

The attached transcript is a copy of the "daily life" portion of the Isaac Conger diary of 1813. During that year the diarist served appointments on the Elk River Circuit in the Nashville District of the Tennessee Conference of the Methodist Church. As a circuit-riding preacher, Isaac traveled and exhorted throughout the present counties of Bedford, Coffee, Franklin, Grundy, Lincoln, Moore and Warren. Conger describes a trip in July, 1813, that included visits to Stones River, Lebanon, and Gallatin. In the fall of that year he journeyed to Franklin, Nashville, and Stoner's Lick, and then he made a swing through the Caney Fork River Country and the Barrens of Cripple Creek. Shortly after the Indian massacre of 500 white settlers at Ft. Mims Alabama, Conger made a trip to Madison County, Alabama to the "fort on limestone" for some unknown reason.

The original diary is in possession of the Tennessee State Library and Archives in Nashville. Portions of the diary that do not appear in this transcript include sermons, songs, poems and various records. The transcriber is presently preparing this portion of the diary and appropriate maps, index, and annotation for future publication.

This transcript is an attempt to produce an exact typewritten copy of the text of the diary; therefore, spelling, capitalization, punctuation, and grammar have not been altered or corrected unless otherwise noted. At times it was impossible to distinguish between the diarist's lower and upper case C's, S's and J's. In this event the transcriber applied modern rules of capitalization to determine the proper usage. The diarist often used a comma to indicate omission of letters in a word or the possessive case of a noun. The transcriber used the apostrophe instead. Conger abbreviated the word "Brother" in various ways, but generally it appears as "Br" in the transcript. Words crossed out in the diary appear likewise in the transcript. Unreadable letters of words were presumed by the transcriber and appear in the transcript enclosed in parentheses.

A personal diary is not intended for public scrutiny. Many entries are simply sketchy notes for the sole benefit of the diarist. The background information needed to fully comprehend many of Conger's statements is missing. A future annotation will assist in interpreting and understanding the diary.

Each page of the diary appears as a unit, separated by double spacing, in the transcript. There are from four to eight diary pages on each page of the transcript. Annotation reference numbers are handwritten in the transcript whereas numerals from the diary are typewritten. Each reference number is made unique by combining the transcript page number with the reference number.

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January 2nd in 1813 started in the service of God facing a snow storm 4th Preacht at Brother Hill' Romans 8 & 14th<sup>3</sup> But the thought of my family not being reconciled to my Traveling distressed me much but I feel like doing the will of God & labouring for that meat<sup>7</sup> that perisheth not expecting God will reward me for my labours being Convinced it to be the will of God I should do as I do 5 of January being extremely Cold just at the break of day the Bees Roared lik(e) in the Summer<sup>4</sup> Old Christmas<sup>5</sup> had a good meeting that day next was a disappointment & thursday above stone fort<sup>6</sup> a few met & appointed Knight meeting Br. Jn Daniel's text on the sleeper<sup>7</sup> wakened the the people we had several exhortations next day Friday 8 at Brother Cranstons cold day and cold time at knight went to Brother Deans another sno(w)

snow fell People Come out & I had much liberty<sup>8</sup> & felt much of the presence of the Lord Sunday 10 at Brother kings Box's Class<sup>9</sup> turned out Hafner for Drunkenness & returned to Br Deans Br Douthet preachd Luke 21 & 36 In speaking & singin after my Soul wa(s) blest monday to Blairs spring<sup>10</sup> 6 only 6 members here all women was met by Brother Bartlet Renfro spent the evening profitably rose early in the morning had a serious thought & great view of God & Religion while reading the Experience of Wm Fergason Preacht & had great liberty & a melting time<sup>11</sup> went with brother Rinfro to shoeks a genteel smart & good woman, but joind to a savage o how careful ought we to be & not join ourselves to a limb of the devil<sup>12</sup>

went on to wests January 13th had a degree of liberty in dispensing the word of God to an attentive people appointed meeting for knight & went home with father Jenkins, come back at knight had liberty started next day went to Br Renfro's get my Horse shod & at knight went to Larkin Jacksons & sung pray'd give a pressing<sup>13</sup> & warm exhortation had a melting time with a few friday went Dokerys meeting House lost in the Hurricane<sup>14</sup> till late & then try'd to preach in the worst s(m)oky hut I ever seen sometimes so bad choked with smoke I could not speak a word invited Home with Wm Jones they appeared kind, next morning piloted me about 6 mile went to my appointment & had the most liberty & best meeting I have had on Hurricane turnd out one took in 2 next day at Brandons Coffees Cr<sup>15</sup> went home at knight all was well

next to Johnstons then to Morgan took in 2 had a good time Whittenbu<sup>16</sup> a cold meeting & at home & at Bowens preacht in the day & knight at Henrys bore down very heavy had a lye told on me went to G Tinkles had great liberty & a good time went home at knight a great Rain fell fearful of high water started in the morning of the 26 it was very cold & snowing nearly swam my horse was the first at meeting a cold time not much liberty next day went to Dabses MH<sup>17</sup> turnd out two could have took in two more if I would let them dram drink<sup>18</sup> but I dont feel a disposition<sup>19</sup> to do so went next day to the mouth of sugar Creek<sup>20</sup> through the deepest snow we had this winter few hearers & a baptis(t) sinner living in the MH<sup>21</sup> then to Bo

next day Preacht to a very attentive Congregation went to Brother Snells Rest day' read some of the Magazine was blest & had great satisfaction in Conversing with Brother Snell Sunday went to new hope<sup>2</sup> as is called. I call it small Hopes went there for the first & the last time staid & took dinner with Mr. Frazer a very friendly Baptist I think a Christian<sup>3</sup> went with Br S home again Monday went to Squire Tompsons in Crossing Duck<sup>4</sup> the Canoe sunk near a bluff I got on the root of a tree a tree top from the bluff was so I got on it and did not get my feet wet spent the evening with a worldly wise man<sup>5</sup> treated well preachd next day & went to father Burns's in the evening had some profitable conversation in the knight was sick in the morning had some good advice given me by father Burns feel solemn

preachd & had a melting time then went home with Brother Isaac Phillips had some serious thoughts & set up late talking of the things of God & Religion, got up & started early in the Morning in this day I think I gain strength with a kind people staid till morning & started to my appointment before I got there was seized with a violent headache so I thought I should hardly be able to a<sup>6</sup> preacht but the lord stood by & strengthened me some were tender & when I read the Rules of Society<sup>7</sup> one went out would not stay in Class the business I went & seen compleated in the evening feel myself still unwell next day to Cras's had a good time took in one then went to Br. Norvells a man left the world here this evening<sup>8</sup> & at midnight went to pray for old mother Norvell laying at the Point of death preacht & had liberty Br. Owen spoke after & in examining the Class I sunk<sup>9</sup>

on the way<sup>was</sup> Persuading Selia Taylor to enter into a covenant to Pray 2 times a day for 4 weeks she would not promis untill after preaching she would give me an answer I preached to a large and well behaved Congregation had great liberty some sheuts much ~~liberty~~ weeping<sup>10</sup> after preaching insist on the promise of S. T. to pray twice every day untill my return or else promis to serve the Devil after long persuasion she wept much & promised to try to pray twice a day I Called the lord to witness we parted I went to old fishing ford<sup>11</sup> Burnse's to continue with levers of God untill tuesday (hoped some wood on monday blistered my hand very bad<sup>12</sup> and at knight near bed time got to singing & mother B got to shouting we had a wonderful time Dolly got reclaind wonderful happy shouted & fell on the floor with the rest a very humble soul O how good the lord is preached had a wonderful time shouting dancing such a time I have not seen before on the sircuit with a fe(w)<sup>13</sup>

went at knight to Br. Isaac Phillip preachd to a few wet knight few com(e) on the next day preachd at Burnses then next day to yells had meeting at knight at Br Gibsons his wife lying at the point of death with a Consumpsion<sup>14</sup> Next day Had the hardest trial that I ever had in Preaching 3 young women sat & kept laughing I reprovod them very sharply & after meeting found one of them to be old father wares daughter I think I never felt in better order for reprovng ~~as~~ as my text was an awful one<sup>15</sup> we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ 3 joind Society after dinner started to DN & got near a house on the way saw 3 young women out at prayer went on found there was meeting went to the House & stayd all knight heard Br Owen Preach sat very late Conversing with Br Anderson in the morning went on Breakfasted at Br Norve(11s) then on to David Nots in the evening went to In Norvells's next day Preachd with great liberty to a large assembly of people after meeting went 4 mile

felt greatest distress in my mind I have done had meetings appointed at night tryd to preach was left to myself & felt like not trying to preach again unless I feel better pray'd & cryd to God for mercy Glory to God he heard I tryd to preach next at Br Hills the Cloud broke & the Lord blest the wo( )' & our souls 5 joind Society next day had a good time at Martins went to Patricks but a few people had great liberty Br Hugh Oneal was with me at Martins & Patricks much weeping some shouts feel my health restord & mind kept in peace & appointed meeting for night at Ross's went & Preach(t) to a crowded house whether good wa(s) done or not I dont know was desir(e) to have meeting there again in 5 wee(k) then went to Raleys then to Simons it Rained & Snowd then after meeting went to Br Box's through a Dreadful snow storm had a cold time till Br Box gives us a close exhortation hit me in the end went to Br Box's from Kings & staid that

night at prayer in the Evening my Soul was fill'd & running over was made to Shout aloud next day to Morrows had only a dull time went to Br Jays in the morning started to Blairs preachd & appointed meeting at night at Neels had a very attentive congregation after meeting sat talking untill 3 oclock I think not in vain amongst a plain open hearted friendly family of no profession<sup>2</sup> B Renfro is with me Yesterday & today now'd preaching to Jenkins & old Miss West was very Much displeasd was once a methodist then a Baptist & I believe now an enemy to all Righteousness threatens to keep her Daughters at home & will not let (lass meeting be Held in her hous(e) according to our Rule went after meeting home with Br Renfro

next day had great liberty & a melting time among a few then to Brother Stewarts for night Meeting next day went to Hurrigan(e) Preach'd & went home at night found my eldest son<sup>3</sup> Had been like to die returnd to Camp meeting had a warm meeting bu(t) cold weather one got Religion 5 joind Society went to Morgans had a melti(ng) time next day Brother Elgan Preach(d) in my place I went to Fayetteville to Court at home next day on friday preachd at Bowens a wicked woman jurked<sup>4</sup> the beat of any thing I almost ever see Come to town in the evening & give maxfield his orders to tell nomore lies on me then to Henrys felt very sick but had tolerable liberty next day Br Thos S. preach'd the best sermon I think I ever heard him got home half after 8 first day of March staid at home 2nd went to Hayses & had a good time, next day at the Chapel had liberty & a good time kild the prejudice of some

went at night to Brother Stephenson's several come out at night we spent the evening conversing on the Subject of Religion next day went to the mouth of Susar Creek to the M H occupied by a Baptist sinner had liberty in speaking to a house full of people but Could not get to meet the Class after meeting went to Brother Bennet Phillips's feel my Strength of body increase & I think strength of soul preach'd at whites had not liberty after meeting found the Cause was a division in the Class about where preaching was to be left it to vote it was decided to be at the Meeting House returnd at night to Br Phillips's next day to uncle Charles Taylors preachd at night to a serious people in the morning made a covenant with Lilly Taylor to pray twice every day untill I should return & see her again this is the 7th day of March great preparation for meeting at Tompsons Meeting House on Sunday

from Salem' to father Hills spent the evening profitably & Comfortably this evening a little boy got Married in the morning find myself stronger here appears a good prospect find my labour is not in vain in the lord, sav'd one of this family from the water<sup>2</sup> & I hope from Hell O that the Lord may bless my labour after preaching with tolerable liberty took in three members never in before<sup>3</sup> had meeting at knight at father Mayess had great liberty & a happy time in the knight had great satisfaction in talking to a very a very agreeable Family none only the old people hav(e) Religion next day went & preachd find something in the way<sup>4</sup> & after meeting find it to be of great importance a bad tale on Patsy Defo a girl I gave a good Caution to when here before a few Come out to meeting at knight had a good tim(e) my mind is much prest went to my appointment had a mixt (ongregation<sup>5</sup> & kild the prej(ud)ice among some of Johns me(n)<sup>6</sup>

for an old Baptist would not let his daughter join untill the other baptists got him to come & hear me preach he Consented to let her join & I was insisted on to go and preach at an old Baptists when I come round again I have meeting tonight 3 knights together find my strength fail it stormd in the knight & a heavy rain fell I started went through the rain to cross the barren fork<sup>7</sup> 12 mile no one come to meeting next went to Mathews's Catcht one & have the promis of 2 more<sup>8</sup> went that evening to the head of Elk<sup>9</sup> Next day Preachd a funeral over an old wicked man appeard desirous on his deathbed O how dangerous to put of the one thing needful to a dying hour I had not much

liberty but feel Crampt on thinking of his being in fire & pain while I am preaching had a good time in Class meeti(ng) went on next to pond spring of bradleys Creek<sup>10</sup> with Brother Dean next day preached to a large Congregation & had meeting at knight at Br Jacob Deans had liberty Shouts & a hard trial in Settling a dispute between 2 of the sisters<sup>11</sup> it was ended in peace by a long trial and the people broke & got to bed a little after one o clock this morning feel unwell went on feel some times like getting off my horse & lying down but got to the place feel some better & preachd with much liberty after meeting went across the River<sup>12</sup> spent the evening with some agreeable people & in the evening returned to my old login to friend Neels<sup>13</sup> I think they

are the most agreeable family I have seen of unconverted people after my return they got my clothe(s) to wash after knight, & in the morning went on to Jenkinse & there met Brother Jones he took a text & made out a dry morsel & I think he never drawd blood of the text<sup>14</sup> after I try'd to preach but was much Crampt for the young man wants to follow me on the Circuit I think he will not be profitable went on & next day preached to steady Methodist at Brother Brocks had tolerable liberty afterward heard when I preachd here in the Settlement before who said I was a liar because I said that some would hold the cup to his Neighbours mouth by reason of advantage he said he was only holding the cup for the man untill he would get his horse ready said I saw him as I passed by his house I saw him selling & went to expose him \* I went on to the next place a few only come out & now I

feel under greater difficultyes on the account of business & employing a young man in business in the vineyard<sup>1</sup> lord give the call & open the way & I am content I now must quit & go & pray went on next day had business to do and some that I was ashamed to hear as the woman said the young man that was trying to turn her out of society had made an ungenerous attempt on her body & followed her like a dog<sup>2</sup> & he is the young man wants to ride with me attempted to pull her off her horse the woman was turnd out & I have a thought of giving the man a trial when I come around again<sup>3</sup> fasting & still praying went on to father Johnsons get there in the evening spent the evening & knight and next morning with an agreeable family preacht & I think good was done I went home after preaching found all well Betsy Paynes Child died the friday after I left home O how thankful ought I to be for Gods protection of my family in my absence<sup>4</sup> next day back to Brandons through the rain took in two members home at knight next on the head of

mulbery<sup>5</sup> had some shouting a good time & home again at knight on Mulbery had some business to settle but not as I expected harden & his wife withdrew next day at home & a dull time we had next at Bowens but few attended & a dull time after I went to Fayetteville<sup>6</sup> & it was a disappointment did not preach & come home & forgot my Hymn Book & Bible & next day went & preacht twice on Cain Creek<sup>7</sup> thence on to sinking Creek<sup>8</sup> there was a great contention with a wizzard for killing hogs & Cattle<sup>9</sup> then on to the Chapel<sup>10</sup> had a crowded house & a melting time got my horse shod next morning by a kind Smith went on the next to the mouth of SC<sup>11</sup> had but little liberty & a dull time met by two of the friends went home with GW Gray in the evening was visited by Mrs gr( )<sup>12</sup> had an invitation over in the morning to Breakfast and accepted it made up my acquaintance with Thos Greer a very polite & genteel man Prayd

& then returnd to Brother G. W. Grays went on to meeting to Snells MH for the first time had a wonderful good time all engaged in Prayer and praise after meeting went to Brother Snells & at knight to old Brother Phillips's from the account I hear from Shelbyville I think the prospect dull but feel like making a trial went to the place they did not know of the appointment but I got liberty to hold meeting in the Courthouse sent word round the town Collected a few had not so much liberty but a serious people & treated me friendly a baptist & a prebeteterian<sup>3</sup> ask me to dinner but I with Jn Moore & wife treated me very kind in the morning give me a neck handkerchief I went & with tolerable liberty Preacht took in C Taylor in Society father Burns gave me ( )<sup>14</sup> on matrimony went onto Yells had a good Congregation & liberty among a friendly people & thence

went on at knight to D Nets next day it rained & the two days meeting begun I try'd to preach had tolerable liberty Sunday the 11th had lovefeast & a good time is said to be a better Prospect than has been in a year sat & had great satisfaction with the two familys Brother Norvells & Br Owens's at knight went to Br Norvells in the knight a horse Run over me give me a terrible shock made me sick but on this morning feel very well in health but my mind is in confusion & know not how to have it Calmed but Prayer went on & preacht to a goodly number had a tolerable good time a wretched sinner staid in Class cald a baptist I give him a little pealing want some of the rine

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off' thence to Brother Martins a great distress in the Society a cold time & at knight turnd out two for not being in fellowship with each other and telling storyes the sisters made me a suit of Clothes at this place & give to me, next day went on to Br patricks had a tolerable good

Congregation & had meeting at knight at a Baptist's house had a crowded house & liberty sat up late with the family & a Schismatic<sup>2</sup> had much satisfaction was piloted by the man a mile or two went on to my appointment & preacht hit several which they Confest to me went home at knight with Br Fritsjarrel next day preachd a funeral over Brother Burges Child and had a dull time with a few baptists then went on to Cousin Bailes<sup>3</sup> had a great deal of satisfaction with them & Brother Saeten in the morning went on got to my appointment over 20 mile only 3 persons but there come a goodly number preacht with great liberty & felt much of the power of God in my soul I think good was done returnd to Br Boxes there was meeting there at knight and we had the best meeting has been here since I was on the sircuit father Raly<sup>4</sup> & Br Jarrel here went on to morrows & took in 6 in had a wonderful time & a presbeterian shouted in Class & then joind Society after the other six

We had meeting at knight at Br Deans a crowded house & had some shouts next day on to Capt Neals had a very attentive Congregation I think good was done but there arose a dispute after that damped the peoples feelings Mr Davison made acknowledzement for it to me after & done it in public I went on to Jenkins's had liberty in preaching hear some things I do not like so well Smith (& his wife) that I turnd out last week was here he went off & left her in Class meeting she Cry'd and followed I hear some things I dont like so well & I give a sound reproof for there peeping in<sup>5</sup> one of the girls is here & gives her father such talk as I hope my Children will never give me in the morning I went on to wests & breakfasted & it rained untill I got on to Br Stewards met a few and tryed to preach had tolerable liberty spent the afternoon agreeably with a few & in the morning of 22

of april went on with Brother Steward to the head of Tompsons Creek<sup>6</sup> & held meeting Mr Parker was there a baptist man that I intended going home with to fill a promis made when here before but there was two of the Brethren that Come from Hurricane Creek that insisted I should go on to the next appointment as they had come so far for me to go and marry Moses Baley and Sally archer he has been in Society & is not at this time I am in a great straight what to do afraid of hurting the feelings of my Brethren I have publisht the banes<sup>7</sup> the sircumstance is such that I dont want to have nothing more to do with them this morning the girls father & grandfather insisted on the necessity of joining them in matrimony if I knew it would not hurt my Brethrens feelings I would

the law of the land gives me authority but I dont know as our discipline is silent whether it will meet with the approbation of my good brethren<sup>8</sup> lord instruct me & i'll be thine lye content in thine hands I preach'd & had great liberty & endeavoured to set life & good before the people death & evil we had a tolerable time but when I saw the bride with

beeds on my feeling was hurt<sup>1</sup> after meeting went on to talk in private with my friends but the guess had Come & said I should marry them as there was no person near to do it by such importunity at length I was prevailed on to join them in holy wedlock on the 23 of April in 1813 insisted on to stay untill after dinner it was in the afternoon late and fastday<sup>2</sup> I kept

them a little scard about giving the divils tea out among the people eat a little rice & went on to old father brandons with a kind and agreeable family where I can eat with a good stomach & sleep without being infested with hungry knight walker which thirst for human blood<sup>3</sup> rise this morning much refresht, there was a very bad tale laid on me that Wm Jones was accused of there was some added & laid on me I have reason to believe it was Moses Short that did me the injury who thought I would turn him out for whiping his wife & I do intend to do it when I come around next time after meeting I rode on home & With the blessing of god I found my family well next day Br Stillwell went with me to old fathers Johnsons & both preac(hed)

& the family was Baptised by father Brandon returnd home with a heavy heart feel much distress'd in mind went to Morgans preacht & thee Congregation it increases every time here is only a dull Prospect for an old man he got whisky for his log roling<sup>4</sup> & the people got drunk & went to dancing o lord save the people from such Conduct in the evening returnd home with distress of mind o the scourges I feel I cant describe my distress but think the lord is with me every day Lord give me to feel more & help me on my way to Glory next day preac(h) at Whittinbargers & went home Brother Stilwell Preacht at my own house still feel like going on to Glory next to Bowens & try'd to preach to 6 or 7 went on home and next day it rained very hard went to town did not preac(h)

I feel very lifeless & dead more so than I have for some time I think my desires are as great as ever O lord give me more grace & Strength to follow on after the throug(h) evil as well as good report I went on home & on friday the last day of april went to my quarterly meeting<sup>5</sup> to Brother Tinkles it was late when I got there & I found no preacher there so I had to preac(h) while I was speaking several com(e) & Brother Whitten after an exhortation got up & preacht on Hebrews 4 & 16th gave us a good discourse at knight Br Brandon preacht from the songs of Soloman 2nd Chapter 14th verse & we had a wonderful time the lord come amongst us meeting

Continued untill it was very late & I then went home with Brother Proctor it raind wonderfully Br Jn, o Daniel preacht & then Brother Whitten again Just before he ended Brother Blackman Come & he preacht was wet having swam Cain Creek twice we had a council & I am set at liberty feel very well Satisfyd people are now shouting, on sabbath morning we took the Sacrament & had preaching by Br Owens & Brother Blackman then meeting appointed 2 hours by Sun<sup>6</sup> in the evening the lot falls on me & I dont want to preach here at this time for Preachers are plenty & I have tryd once Lord help me or I shall make a poor preach of it, I went in hopes the lord would help me had a degree of liberty but my hurry made me ramble the people got engaged & we had



a very good time before meeting for we had one after knight the lord come & preacht & we had a wonderful time God Converted Sister Bingaman went to bed about one o clock & this morning it has been a raining all the morning some such such good Christians I dont want to part from them after breakfast it Clars & I started home with Br Blackman Br McNele Br Weaver Brother Mcneles horse fell & he got wet & about 250 printed sermons & some other Books got to my house & dryed them the funeral was preacht over Metilda<sup>1</sup> 1 Peter 1 & 24 & 25 it was a good Sermon I this day I feel as much like Continuing in the service of God as ever I did Staid one day at home & then wen(t) on 18 mile to sinking Creek tryd to preach to the people turnd out one who was absent had a tolerable time in Class then Chapel met B(r) Gray & after meeting went home

was sent for to go and see a sick man Isaac Wise a young man in Society was taken very sudden he was not in his senses & nearly distracted with pains in the knight went to Brother Grays in the morning went to see him again think he is rather better then on to Snells to my 2 days meeting & we had a wet day not many come out & on Sunday it rained & I think it was the coldest lovefeast<sup>2</sup> I ever was in Br Williams preacht & then Br Owen no Stir I appointed meeting in the evening at Step Wise's where the sick man was & the house was Crowded but we had a Cold time after meeting went to Br Phillips' staid all knight but do not feel as I want in the knight dreamd of preaching

with great liberty & today have to preach in Shelbyville lord Stand by me & give me the spirit of preaching today as I dont expect to preach in Shelby any more went on to town & tryd to preach to many in the Courthouse had some Imbarresments as some of the people were diverted with a young fellow that come to the side of the house playing of the juice harp<sup>3</sup> & was Stoned away after meeting dined with a Mr Drake friendly Baptist & then I went down duck River 6 mile to Charles Taylors staid with a very loving people next day went on to my appointment very much east down but in preaching the powe(r) of God come down we had a shout the cloud that has been over has bursted in blessings one joind Society Siblars Taylor May 11 & 1813

next day went on in the rain to Br Yells had a tolerable time but the best was in Class & I got my Clothes washt & Brother yell goes with me today to Wartrace<sup>4</sup> now the sunday Christians are known not so many people out at meeting I have had as great liberty this day as ever I had in my life & hear I rubd of the rust off some of the professors<sup>5</sup> I feel much distresd this afternoon & went to Br Owens's to a log roling it rained & we went to the house & held conversation untill the evening then went to Br. Norvells where I got Clear of my burden in a measure in speaking freely lay down a little before one o clock slept in peace next morning went on to Hills & tho it rained many come out and we had some shouts & a very good time in Class after dinner Went to Martin Dyes & held meeting at knight fell weak having preacht 2 hours & 20 minute

in the day had only a dull time at knight went on & found the peopl(e) waiting for me preacht & had much weeping o what distress discord brings listed one Soldier today & one yesterday<sup>6</sup> in the evening there come a man and his wife was once in society went out & went to hear Johns men

preach & says he has repented since that he left us, his Brothers daughter got religion since I was around here before they say she was encouraged by my words when I was at her fathers & her mother said before her daughter she was afraid she would go in dispair I said no danger my God cut down sin & saved the sinner it was near mid knight when they went away & I went to bed about one oclock & slept well & this morning feel much refresht but feel worn amost out by preaching as I have for some days past-day by day & knight

I went on through the rain to Brother Patricks & a good Collection of people for a wet day had great liberty & preacht 2 hours & 20 minutes many of Johns men were there after preaching an old Baptist went to some of his Brethren & asked them if they were not Methodis(t) now for he never heard such a preacher staid at Patricks all knight with Brother Oneal it rained all knight & continued on in the morning & I Come to Noahs fork' & unexpectedly my horse swam got water in my saddlebags among my books & went on to Ross's dried some of my papers & started again barren fork run nearly over my horse went on wet to meeting & I believe had as great liberty as ever I had after meeting turnd out a whore & then went to father Stanfields & dried my Clothes & saddlebags & papers staid all knight & in the morning Brother Fitchgarrill went on with me to meeting &

a cold time we had of it they wont pray here & so dirty they cannot have Religion staid & eat some but with reluctance the Milk I could not eat for I believe the 2 pet pigs they had in the house had eat in the tin and it had not been washed the dirtyest Cup I ever saw to eat out of in my life I must be very hungry if ever I eat there again & they must mend or lose preaching went to Br Jacob Deans that knight & next day went across Elk River & preacht a funeral a mixed multitude & they were mostly tender I then returnd back to Bralys Creek to Morrows & staid all knight & feel Refresht some but want the assistance of God today as I hear there are some of the Baptists feel so warm a side for us that it is expected they will join us so I shall pray for the lord to assist me this day & let us have a good tim

I try'd to preach & we had a very good time in Class & 2 joind in Society we had meeting again at knight had a good time my own Soul was fild with love to God was so overpowerd I was not able to stand one more listed & the next day I went on to Captain Neals had great liberty and the house full of people there was much weeping & after sister shook & her wicked husband come & insisted on my going home with them I did & was treated very well altho this is the man used me so ill befor(e) & acted like a savag he now appears very friendly & socible invited me to come & see him when ever I come around & could make it convenient I think he is ashamed of the treatment he gave me & he made his acknowledgement after we went to bed<sup>2</sup>

next day had Company on to Rilys Creek<sup>3</sup> where I had to Scold a little for I think some of them are the worst behaved people I ever seen in my life they would keep laughing in time of preaching & I reproving of them & as all knew there was business to do in Society they would not go out untill I had to threaten them & they went out in a great passion & then kept peaking through the cracks & I give them a Sharp reproof & the divil & them made a great uproar out I expected they would attack me but they were affraid of me and well they may for I will keep my Church Order

the ones that behaved worst were Jenkins's Children James and his 2 daughters one of them are in the Baptist Church & one more I dont know her name behaved very bad I then went on to Br. Renfro's & in the morning went on & try'd to preach a funeral on shipmans Creek' & then I went on to Brother Stewards 8 miles the same day & preacht again after that took some refreshment & feel much better after Sleeping & this morning must go on & try to Preach to a few at the Ridge MH' & had tolerable liberty in preaching after meeting went home with a baptist & staid untill next day then went on to Hurricane had great liberty in preaching & a melting time took in one & turnd out 2 after went on to Br Brandons this day I feel like peeling of the

rine if possible had liberty in preaching to a few well behaved people had a good time & read the rule of Society all agree to walk by them after meeting returnd home & found my family all well & found there had been a summons sent on by Br McClure for me to attend on a trial in the Richland Circuit<sup>3</sup> this the 26th day of May the trial of Booz Aday was yesterday & he was acquitted, & something more that gives me trouble that is a bank note comes back on me & I went on to Fayetteville to give it up but the man was away this is the first day that I have mist my appointment since I have been on the Circuit it gives me some distress but it is necessity keeps me from attending my appointment today.

Br Melure Staid & is with me tonight a good & friendly man my mind is Staid on the lord & I think I feel as much like spending & being spent for the lord as ever I did in my life I have been much distressed sometimes think my gifts are so small but Br Melure tells me of one in SC<sup>4</sup> that was much respected that told the people if they did not get Religion it would be a gone fauns kin<sup>5</sup> with them & Jo. Dunn said o lord thou wilt make my feet like hens feet & then undertook to show the excellency of the(m) was a great orator & went to the shakers<sup>6</sup> a Baptist in kentucky took for his text & I saw another Angel come down from Heaven with a pair of Billows's instead of Ballances

Blowd & then got the Divil with his anvil & hammer & tongs but I look for no better of a baptist a poor stupid set in general but some of them will do very well, but their preachers says we must be baptis'd or we cannot go to Heaven & that pins the basket & the divil has nomore forecast than a hog but I say H U S H & again take care for he has sense enough to make a fool of a great many I started on to Morgans felt very bad got there late & few people but some come & we had a shout or two & a good time went on home but find my mind out of order on the account of the farming business for my overseer dont do right gouges my horses quarrels with my wife

& wont plant the new ground this year I dont expect, I have two many things on my mind & twice to preach tomorow, went on to my appointment to Whittenburg's & try'd to preach some were tender & afterwards at home the same day had only a cold time of it & the next day on Sunday try'd to preach at Fayetteville & had a tolerable Congregation & tolerable liberty to people that behaved very Civil went on towards home & got catcht in a hard rain & got home late & wet next the last day of May at Widow Bowens had only a few liberty but not much stir only one sinner begun to shed tears I made nomore appointments at this place

I took in one that makes 5 I don(t) think is worth going there for the people wont come out next day at Henrys hurt some feelings & it was because I told them of their hypocrisy & I will do it went home & on the 2nd day of June left home & went on to Br Tinkles & tryd to preach next day found a horse that I lost about 15 month ago went on to my appointment to Sinking Creek here the Devil has been & is at this time at work had prayer meeting at father Heatlys staid all knight & this morning find myself out of order for preaching but must go went on to the place feel some better & preacht 2 hou(r)s with tolerable liberty after meeting went home with B(r)

Stephensons & on the way hear that Wm Crunk was tried in Court for stealing a Candlestick & he has taken up a horse of mine fear he will Conceal him & think this Morning I had better go and prove my horse & secure him & will send my saddlebags by Brother Tompson to where I shall preach tomorrow so I went to hunting & found he had told lyes to me & went to his house to get the horse hunted & I found him & went to Br Tinkles going on to Greers to prove my Horse & get him in Pasture but am persuaded not to leave him there & started away the sun was a little over an half hour high it was very dark got in the Cain & it a raining

but I still am kept in peace got home half after 10 it was about 21 or 22 mile from my next appointment it being 3 Miles from Shelbyville I started soon in the morning to the appointment & begun to preach at 12 oclock to Methodist Baptist Presbeterians & sinners had liberty & spoke about 2 hours & a half read the rules of Society met the Class had a good time went then to Br Snells & took dinner & started to go across duck River Br Philips insisted on my staying all knight I did & this morning take 5 Hymn Books & leave 10 more with Brother Philips he is a going with me today

have 2 appointments to fill and I went on first to Tompsons Meeting House & Preacht with liberty had a good time many shouts read the rules & examined the Class & went on to father Burns's in the Evening 9 miles from the place where I preacht today meeting was put of untill knight tryd to preach & we had a good time people were very much engaged & the lord was with us Br Philips staid all knight & this morning feel the Lord precious to my Soul the 8th day of May & have to ride 16 or 17 mile to my appointment today I think the lord goes with me & I feel strong in the faith & will give Glory to God Br Burns & Br Philips are going with me Today

went on to my appointment & try'd to preach from these words Godly sorrow worketh Repentance unto Salvation 2 Corinthians 7 & 10 & we had a good time & 3 new members joind never in before after meeting took some rest which I had great need of & after getting one knights sleep feel much better then went on to my appointment preacht had a Solemn time & after meeting went to see a Sick Sister she was at the point of death & happy in the lord had no desire to live more than die many of the family was sick I talked to & exhorted them prayed & went on to my next appointment to war trace

according to my promis when I was here before held meeting & then having some business to do was detain'd untill late had to ride seven miles went on & some of the people were gone but the house was nearly as full as it could hold I spoke near an hour & a half I think good was done I feel very Solemn & engaged with the Lord to help me as some are friends ~~from~~ from appearance & that only sometimes I think about home there could live easy but woe is me if I preach not the Gospel, it is more blessed to give than to receive & if the people will not recompence me I know the Lord will I know if I go on I shall be recompenced at the Resurrection

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of the just, sometimes I think I have not justice done to me by the Methodist & if my mind was releast or could feel satisfy'd would go home & stay O lord give me freedom or friends or more patience to bear up my distress is almost intolerable altho I feel much press'd see fruit of my labours & more so every day, generally every day I see work of the o lord on the people let me see it more & open the Hearts of the people & I will put my trust in the some think it long trust but I know it is sure pay so I will not be afraid & venture on the have no rest day and it is a four week Sircuit preaching 32 times

in four weeks went 11 of June to Hills & Preacht had a good time read the Rules & in Class the power of the lord Come down generally Shouting through the house & a very melting time one joind in Society after dinner went on with Br McLain Come & met me 8 mile got to his house was very much worn out & hardly able to ride with the Constant labours I have had took rest this morning still feel much weaker than I was some time ago my Constitution is breaking fast but I will put my trust in God I hear of some better times here than was & I rejoice to hear it for sin has abounded here long Enough

the love of some have Waxed Cold but we the few in number have a wonderful good meeting today one of them full of prejudice & I give the other a letter feel week in body but my mind Staid on the Lord in the evening to read Hails & had a Comfortable knight & next day went on & hear that one of the Class here has joind the Baptists & think of leaveing out this place but I had liberty in preaching & had lovefeast in Class meeting & I find we are increasing 3 joind & the Lord give others a shock & I think we shall have a good Class here & appointed meeting at Jn Hail

at knight Br Dean give us a good discourse & after I tryd to speak we had a melting time some come up to be prayed for & the power of the lord was present next day went on got out of my way & when I got to the place many were come & a funeral was to be preacht out in the woods it was a Cold time & I feel my Strength much out I am done over but meeting was appointed for me at knight I rested in the afternoon & went on at knight preacht feel myself so much out done Can do but littl 2 joind Society one of them lay on the floor a long time praying for mercy lay down after mid knight and slept untill morning but feel week yet hardly

able to ride went on to mathes's & preacht to the dirtyest Society I ever seen & a dull prospect for the people are too Nasty to have Religion Br F Seaton & Cousin Biles's come to meeting I went home with them & meeting was appointed there for me at knight I took my Text & began to preach & got about half through my sermon when a man took a fit fell on the floor the women were Scard very bad he was a presbeterian & he lay a long time prayer was made singing & prayer Concluded our meeting preacht nomore'

I seen a woman have a fit in the mornin<sup>g</sup> & the man at knight the first that I ever saw have Convulsion fits to see the Goodness & the mercy of God in preservin<sup>g</sup> his people how thankful ought I to be I lay down near 1 oclock & Slept & in the mornin<sup>g</sup> feel worn out so much I am hardly able to Ride and have to ride about 21 mile I have no appetite to Eat any this morning & Start on to the head of Elk the day was remarkable warm & when I got to the place more people were come out than was common I got up but very weak

& had liberty but not Strength Spoke from 1 Thessalonians 5:21 in provin<sup>g</sup> the necessity of Sanctification some got very much out of humor with me call themselves Baptists who plead the doctrine of the divil & Say we cant live without sin makin<sup>g</sup> out sin is necessary to keep us alive & as necessary as our dayly food I think such people do the drudgery of the divil who plead for sin as be necessary I think prejudice is at the bottom of it I felt so week I did not hold Class meeting as Br Box was not there, but soon

After he come & went on home & after resting eat my dinner & feel refresht went to see a nursery of apple trees of about 3 acres & returned to Br Boxes & Slept feel some sorenes in my Breast & broke down so I can hardly Stir, yet bless the Lord Can feel a good Conscience toward God & this day 17th of June preach at morrows on bradiys Creek had a good time had liberty 3 joind Society & Hugh Gentry a baptist give me his hand & I set his name down his feelin<sup>g</sup>s was hurt & that hurt my feelin<sup>g</sup>s meeting was appointed here for knight

but I feel very bad am sorry for I have had only one knight rest this week that is so hard I feel too much outdone the people Come out & the house would not hold the people we had only a little Stir among the people old mother morrow was taken Sick very suddenly & very delirious all knight this morning feel well altho I have had meeting 4 knights & only one to rest in the time I see a great necessity of preaching as often as I can started on & went to Captain Neels on Duck River & preacht

to a house full that come to hear a methodist preach & some got their Curiosity Satisfyd for I give them methodism hull & kernel & it made some of the divils Children rave that thought as they had been dipt they might get drunk as they please & do rite as it filld the decrees of God & we ought not to break them an old man & his wife staid in Class meeting & after began to talk as if I had precht false doctrine but the great

Sin I had Committed was I told him of his drunkenness & tutch a galded horse & they will flinch he said david was the man after Gods own heart to Scourge the nations hear that I hit a number of people some said they never thought there was ~~a~~ a possibility of falling from grace but they were convinced better & others said I told them their their experience & their come out some at knight & asked me how I knew every thing so well & told every one their thoughts being led as I was I told them many things & many

were shockt we talked sung & prayed & did not lye down Untill About one oclock slept very sound got up very early feel my Soul refresht in the lord I think my mind is staid on the God of my Salvation Staid untill late & went on to Jenkins's & found more people out than ever come before had liberty in preaching & the people behaved well for they were afraid to do otherways after I give them such a lesson as I did when I was here before started on after meeting without eating to another appointment where I want to raise a Class as I have

been petitioned' to do got to the place late near Sunset went & preach(d) before dinner makes 12 times I have preacht this week & another knight there come out & people inquiring what they must do & we talkt & sung & prayd untill midnight before we lay down, staid untill morning & then Started on from Burrows to flat creek<sup>a</sup> & found a house full of people preacht to them with liberty for about 2 hours & some of them were astonished & they were Confounded lay down & got some refreshment slept & this morning feel better than I have for a week having slept more

I feel like this day I am on my way to Glory & I know I gain Strength o Lord give me grace & go with me went on to head of Tompsons (creek preacht with liberty & after meeting hear of some being very mad at me for not lettine a sinner preach & now he is run away slept all knight well and next morning after I got my Horse shod I went to Hurricane & preacht & turnd out one after meeting it rained but after it slackt I went on to Coffees Creek to Br Brandons & had a good knights rest & on the 23 of June preacht had great liberty on different Subjects

& then went on home in the evening of the 23 of June & find all well returnd next day to Johnstons & preacht to some Infidels staid and Conversed with the family untill late & returnd home, & the next day to went on to Morrans had a house full of Serious people preacht had a Shout & a melting time after Class meeting the people went home, & I staid & find there is but a poor prospect unless I Could get a Class leader & turn out some of the ones that are in Society

went home but feel like I have nearly run my race in the Itenirant Connection unless my Breast mends very much I dont know that I shall be able to hold out this year if I had strength of body I think there would be good times a good appearance I see but I feel like the lord is with me every day & the people gives me encouragement as they come out better & many join Society lively times perticularly in Class meeting O why should

people say so much against Class meeting when I find they are the best meetings I ever was at & most good done in them I have met with only a few that would argue with me no Society around the Circuit but appear to be friendly with me & some of the Baptists & Presbeterians & some of the latter have joind had meeting next day at whittenbures & only a few come out had but a dull time went home & the next day held meeting in Fayetteville a Presbeterian preacht & afterward I tryd had liberty & returnd home again

& next day had meeting at home next day at Kendricks & had liberty & spoke on a head of Doctrine that had been debated on at this place much good I Believe was done went home at knight & started next day for to go around the Circuit & to my quarterly Meeting got to Br Tinkles & Preacht & Read the Rules Examined the Class had a Serious meeting went on & the next day I find the people out of order & think the divil has been Sowin discord among the people & there is business to be attended to when I come again I feel distressed to see prejudice reian

O God Kill sin but save the Sinners & let thy Gospel have free Course & be Florifyd went on to bowmans Chappel & preacht & believe some were offended some were pleased but there was an appointment out for me about 7 or 8 miles of to begin 2 Hours by sun in the Evening so I went away without ever examining the Class and got to Br Philips's in time & only few people had come took a little refreshment and the people come out preacht had a good time & next morning went on to the war trace to my quarterly meeting Br

Blackman come in time & preacht but we had not so good a meeting as I wished for we had lovefeast on Sabbath morning afterward Sacrament & our meeting was Solemn & after 2 oclock Br Blackman & Brother Rucker & myself we started away & went to Stones river that knight about 25 Miles next day I went on with Br Blackman through Lebannon<sup>2</sup> through Gallatin<sup>3</sup> got to his House before or about sun set about 40 Miles find he is well Situated with an

agreeable Companion all his affairs looks flourishing rested all knight very well feel refresht this day very much walked to Gallatin left my Watch with the Silver smith to Regulate & returnd with Brother Blackman rest today the first day I have had only at my Quarterly meeting o lord deepen thy work in my Soul & give me grace to go on as long as I live to serve the & the Glory shall be thine I feel much fateagued in body but the lord is my portion he will give me rest hereafter

7th of July left Br Blackmans & rode on to Br Jarrets took dinner & rode on to Doctor Kavanauchs & went to Meeting at the meeting H went home with Colonel Win & took Breakfast & went to Doctor Kavanauchs again left there & went to Br Fills in the evening much fatiaged & hardly able to preach But tried did not feel as I desired a pain in my Breast was injurious to me & had only a dull time untill Class meet

ing some felt in time of preaching afterward staid untill evening & then went to Bro Jn'o Norvells set up very late feel some better than I did & have agreed to hold a 2 day meeting when I Come here again,

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went on to Martins & preached on the same text I preacht on the last time I was here before had liberty & the best meeting I have ever had at this place many shouted some Cryed & some were much cast down 2 joind Society it was late & we had no Class meeting people are going to Patricks with me

& as we had a good prospect at this place I find the devils made use of an old woman to stop the work of God & she said I told her I thought it was rong for a person to join in Society untill they had an experience of grace' which I do assert is a possitive lie altho she proved it by a Schismatic James Woodrum that I think I can prove a Liar & intend to do it the woman that raised the lie is an old Baptist & I think done it to keep her daughter from joining Society who said I was a means in the

hand of God in her getting Religion I heard the lie was in Circulation & four weeks ago before a large Congregation told in publick I never said so or thought it & it was false & the old woman heard me deny it her name is Lucy Hail was once a Methodist & afterwards the same day I had a Class meeting & she come in as if she intended to join Society Shouted & protended to get very happy in my Class meeting after I said it was false it showed her Cloven foot

to Come in my Class after I told in public what was reported was false I went home with her being invited by her & her Husband preacht at their house once before staid untill after breakfast next day & she appeared very friendly but her daughter said she would join in Society with me & it made the Divil & some of the baptists mad & I dont know which envies me the most or hates me worst so I must leave the event to God & pray for them went to Bed but I could not rest that knight for thinking

that they were preparing themselve(s) for the torments of the dand by telling lyes to Stop the progress of Religion O Lord lay not this Sin on them but give them to Repent before they are dand I Started on to my appointment above the bark Camp & got within about 2 Miles when my head got to Acheing so I could Scarcely see & when I got to the place many people had come out & a Schismatic preacher people insisted I should let him preach but much against my will he was invited by the man of the house after meeting I lay down & lay untill the evening feel much better, Slept restless all knight & feel very sore this morning &

went on to my appointment preacht but the people are very Cold & lifeless & dirty went on after meeting to Lusk Gap to have Meeting at knight preacht but the people were Cold & I dont know if there was any good done next day I went on to Box's & there were only very few we had only a dull time for when I was here before the Baptists got very anrey at me for insisting on holiness of heart next day I went on to Morrows had a degree of liberty & a very good time & in the evening went home with Br Bradley or went to his house staid until next day after Breakfast & then

went on for Cap't Neels preacht & had a wonderful good time & in the Evening there come out a company & we sung prayd talked until very late next day to Rilys Creek had some shouts & a good time after meeting Broke I went on to Jarrell Burrows had a good time met with James Burrow Just from Georgia the people got happy & shouted 9 joind in Society next day went on to Br Stewards preacht & had a good time had shouts among the heathens' almost went on the next day went on to the head of Tomsons Creek through the Rain many come out through the Rain & I had liberty & a great Shouting

the best time I have had here & in the evening went home with Sister Clay but very wet & much out of order things much out of order in the evening people come out for meeting I knew nothing of it I shorted & we sung & prayed awhile then the people went home I lay down wet & lay untill morning got up eat no breakfast & went on to my appointment but felt so weak I could not preach but I tryd and a good reason I had for not eating it was

so nasty I could not I went on to the head of Lost Creek eat my dinner & felt much refresht after fasting 24 hours next day went on to my appointment preacht had a good time & after meeting went home found all well next day went to morrans & had a good time next day to Whittenbargers had only tolerable liberty in preaching but a powerful Class meeting best I have had here this year

next day went to Fayette & Mr Galaspy had an appointment in town the same day & he got up & spoke an hour & a half & give intermission & then was to Conclude his Sermon but as it appeared the peoples feelings were like to be hurt he insisted that I should preach I tryd and after went home next day Br Whitten Come to my house & preacht the day after I went to Henrys Meeting House had a good time went home for the last untill I go around the Sircuit I went on to Br Tinkles &

preacht in the day & had watchknight appointed for knight Br Brandon he preacht & Brother Williams after a Black man spoke<sup>2</sup> after then I began sung and the people began to rejoice & we had a powerful time & meeting lasted untill about midnight next day went on to Elijah Kirkmans Br Brandon preacht & we had a dull time turnd out one next day to the Chappell & held meeting had only a serious time not much stir & the next day went to Thompsons

Meeting House & met with Br Jesse Cunningham the first time after meeting broke I went home with Charles Taylor next day went to Snells Meeting House & preacht & turnd out one It rained people were well pleased for some were Concluding there would be a famine next day went on to Burns's through the Rain & try'd to preach to a few & had only a dull time I felt very bad & more so on account that I thought I was not used as I ought to be they had done so much for the preacher last year that this time for the first they give me 37 $\frac{1}{2}$  Cents next day in

the Rain rode on to father vells & preacht to a few so wet only a few was at meeting feel not so well as I desire too, Brother Ashbrooks come & met me here for to pilet me to his house & desires I should

raise a Class at his house & have Circuit preaching taken in there but I staid all night & Brother yell promist to go with me this morning I find the weather very blustery & my mind the same, but altho I have to go through much tribulation I look forward & think God will reward me altho I have dark hours the people dont reward me only with evil some of them & some of them treat well & the most of them appear friendly

but their Conduct speak different from their words I hear here that some say I got the Elder to raise a public Collection for me I never told him to do any such thing & I got only 13 dollars instead of 40 & the Elder got 3 & 1 more for expence I dont know what the Stewards do so for as one said to me it appeared like stuffing the fat' before they used to give clothes to the Circuit preacher & now they give to the Elder & I am slighted I feel distressed for I have done all I could do for the Glory of God & yet I am become thier enemy because I tell them the truth &

I went on to my appointment & there was more people than the house could & I find they are a mixed multitude only a few Methodist I preacht from Hebrews 2 & 3 how shall we escape if we neglect so great Salvation & the sinners were afraid some wept I had a degree of liberty people appeared very Solemn after meeting I am told some of the very worst of them said they never heard such preaching before raised 5 in a Class O God increase the Numbers after the people went away I had great Satisfaction Conversing with Br Ashbroox & his

Wife they live amongst a very wicked people but I think good may be done in this place & I want to gather up the fragments that nothing be lost Slept well and feel refreshd but do not feel as much Religion this morning as I want to go among gospel hardered Sinners as I am going among today O God go with me & let the fire of love burn today in my soul & in the hearts of the people I got to the place & no person at the Meeting House I staid over a half hour & then went & loosed my horse

to go away & saw some coming there was 9 women I sung & prayd & 2 more come took my text & after I had been preaching 2 negroe men come I felt the lord with me & had liberty had some Shouting the first I have heard at Salem Since I have been on the Circuit fasting was appointed for the next day so I went as I had not appointment on the account of a 2 day Meeting I am to have here had only a dull meeting but feel resind to the will of the Lord

went on that night to old Brother Hills & helpt to take a bee stand it was supposed to have 10 or 12 gallons of Honey in it next day I went on & soon after I got to Majors's where my lovefeast was to be held Brother Oneal come & preacht on Saturday after him Br Whitworth spoke & I give a short discourse & I dismiss the people untill in the evening I preacht & had liberty in preaching but it was a wet evening went to Br Whitwerths after meeting & staid untill after Breakfast

went on to meeting had a lovefeast & a very good time many spoke & very feelingly after lovefeast Br Oneal preacht & an exhortation was given I preacht & after the meeting it broke next day I went on to

Br Martins had a good meeting I joind in Society & next went on to the place where the woman told a lie on me it kept raining the womans Husband was there appeard friendly but I find there is so much deception I stand at a distance just after I had finisht my discourse the

woman come but didnt shake hands with me 3 new members joind Society & if care was taken I think a good Society Could be raised in this place in the evening Br Oneal come from his School' & he being unfortunate & his family in South Carolina I have petitioned to the friends to buy him a Horse and Br Good says he will give ten Dollars this morning have wrote to some of them about it feel somewhat unwell this morning but a strong Confidence in the Lord & know I am on my

way to Zion I dont expect to preach here again for a two day meeting is to be at father Suttons the same time & it is convenient to this place so I expect to be there, went on to bark Camp & preacht had a serious time with a few got a recommendation for Brother Jarrel to be licensed to exhort feel heavy next day went on to hickory Creek & preacht after Br Wm Hooker<sup>1</sup> exhorted from blessed are the peace makers he wants his licens renewed but he is not a friend to his Country I fear

after meeting I went on to Brether Deans his Son is sick & has been 3 weeks at the point of Death and such a crowd of people as I have not seen for some time before staid all knight & this day have been at the Meeting house at a singing School<sup>2</sup> have peace with God I think & am on my way to Glory Some have Come from Stones River & thought that our Sacrament Meeting Bexun today we have a good Meeting house made & great preperation for the meeting but we have

no wine only as we have to Get of the Baptists & their Church Meeting is in sight of our meeting House & Some of them Contend fer havinc a Sacrament & others are opposed to it I was a going to father Morrows but have been Solicited to stay & some of the people want to talk with me lord give me grace and wisdom to Confound Sinners & I will praise the & serve the, next day our meeting began but at knight people come out and I tryd to preach had liberty &

we ware in order to begin meeting I waited & no preacher come & at 12 oclock I tryd to preach Br Owen Come while I was preaching & Br Box meeting was appointed at an hour by Sun Br Owen preacht & after meeting I was a going to Morrows & went to the House & Br Faris & Br Doogan had Come Brother Faris & Br Jno Bowen went with me set up late at knight & next morning went on & as soon as I Come to the ground Br Faris

preacht then Br Owen & the preaching was dismist untill after Sacrament he tryd to preach on Baptism & it was only a trial he Baptised 27<sup>4</sup> in the ~~morning~~ Evening we had a very lively time & 4 joind Society in the morning monday we had levefeast after Br Faris preacht meeting broke & I went on with some of the people down on Duck River where I had meeting appointed at knight my head aches but through the mercy of God I was enabled to preach with a feeling had a lively time

next day I went on to the head of Tompsons Creek & preacht & after meeting turned out old Miss Jones & her son' & after meeting I went on home & it was late in the night & all was asleep & polly was very much scard when she waked & found I was at home & the next day I staid at home & Br Stillwell & Br Stallard say they will fill my appointments for me to go te up to Winchester<sup>3</sup> the next day I went to Brother

Brandons & preacht & then went on home & next day started & went to Morrans & preacht & then went on to Websters & staid all knight & in the morning went on to Br Brandons & eat Breakfast & then we went on for the two day meeting at farris's near to winchester I try'd to preach & had not much liberty I try'd again at knight & had more liberty next day I preacht

& had a good time many Shouted others were very much alarmed & numbers were looking over the wallplate to see the astonishing sight & the most of the people are out from Winchester after meeting I went on with one of the friends Br Reeves down near the mouth of Beans Creek<sup>4</sup> & staid all knight & in the morning went on to Stephen Coles fed my Horse & eat

my Breakfast & they were nearly ready to go down & we went & sister Elizabeth went home with me only one come out to meeting I did not preach next day I went for to get wine down to Fayetteville & it rained & I was detain'd Br Brandon & another preacher Br Arnold from the flint Circuit went home with me & staid all knight next day Brother arnal

went on towards the Camp meeting to the head of Mulberry eat my dinner at Morrans there we parted & I went on to to the Encampment on Wednesday evening people had been at work but the preachers tent was to make I went on that knight to old father Giddens's to Meeting Br Phillips was at Prayer & I went in without being discovered he gave an exhortation

& when he had done (ald on Br Tompson he spoke to the people & then I gave a few words of exhortation sung & we had a wonderful Shout among the people went back with Brother Snell that knight & next day went to work at the Camps & we made the preachers tents I worked very hard next day I feel very sore after Carryng such loads as I did people Come out 27 of August Blackman preacht

divine Service was carried on untill Monday saturday knight I was up untill half past one & Sunday knight we had watch knight & I never lay down all knight first watch was untill Eleven oclock Brother Ashworth Br Mason & Brother Walk was to Conduct it & their appear'd a great stir among the people & Br Owen got up in the stand half after ten spoke to the people but could not stop

then then he blew the trumpet & began to preach many went home people got sleepy & dull second watch was from that untill 2 oclock Conducted by Owen & Williams & Kirkman at the third watch Brother Gunnyngham Br Philips & Brother Archer Conducted untill Untill 4 they had good times then Brother Bla preacht & went away

about daylight I got up in the stand & spoke to the people gave an invitation for the people to come & join Society we had a meeting time & after the people broke I staid & we sung & pray'd & I left the Camps after 10 oclock & 11 or twelve got Religion' I went on to go to Charley Taylors was very sleepy riding along & got very sick some of the sisters told me that some illbred fellows had Clubs to beat me &

said they would but I kept so close a guard when I got to Charles Taylors I lay down and slept about an hour for I never lay down to sleep all night last and but little the night before - got up & eat my dinner & was not sleepy untill bed time next day went to old father Burns's & I give my farewell discourse

from 2nd Corinthians 13th & 11 we had a meeting time 2 joint Society much Weeping sat up late talking & singing feel happy in the Lord got my Horse shod & this first day of September I have 2 appointments to fill & I must go on I think the people prays for me & I love them I went on to the appointment had a serious time much weeping after dinner I went on & was accompanied by Br

Lowry went on to the place & only two women had come but it was not long untill they began to come out altho it is very cloudy & looks like it would rain after the people were gathered I began to preach & it began to rain I had liberty & a meeting time some Shouts meeting broke near dark & we sat talking untill late went to bed it rained all night & in the morning I got ready

& Brother Ashbroox went with me on to the war trace fork & it was very full & I went back with Br Ashbroox & stayd untill late in the afternoon & I felt uneasy & hearing there was a log across at Mr Peacocks I started in the Evening & got to the place late & find it so that I can cross on a log & wade out I did so and got to David Knotts & heard that they have a great talk about me & it is said I swayed the Conference and that I let people in or one man Br McLain into Conference that was not entitled to a vote & this was to

go on to Conference to save Wm Knott who was turned out for Buying a Negroe & I hear other things that are false I got to see Wm Norvell & Wm Knott & thought I had satisfied them but was told to the contrary but I could not believe it but find they pay but little attention to what I say I went on to Hills & preacht to a crowded house & had a meeting time one joint Society but the Devil was entered in one & it caused a hurt in the Society but I got them to give each other the right hand of fellowship & meeting broke & next day on Saturday

5th of Sept I had Meeting at Wm Martins at 10 oclock many people was there had a good time afterwards went on to a two day Meeting at Brother Suttons on the Garrison fork of Duck<sup>s</sup> in Cany fork Circuit<sup>s</sup> got there late & find Br Owen has the Sec't Book to prove McLain voted against Knott he asked McLain & then when I talked with him he appeared very well satisfied when he could not help himself no way nor get any thing against me but I feel ten time worse to think they do all they

(an against me I was calld on to exhort & tryd but my words fall to the ground after meeting I went out & talked with owen he try'd to smoothe up the business but I cant rest they got supper but I dont feel much like eatin<sup>g</sup> I sat up after all went to bed and wrote 3 letters lay down about one oclock in the morning I still feel bad they are preparing to take lovefeast & are a going to have Sacrament but I cant take untill I feel better Norvell come & owen & him & myself went out

& I told them I thought I was not treated well after talking a while the squire tryin<sup>g</sup> to excuse himself he said he never blamed me & thought I done right at last said he gave me room to be hurt with him & he was sorry for what he did I was Satisfyd with the acknowledgement no Con-veniency for lovefeast so preachin<sup>g</sup> began Owen & Rucker preacht & then Sacrament was administred a short intermission & I preacht & the people appeard the most attentive I ever saw had a meltin<sup>g</sup>

time people were dismissd untill knight & I went home with Br Patrick & this mornin<sup>g</sup> 6 of September I am a going to the head of the Bark Camp for the last much weeping at almost every place I went on to the place but the divil got there first & made an exhorter turn to be an extor-tioner' & I think he will be turnd out of society I tryd to preach & had tolerable liberty & we had a meltin<sup>g</sup> time meetin<sup>g</sup> was appointed for knight & people come out & several exhortations were given no great stir meeting broke about 9 oclock

I lay down & Slept well in the morning Br Dial Davis come & went on with me to hickory creek I felt very Dull & but little spirit of preachin<sup>g</sup> but before I was done I felt very well people appear Serious but dull this is my durty Class<sup>^</sup> after meetin<sup>g</sup> I went on to Biles's & preacht at knight & we had a Good time shoutin<sup>g</sup> & rejoicin<sup>g</sup> after meetin<sup>g</sup> broke I went home with Cousin James 2 young women went one has been a Presbeterian but says she loves the methodists the best slept well

& this morning must go on for I have to ride over 20 Miles before meeting so I shall conclud(e) for this time Sept 6 I went on & when I got to the appointment people were gone for Br Box did not give it out at 2 oclock a he was to a done I staid at Brother Box's untill next day and he went with me to Deans the old man lays in a very low state with his thigh broke I preacht & we had a serious time some Shoutin<sup>g</sup> we sat late talking

after knight for some come to see me for the last time in the morning after breakfast I started & went on to Captain Neels and the people had been waitin<sup>g</sup> some time I preacht & we had a meltin<sup>g</sup> time a particularly good in Class meeting, after I went on to Driggers's & got my shoe mended & then went on to old Sister Huse's some people come out & we sung & prayed some shouted some prayed & 3 joind in Society they shouted & prayed so that a woman that lived near come

& appeard Scared altho she was in the Baptist Church our meeting broke about midnight then I lay down & Slept a little & wakened & slept but little after for this settlement all have hungary Nightwalkers about their Houses & they so thirst for human Blood they distract me, in the morning I got ready & went on to Rilys Creek & there was a woman that once I had to threaten

to make her behave herself & last time I was here she appeared to be convicted & she got a fall off of a Horse & last tuesday she took fits & it was allowed she had a 1000 in 24 hours & very hard I preacht & there was a good appearance several times & the young woman would take a fit her name was Jenkins after meeting I went on without eating & got to old father Burrows got there after the sun

set but I was weary eat & set untill 10 oclock & went to bed & when I waked I was infested with hungry Nightwalkers that thirst for human Blood & could not sleep well after got up soon & got to writing & had Prayers in the family feel strong & have to preach twice today begun about half after 10 preacht about 2 Hours had a good time 2 joind & a presbeterian give me 25 Cents eat some & went on to my next appointment

people were waiting I preacht had liberty spoke about an hour & 20 Minutes (concluded Meeting & went to Br Stewards Slept well had no Bues to snaw me as they have done for some time past preacht with tolerable liberty had a serious time among good people went on to Br Cunninchams slept well again & feel well this Morning & have to preach at Hurricane today I went the place & preacht with tolerable liberty

& had a melting time, in Class we had some Shouts, & after meeting I sold my horse & trust over 15 Months for the pay went home hear great talk about Indian War some are very much in fear of being Kill'd by the Savage went next day to the Camp ground where the meeting begins tomorrow & the Camps are uncovered & they have made no provision for meeting as I can see only Covered a few of the Camps over I feel dull hearted & dont think they will get

Camp Meeting again in that place after preacing at Harricane the same day I went on to Coffeys Creek to Brother Brandons & preacht with liberty was much drawn out this was before I Come home was Calld on to go to the Schoolhouse to attend as a trustee and hear of Great Confusion among the Scholars a Regular a Prebeterian is the teacher & some do not like him say he is parshal his daughter was accused of several things & he

appeared very much Concerned we done all we Could & mad(e) some reculations & dismis'd I went on to old fatherinlaws' staid untill some time in the knight & went home & slept untill Morning & then prepared & went on to Camp meeting but few had come & I got up to preach unto 12 persons & they gathered in & there were 30 or 40 before I finisht Brother Stallard exhorted & then Br McClur(e) spoke a while Meeting broke untill Evening I went home got back & preacht again next day many

more had Come out this Evening we have 12 preachers 19th on sunday we took Sacrament & in the evening preaching begun & Mr Morgan Come & begun to talk about the War & the people broke off to start next morning to Madison County<sup>2</sup> & there was great Confusion amongst the people, after the uproar Ceased a little I got up in the stand & spoke a while & we had a good time far the best we had at the



Meeting in the morning we had a sermon & Meeting broke I went home & wrote some letters next day it was a good day I gathered fodder & the day after it rained & I went with Joel Payne about my arm hurt me very bad the day following I went to Fayetteville & hear fatal news from the frontiers many are moving I returned home in the evening & have an appointment tomorrow but I expect to go to Madison with Br Stilwell

after breakfast I went on with Br Stilwell & we got down after knight staid at Br Loves & in the morning we loaded the Wagon & started went on to the fort on limestone / fed & give the Horses water & went on after driving a few miles find one of the Horses sick went on & that knight he died, in the morning we went on to Fayetteville & I went on & got Horses & took all home to where he was a going went home & find my Youngest Child has been sick but is on the mend rested that knight & next day went to

Fayetteville hear great talk about war got home & prepared for going to Conference but was disappointed about getting a Horse) started after 10 oclock went to the head of flat (reek & overtook Br Stallard & went on to David Knotts that knight next day went on to Salem MH & brother Stallard Preacht & had a dull time after preaching went on to old father Burns's & in the morning went on to Charles Taylors & then to fishing ford Burns's & Brother S preacht again & we

had a good time next morning went on & got to Conference in the afternoon & had to go 4 mile for lodging it rained & we were crowded had meeting at Br parhams Br Baley preacht & we had a good time in the morning returned again to Conference had my station altered & had to preach in the evening but did not want to do so, went out in the evening late & left my Horse & got my dinner & returned & preacht with a degree of liberty to a very attentive Congregation & we had a good time many

were happy & were a shouting when I Concluded my discourse after a little one or two young men interrupted the people but Br Craig give us a good discourse & before he was done exhorting people began to feel again had a powerful time I was Conducted by Br Laurance to Br Norths & slept very Comfortably in the morning return to the Camps & heard Br Cunnyngham preach went on to my lodging in the evening had sweet conversation with Br James Axley sat in our room 7 of us till late

& then went to bed & slept well) after breakfast went on to the meeting & on the side of a muddy Hill my Horse slipt down & my arm & knee got very muddy & my saddle & saddlebags & they tell me they heard me preach very plain to my lodging which was a mile & a half I wrote a letter to Br Haile & then set of from Conference towards Nashville went through Franklin & within 2 Miles of Nashville

to Br Mannings a very friendly man set & Converst untill late went to bed & the little Neere boy was wak'd to black my Boots in the morning got Up very early to go on but was insisted on to stay for breakfast which I Consented to read some & wrote on my journal untill I am ready for to start went on to Nashville & heard Lorenzo Dow<sup>3</sup> preach to a crowded House from will not the judge of all the Earth do right, I lost a

borrowed Umbrella left Nash in the Evening & went on to Stoners lick' got there in the knight staid at Jno Talts & in the morning went on & got a pumpkin for my Horse in the Evening & went to Cousin Joseph Jenkins's on Mulkerings Creek<sup>2</sup> & in the morning started intending to preach on Cains fork<sup>3</sup> as I had been requested often give out at the School House & there was a burial of a Child I went there talkt a little sun<sup>4</sup> & prayd & went to meeting it begun to rain people come out & I try'd to preach was very

tedious but had a tolerable good time amongst some B'ts there come a powerful storm I went to bed after mid knight got up soon & went on to Jesse Elftons eat my Breakfast & then went on to old father Nobins wanting to see them left there after 8 oclock went to the Barrens of Cripple Creek<sup>4</sup> & met Br Ja's Farres a Moving to Kentucky it hurt me to think I should se him nomore in this World but I but I hope to see him in Heaven & live forever

together) fed my Horse & eat my dinner at Wm Pillas's & went on got to Br Hills some time after knight & it begun to rain I knokt at the door & calld but no answer then I took off my Saddle & put it in the Stable loft put my Horse in the Stable & fed him & intended to sleep in the loft but I heard them & went they had been at their fodder & the the girls had gone to Meeting Brother Hill & me we went had a shout I staid all

knight & untill after I eat my Breakfast in the morning & then went over to Old Br Hills & many people Come out & I stood in the door & preacht & it appeared to be a melting time I staid untill after dinner & then went to Jno Norvells & staid all knight in the morning went to David Knots staid a while & returnd & went in to Wm Norvells talkd a while with a liar & a Hypocrite has been turnd out of Society but is in again but not fit for Society I went to the

Conference had like to a consented to ride another year but it was so against the will of my wife I had to stop riding & this year I had the hardest trials I ever had in my life for before I rode I was Cheated with a disorder'd Horse now had it arbitrated & there was hard swearing & hard words & I was accused of putting a Cheat on the man that had acted so bad with me but it was all dropt when they found they could do nothing to injure me

but wanted me to give the villain his Note again but I did not Br Murford Harris rode after me & took in a man without making any acknowledgements that I had turnd out for tradina in Black meat<sup>5</sup> my feelings was very much Irritated with him but he acknowledged to me afterwards next year Josh Butcher come & my feelings were Buchered just Completely I thought he was lifted too High but it will not answer for a preacher to be proud he removed preaching from my House & had me

brought to trial for nothing he still acts curious & he acted very mean with my wife Stilwell & him were in one Row for they laid their heads together to work against me and I felt much injured rather stupid it appears sometimes like my Burden is greater than I can bear still the Lord is the same & why shall I get lukewarm two lies are raised on me respecting intimacy with women I Cleared both to the satisfaction of all only such as wished me no good I was threatened because I

would clear myself, met with another trial from a drunkard he made his acknowledgements T S wrote the most insulting letter to me that I ever seen in my life accusing me of things he knew to be false & said he was much Interrupted with me for selling Corn at 50 cents pr Bushel wanted me to give him my land & because I did not do it got his illwill my wife & myself and eldest son were taken sick & in the time of our sickness he would not let his mair be put in my stable said he did not want to lose her he went to conference on his return he offerd me his hand but I did not accept of his offer & would not

unless he acted with more of a Christian Spirit I Confess I was much deceivd in him this interruption give D Knott a start & he concluded he would take what he could & by the assistance of a Talebearer & I got a great fuss on the wing my Passions were raised higher than ever they were before only once was so Il'y treated I expect to remember it as long as I live by his conduct I had a writ served on me & had to pay \$6 & dropt it my tryals Caused me to feel very cold in Religion but still aim for Heaven

as sometimes I have good times at tinkels old M.H. had liberty and had melting time at a two days meeting, two weeks after I had liberty at M Hardory Believe as great liberty as ever I had in my life people were very serious some wept aloud so the could be heard afar off the Devil raised his Emisaries at last & got a boy to tell some lies on me & when I heard of it went ( ) & got an instrument of writing (certifying the truth some time after his uncle met me in the Road & began to Swear I reproved him & made him hack 2 days after his Brother & the lying Boy come over

where he told lies to my face I ordered him out of my farm was surprised to think men of rational principals would act as they did I sent them away just as well satisfyd as when they come for some time the Devil has been very Busy In Nov 19th started to Georgia for my workman to finish my Buildings got there in 13 days & returnd in a few days over a Month had mercy showd altho I was unfortunate I lost a 300 Hundred dollar ware & my wagoon had like to Run over me but got but little Hurt landed safe home the 22 of December find my family in Health