about three fourths of the original number. This was my chance to become a rich stockman. That splendid farm ranch without a dollar of debt against 75 head of good horses and colts. I could have as a free gift. I like the business, but I had been

Friday, April 29

120th day - 246 days to come

in partnership with mother until I was impressed with a certain kind of womanhood that was necessary for home building. I turned down the opportunity. It was the parting of the ways. My decision determined my future. In Sept 66 we joined Mr. Carlton. The first time in my life I had an undisturbed school session. In Sept 67 we found Mr. Carlton at Bonham. Addison to teach

Saturday, April 30

121st day - 245 days to come

and continue his studying beyond the college course. Bonham at this time had an unusual ____ status. Early after the Annexation of Texas to the U.S. the ____ erected a suitable seminary building. Sent to Boston Mass for a faculty. A man and two women professional Boston teachers. This brought together Boston culture and Southern aristocracy and the result was

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that the girls grew up with good social qualities of both without the _____ of either.

This gave a prevailing social condition to all the town of one kind. A sameness. Character in young men was the past port in to the social life of the town.

On that Sept. morning in 67 as I entered the seminary chapel I realized that I was coming into a new

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The training I have for the social world was the association with mother and grandmother. I would be slow finding a place in that realm. Mother had mended my soldier clothes and made with her own hands a new suit of home made _____. I was not ashamed of my dress, but I would be

Sunday, May 1

122nd day - 244 days to come

slow making a place in the social world of Bonham on occasions of parties in town. When school privileges were given I would ____ the boys discuss the young ladies. I was not long settling on one as different. I went to no parties and efforts to have a date with a certain young lady was usually met with regret for a previous engagement.

Monday, May 2

123rd day - 243 days to come

At the close of the school in June I returned home. Father had moved to the place selected for the new county seat of Johnson County. It was named Cleburne. Father was building a mill. I worked as foreman and engineer in sawing hard wood logs and grinding corn.

We returned to Bonham to school in Sept 68. It would be a long story to tell

Tuesday, May 3

124th day - 242 days to come

The events that culminated in an engagement of marriage with the most unusually admired and loved young lady in the town and in the school. There was hard opposition to this from many of the society women. The young lady had suitors of the rich. Professional men business men of highest rank, but I had the consent of her mother. The best in town. That Ella Lee should marry

Wednesday, May 4

125th day - 241 days to come

A probably poor school teacher preacher shocked society. We had agreed there was no term set but we had agreed I was myself astonished at the fact. This placed on me the responsibility to prove myself worthy. I analyzed love it was no idle sensual poison I must make myself worthy or ____ for to find one who was

Thursday, May 5

126th day - 240 days to come

worth – can't say more now –

On Tuesday July 5th Ella and I were at the home where she had grown to womanhood. Conditions had been such that she and her mother had very close companions. She had what was considered the best offer before she was 15. She was sought by some who her mother could oppose such plead for him to let them wait till she was grown. There was a great wedding, a few special friends.

Friday, May 6

127th day - 239 days to come

Saturday, May 7

128th day - 238 days to come

The summer of 1870 was one of floods of rain – the streams were up the roads were mess. Addison and I were teaching in Ft Worth. I went to see Ella in July, mother went with me to Collin county stopped with ____ Mary Mary while I went to Bonham. We traeled in a two horse carriage. We were married

July 5th 1870. We left Bonham on Wednesday afternoon. It seemed cruel for such a girl to leave such a mother, to become a home builder with such a man. That was ____ my ____ putting the responsibility on me for a struggle for life. What ever good I have done was the result of Ella's partnership.

We traveled only 12 miles the first day

Sunday, May 8

129th day - 237 days to come

Monday, May 9

130th day - 236 days to come

and were late getting a place for the night. We found a ____ farmer living in a one room box house. A fire place cooking a place to eat and beds all in one room. Think of such on a wedding tour for such a young lady as Ella. They gave us a bed. I occupied a small part of ____ next to a sin to be a small part of her bed. The next day Thursday we came to Aunt Mary's four miles west of McKinney. Friday we left here for Ft Worth. Mother with us. The Trinity river was over the low banks. We could not cross at Dallas. The water was over the bottoms three miles west of Dallas. We found a place near Denton the the bluff on the west bank

Tuesday, May 10

131st day - 235 days to come

Wednesday, May 11

132nd day - 234 days to come

gave approach to the streams. Here we found a man with a small flat boat just long enough to give room for our horses and carriage. We crossed the stream and followed an opening through the ____ till the boat stuck in the mud. We un ____ bellies. We followed the carriage back to the ____ . The horses to their bellies. It had become dark before reached high land. Here our ____ ended. We had lost the road before we reached the hills. It was clear and I walked and had the horse getting the course by the stress. A few miles brought us to the heavy timbers of a stream. Hickory Creek west of Dent flowing into the Elm. The ____ we had ____ The two found a ____

Thursday, May 12

133rd day - 233 days to come

Friday, May 13

134th day - 232 days to come

At the edge of which we came to a cabin with a rail fence around it. I hailed several _ times at last a ____ answered. What is wanted he answered back. I know I ____ I am last that there is no more coming here nor going away. I told him there were ladies along and we made to be ____ out of there he answered a ____ place for women. That was no information. He came out and put me through searching lot of questions. I could see he was suspecting me as a ____, looking after haunt of Bandits. He gave his name as Whitstone. Mother whispered to me that we were in a den of robbers. Whitstone was one of the leaders in the ____ labor and ____ was in the early days of the Republic of TX, all of the name were killed in H ____ County save one boy. She suspected this man was that boy – so it proved

Saturday, May 14

135th day - 231 days to come

Sunday, May 15

136th day - 230 days to come

He took us in for the night, brought the carriage and horses in the enclosure gave the house room to Mother and Ella and a young woman who seemed to be a prisoner there. I learned afterward she was a young lady that had followed the out laws late in the night. Men began to come in. They went to a wagon, would get blanket or some kind of bedding through dawn on go to bed. He remarked that there

was a good crowd when all together but I was in no harm. Before day they began to disappear into the to leave. They put their blankets into the wagon upon the head _____ and left. I spend the night _____ on all the _____ on the back seat of the carriage their business to _____

Monday, May 16
137th day - 229 days to come

Tuesday, May 17
138th day - 228 days to come

Knowing that mother and Ella were in the cabin with the wife of the chief of the Bandits Sam Barr afterward operated with this gang, but I am not sure he was with them at this time. This was about the time the beginning of his career. The _____ and Younger B_____ and Collins all of whom were in good condition from practice during the war raiding the Federal army. Their retreat when pressed was to this jungle but some of them would be seen among the crowds in Ft Worth and Dallas. After the one day I took my carriage horses to the blacksmith in Fort Worth to have them shod. I went for them and some had taken them, and I not yet found them. I was _____ to tell a _____ from a well dressed bandit while spending the night in my carriage I had time to think of the responsibility I had assumed when I had taken to be my

Wednesday, May 18
139th day - 227 days to come

Thursday, May 19
140th day - 226 days to come

Wife the only solace and comforter of her mother and that now she was at the mercy of a band of out laws and I was powerless if there should be need of help. Mr. Whitstone gave us a breakfast _____ bacon and bread fed my horses some corn, accepted one dollar for his hospitality, _____ us to a road, and bid us goodbye.

We searched the west fork of the Trinity at Ft Worth before dark but the river was full to overflowing. No bridge or boat to cross us. We got lodging with a farmer. Next morning put my horses in a _____ put our baggage in a stuff. Mother Ella and crowd in the stuff. I walked to town, borrowed a wagon, and mule and brought all to the home where we were to begin more than a only a start of _____ happy home life

Friday, May 20
141st day - 225 days to come

Saturday, May 21
142nd day - 224 days to come

Which went beyond a half century without a sigh of regret. What we started together How and why I was so blessed beyond all measure I do not know. When I give thanks for the blessing I pray for strength to be worth of the trust

Sunday, May 22
143rd day - 223 days to come

Monday, May 23
144th day - 222 days to come

Tuesday, May 24
145th day - 221 days to come

Wednesday, May 25
146th day - 220 days to come

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