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## JOURNAL OF JOHN SEVIER.

After the lapse of one hundred and five years, John Sevier, hero of thirty-five victories, first governor of Tennessee and founder of a great commonwealth, comes before us in the fragmentary diary of his last twenty-five years. It is the intimate story of much of his daily private life, the modest notations of his personal concerns, his domestic associations and, to some extent, his public services. It is a quaint document, full of interesting personalia of bygone folks and reflections of pioneer conditions. It records curious dreams and sets forth prescriptions based on primitive notions of the nature and causes of disease. It pictures Sevier the farmer and trader much more than Sevier the soldier and statesman. It hardly purports to be a diary, being rather a series of memoranda for the personal use or amusement of the writer. And yet in many aspects it is worthy of him who many times delivered our forefathers from the murderous savage; who led the valiant "over-mountain men" to victory at King's Mountain; who presided over the abortive state of Franklin; who was for twelve years governor of Tennessee; who sat for six years in the lower house of Congress; who served his people for forty years with almost no pecuniary reward; and who finally gave up his life in a distant wilderness while laying the foundations for permanent peace with the red man and progress in civilization for the white man.

One who ponders this multifarious journal must remember that the hand that made these entries was directed by the same great mind and spirit that guided and developed our early civilization; that these are generally but the commonplaces of a life that was projected with a noble vision, guided by a great destiny and led along an unswerving path of duty. He must always read with the inspiring knowledge of the great soul and the splendid deeds of him who is so inadequately—even so faintly—portrayed by himself. It is a privilege to this generation to get these hitherto unnoticed and unpublished gleanings from life and times that are now Homeric in our historical perspective and our patriotic esteem.

Its not amiss here to present a summary of the career of the author of this journal.

John Sevier, son of Valentine and Joanna Goode Sevier, was born September 23, 1745, in Augusta, now Rockingham County, Virginia; attended school at Staunton; was married to Sarah Hawkins in 1761; founded the town of Newmarket; was farmer, merchant, innkeeper and soldier; moved to Millerstown, in Shenandoah County, in 1770; moved to the Wa-

tauga settlement in 1773; moved to the Nolichucky settlement in 1778; was there an extensive farmer; was married to Katherine Sherrill in 1780; co-operated with Shelby McDowell, Campbell, Cleveland and other leaders in resisting the invasion of Western North Carolina by the British forces under Ferguson; commanded the regiment of "over-mountain men" at King's Mountain, October, 1780; commanded in thirty-four battles with Indians, his only battle order being, "Here they are, boys, come on, come on"; was governor of the independent state of Franklin, 1784-1788; was arrested for treason to North Carolina and never prosecuted; was a member of the North Carolina state senate; member of the First Congress; brigadier-general for the Washington District; governor of Tennessee, 1796-7801, 1803-1809; member of Congress, 1811, until his death, September 24, 1815, which occurred near Fort Decatur, Alabama, while he was acting as commissioner in running the boundary line of the cession made by the Creek nation.

The following opinion of Sevier, from Phelan's "*History of Tennessee*," is quoted as a just characterization of the man:

"John Sevier is the most prominent name in Tennessee History, and within these limits and upon this field he is the most brilliant military and civil figure this State has ever produced. Jackson attained a larger fame upon a broader field of action, and perhaps his mental scope may appear to fill a wider horizon to those who think his statesmanship equal to his generalship. But the results he accomplished affected the history of Tennessee only in so far as it formed a part of the United States. Sevier, however, was purely a Tennessean. He fought for Tennessee, he defined its boundaries, he watched over and guarded it in its beginning, he helped form it, and he exercised a decisive influence upon its development. It is safe to say that without Sevier the history of Tennessee would in many important respects not be what it now is. . . . His chief claim to a high order of ability is justified by his clear vision of the present needs of his people, and of the future requirements of the State whose greatness he foresaw."

This diary was kept in the custody of George W. Sevier, the oldest child of the governor's second marriage. He was for some time an officer in the United States Army and became secretary to William C. C. Claiborne, governor of the Mississippi Territory. He carried the diary with him to Mississippi, and finally gave it to Col. J. F. H. Claiborne for use in the first volume of his history of Mississippi; but it was never published. Through Col. Claiborne the diary, with many other Sevier papers, came into the custody of the State of Mississippi. All these papers are now in the State Department of Archives and History at Jackson, Mississippi. Years ago Hon. W. A. Henderson, of Knoxville, Tennessee, caused a copy to be made and later he presented it to the Tennessee Historical

Society. It is, therefore, due to the patriotic interest and splendid generosity of Col. Henderson that the TENNESSEE HISTORICAL MAGAZINE is able to present this diary of our first governor.

It is fortunate that this manuscript has been carefully examined and annotated in part by Col. H. M. Doak and Judge John Allison, both of whom came from the region where Sevier lived and had a vast knowledge of the history of Tennessee, especially of those communities of East Tennessee which are mentioned in the diary. The footnotes furnished by Judge Allison and Col. Doak are designated at the end of each by the letters "A" and "D" respectively; otherwise the notes are by the writer. The following observations were made by Col. Doak:

"Queer how the diaries of our ancestors never throw any light upon the very things their descendants 'want to know, you know.' I once bought Asbury's Journal, hoping to find something about the country and its early settlers from a man who'd tramped every pig-path of English-settled America. Asbury was a very intelligent man, a marvelous organizer. His journal is barren of all later men 'want to know, you know.' The country he traversed, by plain, mountain, flood and field, might be Asia, Africa, or the moon, for any descriptive trait of it he gives. It might have been inhabited by Chinese, chimpanzees, or angels—or devils—for any human trait, or suggestion of social life he gives—except barrenly in connection with the 'saving of souls.'

"If my revered great-grandfather, Rev. Samuel Doak, D.D., had kept a diary it would probably be as barren of all human interest for the modern man. It might have contained references to highly entertaining sermons preached at Old Salem, almost under the eaves of Washington College.

"Asbury and Doak were pioneers of two vast systems—profound thought at the base of each: Free-will and Fixed-Fate—the latter modified by Election. These are *Being's* two opposite poles of thought,

"'Twixt which life hovers like a star.'

Each system was great in its way. These pioneers failed to look at unfolding social life as we wish they had done. If they did, they neglected to record it in extant journals and diaries.

Sevier's diary is interesting and valuable, not as a record of social progress, but as an example of the daily life, routine and thoughts of one who was a great soldier, a thoughtful, practical statesman, a good farmer, a man of affairs, a thorough business man and a courtly gentleman, equally at home on the battlefield and in the ballroom. His journal is the mere unconscious record of daily details, without a trace or a suspicion of the vanity of him who writes to be read. As a record of daily goings and comings over wide spaces of a man of boundless impulse and restless energy and enterprise it is of incalculable value.

The manuscript is here reproduced without any change in spelling or punctuation. It was not the fashion of the pioneers to spell or punctuate correctly. Sevier was a man of fair

education for those days, as well as of great intelligence. It is natural that in this journal he should be given to abbreviation.

It is hoped that the explanatory notes will aid the reader in visualizing the characters, customs and events of those heroic times.

The diary begins when the author was forty-five years of age, about two years after the collapse of the State of Franklin. It continues intermittently until a few days before his death, twenty-five years and four months later.

JOHN H. DEWITT.

## JOURNAL OF GOVERNOR JOHN SEVIER (1790-1835).

May, 1790.

Left home<sup>1</sup> Wednesday, 19th May, 1790, at 10 o'clock. Rained on us in the evening. Lodged that night at my father's<sup>2</sup>. 25 m.

20. Sent my horses to Z. Abdis & got them shod, cost 10—.

2 o'clock set out, & lodged all night at Mr. John Keewoods<sup>3</sup>. 20 mls.

Left this place 10 o'clock, received of Mr. John Keewood 9500 Dollars Virginia paper money called the forty for one money<sup>4</sup>, which I am to endeavor to exchange for Hard money.

21. Lodged at Col. Wm. Edmiston<sup>5</sup> in Washington County, Virginia. Called on Saml. Edmiston, Esqr., and dined on our way to the Cols. 28 mls.

22. Set out at 12 o'clock, fed at Genl. Campble's<sup>6</sup> plantation, pd.

<sup>1</sup>Mt. Pleasant on the Nolichucky River. Sevier moved there from Wautauga in 1778. His father, Valentine Sevier, lived at the first Wautauga settlement. He died at Carter's City, December 30, 1803, at the age of one hundred years. He was born of Huguenot parents in England. The name was originally Xavier. John Sevier's mother was Joanna Goode. Valentine Sevier, with his wife, his four sons, Robert, Joseph, Abraham and John and their families, and his daughters, Polly and Catherine, arrived at the Watauga settlement from the Shenandoah Valley on December 25, 1773.

Sevier's trip here outlined was from his home to New York to take his seat in the first Congress elected after the adoption of the Constitution. He had been elected to represent the westernmost district of North Carolina, which included all of what is now Tennessee. There is no record that he had any opponent.

<sup>2</sup>His father, at this date, resided on the south side of the Holston River, probably two or three miles below the present Kingsport, near old Fort Patrick Henry. A.

<sup>3</sup>"Keewoods." Keywood, in Sullivan County, near Bristol. A.

<sup>4</sup>"Forty for one money." Curiously, Confederate currency reached forty-for-one in 1864-5, at Richmond, gold basis. D.

<sup>5</sup>"Edmiston's." Near Abingdon, Va., probably Edmondson, a prominent Virginia family, largely represented later in Tennessee. D. In early political records I found Edmonson, Edmondson and Edmiston. A.

<sup>6</sup>"Campbles." The well known Campbells, many of whom were in the Revolution. D.

It is worthy of note that Sevier paid 8d at General William Campbell's "for some green wheat." General Campbell was at King's Mountain along with Sevier. Generals Charles and Joseph McDowell and many others "lodged" and were entertained without charge at Sevier's home for some time preceding the King's Mountain expedition. It seems that no charges were made for "lodgng" at Col. Arthur Campbell's. A.

8d for some Greene wheate, proceeded from thence to Col. Arth. Campbels<sup>7</sup>. Lodged there all night. 18 ms.

23. Set out in the morn. Sat. 10 o'clock. Fed our horses & dined at Engleedoon<sup>8</sup>, paid 2-6. From thence to Capt. Robt. Sawyers on Reed Creek. Lodged there all night. 33 miles.

(Monday, 24th). Set out from Capt. Sawyers at 8 o'clock in the morning. Fed Horses at Mr. Carters, pd. 1—. Crossed the Ferry at Englishes, pd. 1-3. Lodged all night at Mr. Harris. Choaked (?) my horse (?) in the morning, paid for expenses 3-8. 34 miles.

(T., 25th). Set out at 10 o'clock. Dined at McCraigs (Hans Meadows<sup>9</sup>, pd. 4—. Fed at Mrs. Kemps, pd. 4d. Lodged at Col. I. Robertsons, P. O., 21 miles, Wednesday, 26th.

Set out at 7 o'clock. Breakfast at Mrs. Aierly (?), pd. 2-6. Lodged all night at Mrs. Brackenridges<sup>10</sup>, pd. 2-6. 25 miles.

Set out on the 27th, Thursday morning. Breakfasted at Mr. Leatherdales. Called on D. Wood & got white vitrol for my eyes. Fed at Andersons Ferry, pd. 1-3. Lodged at Mr. Berkleys, pd. 4-8. 30 miles.

Fryday, 28th. Set out 9 o'clock. Arrived at Lexington 1 o'clock. Tarried all night. 12 miles.

Saturday, 29th. It rained. Lay by till Sunday morning, the 30th. At 9 o'clock set out for Staunton<sup>11</sup>, arrived there 8 o'clock. Lodged all night (rained, went in the morning to visit Mr. McClanahan (?), Colonel Alexr. McClanahan, Mrs. Reed & some other acquains. Bought of Col. Gamble a pr. Boots, price 40—, paid Mr. Herschal with whom I lodged for Expenses 15-9. 35 miles.

<sup>7</sup>The Campbells here mentioned are General William Campbell, of King's Mountain fame, and his cousin and brother-in-law, Col. Arthur Campbell, who was impeached as judge of the Washington County, Virginia, court for an attempt to have all that part of Virginia west of the Blue Ridge joined to the State of Franklin. He was never tried on these charges. These kinsmen lived near Abingdon, the county seat of Washington County, in earlier times known as "Wolf Hills," A.

Note that Sevier says, "fed at Gen. Campbell's plantation." William Campbell had died nine years before this time, just before the siege of Yorktown. He held the chief command at King's Mountain and possessed much military genius. He and Col. Arthur Campbell composed their rivalries by agreeing to alternate with each other in command on military expeditions. This is why Col. Arthur Campbell was not at King's Mountain. It was Col. William Campbell's time. Col. Arthur Campbell was a kindred spirit to Sevier. They were associated in many Indian fights, notably the Chota expedition soon after the King's Mountain battle. Col. Campbell aided Sevier and his Watauga riflemen in destroping the settlements of the Cherokees even as far as Lookout Mountain. Col. Arthur Campbell was a farmer and was prominent in all the political and military movements of the time. At the age of sixteen, while fighting Indians in Augusta County, Virginia, he was captured and kept a prisoner near the Great Lakes for several years until he escaped. He died in 1811 on Yellow Creek, Kentucky, where he had removed a few years before.

General William Campbell's home was near the seven-mile ford of Holston, at "Aspenvale," twenty-two miles east of Abingdon.

<sup>8</sup>"Engleedoon." Engle's Ferry, or ford, on New River, in Wythe County, Virginia, on the main road between the Southwest and the East. A.

<sup>9</sup>"Hans Meadows," should be "Max Meadows," as that is the name by which it has always been called. A.

<sup>10</sup>"Mrs. Brackenridges," should be "Breckenridges," as records at Abingdon and in other parts of southwest Virginia have it. A.

<sup>11</sup>Staunton, Augusta County, Virginia, whence came Rev. Samuel Doak, D.D., after referred to by Sevier. From Augusta and the adjoining county of Rockbridge came to Tennessee the Doaks, Cowans, Alexanders, Montgomerys, Paxtons, Houstons, Tates, Walkers, Caruthers, Lilys, Mitchells and many others, mostly Scotch or Scotch from northern Ireland. D. The route was down the Shenandoah Valley.

Monday, 31st. I left Staunton about 3 o'clock. Arrived at Rockingham at 8 o'clock (evening). Lodged all night at Mr. Ruth-erfords, being 25 miles. pd. for Oats 1-.

JUNE, 1790.

Tuesday, June 1st day. Set out at 11 o'clock fed and dined at Reuben Harrison, pd 1-. From thence to New Market<sup>12</sup>, there fed, pd. for Wine & Oats 4-6. From thence to Mr. H. Goarn. Lodged all night. 20 miles.

2d day. Wednesday, 10 o'clock, set out for Mrs. Hawkingses, 12 o'clock Lodged that night at Mrs. Hawkins.<sup>13</sup>

3d. Thursday 2 o'clock went to Woodstock. Lodged at Col. O. Browns. 17 miles. Tarried there till Saturday, the 15th. Had made by the tailor a Jacket & britches, cost 9-, paid for trimings 5-. Paid for Wine and Expenses 10-. Paid Col. Brown a dollar he lent Mrs. Sevier in Jones (?). 10 17 miles.

Saturday, 5th day. Set out from Woodstock a (t) 2 o'clock in company with Mrs. Pugh, dined and fed at Stovers town with Mr. Huffman pd for Expenses 2-6. Lodged that night at New town paid for Expenses 7-6. 22 miles.

Sunday, 6th day, 7 o'clock. Brakfirsted at Edmonses in Winchester<sup>14</sup> paid for Expenses 6-. dined & fed at Slaughters old place<sup>15</sup> pd. 3-6. rained on us, Lodged at Myers pd. 8-1 41 miles

Monday, 7th day. Set out at half after six o'clock in the morn- ing very cloudy Crossed at Wadkins Ferry<sup>16</sup> paid 2-. Brakfirsted at Mr. Porters in the town at this place (fed our Horses, pd. 3-10. Set out from this place half after 9— Fed in Greene Castle town<sup>17</sup> pd 3-6 Fed in Chambersburgh<sup>18</sup> pd 2-6. had the stallions shoes removed, pd 8d. Expenses gifts & 8-6. Lodged all night with Joseph Campble Shippensburgh 42 mls.

Tuesday, 8th day. Tarried in town, bought five yds callico, got a Gound made cost 20 shillings. paid for Wine Expenses & c 4-.

Wednesday, 9th day. Set out at 11 o'clock from Shippensburgh fed at McClarys pd. 2-9 Dined and fed at Carlyle<sup>19</sup> pd 4-3 lodged at Betts tavern pd 8-11 Gave a byer (?) 2- 26 miles—

Thursday morning. Set out at 12 o'clock (Some what wearid (?) Fed at Harrisess Ferry<sup>20</sup> (Fergs. Expenses & c 5-. Lodged all night at Eliz Town paid Expenses 13-. 30 miles.

<sup>12</sup>Sevier had founded the town of Newmarket before he removed from Virginia. He lived there for some time prior to 1770.

<sup>13</sup>Sevier's first wife was Sarah Hawkins. She died in 1780, leaving ten children, Joseph, James, John, Elizabeth (m. W. H. Clark). Sarah (m. Benjamin Brown), Mary and (m. Joshua Corin). Valentine, Richard, Rebecca (m. Waddell), Nancy (m. Walter King).

<sup>14</sup>Winchester, the county seat of Frederick County. Virginia.

<sup>15</sup>"Slaughter's old place" was near Harper's Ferry. A.

<sup>16</sup>"Wadkins Ferry," above Harper's Ferry on the Potomac River. A.

<sup>17</sup>"Greene Castle town," in Pennsylvania.

<sup>18</sup>Chambersburg, Pa., of fame as being (so alleged) burned by Confederates on Lee's invasion of Pennsylvania. A.

<sup>19</sup>"Carlyle," Carlisle, Pa., originally. "Bett's Tavern." My grandparents, John and Mary Greer Chester, came from Carlisle, Pa., to Jonesboro in 1796. A.

<sup>20</sup>"Harrisess Ferry," now Harrisburg, the capital of Pennsylvania, on the Susquehannah. A.

Fryday morning. Set out \* o'clock. Fed & Brakfirsted at Dazeys 3-4. Dined in Lancaster<sup>21</sup> at Turkshead<sup>22</sup> paid Expenses 6-6 Set out at 4 o'clock Towards Philladelphia Lodged at Capt. Crawfords. that night rained till 2 o'clock pd. for Expenses 15-. 29 miles.

Saturday morning, 12 days. Set out at 3 o'clock lodged that night at Mr. Millers. (Foggy in the morning pd for Expenses 7-8 19 miles.

Sunday morning, 13th day. Set out 6 o'clock. Fed at Brahp at Fouchan pd for Expenses 3-7 left there half after 9 o'clock at Sign of Eagle Dined & c pd 3-6 Lodged at Millers Sculkill<sup>23</sup> Ferry.

Monday, 14th day. I went into Philadelphia. bought a beaver hat 7 dollars price. 3 Hand & pair of cotton stockings cost 16-. . .

. Two N.papers 3d. paid to Mr. Jacob Miller for Expenses 5-8. Went to philadelphia this evening Left our Horses with Mr. Miller to pasture and be fed till I return from Congress— paid for washing 2-. pd. for fare in stage 6 dollars Expenses Philadelphia 11-3. Tuesday mornng 15th day set out in stage 3 o'clock Brakfirsted at Teasitors (?) pd 4-. 30 miles. Set out from thence 9 o'clock dined at Brunswick pd 4-. Wine & c on the road 8-. Crossed the ferry & Arrived in New York 9 o'clock. Lodged all night at Stair Ferry pd Expenses 10-4.

Wednesday morning, 16th day. Took a seat, in the House, and that day took up lodgings at Mrs . . . . . at 6 dollars pr week.

Thursday morning, 17th day.

Fryday, 18th. Josiah Parker<sup>24</sup> Dr To cash won at whist 1 guinea Mrs Burns Dr To cash at sundry times ten Dollars.—

1 July Col. Josiah Parker Dr. To cash lent 20 silver Dollars.

[From July 1, 1790, to October 9, 1793, there is no entry in the diary. The following notes relate to the Etowah Campaign, the last in which Sevier was engaged. Etowah was where the present city of Rome, Georgia, is located. On November 21, 1789, President Washington commissioned Sevier as Brigadier-General of the Watauga District, and he held this commission during the Etowah Campaign. It was the only military service for which he ever received any compensation from the government. His force consisted of six or seven hundred men under Colonel John Blair, of the Washington District, and Col. Christian, of the Hamilton District. The expedition resulted in complete victory. The Creeks and Cherokees were terribly punished and were never again a menace to the settlements in Tennessee. Sevier's official report is found on pages 587-8 of Ramsey's Annals.]

<sup>21</sup>From the region of Lancaster, Pa., came many of the Scotch Irish to Virginia and North Carolina.

<sup>22</sup>"Turkshead," a tavern. Evidently named for the celebrated meeting place of Burke, Garrick, Reynolds, Johnson, Goldsmith and others in London.

I have read somewhere that there is a room in this old town which was occupied by General Washington in which remain the old bedstead and bureau which were there when he occupied it. A.

<sup>23</sup>"Sculkill Ferry," on the Schuykill River which flows by Philadelphia into Chesapeake Bay. A.

<sup>24</sup>Col. Josiah Parker, of "Macclesfield," Isle of Wight County, Virginia, member of the Virginia conventions of 1775 and 1776; colonel in Continental line, participated in important battles under Washington; member of House of Delegates, 1780-1784; member of Congress, 1789-1801; married Mary Bridger; died 1810. His kinsman, Nathaniel Parker, went from Hampshire County to Tennessee about 1785 and became one of the first settlers of Sumner County. His second wife was the widow of Anthony Bledsoe.

It is very disappointing that Sevier's journal gives no account of this memorable first Congress.



Memo. that John Hartwell Lives on Walkers Creek Montgomery County Virginia.

G Return 9th october 1793.

Col. Doherty officers & privates..... 179  
 Col. Kenedy ..... 108  
 Kelly ..... 183

.....9th Octo 1793

Officer of the day Colo. Doherty

Par. Blount

S. Smith cap. Taylor Vann &  
 " Magahee rearguards.

Smalls place 10 Octo. 93

parole Burke<sup>25</sup>

C. S Christian Col. Kenedy officer of the day  
 Cap. Evans van & King rearguards.  
 7 miles 30miles

Creek half way from  
 Tenesee to Highwassee 11Oct. 1793

P. Washington

C. S. Greene Col. Christian off. of the day  
 Capt. Beard & Gillaspy vann & Blair Rearguards.

Saturday 29th October 1793

Camp at Springstons town  
 24 miles.

P. Jefferson

C. S. Knox Col. Kelly officer of the day.  
 Cap. Richardsons cavalry & Harrison's Infantry van & Carsons  
 rearguards.

Curreys place 25 miles

Sunday 13th October 1793

P. Hawkins

C. S. France Officer of day Col. Blair  
 Cap — Gest & Allison Van & Harrison's Rearguards

Camp east Vinesty (?) 16 miles.

Monday 14th Octb. 1793.

Parole King

C. S. Judson (?) Officer of the day Maj. Taylor & King Guards  
 Fired on the army Gen. orders.

It is ordered that from this time forward no person presume to set on fire any Indian Hutt or town in which there is corn or . . . provision without there is orders from me to do the same. No firing of guns in or out of camp except leave from me or a field officer be first obtained, and as the officers of every rank is sensible of the baneful Consequences of such unwarrantable Conduct It is earnestly requested that they will use their utmost exertion to prevent the same.

Easternoly<sup>26</sup> 14 October 1793. Lewey Gant & Breed wounded last night Colonel Kelly with Knox Reg is detached to Coosacootee returned & burnt and destroyed the place.

<sup>25</sup>"Parole Burke." In military usage there was a countersign and also a parole.

D.

<sup>26</sup>"Easternoly"—should be "Oostanaula"—a little stream in McMinn County.

Easternoly Tuesday 15 Octo. 1793.

P. Kenedy  
C S. Doherty Col. Doherty officer of the Day.  
Evans & Carson guards  
Fired on the army last night.

Frost last night Easternoly 16th Octo. 1793.

Easternoly 16th Octo. 1793.

P. Columbia  
C S. America Col. Kelly Off. of the day.  
Harrison van & Gillespy & Richardson rearguards.  
Fired on by the enemy in the morning no damage done.

Camp Spring Creek 15 miles 17 Octo. 1793.

Par. Boston<sup>27</sup>  
C. S. New York Col. Blair off of the day.  
Makehee Van Taylor rearguards. Knox Reg. at-  
tacked Cap (?) 8 Hightower Weir & Pruitt killed John Wallace  
wound.

Fryday 12 miles 18th Octob. 1793.

Camp Forks of Coon & Hightower.

Parole Knoxville  
C. S. Jonesbo. Col. Kenedy<sup>28</sup> off of the day.  
Evans Charles Allison Van & Tany rearguards.

Camp Nuo town 4 miles below the forks  
Coon & Hightower 19 Oct. 1793.

Par. Washington  
C S. Greene Col. Christian off. of the day.  
Carson van Blair & Beard rearguards.

Wallace died of his wounds last night.

Your murders and savage Barbarities have caused me to come into  
your Country Expecting you would fight like men, but you are like  
the Bairs and Wolves. The face of a white man makes you run fast  
into the woods and hide, u see what we have done and it is nothing to  
what we shall do in a short time. I pity your women & children for I  
am sure they must suffer and live like dogs but you are the Cause of  
it. You will make War, & then is afraid to fight,—our people whiped  
yours mightily two nights ago Crossing the river and made your peo-  
ple run very fast.

Copy.

J. S.

To the Cherokees and their warriors if they Have Any.

Camp Head of Amutekah Creek 25 miles from  
last encampment 20 Octo. 1793.

Parole Sullivan  
C S. Liberty Maj. Kelsey officer of the day  
Taylor van & Harrison rearguards.

<sup>27</sup>"Par. Boston, C. S. America." These are the parole and countersign of the  
day. Old army regulations explain how both are selected and how written and folded.  
There is always supposed to be a relationship between parole and countersign. If  
countersign be "Jackson," parole might be "New Orleans." D.

<sup>28</sup>Of these names of soldiers many are familiar names of Washington County  
families at date of 1856, such as Doherty, Carson, Kelley, Harrison, Gillespie, Rich-  
ardson, Blair, Macghie, Taylor, Kennedy, Allison, Kelsy, Mac Farland, Beard,  
Hammond, Gamble, McKee, Murphey, etc. D.

Camp 2 miles from Big Spring 25 miles from  
last camp 21 Octo. 1793.

Parole Doherty

C. S. Kelly Maj. McFarland officer of the day.  
Cap. King van & Allison & Evans rearguards.  
Some sentinels fired on the enemy

Camp 25 miles from big Spring and 4  
from Chiestown (?) 22 Oct. 1793.

Parole Blount

C S. Smith Maj. Taylor off of the day.  
Cap Magehee van & Carson & Beard rearguards.

Camp half way between Highwassee and  
Tennessee 21 miles from last camp. 23 Oct. 1793.

P. Philadelphia

C S Baltimore Col. Doherty officer of the day  
Capt. Richardson & Gillaspay van & Harrison rearguards.  
Camp Henry, Fort 24 October 1793. The army dis-  
charged.

John Chism<sup>89</sup> Esq. told me in presence of Col. Christian that the  
Indians in Easternly hung up seven Green scalups the time he was  
first there August was a year by Gov. Blount to hold a talk (Mr. Ish &  
Wife present also as well as Col. Christian).

24 October 1793

Returned to Ish's Fort<sup>30</sup>. Gave leave to ensign Hammond & Four  
privates to return to Washington.

October 25th 1793

Returned to Knoxville.

[The diary is from this time a curious intermixture of incidental data, weather  
notations, dreams and social happenings. Sevier lived from 1778 to 1794 at Mount  
Pleasant, on his farm on the Nolichucky River, about ten miles southwest of Jones-  
boro and about eight miles southeast of Washington College, in Washington County.  
He was in the heyday of his popularity. What follows gives some indication of a  
peaceful domestic life.]

Memo of Due bills money &c Taken by Jno. Sevier Junr. with him to  
the No. Ward the 23 deccem, 1793

	dols	cents
James King to Page Sims.....	55	23
Do. to Genl. Sevier.....	194	40
Do. Michael Harrison & Co. ....	328	86
Sundry small due bills on James King.....	140	
David Allison note to Col. Christian.....	266	80
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	985	29
In bank bills .....	320	
In cash with Jno. Sevier Junr. ....	136	
Dr. Luciholas (?) act. ....	438	
	<hr/>	
	1879	29
Drafts from Gov. Blount .....	8000	
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	9879	29

<sup>29</sup>"Chism"—should be "Chisholm." Chisholm's Fort was on the north side of  
South Fork of Holston River, a few miles above Kingsport, then called the "Boat  
Yard." A.

<sup>30</sup>Ish's Fort was across the Tennessee River from Cavert's Station, about eight  
miles west of Knoxville, Ramsey, p. 581. At this place, on October 25, 1793, Sevier  
wrote his official report of the campaign.

George North Dr. to Cash lent at Knoxville 20-10 (2 Crowns 1 dollar 1-4 of dollar).

Capt. Harrison Cr. By his due bill 328 dolls & 86 Cents.

do	do		
To Cash	10 dollars.	1 due bill on King	9 dollars.
George North Cr.	By due bill on King	dol	ct
		8	64

9th Dec. 1793.

Capt. Harrison to one due bill 8 dols. 64 cts.

Staid at Gambles the 12, 13, & 14 of Sepr. at Do the 1st 2d 3d of Novr.

Staid at Woods 7th Decr & 5th

January 1794.

January begins on Wednesday 1794.

W. 1 Mr. KcKee & lady dined here, (Fair day)

T. 2 M. Lovely & Mrs. Murphy Do. (Fair day) (also David Brown & John Set up a bed stead for which I gave him 30- in cash pd a guinea down.

F 3 Rained today.

S 4 Fair day Jack Sevier Junr. came here with Miss Mary Ann<sup>31</sup>

Sun 5 Fair day. Jack Sevier<sup>32</sup> went away. Mrs. Sevier<sup>33</sup> & Kitty went to meeting.

M 6 Cloudy. Mr. Weir fell off his house. Val Sevier lay here all night & took me Fulltons horse away.

Tu 7 Went to see Mr. Weir & let him blood (Snowed today) (Tobys sow piged last night and three of mine).

W 8 Snowed last night 2 Inches deep,—cloudy. Gillaspay J. Gallihier<sup>34</sup> and Mr. Condlig lay here.

T 9 cloudy. Frank came here, Blooded Mr. Weir, G. Gillaspay served (ex 'o) Jno Sevier Junr vs Taylor execr.

<sup>31</sup>Mary Ann Sevier, sixth child of John and Sarah Sevier, born about 1771. She married Joshua Corlin and moved to Overton County.

<sup>32</sup>John Sevier, Jr., the third son, was born June 20, 1766, and married Sophia Garrett. Their daughter, Anna, married Henry Hoss, and their son was the late Bishop E. E. Hoss.

<sup>33</sup>Mrs. Sevier was Katherine Sherrill, beloved in history as "Bonny Kate." The romantic story of her rescue from the Indians by Sevier is well known. They were married on August 14, 1780, the year in which the first wife died. Katherine Sherrill Sevier was eminently worthy to be the wife of her great husband. She was the helpmeet and inspiration of thirty-five years of public service marked with great vicissitude. They had eight children: George Washington, Samuel, Ruth (m. first Col. Richard Sparks, then Daniel Vertner), Katherine (m. first Archibald Rea, then Mr. Campbell), Polly Preston (m. Wm. Overstreet), Joanna Goode (m. Windle), Eliza Conway (m. Major Wm. McClellan), and Robert. The names of the daughters are frequently mentioned in the diary.

After the death of Governor Sevier his widow moved to a secluded place, called "The Dale," in Clay County, and lived there for many years. Governor Sevier located two grants for something over 57,000 acres in Overton and Clay counties. On this land many members of his family settled. Mrs. Sevier, his sons, George W. Sevier, Dr. Samuel Sevier, Valentine Sevier, and daughters, Katherine Campbell, Joanna Windle, Mary Overstreet, Sarah Brown and Ann Corlin. Mrs. Katherine Sherrill Sevier died October 2, 1836, at Russellville, Alabama, where she had recently gone to live with her son, Dr. Samuel Sevier.

<sup>34</sup>Th "J. Gelliher" here mentioned was probably the father of James Gallaher, the clergyman and author of "Western Sketch Book." A.

F 10 cloudy & rainy (Self poorly) (Mr. Weir some better)

S 11 cloudy

Sun. 12 went to see Mr. Weir he is some better Received letter from G. Blount sent by James Gallispie 12th Mr. Harrill dined here on his way to Guare (?)

Mon 13 cloudy Blooded Mr. Weir (Snowed)

Tues. 14 Mr. Murphy dined here<sup>85</sup>

On the 14th Jany John Sevier Genl Dreamed he was in an unknown country Supposed from some imagination that it was france, at which place his son Dickky came to see him, & welcomed him there, thought that his son Dickky was in a military Service Dressed in dove couloured Silk cloth trimed wth blue sattin & said to me I will go with you to head quarters & introduce you to the Com-mander in Chief to which proposal I agreed & as we went there appeared the largest number of people ever beheld & all in quiet being some distance I conversed with him on the way respecting his fare and how he liked the service, to which he repeld that the fair was better than he could describe the officers had taken great notice of him, and he was well contented to remain there all his days. I thought we gradually ascended towards the top of a high Hill of beautiful ground where there stood a large building which appeared to be built of either Diamond or Glass as I could see through the walls with doors & windows all round. The same we entered in, and immedeately ascended the first pair of stairs. My son going before me, then proceeding up the second, then the third &c till we go to a very great height, the building still appearing to be a great height above us, he then told me they had the best station that was ever formed, for says he, we can from this place see all the nations in the world & what the armies are doing pointed out at the same time Large Countrys & Cities. Told me that such a place was Russia, another that was Germany, then prussia England, Holland, Denmark Turkey and as well as I can remember all the Countries in the known world. They seemed to lye at a great distance, looking like great piles of old buildings, both in Cities & Countries & of different sizes,

<sup>85</sup>The Sevier farm on Nola Chuckee, home and buildings were a marvel of fertility, comfort, convenience and tools for all kinds of farm work and production. The following is a fair sample of the old Sevier establishment. The Cowan house, about twelve miles north from the Sevier farm was built by John Cowan from Virginia, a soldier of 1812. It was a large two-story frame, with long upper and lower porches and ample back porch, gigantic rock chimneys, roof of walnut shingles, fastened on with walnut pegs. A big two-story rock springhouse contained all needful dairy paraphernalia, although only the family and farm hands were to be supplied. A vast double-log barn contained hay mows, threshing floor, graneries, and horse stalls. There were stored plows, harrows, harness, flails for threshing grain, sickles, reaping-hooks, the long English scythe blade and crooked snead, the clumsy Dutch scythe with short blade and straight snathe. There were two kinds of English scythes, a broader blade and a long narrow blade, known as the "black-snake scythe." There were many antiquated implements, known to Scotch farmers. At the house and in outhouses were all that pertains to the household, all that goes with production of flaxen and woolen fabrics, hackles, scutches, with long, swordlike wooden scutching-knives, brakes, small spinning-wheels for flax thread with "flyers" —all that pertains to flaxen thread, cloth and weaving. There were the "big wheel" for woolen yarns, smaller spinning wheels for fine yarns, reels for "hanking" woolen yarns in "crets." There were looms for weaving all kinds of cloth. In the garret were John Cowan's old leathern helmet, sword-belt and sabre, old muskets and flint-lock pistols. Scattered on the floor were numerous Irish, English and a few American periodicals.

This description is by an eye-witness and frequenter of the Cowan house and is fairly descriptive of the John Sevier place, only that it is reputed to have been upon a larger scale of provision for everything. D.

lying all around the place we stood which appeared to be so high that we had an easy view of all the world, notwithstanding we were not near the top my son told me I could not see the commander in chief at that time, but he would introduce me some other time. I then began to take great notice of the beauty of the palace, I thought I was then in; everything appeared to be all light & beauty & wondered that I had never seen nor heard of such a building before & that other nations had not built in the same advantageous manner, on which I awaked.

Wed. 15 Fair & cold

Thu. 16 cloudy towards evening (Rained)

Fry 17 Rained & cloudy all day (John MaMahon borrowed one Gall of Linseed oil killed three Hoggs

Sat 18 Rained & Cloudy also warm

Sun 19 Fair and warm, Mrs. Sevier and Nancy went to meeting. Cap. Brown Dined here

Monday 20 Warm, & Rained in evening & night; Mr. Waddle lay here all night went to see Mr. Weir who is getting better.

Tues. 21 Rained in the mornng. Mrs. Sevier Betsy & self dined at Mr. Sherrills John Fuhky put a floor in the stable.

Wednes. 22. Rained & snowed, cleared up in the night & turned cold John Fuhky put a floor in the stable.

Thu. 23 Fair day & pleasant for the season (John Fuhkee went to Gillaspys).

Fry. 24 Fair & cold. Jo. Greer & Ben parker was here all night. Self & wife went to see Mr. Weir

Sat. 25 Fair and pleasant (in the night Thundered & rained, Col. King L. here, 1. night.

Sun. 26 Cloudy in the morning.

Mon. 27 my father came here (Fair day & warm)

Tues. 28. Rained & cloudy day

Wed. 29 Snowed & Rained cleared up in the night & turned cold.

Thur. 30 Father went to Mr. Sherrills (Clear day & cold)

Fry. 31 Fair & cold (Sylva delivered of a Female child in the night.

#### February, 1794.

Sat 1st. day of Feby Father set out for home (a good day) dined at Mr. Sherrills<sup>36</sup> with Mr. McKee and wife, Mrs. Sevier along

Sun. 2d. Pleasant, son Jo. wife & Sally Keewood came here turned cloudy in the night.

Mon. 3 cloudy (Jo. set out for Knoxville wrote by him to Meek & Simms.

<sup>36</sup>Probably the father of Mrs. Sevier.

<sup>37</sup>Rev. Samuel Doak, one of the first preachers west of the Alleghanies, founder of Washington College, today a flourishing Presbyterian institute. He was a man of great courage and wide influence. He was born in Augusta County, Virginia, 1749, and died in Bethel, North Carolina, in 1830.

Tues. 4 Pleasant. The girls went to Ben Browns

W 5 Warm, self wife Jos. wife Miss Sally Keewood, Mary ann & Ruth went to Jonesbo. & came home in night Wind rose high & rained in night. Bought 8 lbs. shugar from May 1 bottle mustard 2 pr. w. shoes & sundry other things.

Th. 6 Cloudy but warm

Fry. 7 Pleasant, Bavildin (?) Harrill lay here all night.

Sat. 8 Pleasant, went to Wm. Colliers & dined there, stopped at Mr. Lovelys Charles lay here all night.

Sun. 9 Went to meetg. self wife & Ruth a Mr. Doake text 5 Ch. Ephesians 15 & 16 verses. Cloudy & like for rain.

Mon. 10 Warm & pleasant

Tues. 11 Warm Rob. Mcfarland & polly lodged here.

Wed. 12 Rained & turned cold transplanted two old apple trees.

Thur. 13 Snowed & rained

Fry 14 Cold & Cloudy

Sat. 15 Clear & cold

Sun. 16 cold

Mon. 17 went to Greene lodged at Cs. Richardsons.

Tues. 18 Brak. at store.

Wed. 19 Rained nothing Extraordinary.

Thur. 20 Cold & Snowed at night

Fry. 21 Very cold & some snow.

Sat. 22 Pleasant—came home in comp. with Mr. Simms & wife. who went to Mr. Sherrills bro. home 12¼ lbs. maple sugar 6 yds plains 9 yards check 1 bott (?) (?) drops Do Brittish oil & pepper-mint spirit 1 lb Raisons

Sun. 23 Rained

Mon. 24 very cold.

Tues. 25 very cold.

Wed. 26 cold.

Thur. 27 Rained

Fry. 28 Moderated

#### March 1794.

Sat 1st. Warm & pleasant.

Sun. 2 Warm.

[March 3-21. No record.]

Tuesday 22 July rained

Wednes. 23 Worked on road. Rained

Thur. 24 rained nothing extraordinary

Fry. 25. Self & Mrs. Sevier wt to J. Seviars & ret'd same day a light shower in eveng.

Sat. 26 Rained heavily; Rebecca & nancy came here. Washngn wt. to town<sup>38</sup> & came home.

Sun. 27 Rained.

Mon. 28 Rained

Tues. 29 rained, self & wife wt. to Mr. McCallisters returned the next day.

Wed. 30 Light shower of rain (Dog days began—

Thur. 31 Fair, began to drink & diet drink

[April-July. No record.]

#### August 1794.

Fri. 1 day of August 1794.

Sat. 2 day of August Mr. Mckee & lady dined here—

Sunday 3d wt. myself wife & girls to meeting to Mr. Doaks

Mon. 4 Dry weather, Creek Indian hung Knoxville

Tues. 5 Dry weather. Wed. 6 Ditto. Thur. 7 Ditto. Fry. 8 Ditto.

Sat. 9 dry. (Self wife Ruth<sup>39</sup> Betsy & Tobe went to Jonesbo. in carriage.

Sun. 10 return from Jonesbo (Dry)

Mon. 11 Fine Small rain

Tues. 12 A. Sherrill & d. Murphy came up

Wed. 13 rained.

Thur. 14 Fry. 15 rained

Wed. 20 Set out to Knoxville, my wife & Ruth went as far as Greene Staid till Fryday when we all left.

Thu. 21st Staid at Greene.

Fry. 22d Ditto Lodged at Hoskins. B. C

Sat. 23 Lodged at Brasiltons.<sup>40</sup>

Sun 24 arrived at Knoxville.

Mon. 25 Assembly met, dined with Governor.<sup>41</sup>

Wed. 27th dined with Governor

Thu 28th drank tea at Mr. Summervilles

<sup>38</sup>This was probably Jonesboro, eight miles distant.

<sup>39</sup>Ruth, the sixth daughter. She married first Col. Richard Sparks, U. S. A., then Daniel Vertner, of Mississippi. She died in 1834. (Heiskell's "Andrew Jackson and Early Tennessee History," p 204). "Betsy"—Elizabeth, the eldest daughter. She married W. H. Clark and died early, leaving one child, Sarah Hawkins Clark, who married General James Rutherford Wyly. (Heiskell, p. 203.)

<sup>40</sup>A Brazzleton was a wealthy man of Newmarket, in Jefferson County, in 1848. His son was a colonel of cavalry in the Confederate Army. This was probably an ancestor. D.

<sup>41</sup>William Blount, the governor of the Territory south of the Ohio. Knoxville became the residence of the governor in March, 1792.



Fry. 29 brakfirsted with Mrs. Duncan  
 Sat. 30 drank tea with Mrs. Blunt  
 Sun. 31 rained, rode out to J. Jackson C. O. with Cap. Richard.  
 (Remarks) this month was uncommonly warm with one or two  
 Cool evenings.

## September 1794.

Mon 1 Dined with Governor  
 Tues. 2 brakfirsted with C. Richard.  
 Wed. 3 Supered at Mr. Somerviles.  
 Thu 4 Brakfirsted & dined with Jo Sevier.<sup>42</sup> Fry. 5 Do. Do. Do.  
 Sat. 6 dined with Governor.  
 Sun 7 Drank tea at Mr. Sommervilles  
 Mon. 8 Drank tea with Mrs. Blount  
 Tues. 9 played Billiards<sup>43</sup> at Mr. Duncans.  
 Wed. 10 Lodged at Mr. Woods.  
 Thu. 11. Suppered at Mr. Chisoms  
 Fry. 12 dined &c at Jo. Seviars. Sat 13 Do. Sun. 14 Do. Mon 15 Do.  
 Tues. 16 Dined at Governors.  
 Wed. 17 Drank tea at Governors.  
 Thur 18 drank tea at Mr. Somervilles.  
 Fry. 19 dined at J. Seviars. Sat. 20 Do.  
 Sun. 21 Do with Governor wt. to meeting with him & his lady  
 to hear Mr. Carrick.<sup>44</sup>  
 Mon. 22 Dined with Governor  
 Tues 23 took tea Mrs. Blounts.  
 Wed. 24 Brak. at C. Richards.  
 Thur 25 Dined &c Jo. Seviars. Fry. 26 Do.  
 Sat. 27 Dined at Mr. Stones.  
 Sun. 28 Dined with Governor. wt. to meeting with Gov. & his  
 lady.  
 Mon. 29 ditto.  
 Tues. 30 Assembly was peroughed<sup>45</sup> till first Monday next Octor

<sup>42</sup>Joseph Sevier, born 1763, was the oldest child. He married an Indian woman. His son, Rev. Jack Sevier, was a Methodist preacher. (Heiskell, p. 201.)

<sup>43</sup>'Tis worthy of note that billiards was played in Knoxville in 1794. It shows how the backwoods kept up in the graces of civilization. Not many centuries have elapsed since an advanced Frenchman was burned at Paris as a wizard for billiard shots that would be commonplace now and perhaps Sevier might have made. D.

<sup>44</sup>Rev. Samuel Carrick, 1760-1809, a Presbyterian minister; native of Pennsylvania, educated in Virginia; president of Blount College, later the University of Tennessee, from its beginning in 1794 until his death.

<sup>45</sup>"Poroughed," prorogued. The word has not come down to this day and was seldom used then in political speech. We would say, adjourned, in almost any case. D.

Members collected with the Governor at (?) (?) and drank wine that evening.

October 1794.

Wednesday 1 day of October dined at Governors

Thurs. 2 dined at Governors.

Fry. 3 dined with Governor set for home from Knoxville Accompanied by the Governor & Dr. White about 6 miles, also Maj. Lovely & Mr. Harrill came all the way Lodged that night at Mr. Meeks (Frost)

Sat 4 Lodged with M. Lovely at Judge Andersons.<sup>46</sup>

Sun. 5 Lodged with ditto at Col. H. Conways.<sup>47</sup>

Mon. 6 Lodged at Mr. Wyleys in Greenville Bro. home a loaf of sugar. Tues. 7 came home. Wed 8 Thur. 9 hard frost. Fry. 10 ditto. Sat. 11 ditto (began to take medicine) Sun. 12 Mon. 13 Mrs. Sevier went to Embrees<sup>48</sup> & her mothers.

Tues. 14 Rained in the night & in morning (killed sm. Beef.)

Wed. 15 frost. Thur 16 Do. Fry. 17 Do. Sat. 18 Do. Sun. 19 Mon. 20 Tues. 21 Wed. 22 Thur. 23 Fry. 24 Snowed in the night. Sat 25 rained. Sun. 26 Fair. Mon. 27 Fair. Tuesday 28th Wed. 29 Thur 30 Memo. An order on J. Richardson in favour of Rogers for £15 dated 10th August 1792. Fry 31. Rained.

November 1794.

Sat. 1 day of November

Sun. 2 Fair. Mon. 3 Dry began to pull corn. Tues 4 Dry & warm. Wed. 5 warm & dry. Th. 6 warm & dry Fry. 7 warm. Sat. 8 rained a little.

Sun. 9 Mrs. Sherrill much better. Mon 10. Mrs. Sherrill taken suddenly. Tues. 11 rained finished halg. corn. Frank ran<sup>49</sup> away. Wed. 12 fair & warm. Thur. 13 warm. Fry. 14 cloudy. Sat. 15 rained & snowed at night.

Sun. 16 cold and Fine snow Mon. 17 clear & pleasant. John Rich-

<sup>46</sup>Joseph Anderson, 1757-1837, one of the territorial judges appointed by President Washington. Born near Philadelphia, served in the Revolution; member constitutional convention of 1796; senator from Tennessee, 1797-1815; comptroller of the U. S. Treasury, 1815-1836.

<sup>47</sup>The wife of James Sevier, the second son, was Nancy Conway, of Washington County.

<sup>48</sup>"Mrs. Sevier went to Embree." Embreeville was a furnace village in sight from the Sevier farm on Nola Chuckee River, said to have been named for Elihu Embree, who edited the first abolition newspaper in America, at Jonesboro. His son, Elihu Embree, Jr., served in the 19th Tennessee, C. S. A. D.

Embreeville, or "Embree," as it was sometimes referred to, was then, and still is, on the south side of the Nolo or Noli Chucky River right at the foot of the Unaka, a spur of the larger Iron Mountain, both part of the Appalachian Range; and the Sevier home place was about two miles down the river on the north side. It is very probable that smoke from the old time furnace stack and from charcoal pits was "in sight" of the Sevier home, but not in sight of buildings or Embreeville Village. A.

<sup>49</sup>"Frank ran away." While a horse gifted with the name of Franklin—quite popular in 1794—might have been the Frank that ran away, we are enlightened further along on page 17 that the "run-away nigger" had come to be a feature of that early day. D.

mond came this day and set in for the year at £25. Put up our Fattening Hoggs. Tues. 18 I went to court. Wed. 19 rained. Thur. 20 cold Thos. Young died suddenly at Frank Allisons. Fri. 21 snow. Sat. 22 cold, negroes began to grubb.

Sun 23 came home from Court Recd. from Jno. Sevier Junr 10 dollars. Mon. 24 Fair & pleasant. Tues 25 Fair. Jas. Oliver Died. Wed. 26 Fair & pleasant Thur 27 same. Fry. 28 cloudy. gave L. Peters order for £3 to the store. Sat 29 cloudy & light rain. Mrs. Sherrill Died. 3 o'clock at night.<sup>50</sup>

Sun. 30 Mrs Sherrill buried in evening (rainy)

#### December 1794.

Mon. 1. first December, rained a little. Tues 2 snowed at night. Ruthy went to the Wheelrights. Wed. 3 fair. Th. 4 Joseph Sevier sit out for Knx & catey & his wife wt. to Greenville. Toby wt. to bring some things from there clear & cold Killed a beef Cone recd this day from Mr. Sherrill. Fry. 5 fair (sick myself) Sat. 6 Fair. Self & wife dined at Mr. Sherrills.

Sun. 7 Fair, rained in night. Negro Bet delivered of a Female child. Mon. 8 rained in the morning. cloudy & cool sent J. Richmond to shoemakers. Sent by him 2 dollars to shoemaker. Tuesd. 9 Wm. Greene Co. 180 lbs. pork. John Richmond 2 pr. overals 24. John Fickey 1 pr Do 12. 3 yds linen a 3. 3 yds of check some time ago. Wed. 10 warm & pleasant. Thur. 11 went to Jonesbo. Fry. 12 staid at Jonesbo. the Comissrs for town sit. Sat 13. staid at Jonesbo. Mr. Sims came up.

Sun. 14 came home. Mr. Sims wt. home. Mon 15 cloudy. Negro Frank run away. Tues. 16 Fair & pleasant. M. Seviers wife delivered of a son. Wed. 17 fair & pleasant. Mrs. Sevier went to Jonesbo. Thur. 18 warm. Fry 19 rained & snowed in the evening & in the night 6 inches deep. Sat. 20 cloudy & flying snow. Snowed in the night.

Sun. 21 Cloudy & flying snow. Mon. 22 Fair & Pleasant. Killed 8 fatning Hogs. Tues. 23 clear & pleasant. Mrs. McCallister Mrs. J. Gillaspay Miss Daisy & Miss — came here wt. home next day. Wed. 24. pleasant weather self & Mrs. Sevier dined at Mr. Sherrills. Mrs. McCallister<sup>51</sup> & Young ladies wnt home. Thur. 25 cloudy & some rain. Mr. Sherrill Mr. Sherrill Mrs. Beard Mr. Andrew Bears Mr McKee Mrs. McKee Miss Peggy McKee Mr. Weir & wife Mal Murphy dined here today Came up a thuder Gust with Hail & small rain. Fry. 26 Fine day Sat. 27 Washington & Fickey wt. to Greene Fair day.

Sun. 28 pleasant day. Mon. 29. wt. Jonesbo self & Washington cloudy. Tues. 30 rained a little returned from Jonesbo. Wed. 31 Fair.

<sup>50</sup>Probably the mother of Mrs. Sevier—November 30, 1794.

<sup>51</sup>The McAlister mentioned liver near McAlister's Schoolhouse, two miles down Hominy Branch from Washington College. They were kin to the McAlisters of Nashville, of whom is Hon. W. K. McAlister, lately of our Supreme Bench. In East Tennessee the name is still pronounced with the broad Scotch "a," "McOlistier," while at Nashville it has the flat "a," "McAlister," D.

The civil district in Washington County, where the McAlisters resided is still called "McAlister's District." A.

## January 1795.

Thurs. 1 Janry 1795. Rained. Self wife Catery<sup>52</sup> Rutha Chatty & Betsy dined at Mr. Weirs. Friday 2 Mr. King came here George Gillasp<sup>53</sup> came here. I wt. with him to Cap. Browns to take in the list of taxes. Sat. 3 Dry weather.

Sun. 4 dry. Mon. 5th wt. to Jonesbo to meet the commissrs for the town. Rained in the night. Tues. 6th rained. Wed. 7 ditto. Thur. 8 wt. to Colo. Carters rained. Fry. 9 rained. returned to Jonesbo. Sat. 10 came home very cold.

Sun. 11 snowed at night, Jos. Sevier Retd from Knoxville with letter from G. Blount. Mon. 12 day Fair & cold killed some fatted Hoggs. Tues. 13th snowed in the night. Wed. 14 warm & thawing. Thur. 15 rained. wt. to Greene with col. Robertson. Fry. 16 rained & snowed. Sat. 17 clear came home from Greene.

Sun. 18 clear & cold Mon. 19 Fair & pleasant. Tues. 20 Fair & pleasant. Mr. Keeler Brought Home the Hoggs I Bought from him. Wed. 21 rained & cloudy. Th. 22 cloudy & cold. Fry. 23 rained lightly Mrs. Sevier Ruthy & betsy went to Jonesbo. Sat 24 cloudy & some rain.

Sun. 25 Some rain & snow. Mon. 26 cloudy Washington & John Fickey carried horses to Jonesbo That run away from Sevier & Ruthy —Col. Carter came home with them. Tues. 27 set out myself. Washington & Col. Carter, Lodged at Greene all night. Wed. 28 we all Lodged at Col. Carters. Thur. 29 it rained We all Lodged at Jesse Reeves. Fry. 30 we all lodged at Mr. Perkins. Sat. 31 wt. to Knoxville (cold)

## February 1795.

Sun. 1 Feby. Fine day. Mon. 2 fine day. Tues 3 ditto. Wed. 4 ditto. Thur. 5 ditto. Fry. 6 rain. Sat. 7 Rained set out in evening self Col. Carter & Washington. from Knoxville lodged that night at McBee's Ferry.

Sun. 8th we lodged at Col. Cakes (?). Mon. 9 we lodged at Greenville. Very cold. Tues. 10 lodged at Greene. Wed. 11 ditto Thur. 12 ditto. Fry. 13 dittor. Sat. 14 we came home very cold.

Sun. 15 cloudy & cold. Mon. 16 wt. to Court to Jonesbo. Tuesday 17 very cold & snowed. Wed. 18 cold. Thur. 19 Mr. King & Nancy married.<sup>54</sup> Maj. & Jimmy Weirs family here Mr. Harrill Mr. Waddle, Mr. Claiborne Mr. Weirs family was here. Cousin Jack & Mr. Doake. Fry. 20 clear weather. Sat. 21 self & Mr. King wt. to Jonesbo and came home that night.

Sun. 22 wt. with John Sherrill & wife to Woods foard. Mon. 23 rained. col. Conway & James Sevier<sup>55</sup> came here cloudy snowed &

<sup>52</sup>Probably his daughter, Katherine, who was then very young. She married first Archibald Rhea, then Mr. Campbell. "Betsy," Elizabeth Sevier, N. Ante.

<sup>53</sup>The George Gillespie mentioned lived near the Sevier farm. Of this family came the Jonesboro Gillespies, James of which served in th C. S. A., and also Col. Hal. Gillespie, a dashing Confederate colonel of cavalry, who married Miss Cocke, of Knoxville, now living at Nashville. D.

<sup>54</sup>Nancy Sevier, the fifth daughter. She married Walter King, February 19, 1795. King operated some ironworks near the Sevier home.

<sup>55</sup>James Sevier, the second child, 1764-1847. He lived on his farm near that of his father, and was clerk of the court of Washington County for forty-seven years. (Heiskell, p. 201.)

rained in the night. Tues. 24 snowed in the morning. Wed. 25 cloudy. Thur. 26 cold Rebecca Sevier<sup>66</sup> & John Waddle married. Fry. 27 cold. Sat. 28 very cold came home from Rebecca wedding.

## March 1795.

Sun. 1st March 1795 Mon. 2 wt. to Jonesbo cold. Tues 3 self & son John went to Mr. Kings works (warm). Wed. 4 warm Mr. King & myself came home. Thur. 5 warm. Fry. 6 warm. Sat 7 high winds & rain.

Sun. 8 Fair & pleasant. Mon. 9 warm snowed at night. Tues 10 snowed in the morning. Bought of Mr. Paine 150 B. corn at 2. Paid him £7 Wed. 11 clear & cold. Thur cold snowed at night. Fry. 13 cold. Jno. Fickey 1 pr overals 12. Sat. 14 very cold.

Sun. 15 pleasant. Old Frank returned. snowed in the night. Mr. Sherrill & Wm. Dined here. Mon. 16 Genl. Muster Washington Fickey & Richmond wt. rained & snowed. Tues. 17 went to court Wed. 18 pleasant. Tues. 19 Cox had his tryal Fry. 20 pleasant. wife & Girl came to town in carriage. Sat 21 pleasant.

Sun. 22 Ditto. Mon. 23 Pleasant & Fair Tues. 24 ditto

Wed. 25 ditto. Thur. 26 ditto. Fry. 27 came home from Court. Sat 28 Judge Campble<sup>67</sup> his lady & Mr. Claiborne<sup>68</sup> & Doctor Reed came here, tarried till Monday morning. Sun. 29 Judge Campble & lady Mr. Claiborne & Doctor reed came here. Mon. 30 pleasant self & Claiborne went to court. Tues. 31 pleasant.

## April 1795.

Wed. 1st day April came home from Court. Thur 2 pleasant & warm. Fri. 3 ditto. Sat. 4 ditto.

Sunday 5 ditto John Richmond 1 soldiers shirt. Mon. 6 ditto planted potatoes. Tues. 7 Rained & warm began to plant corn this day. Sylva delivered of a Female child. Memo. pd. John Keele 3 Dollars Do. to John Silburne 2 Doll. Do to Chairmaker 3 Doll 18-8. Wednes. 8 planted corn, frost. Thur. 9th went to Jonesbo Frost that night. Fryd. 10th returned from Jonesbo Let Wed. King have £6. 4. for the use of the iron works<sup>69</sup> received from Major Sevier 30. Sat. 11 Fair & cool w. King & wife went to the Iron works.

Sun. 12 Rained Mrs. Sherrill & son William dined here. Mon. 13 Fair & pleasant. Tues. 14 ditto. Let John Lellburne have 6-8. Wed. 15 ditto. Thur. 16 Rained that night. Fry. 17 cool. Sat 18

<sup>66</sup>Rebecca Sevier, the fourth daughter, married John Waddle, February 26, 1795. The Waddles lived at Broyles Ford, some eight or ten miles down Nola Chuckee from the Sevier farm. While Waddle is the correct spelling, it is now mostly written Waddell and the accent laid on the last syllable. D.

<sup>67</sup>David Campbell, one of the territorial judges appointed by President Washington. He was a judge of the superior court, 1797-1809.

<sup>68</sup>Probably Hon. W. C. C. Claiborne, who was then practicing law in what is now upper East Tennessee. Born in Sussex County, Virginia, 1775, died in New Orleans, 1817; member of Constitutional Convention of 1796; judge of the Superior Court of Law and Equity; member of Congress, 1797-1801; Governor of Mississippi Territory, 1803; Governor of Louisiana Territory, 1804, until its admission as a state, then was governor of the state of Louisiana; elected U. S. Senator, but died before he could take his seat.

<sup>69</sup>Iron works mentioned is either Blair's Furnace at Embreeville, in Greasy Cove, or Bumpass Cove Furnace. D.

Frost at night Recd. a horse from Tom Greene (a bay at about £20 price)

Sun. 20 Wintry & cool Mr. Sherrill & son Wm. dined here. Mon. 21 dry weather. Tues. 22 ditto. Wed. 23 ditto. Thur. 24 ditto Fry. 25 cloudy. Sat 26 warm & dry.

Sun 27 light shower self Wm. Sevier & Catsey went to Mr. Doakes<sup>o</sup> meeting. Mon. 28 dry weather. Tues. 29 ditto. Frost that night. Wed. 30 ditto.

#### May 1795.

Thurs. 1st day of May dry & Hot. Fry. 2 went to Jonesbo staid all night. Sat 3 wt. to Greene staid all night.

Sun. 4 came home with Maj. Sevier. brought from the store 20 lbs. tree suger. Mon. 5 Mrs. Sevier Rutha Nancy & Mr. King wt. to Jos. Seviars. Began to plant our New Ground Corn. Tues 6 of May 1795 very warm Mr. King went to Iron works. Wed. 7 very warm & dry. Thur. 8 ditto. Fry. 9 ditto began to weed corn. Sat. 10 rained a fine shower. Memo. Recd from Joseph Hanna<sup>a</sup> 600 feet of poplar plank, 280 ditto of pine, 108 laths, 12 feet long each, 22 Rafters, 14 feet long each. Memo. Recd. from Mr. Bains plantation 100 feet of plank.

Sun. 11 Rained. Mon. 12 Rained. Tues. 13 Fair. Wed. 14 Rained in Evening. Mrs. Sevier Catery & Sammy went to Doctor Holts. the Doctor sent for Sammy<sup>o</sup> half a viol of castor oil & a small viol of drops. Memo. gave to old N. Frank a pair of overalls. Thur 15 went to Greene court. Recd a horse of Wm. Willson price £30. Fry. 16th Rained. Sat. 17 returned from Greene.

Sun. 18 dry & hott. Mon. 19 ditto. Tues. 20 ditto. Wed. 21 went to Jonesbo court. Thur. 22 rained. Fry. 23 warm & wet in the morning. Sat. 24 came home from Jonesbo. Bought from Mr. keel 24 Hoggs 1 sow 11 year olds marked with Crop in right Ear a hole & nick in under part of the left year. 12 piggs unmarked all of which is since marked with my own mark. One of the sows has since 6 piggs. Memo. lent unto Said (?) Gayer a Land warrant no. 2728 for 200 acres in name of Jos. Sevier Located at No. of Little lick Creek the warrant returned

Sunday 24 warm. Monday 25 ditto. Tues. 26 ditto. Mr. Carson sent horse to pasture is to work corn two times dry. Wed. 27 ditto & dry. Mr. Weir & wife returned from river. Thur. 28 fine rain Mr. Lilburn (?) hauled (?) of plank from Embrees paid him 1 dollar Fair. Memo. paid Tho. Embree for John Ficke 4. paid Mr. Sherrills Jane 4 for Do. sent to Shoemaker Mr. Messer by John Ficke 3 dollars 18. John Richmond 1 pr shoes, made by Messer. John Ficke 3 pr. shoes made by Messer. Fry. 29 warm & dry. Sat. 30 do. Sun. 31 do.

June Mon 1 Dry. Tues 2 do. Wed. 3 went to Iron Works. Th. 4 small shower, C. L. B. Fry. 5 Do. See. Do. Sat. 6 Do. See Do.

<sup>o</sup>Rev. Samuel Doak, D.D., President of Washington College and pastor of Old Salem church, a stone's throw from the college building. At date of this diary it was Washington College, founded by Doak in 1778 as Martin Academy. D.

<sup>a</sup>The Hannahs were prominent people living between Washington College and Sevier's farm. One of the family was captain in the Nineteenth Tennessee, C. S. A., and became colonel of another regiment. He was father of Col. Harvey Hannah of the Public Utilities Commission. D.

<sup>o</sup>Samuel Sevier, the seventh son. He became a physician, lived in Overton County and later at Russellville, Alabama.

## June 1795.

Sun. 7 staid at M. Seviers. Mon. 8 came home from Works Tues. 9 very warm. Wed 10 small shower. Mrs. Sevier & Kitty went to Jonebo. Thur 11 Fine rain & rained all night began to lay by corn. Fry. 12 Shower in mornng. Mrs. Sevier & Kitty went to meeting a very High flood in the river Rained in afternoon. Sat 13 Mrs. Sevier Rutha & Sammy went to meeting, rained in the morn. Memo. when at the Iron Works let Mr. King have 2 dollars 16.

Sun. 14 rained. Myself, wife, Rutha & Catery & Joanna went to meeting the sacrament was administered by the Rev. Doake, Balsh & Hueston.<sup>85</sup> Mon. 15 self Catery Rutha & Mrs. Sevier went to meeting Dined at D. Holts (rained). Tues. 16 rained. Mrs. Sevier & Catery went to Mr. Sherrills. Recd from Jos. Hannah 720.10 lbs. at 22-6 per M. 260.8 ditto at 15 per M. 130 Feet pine plank some time ago. Wed. 17 Hot & Dry. Thur. 18 ditto. Fry. 19 went to Jonesbo. rained in evening. Sat 20 staid at Jonesbo. Sun. 21 Sot off for Col. Carters & met him near home seting out for Assembly Staid all night at Maj. Loviers with Col. Carter. Mon. 22 came home Reaped wheat Rained in the night Frank run away. Tues 23 Rained went to Jos. Seviers Rained all night Recd from Jos. Sevier 22¾ dollars. Wed. 24 Rained (planted cabbage) Thur. 25 rained Fry. 26 cleared up & cool set out for the Assembly Lodged at Greene Memo. to bring for Betsy a pr of shoes 7 Inches long. Sat 27 sit out in the morning in company with Col. Hardin (rained) Eat dinner & fed at Parks Recd from H. Conway Junr 2 Guineas & 1 dollar Lodged at Evans Painter Spring.

Sunday 28 Brak. at Mr. Reeses Dined at Mr. Meeks Arrived in Knoxville & Lodged at Mr. Stones. Mon. 29 Assembly met.<sup>84</sup> Tues. 30 L. Council agreed to conference Representatives did the same. Memo. 219 P. below Little River in the county desired to be laid off amt of Taxes in same, 148 dollars 84 cents.

## July 1795.

Wed. 1 July both ohuses met both Houses unanimous for change of Government except Tho. Tardiman of Davidson county Dined at Judge Campbles. Thur 2 Nothing extraordinary. Fry. 3 nothing extra.

Sun. July 5 Nothing Extrao. Mon. 6 hott & Dry weather. Tues. 7 ditto. Col. Tho. Blount arrives in Knoxville. Wed. 8 a bill for (?) of (?) Rejected in Council. Thur. 9 nothing E. Fry. 10 N. E. Sat. 13 Assembly adj sine die.

Sunday 14 N. E. Mon. 15 N. E. Tues. 10 N. E. Won at whist<sup>86</sup>

<sup>85</sup>"Doak, Balch and Houston," all were prominent Presbyterian clergymen of the day, and all are yet represented by descendants in Tennessee. Rev. Houston was very prominent in the early politics of Tennessee, a profound political scholar. D.

"Rev. Houston" took an active part in organizing the last state of Franklin, was the author of a proposed constitution for the state, under the provisions of which it was said there were few persons but preachers who could have qualified as state or county officials. See Haywood and later histories of Tennessee. A.

Rev. Hezekiah Balch founded Greeneville College in 1794, and was its first president; Tusculum College was begun as Tusculum Academy in 1818 by Samuel Doak.

<sup>84</sup>This was an extra session of the territorial legislature which met June 29, 1795. Upon nomination of this body, President Washington commissioned John Sevier, Griffith Rutherford, James Winchester, Stockly Donelson and Parmenas Taylor as the Council.

<sup>86</sup>'Tis gratifying to know that the noble game of whist had not yet given way for the vulgar game of poker. D.

from S. Milche (?) & Somerville (?) Dollars. Wed. 15 N. E. Won of Mitchell & Duncan 213 dollars. Thur. 16 N. E. Fry. 17 very Hott. Dined at Governrs. Sat. 18 dined at Gov. Blounts.

Sun. 19 set out for home from Knoxv. in company with Governor, Willie<sup>68</sup> & Tho. Blount, Mark & Sam Mitchell, dined at Jas. Kings Lodged at Brasiltons paid 4-6. pd. Mr. Stone his bill £7. 1. 6. Mon. 20 Dined & Fed at Mrs. Smith paid 7-6. Lodged at Colo. Roddies. Tues. 21 Brakfirsted at Greenville came home at sunset. Mr. Sherrill Raised his house<sup>67</sup> this day. Wed. 22 went to Jos. Seviers house Raising in Company with Mrs. Sevier & Betsy. Thurs. 23 Small shower of rain Sowed some Cellery & Radishes. Mr. Sherrill dined here. Memo. Saml. Mitchell<sup>69</sup> is indebted 15 dollars being part of the money won from Mr. Crawford C. by 15 dols. sent pr. Brother Joseph. Fry. 24 rained. Sat 25 Set off to Col. Carters. Staid at Col. all night.

Sund 26 Stayed at my Fathers; rained, Monday 27. Returned to Col. Carters. rained. Tues. 28 staid all night at Mr. Greer. rained. Wed. 29 Retd. to Col. Carter staid all night rained. Thur. 30. Rained Came to Jonesbo with Colo. Carter.<sup>69</sup> Fry. 31 staid at Jonesbo in company with Colo. Carter.

#### August 1795.

Sat. 1st. came home in company with Walter King & George Gordon.

Sun. 2 went to hear a sermon preached by Mr. Cobler at James Seviers. Mon. 3rd. Sent 150 land warrants<sup>70</sup> 640 acres each By Geo. Gordon to No. Carolina to Get Titles for the same, to be laid on Each Side of Cumberland near the mouth of Obias<sup>71</sup> River (sup-

<sup>68</sup>Willie Blount, half brother of Gov. Wm. Blount, was governor of Tennessee, 1809-1815. His later home was in Montgomery County. Thomas Blount, brother of Gov. Wm. Blount, was an officer in the Revolutionary Army and was afterwards a member of Congress from the Edgecomb District (N. C.) until his death in 1812. (Heiskell, p. 82.)

<sup>67</sup>Gov. Sevier attends house-raising on two successive days. House-raising, corn-shuckings, and log-rollings were altruistic neighborly festive occasions. Closely related were quiltings and "apple-butter bilin's." D.

<sup>68</sup>Mark and Sam Mitchell lived at Brownsboro, a few miles below the Sevier farm. They were close kin to the Miss Mitchell who married the father of Rev. Samuel Doak and also kin to Hon. John Mitchell, the "Irish Patriot," a very eloquent Irish exile, who canvassed Tennessee as a democrat, 1856 to 1860, edited a democratic paper at Knoxville, served in C. S. A., went back to Ireland and was elected to parliament, refused his seat, re-elected and died. A son was born in Richmond, Va., during the Civil war, whose son, Jno. Purroy Mitchell was Mayor of New York until 1918. In 1850 Sam and Gum Mitchell, bachelors, were living at Brownsboro, managing the farm and the mill. D.

<sup>69</sup>Col. John Carter, famous in the history of the Watauga settlement. He was chairman of the convention which drew up and signed the Watauga articles of government, "the first written constitution adopted by the consent of a free and independent people of America." (Garrett and Goodpasture's History of Tennessee. He was the first colonel of the militia of Washington County. He lived about half a mile north of "Watauga Old Fields," now Elizabethton, in Carter County. Landon Carter was at this time (1795) entry taker for the district.

<sup>70</sup>This recital of land warrants recalls the celebrated controversy which was instigated by Sevier's enemies in 1802 when Governor Roane cast the deciding vote between Sevier and Andrew Jackson in favor of Jackson for the position of Major-General of Tennessee militia. It became the principal issue later in that year when Sevier ran successfully against Roane for the governorship. (See Garrett and Goodpasture's History, p. 143; also the case of Polk vs. Windle, 2 Tenn., 118, 433.)

<sup>71</sup>Obey River. It rises in Fentress County, flows northwesterly through Fentress and Overton and empties into Cumberland River in the central part of Clay County. The 57,000 acres which were owned by Sevier and later owned and occupied by his widow and children, were probably a part of the lands described in the grants mentioned. These grants were dated August 28, 1795.



plied 100 dols. to Walter King for use of the working Tues. 4 Rained self & Mrs. Sevier Dined at Mrs. Sherrills. Bt. 60 ls. Bacon from Mr. Mathews. Wed 5. Bought of John Green 2 Cows & 10 Geese at 20 dollars. he was indebted to me 11 doll. J. Fickey 7 & pd him 7 dollars. Willie Blount came here. Thurs. 6 Settled with Willie Blount for Major Scorers, notes given to David Allison in November 6, amounting to 6,594 dols. 78 Cents & 584 dolls. & 50 Cents. the interest due thereon, which notes I have paid unto Mr. Willie Blount in Land Warrants to the amount of twenty Eight thousand Eight hundred acres at 250 dollars per thousand, which has Over paid the same 23 dollars. Maj. Willie Blount then set out for Jonesbo in the evening accompanied by myself as far as Mr. Slygars. Fry. 7 cloudy in morning. Yesterday I sent unto John Hunter 5 dollars pr. J. Richmond. self Mrs. Sevier Cately & Rothy Dined at Mr. Sherrills. Sat 8 rained in afternoon. Memo. on 6th. I put into the hands of Walter King a 300 acre & 640 acre warrant to be laid on lands in Sullivan Opposite the Iron Works on No. side holsen (Holston) also. a 200 acre & 640 acre warrants to be laid on vacant land adjoining the lands on Kendricks Creek.

Sun. 9 rained. Monday 10 went to Greenes Court. Tues. 11 went to Mr. Bennetts staid at night. Wed. 12 rained. Thur. 13 ditto Fry. 14 rained. Sat 15 set out for home Dined at Mr. Aitkens. Came home in evening.

Sun. 16 Staid at home. Mon 17 ditto. Began to pull blades<sup>72</sup> Mr. Stygar came to my house. Tues. 18 went to Washington Court. Wed. 19 nothing Extra. Mr. Barlaben came to my house. Thur 20 rained. Fry. 21 dry. See Mrs. A. B. at night. Sat. 22. played at ball<sup>73</sup> self & son John vs. Messrs. Aitken & Anderson beat them four Games. Paid Mr. Carson schoolmaster 12. 2 dollars, came home eveng. Memo. put in the hands of Geo. Gordon 640 Land Warrants to be his if he brings me a patent for 96 thousand acres of land from Secy. of No. Carolina.

Sun. 23 nothing Extra. Mon. 24 began to pull blades in the New Ground. Tues. 25. Fair a cow died. Sent n. Corn to mill. Wed. 26 a cow died at night. Uriah Sherrill came to P. Grove. Thur. 27 rained. Fry. self, Washington, Bardelebin & p. Steiger went to W. Kings. Stayed there until Sunday Sunday & returned. Sat. 29th I See S. B.

Sun. 30 came home R. Campble came here from Wains<sup>74</sup> Army. Mon. 31 Rained began to sew wheat.

#### September 1795.

Tues. 1 September. Bardelebin sit for South Carolina (rained). Wed. 2 Thurs. 3 Memo. paid unto Colo. Christians Estate to this date 112 D. 16 C. Fry. 4 self Mrs Sevier & Betsy went to Jonesbo staid all night at Mr. Waddells. Sat. 5 Brak. at Maj. Sevier's. Dined at Mr. Cashties (?) & Returned home in Comp. with R. Campble.

Sun. 6 Rained. John Fickey Cr. by Jno. Greene 2 dollars. Some time ago. Memo. Geo. Gordon receited to Wal. King for 96000 acres

<sup>72</sup>"Began to pull blades." This is August and that is a quaint way of saying they were "pulling fodder"—get green corn blades to dry for feed. D.

<sup>73</sup>"Played at ball." Sevier and son beat their antagonists four games. There were not enough for town-ball, not for baseball, evolved from town-ball, and not yet evolved. There were not enough for bullpen. The game was probably cat-ball. D.

<sup>74</sup>General Anthony Wayne, who had routed the Indians in Ohio.

of Land Warrants, which I furnished to W. K. which Gordon is to bring me titles for. Mon. 7 Rained Tues. 8 fair A. Readerson Drowned in Nolcuhooky River.<sup>76</sup> Wed. 9 Ditto Sett off to Greene self & W. King staid all night at W. Gillaspies Thur. 10 arrived at Greenville in the mornng. began to take an Inventory of the Goods Fry. 11 finished taking the Inventory of the Goods amount to £700 & odd pounds. Sat 12 we returned home & was caught in a heavy rain. John Richmond cash 3 dollars 18.

Sun. 13 Fair. Mon. 14 went to Jonesbo to G. Muster.<sup>76</sup> Staid there till Sunday. Tues. 15 court began being the 15th, nothing Extraordy. Wed. 16. Thur. 17. Fry. 18. Sat. 19. Sun. 20 nothing Extraordinary. Mon. 21 went to Jonesbo Frost at night. Tues. 22 Frost. Wed. 23 Lodged at Bakers W Moth. Thur. 24 Fry. 25 Rained heavily in evening. Sat. 26 rained all day. caused great flood in New River & other places in Virginia.

Sunday 27 came home in Comp. with Mr. Claiborne, Mr. King & wife went to Washington Colledge to the Exhibition J. Anderson Trimble<sup>77</sup>—Sam Sevier 3 best speakers. Tues. 29 Mr. Claiborne set out for N. Fork Hasket came to work. Wed. 30 W. King & wife set out for Home.

#### October 1795.

Thurs. 1st nothing Extra. Fry. 2 went to Board Vendue Bought 3 sheep 13 geese & 12 ducks. Sat. 3 nothing Extra.

Sun. 4 cloudy Memo. sent to Tho. Brown by Washington Sevier 5 dollars some time ago. Memo. paid Mrs. Handy 2 dollars for 6 geese pd. Al. Moore for 2 C. & 12 ducks & An. Beard. for 13 & 12 ducks Mon. 5 Tues. 6 went to Jonesbo with R. Campble who set off to Virginia. Wed. 7 Thur. 8 Fry. 9. began to haul corn shut up the hogs got from Keele. Sat. 10 cloudy.

Sun. 11th clear. Mon. 12 ditto. Tues. 13 ditto. Wed. 14 clear.

<sup>76</sup>This river, from where it ceases to be Toe River in North Carolina, down to Cocks County, Tennessee, with its succession of falls, rapids and dangerous fords, and with its rapid "freshets," probably has the record among American rivers for drownings of unwary travelers. D.

One of the most dangerous of these fords was "Red Bank" in what is now Unicoi County (but *Washington* before Unicoi was established), even during my time and knowledge of it persons were drowned in that ford constantly. There is now a bridge near where the "Red Bank" was. A.

<sup>76</sup>August 11, 1795. "Went to G. muster." Doubtless "grand muster" is meant. From 1850 to 1860 musters were called "big muster," or "battalion muster," and "pettit muster." As training for war they were, doubtless, useful in Sevier's day when they were for definite war ends in sight. Later they were merely holiday occasions, where "stud-horses" were shown, women showed their finery and men drank "simmon beer" (persimmon), honey-locust beer, apple-brandy and whiskey and everybody ate ginger-bread.

In 1862, perhaps the last muster was seen by a Confederate soldier who had been wounded at the battle of Shiloh. Bent on recruiting a company in his old county, dressed in full Confederate uniform, he was riding by McCalister's School House. Rising the long hill he saw in the woods that lined the road a federal flag flying and a big company drilling, his old college-mate, George Wilson, in command. The situation was perilous, although "bushwhacker" outrages had not yet begun. The Confederate soldier said, as coolly as he could, with cold chills running down his spine: "Good morning, George!" George replied: "How are you, Mel?" Nothing more was said and nothing was done. George was killed in the Federal service, reputed a gallant soldjer. D. Col. Doak says, "Everybody ate ginger bread," and should have added, "and washed it down with apple cider." A.

<sup>77</sup>The Trimble mentioned was probably an ancestor of Hon. John Trimble, an able lawyer of Nashville, who married a sister of Gov. Neil S. Brown. The Trimbles were kin to the Jordans and Doaks of Washington County. D.

Thur. 15 went to Jonesbo (clear) Fry. 16 came home from Jonesbo.  
Sat. 17 hard frost at night.

Sun. 18 Cool light Frost. Memo. Deberlabins horse & negro brought & left here. Mon. 19 pleasant. Mr. Messer the shoemaker brought forward his account up to this date amounting to £5.3 out of which had before received 5 dollars, & at this time 4 more dollars. Tues. 20 fair & pleasant. Wed. 21 raised the corn house. Thurs. 22 Mr. Stengar set out for So. Carolina.<sup>78</sup> Fry. 23 rained. Sat. 24 Hard Frost.

Sun. 25 Fine day hard Frost that night. Mon. 26 Jno. Keele came to cover the corn house. Self Mrs. Sevier & Betsy went to Jonesbo. Washington bro. home 3 bushels of salt from Mrs. Matthews<sup>79</sup>—Tues. 27 staid in Jonesbo. Wed. 28 came home Thurs. 29 Genl. Kennedy Dined here. Fry. 30 John Fickee pr. stockings from Mr. Mays store 6-6. Memo. Settled with Joseph Hanna & there is due to him 3 dollars & I am yet to Receive from him 700 Joint shingles & some blocks 250 Feet pine planks 1 Inch thick 200 feet  $\frac{3}{4}$  Inch poplar Ditto. Sat. 31 clear & pleasant.

## November 1795.

Sun. 1 Do. Mon. 2 Do. Tues. 3 Do. Wed. 4 Do. Thur. 5 Do. Fry. 6 rained. Sat. 7. Do cloudy.

Sund. 8th clear. Mon. 9 Ditto, John Richmond cash 6 Dollars. Tues. 10 Do. Went to Gollehen (?) Vendue Mrs. & Mr. Cowan came home with me staid all night & set out in the morning for the Secys office—I furnished Mr. Gordon with Land Warrants to the amt. of 40000 acres & lent him cash 10 Dollars. Alex. McKee to Cash lent 3 Dollars John Fickee 4 yds Foistos (?) out of Harrison's store 3-6 pyd. 5 yds. Rusha sheeting from Deadricks at 4-6 pr. yd. Wed. 11 Digging potatoes began yesterday. cloudy. Thur. 12 recd. from Wm. Collier 2 Gallons honey at 5 pr. Gallon. 4 Gble Beeswax at 1-3 pr. (?) pd. to him 3 Dollars 18. Fry. 13th warm & pleasant Sat. 14 self Rutha Mary Ann Saml Joanna & Betsy & negroes wt. to J. Seviars husking of Corn. Rained at night. Mr. Claiborne came here.

Sun. 15 rained at night. Mr. Ward staid all night. Mon. 16 court began at Jonesbo. Tues. 17th went to Court. Wed. 18 Staid at Court. Th. 19 ditto. Fry. 20 ditto. Won of Gerum 5 pr. Stockgs. Sat. 21 came home in evening.

Sun. 22 Find day. Mon. 23 Jos. Allen, the Mason came to work on kitchen chimney. Tues. 24 began to haul stones. Wed. 25 Lilbarns waggon came to. Thurs. 26 Lilbarns waggon worked. Fry. 27 Lilbarns went home. Self Mrs. Sevier Ruthy & Betsy went to Mr. Aitkins worked 2 days in all rained. Quilla Sherrill was here to brakft. Memo. Solomon Horket (?) cash 4 dols. his work amounts

<sup>78</sup>Mention of South Carolina here and in many places. In those early days and down to 1861 relations, especially trade relations, were close between East Tennessee and South Carolina, intermarriages frequent. There were always many students from South Carolina at Washington College. Trade with Augusta and neighbor South Carolina marts was quite large. D. Especially Charleston. A.

<sup>79</sup>Mention of Matthews. The reference is probably to a "Mathes"—a very large family. Perhaps as many as a dozen Mathes heads of families owned farms within a few miles of Washington College, leading members of Old Salem church—a very enterprising, energetic and progressive stock. D.

They were elders in Old Salem church continuously for 120 years. A.

to £210. Sat. 28 Returned from Mr. Aitkins Dr. Holts son Wm. fell off from horse Tho. Talbett his wife Mrs. Johnson & Polly Greer Lodged all night. Capt. James Ward in Meyon (?) county near to Washington town (2) Memo. to cure the Scratches. an equal Quantity of Wine, oil & Lime, made into a poletice & left on 24 hours at a time.

Road to Charleston.

To Iron Mountain .....	20 miles
Turky Cove .....	40 miles
Lincoln Ch. ....	50 miles
York Ch. ....	40 miles
Winsbo .....	50 miles
Col. Thompson .....	60 miles
Ustane (?) Spring .....	35 miles
Charleston .....	60 miles

255 miles

Memo. Kitt Bullard has in possession Rachel old Wench, Arthur Aggy children, Wm. Gest Lear, Wt. Reed Mary, John Bullard Violet, Austin in possesso. of Kitt Bullard for his sister Sally. (Hulday a girl dead) Widone Bullard has Ned.

Sun. 29 pleasant Self Mrs. Sevier Mary An & Rutha accompanied Mr. Talbot &c as far as Mr. Holts. Mon. 30 pleasant day.

December 1795.

Tues. 1st of Decem. Very warm. Wed. 2 some cooler Thur. 3. fine day Fri. 4th paid to Allen Gillaspie for John Ficker 10 dollars. £3. Sat 5 fair & pleasant. Richard Campble returned from Virginia.

Sun. 6 cold & clear in the day at Stormy & began to rain towards day, sent Jim to Jonesbo for R. Camples negroes. Mon. 7 remarkable high winds with some rain. Josiah Allen began the kitchen Cellar. Tues. 8 more moderate. Wed. 9 Mr. Debardelabins family arrived, & took their Horse & negro boy away & Got 2 bushels of corn & half bushel of meal. Mrs. Davis wife of Nathanl. Davis died & is to be buried on the 11th inst. Self & Mrs. Sevier (?) Dined at Mr. Sherrills. Thurs. 10 I went to Jas. Seviere to Hunt turkys. R. Campble Rutha & Washgn. went to Jonesbo. Fry. 11 cold mornng & hard Frost. James Anderson came here in the evening & tarried at night. Sat. 13 windy Washington R. Campble & Js. Anderson went to Jonesbo & Returned in the evening & tarried all night. Rained in evening & all night.

Sun. 13 cloudy in mornng. Mon. 14 Some snow in mornng. began to kill Hoggs. Tues. 15 cold, Killed Hoggs 16 in the 2 days. John Fickee to 1 pr. stockgs got in Harrison's store price 16. Finished walling & plastering the Cellar of the Kitchen. Wm. 200 ls. Flour of Wm. Clarke at 12 pr. ct. Wed. 16 James laid the kitchen flour Mrs. Sevier & R. Campble wt. to Jonesbo. Thurs. 17. I killed a large turkey cocke. cloudy. Fry. 18 went to the Election. Sat. 19 tarried at Jonesbo Let John Keele have 2 dollars.

Sun. 20 came home Mon. 21 Pleasant weather. Mr. Collier sent 5 Fine Fish by his son. Tues. 22. Ditto. Wed. 23 Windy. Thur. 24

very warm. R. Campble & Kitty Sevier<sup>80</sup> married by Mr. Doake. Maj. Sevier his lady Mrs. Waddle Mr. Harrill Mr. Gordon Mr. J. A. Anderson Mr. McKee & his lady Miss Peggy Mr. Sherrill Mr. & Mrs. Weir James Sevier & lady, Mrs. William Clarke Benj. Brown & wife Josiah Allen John Ficke at the wedding. Fry. 25 Christmas. Most of the gest staid Brakefirst & went home. High wind in the night. Sat. 26 very warm Mr. Sherrill came to Brak. I went to Mr. Debarbelebins & Dined. High winds in the night & Rained. Doctor Chester came in evening & Tarried all night & lanced a little negro girls imposthumes (?) called Sarah. Mr. R. Campble his wife & Mary Ann went to Mr. Doakes meeting.

Sun. 27 Warm & pleasant. Mon. 28 cooler & frost that night Tues. 29 Myself Mrs. Sevier Betsy Mr. & Mrs. Campble set out for the Iron Works, arrived there that night & staid till fryday & came to Jonesbo & tarried all night. Next day came home. Rained in the evening. Wed. 30 rained. Thur. 31 Fair & Warm.

#### January 1796.

Fry. 1 day of Jany. 1796 a warm & pleasant day. Mrs. Thompson arrived at Jonesbo. Sat. 2 a fine day.

Sun. 3 Rained, Josiah Allen set out for home paid him off for his work by giving him up his note of £6.19, that I got from J. Lacky

Let him have 2 coats for which he is to wall in a Cellar in Feby. next. Paid Josiah Allen for John Richmond 7 dollars, for James Sevier at Mr. Mays store £3. 2. 9. also cash 4 dollars. John Richmond Dr. to cash paid Jos. Allen 7 dollars. John Ficke 1 blk. Handkf got at Mr. Deadrick<sup>81</sup> store. Mon. 4 warm, the violets in the garden bloomed. Tues. 5 very warm & pleasant in the night snowed. Wed. 6 snowed all day. Thur. 7 clear & windy set out for knoxville. styd. at Greenville. pd. Expenses 6. Ferryed at Lick Creek (?) (?) to pay Gray 9d. Fed at Parks & owe him 1. Lodged at Wm. Murphys. Sat. 9 Dined at Mr. Reeses Lodged at Browns pd. for expenses 5.

Sun. 10 Crossed Holeson at McBees Ferry pd. 1. Traveling in Co. with Jn. Anderson Colo. Roddey & Arc. Rowan<sup>82</sup> esq. Arrived in Knox. in the evening & put up at Stones. Mon. 11 The convention met,<sup>83</sup> & a heavy rain fell that day & night. Tues. 12 sent our horses to Cains. Wed. 13 Rained & the river very high. Thur. 14 Rained Fry. 15 the committee reported the bill of rights. Sat. 16 cold.

<sup>80</sup>Marriage of Katherine Sevier (sixth daughter) to R. Campbell, the veteran of Wayne's Campaign, December 24, 1795. Her first husband was Archibald Rhea.

<sup>81</sup>The Deaderick family have long been prominent. James W. Deaderick, born at Jonesboro in 1812, was a justice of the Supreme Court of Tennessee, 1870-1886, and was chief justice, 1876-1886. His nephew, William V. Deaderick, 1836-1883, a noted lawyer, was one of the judges of the Court of Arbitration for East Tennessee. (Caldwell's Bench and Bar of Tennessee.)

<sup>82</sup>Archibald Roane, born in Lancaster County, Pennsylvania, 1760; admitted to the bar at Jonesboro and Greenville, 1788; judge of the Superior Court; governor of Tennessee, 1801-1802; circuit judge, 1811-1815; judge of the Supreme Court, 1815 until his death in 1818.

<sup>83</sup>The constitutional convention of 1796, which framed the first constitution of the State of Tennessee. Sevier was not a delegate, but he must have been generally looked upon as the coming governor. His son, John Sevier, Jr., was reading and engrossing clerk of the convention. The convention met on January 11, and adjourned on February 6, 1796. It was composed largely of the ablest men in Tennessee. (See Caldwell's Constitutional History of Tennessee.)

Sun. 17 ditto. Mon. 18 Rained heavily. Tues. 19. Rained. Wed. 20 Very Thur. 21 Do. Fry. 22 Do. Sat. 23 Snowed in the night

Sun. 24 very cold. Mon. 25 ditto. Tues. 26 clear & cold. Wed. 27 cold. A ball at Mr. Dunlaps.<sup>84</sup> Thur. 28 cold & clear. Fry. 29 ditto Sat. 30 ditto. Sun. 31 very warm & pleasant.

#### February 1796.

Mon. 1 Feby. 1796. Rained. Tues. 2. rained all night Lodged at Woods. Wed. 3. clear & cold. Th. 4 ditto. Fry. 5 some warmer. Sat. 6 cloudy. Convention adjourned.

Sun. 7 very warm rained in the night. Mon. 8 Cumberland members set out. I sent with them many letters to sundry persons. Tues. 9 warm & pleast. Rained in the night. Wed. 10 dined at Govs. Thur. 11 left Knoxville in Company with Colo. Carter & Wm. McCinn (?). Lodged at D. Halys. Fry. 12 we lodged at Maj. Pres (?). Sat. 13 at Colo. Cockes.

Sun. 14 at Colo. Coils. Mon. 15 at Rogersville. Tues. 16 Lodged at Capt. Anies. Wed. 17 Lodged at Ar. Galbraths. Thur. 18 at Walter Kings S. B. deld. Fry. 19. ditto Lent John Christian 7-6. Sent to him pr. his wife. Sat. 20 Snowed. went to Abel Morgans.

Sun. 21 Lodged at night at J. Yancys. Mon. 22 came to Sullivans court. put up at Mr. Greghams. Tues. 23 Court. Wed. 24 ditto. Snowed 3 Inches Deep. Thur. 25 rained in the night. Fry. 26 cloudy. raid. yesterd. From Maj. Sevier 1 guinea & 4 Dollars. Sat. 27 came home from Sullivans swam our horses at Widow Ducanes (?) over the River holes on Sun. 28 Cold & Frosty. Mon. 29 ditto.

#### March 1796.

Tues. 1 day of March wt. to Jonesbo. Wed. 2 came home. Thur. 3 staid at home. Fry. 4th cold & clear. Sat. 5 went to Mr. Sherrills.

Sun. 6 Set out for Jefferson Election. Lodged that night in Greenville. Mon. 7th lodged in Company with Capt. Js. Stinson & Alex Carmichael at Parks on Bent Creek, very cold. Tues. 8th lodged at Mr. Fitzgeralds. Cold. Wed. 9 lodged at A. Wilkins. Thurs. 10 went to Jefferson Election & from their wt. to Wilcoxes. Lodged there in Comp. with Capt. Cauzby. Fry. 11. wt. to Sevier Election. Lodged at J. Thomas. Brakfirsted at Do. Sat. 12 Set out for home lodged at John Naves (?)

Sun. 13 Bracket. at Capt. Fines. Dined at Greenville & Lodged there all night. Mon. 14 came home at night. Tues. 15 cold & Dry. Wed. 16 Ditto. Ja. Sevier Lodged at my house. Thur. 17 cold & Dry. Fry. 18 self & Mrs. Sevier with Betty wt. to Jonesbo. Sat. 19 staid at Jonesbo. cold.

Sun. 20 came home. cold. Mon. 21 cold. Tues. 22 Mr. & Mr. Casson, Mr. and Mrs. Weir & Miss Jinmy & Betsy, Mr. McKee & his Lady, Mr. Debardeliben, James Sevier his Lady, Mrs. Jack Sevier, Capt. Harrison, Mr. Evans, & Mr. Sherrill Dined here. Mr. Waddell, Capt. Harrison & Mr. Evans staid at night. Wed. 23 Capt. Harrison,

<sup>84</sup>The first male child born in Knoxville, and the most prominent member of the Dunlap family, was General Richard G. Dunlap, who was a zealous friend of Andrew Jackson. He served at Mobile and Pensacola under Jackson, practiced law, was brigadier-general of militia in 1836, member of the legislature, and was a member of the cabinet of the Republic of Texas. (Caldwell's Bench and Bar, p. 101.)

Mr. Wddle & Mr. Evans took Brak. & set out for Jonesbo. Rained some in the evening. Thur. 24 Rained some in the evening. Thur. 24 rained in the mornng. Frost in the mornng. Memo. Paid Mr. Doake for schooling Washington & Saml. a half Joe (?). Paid Mr. James Paine towards Rye had some time ago 1 Guinea. Memo. Paid Alex Nelson for Expenses at Rodgers pr. order for Rogers 34-9. Put into the Hands of Walter King a patent of 25060 acres on waters of Cumberland. Ditto into the Hands of Capt. M. Harrison for 10500 on Sequatchie River. to see if any person will purchase the same. I pd. Jos. Young 15 bushls. Fry. 25 cold & Dry Frost at night. Sat. 26 cloudy. Colo. Carter & self set out for Knoxville Lodged in Greenville cool & Dry.

Sun. 27th set our from Green & lodged that night at Painters Springs.<sup>85</sup> Mon. 28 Brak. at Haines, & arrived in Knoxville in the evening. Assembly met. Tues. 29 cool & Dry. Recd. message by committee that I was duly elected Governor of the State of Tennessee. Wed. 30 was attended by a committee to the House of Representatives Chamber & was there Qualified as Governor.<sup>86</sup> 16 round of cannon was Discharged. Thurs. 31 Dry & cool, Dined at Gov. Blounts.

#### April 1796.

Fry. 1st day of April, cool. Sat. 2 ditto.

Sun. 3 ditto. Mon. 4 ditto. Tues. 5 ditto. Wed. 6 ditto. Thur. 7 the members of Assembly, the clks., the Judges, the Senator Mr. Blount, Col. Henly & a number of Gentlemen Dined with me at Mr. Stones. Fry. 8 warm & Dry. Sat. 9 ditto.

Sun. 10 ditto. Mon. 11 Went to Mariessville in Compy with Colo. McKee. After granting Coms. to Judge McNairy<sup>87</sup> & Blount. Lodged all night at Mr. Wallises. Tues. 12 Rained. went to P. Simmes, staid all night. Wed. 13 Returned to Knoxville. Thur. 14 rained heavily. Fry. 15 very warm. Sat. 16 accompanied by Gov. Blount as far as Cains on his way to Congress. McClung<sup>88</sup> McClellan & self Returned same evening.

Sun. 17 Self Col. Ford, Maj. Johnson & Cak (?) went out to Loves 3 miles. Mon. 18 removed from Cap. Stones to the house of Col. Carter in Knoxville. Col. Carter set off home; I sent with him Wm. Willsons bond for £63 for to Collect. Tues. 19th cloudy. Wed. 20 Dry & warm. Thur. 21 Ditto. Took tea at Mrs. McClungs in

<sup>85</sup>"Painter's Spring." Panther Springs, a well known station then and later, between Greeneville and Knoxville. The panther is still called "painter" in the mountain regions. D.

Panther Springs, now Mosheim, nine miles west of Greeneville. A.

<sup>86</sup>The old warrior, statesman and thorough business man makes far less noise recording his inauguration as governor than was made by the sixteen-round salute fired in his honor. The honor is recorded about as record is made of the sale of a hog. The inaugural ceremonies occupy less space than weather changes. D.

<sup>87</sup>Judge John McNairy of Nashville, judge of the Superior Court for Mero District, 1789; one of the territorial judges until 1796; member for Davidson County of the Constitutional Convention of 1796; judge of the United States District Court, 1797-1834. He was here commissioned as a judge with Archibald Roane and Willie Blount, as a judge of the Superior Court.

<sup>88</sup>Mention of McClungs. An old Virginia family, ancestral to McClungs of later Cowan & McClung, afterwards Cowan & Dickinson, a great mercantile house, trading with almost the entire South and with New York, Philadelphia and Baltimore. D. The McClung here mentioned was probably Charles McClung, who was president of the Constitutional Convention of 1796.

Co. with Col. Gest & lady & Colonel White. Fry. 22 Very warm & sultry. Sent in an address to the Assembly<sup>90</sup>. Sat 23 Assembly adjourned. Doctor Cabel & Deleon arrived.

Sun. 24 very sultry & cloudy. Mon. 25 Knox. Court begun. Tues. 26 Fine rain, and rained in night. Mrs. Smith was here— Wed. 27 very cloudy in the mornng. Cool in the night river raised also. Thur 28 very cool for the season. Fros. Fry. 29 light Frost. Sat. 30 some warmer.

#### May 1796.

Sun. 1 day of May some warmer. Mon 2d. Mr. Barrow brot news from Mrs. Sevier all well, cloudy & some rain. Judges Blount & Roane<sup>88</sup> Messrs. Dillen, Johnston, Terrill, Barrow, Maloy, Ross<sup>89</sup> & others set out for Nashville, 2 o'clock afternoon. Tues. 3 to Natl. Hays. Warm & Dry. Wed. 4th lent unto James Hankins 5 dollars, he being the workman who is building the school house in Knoxville. (lent in presence of Secretary Maclin)<sup>90</sup> Thurs. 5 fine shower. Fry. 6 warmer Dined at D. Whites. Sat. 7 Left with Mr. McCrory. James Kings receipt for cask powder. wt. 101 ls. Gross, which powder he is to get out of the public magazine, & give me Cr. for at 4/ per lb. Sat. set out for home, left with Secretary Maclin—Morgans reports. Simms military guide, the public papers & 2 Coats & 1 Hatt & a looking-glass. Lodged at Mr. Hains. pd. 5/. heavy rain.

Sun. 8th Fed at Mr. Cheeks Rode in company with Pegg Forest. Lodged at Greenville. Hard Frost Mon. 9 tarried in Greene.—Dry & cold Tues. 10 ditto, dry & cool. Wed. 11 tarried in Greene. Thu. 12 ditto. Fry. 13 came home in company with Mr. Claiborne. Sat. 14 Fine rain.

Sun. 15 Some light showers. Mon. 16 went to Jonesbo to Court. Tues. 17 staid at Jonesbo at Mr. Waddles. Wed. 18 ditto. rained. Thur. 19 ditto—ditto. Fry. 20 came home Frost in mornng. Mr. Norvel & Geo. King came home with me. 21 all of us went to Mr. Loaks meeting. Mr. Balch, his lady & daughter came home with us.

Sun. 22 Went to meeting. Sacrament. Miss Balch & Mrs. Hammes came home with us. Mon. 23 self & Mrs. Sevier wt. to meet-

<sup>89</sup>This address was brief and mainly salutatory. It is to be found on pp. 659 and 660 of Ramsey's Annals.

<sup>88</sup>Willie Blount, Archibald Roane and John McNairy were the judges of the Superior Court. McNairy lived at Nashville. He was appointed United States judge in 1797 and held that position until 1834. Blount resigned from the Superior Court in 1796. He was governor of Tennessee, 1809-1815. He became a resident of Montgomery County and died there in 1835. His name is especially illustrious for his great ability and efficiency as governor during the War of 1812 and the Creek War.

<sup>89</sup>The early records of Davidson County show the names, Thomas Dillon; Isaac, John, David, Robert, Joseph, Peter, James, George, and Alexander Johnston; James, William, Daniel, and David Ross; William Terrill; John, Sherrod, Micaiah, and Willie Barrow; and Thomas Mulloy, who shared with Edward Douglas the honor of being the first lawyer at Nashville. Mulloy was one of the signers of the Cumberland compact. He died about 1816. Willie Barrow was a son of Micaiah Barrow and father of Washington Barrow, prominent in business and politics in the succeeding generation.

The route then traveled from Knoxville to Nashville was the old road which began at Leas Springs in Grainger County and ran through the present counties of Knox, Roane, Morgan, Fentress, Overton, Jackson, Smith, Trousdale, Sumner and Davidson. It was opened by militia in 1787. The Walton Road, which ran mainly through the tier of counties just southward, was opened about 1799.

<sup>90</sup>William Maclin, secretary of state of Tennessee, 1796-1807. Little is known of him. He seems to have removed finally to Davidson County and died there.



## May 1796.

ing. Tues. 24 a violent Hale & rained gust, did much damage to every-thing growing. Wed. 25 very cool for the season. Thur. 26 rained & cool. Memo. to send Doctor Holt some different articles to make bitters. Memo. paid to Mr. Saml. May for Saml. Sherrill in part pay of negro man named *Will*. Saml Sherrills own acct. with Mr. May £29.10.7 to Mr. May for goods to Josiah Allen on Mr. Sherrills acct. £4/.10.0 Virginia money. Memo. pd. Mr. May for Charles Waddell pd. Mr. Doake on the 23 May 1796 6 dollars. Recd. from James Sevier 20 May 1796 12 dolls. Memo. Let a Quaker near Rogers mill have a bushel of corn.

Fry. 27 rained & cool went to Jonesbo. Self & Mrs. Sevier. let Mr. Balch have 18 bushels corn, recd. 9 dollars for the same.<sup>1</sup> Sat. 28 came home from Jonesbo.

Sun. 29 some more warm & pleasant. Mon. 30 rained lightly. Tues. 31 dry & some warmer, Brown & others dined here.

## June 1796.

1st warm & dry Let Mr. Hunt (B. J.) have 2 bushels of corn. Thur. 2 dry & hot let Miss Balch have half bushel corn. Fry. 3 rained in the mornng. let Mrs. Kennedy (widow) have 1 bush. corn. Sat. 4 rained. Memo. Jane Newman departed this life on 25th inst. at night buried 27th. Jacob Embree rendered an account against John Fickee for

Lyquor Amt. ....	0.13.6.
John Richmond for Do.....	0. 6.0.
Myself 1 qt. brandy.....	0. 1.3.
To his mother Gallon Do.....	0. 5.0

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1. 5.9. V. M.

4 Chairs ..... 12.0<sup>02</sup>

Gave Jacob Embree an order to Walter King for 150 ls. Iron. Sat. 4th rained in evening.

Sun. 5 Self, Mrs. Sevier, Mrs. Campble & betsy went to Mr. Doakes meeting rained. Mon. 6 dined with Mr. Sherrill rained. Michl. Woods & wife Lodged here all night. Mrs. Waddle also lodged all night here. Memo. of corn delivered to sundry persons. To Mr. Sec. H. pr. order from Mr. Doake 8 bushels. To Andrew Lilburns sundry times 12 bushels. To 2 men living at the Hotts (?) place 4 bushels. To Moses Hocket 2 bushels of rye. To William Celry 5 bushels. Mrs. Kenedy Corn 1 bushel. Mr. Hunt (B. Smith) 2 bush-els. Tue. 7 Dry & warm. Wed. 8 very warm. Thurs. 9 light shower

## June 1796.

Fry. 10 A Gust in the evening. Mrs. Sevier & self dined at James Seviere myself wt. to W. Colliers & got cherys. Mr. John Waddle Junr. Lodged here all night Rained in the night. Sat. 11 rained in the mornng.

<sup>1</sup>Corn fifty cents a bushel. In 1856 it was about forty cents a bushel. D.

<sup>2</sup>The account here given, in the proportion paid for chairs and for brandy and whiskey recalls Falstaff's itemized account as to which Prince Hal descants upon the intolerable "deal of sack" to the small bit of bread. D.

Sun. 12 Ditto. Mon. 13 Went to Jonesbo & returned hom. Tues. 14 rained. Wed. 15 dry & hot. Thurs. 16 rained. Fry. 17 small shower. Sat. 18 Rained.

Sun. 19 Dry & hot. Mon. 20 warm & dry began to p. corn. 2nd time. Tues. 21 rained Eliz. Handly Died. Wed. 22 rained. Eliz. Handly buried. began to reap wheat. Tues. 23 reaped wheat<sup>88</sup> & finished. rained. Memo. Wm. Colyer 2 bushels corn. Mr. Haislet Junr. reaped part of the day. Haislet Senr. a whole day paid by Richmond to Gen. Burget for 2 Gallons of whiskey 8/. Wm. Collier 2 bushels of corn. Mr. Hunt (B. S.) 2 Bushels. Thos. Hutson on lick Creek near James Mauhons Dr. to 2 Bushels corn. Fry. 24 very hot. Sat. 25 Doctor Cathcart of Philadelphie & Mr. McCollister, Brak. here, and then we all went to Jonesbo. Tarried all night & Sunday night.

Sun. 26 tarried at Jonesbo. Mon. 27 paid John Hunter 14/.6. in full of his (B. Smiths) account vs. me. Came home in Company with D. White who tarried all night, W. King also. Tues. 28 Doctor White left here, hauled in our wheat, W. King returned home. Sold unto Doctor Cathcart Lead mines for £750 V. M. very warm Day. began to hoe corn in the lower field on the river. Wed. 29 Mrs. Geo. King came to my house Thur. 30 self Mrs. Sevier, & Betsy in Company with Mrs. Sherrill & Mr. Geo. King set out for Knoxville<sup>89</sup>—arrived in Greenville that Evening—Lodged all night at Mr. Purdues pd. Expenses 3 dollars. Memo. left with Mr. Richd Campble 7 Dollars to purchase plank & salt. Let Mr. Richd. Jones have one Bushl. corn. Richd. Jones son & 2 daughters of Joshua Green died on the 29th with the flux—

#### July 1796.

Fry. 1 July lodged at parks, pd. Expenses 16/. Gave him 2 Dollars.

Sat. 2 Brak. at Col. Rodies Expenses 6/ rained Lodged all night Hains Exps. 28/.

Sun. 3d crossed at Magbees Ferry pd. Expenses 4/. left with a dollar Ball due me 2/. Arrived at Mr. Cains Lodged their all night Expenses 21/ left 1/6 unpaid. Mon. 4 arrived in Knoxville 10 o'clock. An Elegant Ball at Mr. Stones. very warm & Dry. Tues. 5 warm & Dry. Wed. 6 Ditto. a ball at Mr. Stones. sent our horses to Mr. Cains. Thur. 7 warm & Dry. Fry. 8 Bt. of Crozier 6 pr. stocks. Silk & buttons. 20/ cotton plain. Memo. pd. at Greenville as we came Down, to a Mr. Right, 9 Dollars for a muslin Habbitt bought by my Daughter Catery some time ago. Sat. 9 very Hott.

Sun. 10 some rain at night. Mon. 11 cloudy & sultry. Tues. 12 very fine rain, cool at night. Wed. 13th cool & pleasant. Thur. 14 something more sultry. Fry. 15 Mrs. Sevier Mr. Sherrill & Mr. Geo. King set out for Washington. Mrs. Sevier took with her 10 Dollars for Expenses, &c. Sat. 16 very warm, & Dry.

<sup>88</sup>"Reaped Wheat." Grain was reaped with sickles, with finely tempered edge formed of very fine teeth. Later a reaping-hook was used, with a sharp knife-edge, much cheaper than the sickle. The cradle does not seem to have been yet used, at least for wheat. D.

<sup>89</sup>The first governor had thus been at his Nolichucky home since April 7. This diary shows that he had not changed his residence to the farm near Knoxville, as averred by some biographers. This journey lasted four days.

Sun. 17 My son Washington<sup>65</sup> & Saml. arrived in evening. Mon. 18 cloudy & some rain in the morning. went to a dance at Mrs. Blounts. Tues. 19 very hott. Wed. 20 Sent a dispatch to the Secy. at War by the post. Thur. 21 fine rain in the mornng. A Genl. muster of the light horse in Hamilton District.—S. Greer, G. Mr. Claiborne & Mr. Miller arrived. Fry. 22 recd. a letter from Saml. May Sat. 23 cool.

Sun. 24 Self, Rutha, etsy, Washington, & Sammy wt. to meeting. Last night Mr. Miller had stolen from him 5 gall peas & Maj. Claiborne 1 Dollar. Mon. 25. cool for the season. Maj. Nelson & Brak. with us at Mr. Stones Knox county court began today. Tues. 26 Blount Election began for a representative in room of J. Hueston resigned.

Wed. 27 nothing Extraordinary. Thur. 28 a Gust of rain in afternoon. Fry. 29 Mrs. Sevier & family arrived. Sat. 30th Mr. Hanly came in with Waggon we moved to Carters house Lent Mr. Claywell 3 dollars. the Assembly met this day.

Sun. 31 very warm. pd. unto Joshua Phipps 10 dollars in full of an old debt due William Crone.

#### August 1796.

Mon. 1 Settled with John Handy in full up to this date. & the Amt. of acct. Driving the waggon home included is 11 Dollars. Out of which he recd. 4 dollars & set out for home. Tues. 2 Election for Senators was held by the Assembly. Blount, & Cocke,<sup>66</sup> elected. Wed. 3 Recd. from Maj. Claiborne 4 dollars—paid to Mr. Holt 2 Dols. Thurs. 4 Dry & &cool Fry. 5 ditto. Sat. 6 warm & clear.

Sun. 7 ditto. Mon. 8 ditto. Tues. 9 Assembly broke up. Wed. 10 rain. Thur. 11th rained—pd. Mr. Hope in full for work done &c. & Fry. 12 rained. Col. Henly, Capt. Rouse & Capt. Cunzby dined here. pd. for 2 pails & a w. Tubb 9/6. Let Suza Haiston have 1 dollar recd. from her melons & to the amt. of 4/. Sat. 13 rained.

Sun. 14 clear. Mon. 15 Went to the Plant. & returned. Tuesday

<sup>65</sup>George Washington Sevier, the eldest child of the second marriage—now about fifteen years old. He was Circuit Court clerk of Overton County; served for many years in the army and became a colonel in 1814. He married Katherine Chambers and had eleven children, the second of whom married A. W. Putnam, the author of a history of Middle Tennessee. Col. Putnam, at his own expense, erected a monument to John Sevier in the City Cemetery at Nashville. (Heiskell, p. 203.)

<sup>66</sup>August 2, 1796. William Blount and William Cocke elected as the first United States Senators from Tennessee. Blount was the handsome, courtly and popular territorial governor. He had been a member of the Federal Constitutional Convention of 1787. In July, 1797, he was expelled from the Senate for writing a letter to James Carey, an Indian interpreter, which, it was charged, was for the purpose of employing him "as an engine to alienate the affections and confidence of the Indians from the public officers of the United States residing among them." His hold upon the confidence of the people was unshaken. He was elected to the state senate and was made speaker. He died March 1, 1800.

William Cocke was a remarkable man. He was born in Virginia in 1748 and died in Mississippi in 1828. He was a companion of Daniel Boone on one of his exploring expeditions into eastern Tennessee and western Kentucky; was employed by Richard Henderson to aid in establishing settlers in Transylvania; was in the Kings' Mountain campaign; was a leader in the State of Franklin; member of the Constitutional Convention of 1796; served as United States Senator until 1805; was Sevier's most valued and trusted adviser; was elected circuit judge in 1809; moved to Mississippi in 1812; at the age of 65 volunteered for the War of 1812 and served with efficiency and gallantry; was a member of the legislature of Mississippi. He was an effective orator. (Caldwell's Bench and Bar, p. 24; Life by Wm. Godrich, *American Historical Magazine*, Vol. III.) Andrew Jackson was the representative in Congress from Tennessee at this time.

16 Mr. Hancocke recd 2 Dols. for which he is to furnish 6 bushls. of seed Oats on the plantation to sow in the spring. Wed. 17 a refreshing shower—Washington Swaped off his mair for a bay horse Settled with the butcher due to him £3.12.8. Sent the money to him the next mornng by Tobee. Thur. 18 very hott. Fry. 19 ditto. Chickasaw Indians came here. Sat. 20 Ditto. S

Sun. 21 self Mrs. Sevier & betsy wt. to Mr. John Sherrills. rained in eveng. Mon. 22. Staid at Mr. Sherrills. Wm. Sherrill came to Knoxville. Tues. 23 came home, in compy with Mr. Sherrill & wife. Wed. 24 Mr. Sherrill and wife wt. home. Thurs. 25 Wm. Sherrill & P. Simms Dined here. Fry. 26 Mornng Foggy. Memo. Chickasaw Indians came to Knoxville. Self, Washington & Sally Clarke sit out for Washington. Lodged all night at Mr. Hains. paid for expenses 7/6.

Sun. 28 Lodged at Colo. Conways. Mon. 29 lodged at Mr. Purdems. Tues. 30 rained very heavily. Wed. 31 came home, rained.

#### September 1796.

Thur. 1 Sepr. came to Jonesbo. Fry. 2 staid in Jonesbo rained. Sat. 3 rained, staid in Jonesbo.

Sun. 4 rained came to the plana. Mon. 5 returned to Jonesbo. Sent Washington to Greene. Tues. 5 Was taken ill in the mornng. before Mrs. Mays store,—Washington returned with 175 Dollars from G. Conway, on a warrant on the Treasury for part of my annual service lodged all night in Col. Robertsons house. Wed. 7 some better came to Mr. Waddells. Let Muhl. Harrison have 100 dollars to pay the waggoners for bringing goods from Richmond. Thurs. 8 Mr. Stuart went off to Knoxville Sent by him to Mrs. Sevier 10 dollars. Fry. 9 lent Wm. Cox 6 dollars (Dry & Cool) Sat. 10 paid John Doake<sup>87</sup> 6 Dollars for his father for schooling the boys—Washington & Saml.

Sun. 11 cloudy & light frost. Mon. 12 ditto—light frost. Tues. 13 Some warmer. Wed. 14 blistered by Doctor Chester. Thur. 15 took off the blisters, kept my bed. Fry. 16 Kept my bed & very sick. Sat. 17 ditto—ditto.

Sun. 18 Mrs. Sevier came to Jonesboro this day I walked a little about. Mon. 19 got some better. Tues. 20 Fair & cool, Supr. Court began. Wed. 21 ditto. Thur. 22 cool. Fry. 23 ditto. Sat. 24 paid John Waddle 10 Dollars which he lent me sometime ago & lent him 2 dollars beside.

Sunday 25 Pleasant & warm. Mon. 26 ditto. Tues. 27 ditto. pd. Saml. Handly<sup>88</sup> 7 dollars in full of all his demands. Wed. 28 ditto. Mrs. Sevier came to P. Grove.<sup>89</sup> Thur. 29 I came to ditto, Major Claiborne appointed a Judge P. Tem. & Qualified. Francis Baker

<sup>87</sup>“John Doak,” Rev. John Whitfield Doak, D.D., later president of Washington College and pastor of Old Salem Church, for a time pastor of a church in Philadelphia, Pa., father of Rev. Archibald Alexander Doak, D.D., last Doak president of Washington College. D.

<sup>88</sup>Probably Capt. Samuel Handly, who was captured by the Indians in a fight near Crab Orchard while marching with his company of forty-two men for the relief of the Cumberland settlement. See account of his adventures and captivity in Ramsey's Annals, pp. 571-573. In his later years he lived at Winchester, Tenn., where he died.

<sup>89</sup>P. Grove—Plum Grove, the name of Sevier's farm and residence, on the Noli-chucky (or Nola Chuckee, as Col. Doak spells it).

whipped at Jonesbo. Fry. 30 Bealer whipped, Cropped, Branded & pillored for H. Stealing.

## October 1796.

Sat. Octo. 1st Self, Mrs. Sevier & Mrs. Campble set out for Knoxville lodged that night at Col. Conways.<sup>100</sup>

Sun. 2 Set out from C. Conways & lodged that night at Brachhaws, head of Dumplin. Mon. 3 arrived in Knoxville in evening/ all well/ Tues. 4 dispatched Commissioners to Cumberland Mero District<sup>101</sup> for Field officers & for the Cavalry by Maj. Miles. Wed. 5 rained in the mornng. paid to Mr. Hancock 1 dollar. The Butcher brot in his acct. £3.16.6. pd. him out of it £2.11.0. Thur. cool Frost at night. Fry. 7 red. of James Greenaway 5 dollars in part pay of powder some time ago—Frost at night. Sat. 8 Frost at night. Mrs. Blount & family sit out for philadelphia.

Sunday 9th clear & pleasant. Memo. purchased from Alex Cunningham 100 bushels of corn to be delivered on my plantation—pd. him in Croziers store £10.0. Mon. 10 cool. Tues. 11 Superior Court for Hamilton District begins. Wed. 12 cool. Thur. 13 cool. Fry. 14 rained. Sat. 15 clear & cool.

Sun. 16 Cool & pleasant. Mon. 17 ditto. Tues. 18 ditto. pd. Alex. Cunningham 100 dollars. Wed. 19 cool Jesse Geffrys whipped for Horse stealing. (Branding & Pilloring pardoned). Memo. lent the butcher in Knoxville 30 dollars. Thur. 20 Dry & cool, paid unto Mrs. Hairston 3 dollars in full of all accompts. Fry. 21 dry & cool. Sat. 22 Self Mrs. Sevier & Betsy wt. to Mr. Simms Tarried there all night. (Dry weather).

Sun. 23 Staid all night at Mr. Simms (D. W.) Mon. 24 came home (Dry weather) Tues. 25 let Mr. A. Crozier, have some time ago, a Draft on P. Garts in Baltimore Drewby Jos. Ennwer (?) for £250 V. money. Wed. 26 (Dry) Bought of Geo. Gordon a black mare 8 years old £16. price. Thurs. 27 Bought of Jas. Anderson a bay horse 70 dollars. price. 5 years old. gray star branded n. shoulder  $\text{J}^{\text{W}}$  Fry. 28 dry & warm. Sat. 29 ditto.

Sun. 30 ditto. Mon. 31 ditto.

## October 1796.

Tues. 1 November 1796 hard r frost Wed. 2 dry & cool. Thur. 3 ditto Fry. 4 ditto. Sat. 5 ditto.

Sun. 6 Settled with Delancy the butcher & there is due to me 3 dollars & one 8th, & so settled in his books & my acct. crossed out. Memo. paid for Alexr. Cunningham unto N. P. Perkins 10 dollars. & 25 Cts. to Thos. Hamilton 20 dollars. Mon. 7 Dry the waggon & carriage set off for Home from Knoxville, Rutha Joanna & polly came on to Mr. McCains myself Mrs. Sevier Mrs. Campble & betsy tarried at Capt. Stones (Hoggs put up). Tues. 8 we set from Knoxville lodged that night at Breiziltons, paid Expenses 15/. Wed.

<sup>100</sup>Was this the George Conway who was major-general of Tennessee militia and whose death in 1801 brought about the contest between Sevier and Jackson for the office, which was decided by Governor Roane's vote for Jackson?

<sup>101</sup>"Mero District." Part of Middle Tennessee was once so called, named for Mero, Spanish governor of Southwest territories, at New Orleans. Robertson had this compliment paid Mero as a diplomatic tribute, during negotiations concerning navigation of the Mississippi. The early settlers of Middle Tennessee were sadly hampered by Spanish trade and navigation relations. D.

9 Fed our horses at the painter Springs pd 9d. Tarried all night at Col. Boddys pd Exps. 2 dollars. Thurs. 10 Tarried at Greenville pd. 4 Dolls. Fry. 11 came home all well. Sat. 12 warm & pleasant.

Sun. 13 ditto. Mon. 14 ditto went to Jonesbro. Tues. 15 rained in the mornng. came home from Jonesbro. Wed. 16 pleasant Thur. 17 ditto. Fryday 18 Settled with Jno. Richmond & there is due unto him £3.14.0. Sat. 19 Sowed Timothy seed rained all night.

Sun. 20 Finished sowing Timothy seed rained. Mon. 21 very warm. Tues. 22 went to Jonesbo. rained in evening & in the night snowed. Wed. 23 cold. Thur. 24 Genl. muster & very cold, all the little brooks Frozen, & part of esclotucky<sup>102</sup> (?) Fry. 25 Rutha takes very sick. Mrs. Sevier came home, continued very cold. Sat. 26 very cold. Court adjourned.

Sunday 27 very cold, snowed at night. Mond. 28 came home from Jonesbro. cold. Tues. 29 sent the waggon & horses to Jonesbro to sit out for Richmond (Some warmer, but still very cold) Wed. 30 some warmer, rained in the night. Peter Turny came to P. Grove with Petitions Letters &c for a pardon for Jacob Turney staid all night.—a pardon granted.

#### December 1796.

Thur. 1st of December cold & snowy day. John Fickee 1 dollar to pay the shoemaker. Fry. 2 Mrs. sevier came home rained. Sat. 3 very cold.

Sun. 4 Some more moderate. Mon. 5 pleasant Rutha came home from Jonesbo. Tues. 6 cold, & some snow. Wed. 7 very cold & flying snow. Thurs. 8 Snowed in the night. Fry. 9 very cold. Mr. Gillom came here. Sat. 10 some milder weather. pd. Isaac Embree 2 Dollars for plank.

Sun. 11 Very cold. Mr. Gillom left here. Sun. 11 cold & clear Maj. Sevier, Mr. Sherrill, Wm. Sherrill & wife dined here. Mon. 12 Settle with John Wei esquire for sundries unto this date & there is yet due unto him £3.13.8 Virga. Money., which he has from under my hand today on demand (Clear & cold) day but some more moderate than yesterday. Memo. to get Clarks Jud. vs. Denton from Major Sevier. Gave Clarke an order on Colo. Taylor (Columbia) for 143 dollars & 9 Cents being the ball. of Redins Debt. Memo. 15, 20, or 30 drops of the acid Elixir of Vitrol, 2 or 3 times a day. Good to expel wind & promote digestion. Memo. to Commissioners Joseph Demoson (?), & Fedance Lane Cpts out of Lanes sla. compy. which is divided into 2, near unto Colo. Roddys, Jefferson county, this division was set on Foot first by, Outlane & Major Mcfarland. Memo. Take a single handfull of the white shoemake root bark, boil it in water till it is strong & little more than a spoonfull then take out the root & add a spoon of tarr & a spoonfull of honey & mix it well together, then put to it a pint of new milk & Drench the horse—a sure curt for worms—a sixth part, for a child—or half as much for a grown person, or nearly as much as for a horse—proved & a Certain cure. remark of Smith 3 vol. 15 page.

Nations, like France, & England consist in great measure, of proprietors & cultivators, can be enriched by industry & enjoyment—on the contrary like Holland & Hamburgh, are composed of merchants,

<sup>102</sup>This reference is clearly to Nola Chuckee. D.

artificers & manufacturers, can grow rich only through parsimony & privation as the interests of nations are so differently circumstanced, so is the common character of the people the former liberality frankness & good fellowship, mark their character. in the latter, narrowness, meanness, & a selfish disposition, averse to all social pleasure & enjoyment.

Mon. 12 Genl. Smith Joseph Greer & Hugh Nelson came to P. Grove to get certificates of their being elected Electors of President & Vice-President of the United States.<sup>98</sup> Tarried all night. Tuesday 13 rained went in Co. with Genl. Smith to Jonesbro. Richard Campble Hawkins Windle & Mr. McCory came to town in evening. Staid all night & came to my house next day. Wed. 14 I came home rained. Thur. 15 very pleasant day. Paid off John Richmond for his 2 years work £3.14.1. Fry. 16. rained killed 5 fatted Hoggs. Sat. 17 Fine & cold.

Sun. 18. rained in the mornng. Dined to-day at Mr. Sherrills in Company with H. Windle Mr. Campble & his wife. Mon. 19 wt. to Jonesboro (cold) Tues. 20 Walter King came here. Wed. 21 snowed & rained. Thur. 22 Extremely cold froze river very hard the river across & all the small streams. Fry. 23 W. King set out, (very cold). Gave him an order on Jno. Waddle for the ball. of a 200 dollar warrant on the treasurer having recd. of Waddle 100 out of it, also an order on Mr. Montgomery for goods. Sat. 24. Very cold—paid Allen Gallaspie 5 dollars for John Fickee as pr. receipt.

Sun. 25 very cold Dined at Mr. Sherrills Mon. 26 V. cold. Dined at Mr. McKees. Tues. 27 Reuben Paine set in to be Overseer at £40 pr. annum. pd. Ruble th B smith 1/9. in full of all dues for S. work —pd. Richd. Campble 14/. for a pr. shoes. Wed. 28 very cold Thur. 29 ditto/ Fry. 30 ditto. Sat. 31 ditto.

#### January 1797.

Sun. 1 day January 1797 some m. moderate. Mon. 2 very cold. Tues. 3 ditto Flying snow. Wed. 4 a little rain & Freeze at night. Thur. 5 myself in co. with son Rector sit out for Knoxville Lodged in Greenville that night pd Expenses 9/. Recd. from Wm. Conway a Dappled Gray horse which he recd from J. Richardson at the price of 130 dollars in part pay of a debt Richardson was indebted to our store Keaped at Greenville. Memo. left with R. Campble an order I obtained from Charles Robertson of 70 Dollars on Acquilla Sherrill; which R. C. is to collect & send me the money. Fry. 6 lodged at H. Conways very cold Sat. 7 snowed lodged at Wm. Conways.

Sun. 8 Lodged at John Bradshaws very cold Mon. 9 clear & some more moderate Lodged at J. McCains pd Expenses 4/6. Tues. 10 came to Knoxville rained very much in the night turned warm. Dined with Secy. Muclin. Wed. 11 Cloudy & windy the weather mod. Came to Capt. Stones last evening. Thur. 12 very warm & pleasant. Mr. Campble & his wife arrived & Mr. Arthur Crozier & his wife. Fry. 13 warm & pleasant a comp. of regulars arrived. pd. to Seth Johnson 5 dollars. Rained in the night. Richd. Campble recd. the 70 dollars on my acct. from Acquilla Sherrill cash for myself 2 dollars. Sat. 14 cloudy & warm.

<sup>108</sup>These three electors cast the vote of the State for Jefferson for President and Burr for Vice-President.

Sun. 15 very warm. Mon. 16 ditto. Tues. 17 cloudy & rained in the night. Wed. 18 cloudy & some rain in eveng. Sent to Richard Campble 15 dollars. Recd. from Secretary Pickering by way of Cumberland 7 acts of Congress. Thurs. 19 Rained. Fry. 20 cloudy & rained in eveng. Sat. 21 cloudy.

Sun. 22 clear & warm. Mon. 23 clear & cool. Tues. 24 clear & pleasant. Wed. 25 clear & pleasant. Thur. 26 ditto. pd. A. Char-michael 5 & a half dollars in full of his account. Fry. 27 ditto & pleasant. Sat. 28 warm & a violent storm Loud thunder Large hail & rained. High winds, & constant flash of Lightning the greater part of the night.

Sun. 29 some cooler & fair

Mon. 30 rained, court began paid Hickey the B. smith 3 dollars for a grubbing hoe.

Tues. 31 cloudy & some rain.

#### February 1797.

Wed. 1 February 1797 wet day. dined with the officers & a number of other gents at Mr. Campbles

Thurs. 2nd cloudy & some cooler

Fry. 3 rained

Sat. 4 clear & warm

Sun. 5 ditto

Mon. 6 ditto

Tues. 7 ditto

Wed. cloudy & some rain

Thur. 9 clear & warm

Fry. 10 ditto

Sat. 11 ditto

Sun. 12 ditto

Mon. 13 warm & rained heavily all night went to a ball at Capt. Stones being President Washingtons Birthday.

Tues. 14 warm & pleasant, Danced in the evening again at Capt. Stones pd. Mr. Hancocke 5 dollars for 2 acres of ground Grubed by Hitchcock

Wed. 15 clear & cold night

Thur. 16 clear & pleasant

Fry. 17 cloudy & rained

Sat. 18 Cloudy & like for rain

Sun. 19 dined at Mr. cains in Co. with W. Rector on his way to Virginia who took with 163 Virga money. rained all night. Rutha Sevier arrived.

Mon. 20 rained in mornng.

<sup>104</sup>February 13, Washington's birthday; doubtless old style. D.