

Dec 11, 1905 I left home this morning for Culpepper, Va. and I saw G.B. Laird at Columbus and talked with him in regard of releasing the mortgage on the Thrashing machine and he said that he would see that it was done. I got to Charleston about dark and had to lay over about an hour and I had a headache awful bad until I got to Huntington and there I got a bite to eat and a cup of coffee and then I was all right. We got to Culpepper at 4:30 am and cousin George was there and took us to the house and we got our Breakfast and went down town and out in the country and saw the R. R. Cut and back to town and saw the sisters there and in the afternoon we went out to the cemetery and back and in the evening, I wrote home and we had company there was Rich and Carry Tapp and Mrs. Edwards and we had a good time.

Dec. 13 Geo. and I went a hunting and I killed an owl and that was all that we seen and Fay and Kate was out sight seeing and we all got in about the same time a little after one o'clock and we all got our dinner and I and George went up to the brest works and Fay and Kate and Miss Emma Tansel went to church.

Dec. 14, I and George, Fay, Kate and Miss Tansel went out to the Edwards old home place and the place where Pa started for Ohio and Carry, Fay and I went to Brandy on the noon train to cousin Jimmies and had to walk 3 miles out in the country and carry our suit cases and I was about all in when we got there but we had fine weather and a good time but we went to bed early for the first time.

Dec. 15 Now it is sleeting and it surely is bad this morning looks as if we will have to stay in the house to day. Well it has turned to snow and has been snowing all day and it is awful disagreeable out of doors but it is not so awful cold but the wind is blowing just like it was going to get cold.

Dec. 16 Saturday well this has been an awful day to me it has not been so cold but it has been very disagreeable it has snowed some and I could not get out to see any body and this makes two days I have stayed in the house and have not stirred around enough to give me a good appetite but I will try and get around tomorrow or next day.

Sunday Dec. 17 Carry, Lula, Fay, and I went and gathered some persimmons in the forenoon and in the afternoon Jimmy took us over to Elkwood to Margaret Flunks and we spent the afternoon with them and Fay and Carry gathered some more persimmons and got a cannon Ball and then went to cousin George Edward's and stayed all night

Dec. Monday 18 was a nice day and this was court day and there was a lot of people in town and I got a letter from Ernie but could-not understand just what he meant in it and have been feeling badly worked up over it and have had the head ache this after noon on that account and I won't feel good until I hear from him again and that the Mill and machinery is not lost for if it is I have not got anything but what I have got on by back

Tuesday Dec.19 Fay went to Philadelphia this morning and I got a Telegram from Ernie stating that everything was all right and that there was mail on the road for me explaining how every thing was but I did not get any mail today and it has been cloudy and looked as if it was going to snow but it did not snow or rain.

Wednesday Dec. 20 well I got a letter from Ernie and Etta Mae and Gale this morning telling me that they were all right and that the mill was ok and that Ernie had put \$13.75 in the bank for me and that he has used \$.75 himself but I have not got any word from Fay or from home either. Well it comence raining about 2 oclock and it rained most all night.

Dec Thursday 21 Well it is not raining this morning but is some colder and will not rain any to day but it looks as if it was going to snow well it did not either snow or rain but the sun came out and melted the snow off and it was a nice warm day and I done nothing but loaf here in town all day.

Dec. Friday 22 well its nice to day 60 in the shade and I loafed in town all forenoon and in the afternoon I went hunting but did not see anything.

Sat Dec 23 I was in town all day, in the evening Carrie and I went to the depot to go to J. H. Tapps there was a Negro shot twice at the waiting Room (at Culpepper) Just before the train came in and after we got to Brandy the officers had a man arrested for robing a house, and was taking him to Culpepper to Jail and Richard, he got left and did not come home with us but Ella came home from D.C. and Hattie had came home earlier in the day and they had brought home Christmas presents Galore and Carrie gave me a nice mirrow for a shaving glass.

Sunday Dec 24 Well I was at J. R. Tapps all day Richard came home this morning and they had turkey for dinner and in the evening Richard brought me to Brandy and I took the train and went to Elkwood and J. E. Finks met me, and I went out to cousin Marguets and stayed all night but did not get to bed untill 12 o'clock.

Christmas morning 25 th I have been out hunting and shot some sparrows and a crow and it is Froze up and so cold and the sun is shinning and a very nice Day till about 4 o'clock, and then it got cloudy and looked as if it was going to rain and I was out squirrel hunting and saw 1 but did not get any.

Dec Tuesday 26 I was at Jim Finks to day and was out squirrel hunting, and killed 2 but could not get but one of them.

Wednesday 27 still at J. Finks and it was a nice day and nothing doing, I was about the house most all day but done nothing

Dec. 28 Thursday I went, with Jake to the mill and then over to John Turners and he is 88 years old and he knew John Tapp and his father James and some of his brothers Vincent Lewis and ?Lies? ?Lier? and he died in the Poor House and I was past the Berry Hill Springs which is owned by some of the Tapps supposed to be some of the children of the brothers of my Great Grandfather James Tapp Brothers, Well it is raining to night and awful dark.

Dec Friday 29 Jake Fink and I went to the Peacher Brannin Place but he was going to Washington and I did not get to talk with him but a very little and then we went to the old Tapp Home Place which is owned by Shackelford and then to the Berry Hill Springs which is owned bv some of the Tapps from (Ky) but I don't know

just where we are connected and then I came to Culpepper and stayed at cousin George Edwards all night.

Saturday Dec 30, I was at George Edwards all day and it was a nice day and every thing was wet in town much better than a week ago to day

Sunday Dec 31 I have been reading and writing all day and it has been snowing some but is melting, and looks as if it was going to rain by night. Kate has gone down town and I am a lone now.

Monday Jan 1st I went and got some persimons to take home when I go is about all I done to day and Kate went to Winston and stayed all night with Erma Tansill

Tuesday Jan. 2, I went up to Winston and spent the day with Mrs. Rudisill and Kate and I came home on (No. 18) in the evening together.

Jan 3 Wednesday It is raining this morning and it rained all day and in the evening Dudley and I went to the theater to see the Browns in town and it was a very good play but there was not a very big attendance.

Thursday Jan 4 Was an alful nice morning the sun was out and not a cloud to be seen and it was warm just like a spring day and I was to see the Dr. this morning for my heart as it has been hurting me for some time and in the afternoon Kate was down town and I went to sleep and slept all afternoon and Kate came home and frot and then went down town again and I was in bed a sleep when she came home.

Friday Jan 5-1906 I was running around in town most all day and it was a nice day overhead but muggy as usual I put in a good deal of my time at the Depot with Geo Edwards

Saturday Jan 6 I was down town till noon and in the afternoon I was at the Court House and was looking over the records and got some memorandum to take home with me from there

Sunday Jan 7 Uncle Dudley Kate, and I went out to Sedar Mt. to the Battlefield and got some bullets and then we drove out to Mr. Smiths and spent the evening and had a good time

Monday Jan 8 I got up about 4 o'clock I was very sick and laid around the house all day and was very bad all day and night and I slept in Georges bed, and slept good and was up and around the house

Tuesday Jan 9 I was some better than yesterday and wrote 3 letters and I ate a very hearty supper and went to bed but not feeling good

Wednesday Jan 10 well I did not sleep any last night and got Ralph up at and came downstairs and laid my supper out in the yard to freeze and then I had a hard chill and got in bed with George and have been in bed all day and am feeling some better to night and it has been a nice day.

Thursday Jan 11 Well I got up about noon and have set a round the house and read the papers and it was nice to day and I have had some callers, Carrie was here and Richard was here in the evening

Friday Jan 12, Well I was up and around to day and was down town some and it was a nice day and we all went to the moving picture show.

Saturday Jan 13 it was cool and cloudy all day and I cut dark it commenced to rain and rained all night and I went to the show with Dudley

Sunday Jan 14 it was not raining any this morning but it frooze a little but by noon it had all thawed out and was got me a paper and I have set in the house and read all day have been alone and still raining. some vdo and about to the show with Dudley cold rain air and raining and I went this evening.

Monday Jan 15 this has been a damp bad day it has been misting rain and rather cool and the mud is a sight and I was to the Court House as this has been court day and there was a big crowd in town and I didn't see any body Drunk today for a wonder

Tuesday Jan 16 this was a very nice day except it was windy and I was to the Court House to hear a trial of a niger that forged a check and they did not get through with it and I don't know just how it will come out.

Wednesday Jan 17 cousin Geo and I went to (Parker Va) see some of Vincent Tapps children and got there to Mrs Lewis and Wyet was away and let the Horses get a way from him and Geo and Versonia went to hunt him about 10 o'clock and they got him at 12 and Wyet did not get in till about 3 but we had went to bed at 1 o'clock and Wyets wife is sick and we had an awful time and I had a time with the Old Lady by myself while they were all gone.

Thursday Jan 18 Cousin Geo and I took the horse and buggy and went to the Wilderness Battlefield and saw A. Hay monument and Gen. Jackson monument and got back here to cousin Harriet Lewis and Wyets wife had a kid about 6 o'clock in the evening and there was a lot of the neighbors in and everything went off fine.

Friday Jan 19 cousin Geo and I were on the Battlefield, I found one bullet. was all I could find and Geo could not find any and we spent the evening at Mr. Bolings and then went to Harriets for the night

Saturday Jan 20 Cousin Geo went home this morning and Mr. Boling and I went to his Sons which is about 6 or 8 miles through the wilderness and we went a foot and I found 2 buttons and 2 bullets today and this has been a nice day.

Sunday Jan.21 Mr. Bolling his son and myself was out hunting and I killed 3 squirrels and we went to Mr H. Tooms and spent the evening and it was a nice day.

Monday Jan 22 it is-cloudy this morning and looks as if it was going to rain but cleared off and was a nice day. Bud and I went to the saw mill and stayed till 10 o'clock and then got one of their lanterns to come home by and it was 11 o'clock when we got home.

Tuesday Jan 23 Well it rained some in the night and Bud got up this morning and went to the store to get some coffee and flour for to bake for the Dance tonight but it rained so there was not enough People come to have a dance but some of the men came and we played the fiddles and had a good time just the same

Wednesday Jan 24 well it is clear and some What colder this morning and we are getting ready to go to Town to night f'or dance and I went to the dance and danced all night and I saw some of' the best dancing that I ever saw and there was a girl by the name of Aguis Jones that could Dance anything

Thursday Jan 25 Larence Boling and I came home this evening from Buds house which is about 6 miles right through the woods all the way but we did not see ,any game and we got in about 1 o'clock at Phinies and I stayed with her and it was a nice day but cool

Friday Jan 26 I was at Phinies all day and Tim Oakes and I went to the woods and got lost and if it had not been for my compass I dont know where we would of went but I led the way out with my compass for it was cloudy and we could not see the sun all day and I stayed all night with Phenie

Saturday Jan 27 it rained most all day and I was in the house at Phenies till late in the evening and then I went up to Mr. Boling and stayed all night

Sunday Jan 28 I went to Phinies and then to Harriets and back to Mr. Lorance Bolings and stayed all night and it was a nice day

Monday Jan 29 Well this is a nice day and, Jay and I went out and gethered 2 baskets full of Persimmons to take home and I have got a lot of other trophies to take home with me and I stayed all night at Harriot Lewis's house.

Tuesday Jan 30 well this was a nice day and Wyot and I went out squirrel hunting and got one and then I packed up and got ready to go to Culpepper and we went to Phnies and to Bolings and told them good bye and I stayed all night at Harietts.

Wednesday Jan 31 I left cousin Harriets this morning for Culpepper and when I got to Orange I had to layover for about 2 1 hours and it was about 1: 20 o'clock before I left there for the tain was that much late ind

when I got to Cupeppr and up to cousin George there was no one at home and I went back down town and got a bite to eat and then to the house again and Kate was at home and said she had been a sleep and this was a nice day.

Thursday Feb 1 this has been a nice day and I have packed up my Cannon Balls and this afternoon Kate and I are going to get some more Persimons and Carrie and Lula will be here to night and they came and Kate was away and I was alone.

Friday Feb 2 well this has been a cold raw day and the Ground hog has seen his shadow I dressed the handsaw for Dudley this afternoon and have been down town to the shop with Micual (Michael?) most all afternoon and to the depot with George the rest of the time.

Saturday Feb 3 well this is the coldest morning we have had this Winter it was 8 Deg. above Zero and the Sun is shinning and not a cloud to be seen and it continued so all day and I was at the house all Day

Sunday Feb 4 It was cloudy to day but was not so cold as yesterday and I was at the house all day and Kates fellow came over in the evening and he is about 20 years older than she is and her Pa dont like him and dont alow him to come when he is at home but she will meet him at diferant places unaware of her Pa.

Monday Feb 5 this morning it rained and snowed some and finly the sun came out and it has been a very nice day and I made Kate mad as rather she let on to get mad and I had a lot of fun with her at her expence and she finily got over it and had to laugh it off.

Feb 6 Tuesday I was all overtown and about noon Kate was making some pies and she up set one on the floor and then I laughed at her and she tried to throw it on me and in the evening Erma Tansill came down and stayed all night with Kate and she can out talk any thing I ever saw, and this has been a cold day.

Wednesday Feb7 this has been a nice Day and I have had a lot of fun laughing at the girls (Erma and Kate) and I start home at 4 Pm this evening and I seen the country very well and got in to Charleston about 2 A. M.

Thursday Feb. 8 I have not sleep any and It finily some snow here about 2 in and I left Charlston a little after 6 A.M. and when I got to Columbus I saw L Roberts and talked with him a few minutes and this has been a nice clear day and about 2 inch of snow all the way from Charleston, Virigina.

E. Finks, Elkwood, Va.

LaFayette Vincent Tapp 2517 N. Colorado St. Philadelpia, Pa.

Dora Sutton 740 Silver St. Marion, Ohio (Emma Dora (Sutton) Tapp dau of Charles Milton Tapp Sr. sister to Willie

Peter Smith Ligdon, Va. has a cup with the Tapp name on it. Brothers of
brothers of Great Grandfather--Jimmie Tapp Vincent Tapp, Lewis Tapp '?Lius?died in the Poor House
Philip Clime sons Fredieric Clime, John Turner Carie P.O. Culpepper, Va.
E V Boling Dunavant Va.
Ophelie Bolling married James Grimsley--Jay only son
Phenie Father Puliam Dessie Dotter (Dau), of Phenie, Lang the Father of Desie
Ira Fuller, Wray, Colorado

Family of Vincent Tapp--Sarrah Lizabeth or Bettie, Margert Ellen, Harriet Cathren and Janes D. The Vincent
Tapp who married Cathrine Demsey - Widow Tapp

Bettie Bolling Family Try Fhenie, Ophelie, Edward V. and Irene
Harriet Lewis Fami.ly - Wyot, Veronia--married twice Tonis McAlister Veronia McAllaster Parker, Va.
M S Frensley--Culpepper, Va.
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Persimmon Pie
2 quarts strained persimmons
I quart sweet mild
2 cups of sugar
2 cuos of flour
5 eggs
1/2 lb butter

Cover the Persimmons with water, mix thoroughly and strain through a cullender. Beat the eggs well. Add sugar,
milk, butter and flour. Add the strained persimmons last.

John Wilmore (Willie) Tapp
1864 to 1952
Age in 1905 would be 39
Taken from his Diary Of His Travels to Culpepper County, Virginia to visit relatives in 1905

One must remember that there are two sons of James and Sally (Chewning) Tapp, Baylor and Vincent Tapp both
had sons and daughters with the same names, born within a few years of each other, this is an attempt to find
the sons and daughters of Vincent Tapp who married Catherine Dempsey who was the Widow Tapp, 1864 during Th

Battle Of The Wilderness, The Widow Tapps Cabin was General Lee's Headquarters during this battle. We must also remember that Baylor and his brother Vincent Tapp both had children still living at the Wilderness in 1905.

I will now attempt to identify names giving in his diary

Dec. 11,1905 mentions - George Edwards son of Spencer Edwards and Harriet Tapp dau of Baylor Tapp
Rich and Carrie - son and dau of James R Tapp son of Baylor
Mrs. Edwards - Harriet Tapp dau of Baylor

Dec. 13,1905 mentions - George, Fay, Kate, Miss Emma Tansel

George - son of Spencer and Harriet (Tapp) Edwards
Fay - LaFayette Vincent Tapp, brother to John Wilmore (Willie) Tapp
Kate - not sure, Short for Catherine
Miss Emma Tansel probably dau of James R and Lucy Green (Edwards) Tapp

Dec. 14,1905 mentions - George, Fay, Kate, Miss Tansel, Carry, Cousin Jimmies

George - son of Spencer and Harriet (Tapp) Edwards
Fay - LaFayette Vincent Tapp brother to Willie
Kate - not sure
Miss Tansel - Emma G Tapp dau of James R and Lucy Green (Edwards) Tapp
Carrie - dau of James R and Lucy Green (Edwards) Tapp

Dec. 18,1905 mentions Letter from Ernie
James Henry Earnest Tapp, brother to Willie

Dec. 20, 1905 mentions Etta Ma, Gale
Etta Ma - wife of Willie
Gale - Son of Willie

Dec. 23,1905 mentions Richard, J R Tapps, Ella, Hattie
Richard - Richard S Tapp son of James R Tapp
James R Tapp - son of Baylor Tapp
Hattie - dau of James R Tapp
Ella - not sure

Dec. 24,1905 mentions J E Finks husband of Margaret Tapp

Dec. 26,1905 mentions Jim Finks
Jim Finks - J E Finks who married Margaret Tapp dau of Baylor
or could be James and Margaret (Tapp) Finks son

Dec. 28, 1905 mentions - Jake, John Turners, John Tapp and his father James Tapp, James Tapp brothers, Lewis, Vincent, Lies, or Lier, Berry Hill Springs
Jake - not sure for Jacob
John Turner - probably a brother to Mary Turner who married Baylor Tapp
John Tapp - brother to Baylor and Vincent Tapp,

James Tapp - father to John, Baylor, Vincent, Harriet (Tapp) Edwards
brothers - Lewis, Vincent, and Lies or Lier ? brothers to James Tapp, son of Vincent and Molly (Jett) Tapp
Berry Hill Springs - location not found

Dec. 29,1905 mentions - Preacher Brannin, Shacklefords
Preacher Brannin, probably relative of Mary Ann (Brannin) Tapp wife of John Tapp
Shacklefords - probably Robert Shackelford who Mary Ann (Brannin) Tapp sold 14 acres of land to for 300.00
dollars, before moving with husband John Tapp to Ohio in 1848.
Berry Hill Springs - probably a land location or maybe a farm

Jan. 2,1906 mentions Winston, Mrs. Rudisill, No.18
Winston - name of a town in and around the Wilderness
Mrs. Rudisill - Willie had bought land from the Rudisills in Logan County, Ohio, Which he sold to his brother
James Henry Earnest Tapp, known as the tenant house at the Tapp farm on Logan County 20 between Logan County
and state route 292(Ohio) , this could be a connection to this Mrs. Rudisill in Virginia
No.18 - train

Jan. 7,1906 mentions - Dudley, Sedar Mt., Mr. Smith,
Dudley - not sure
Sedar Mt. part of the battle field
Mr. Smith - Could be Peter Smith who has a cup with the Tapp name on it.

Jan. 17,1906 mentions - Parker, Va., Vincent Tapps children, Mrs. Lewis, Old Lady, Wilderness, A Hay Monument,
Gen. Jackson Monument, Wyet.
Parker, VA, town in Virginia.
Vincent Tapps Children - Harriet (Tapp) Lewis dau. of Vincent And Catherine (Dempsey) Tapp.
Old lady - Harriet (Tapp) Lewis dau of Vincent and Catherine (Dempsey) Tapp
Wyet - son of Harriet (Tapp) Lewis
A Hay monument and Gen. Jackson Monument, park of the Battle Of The Wilderness

Jan. 20,1906 mentions - Mr. Boling.
Mr. Boling would be husband of Bettie (Tapp) Boling

Jan. 21, 1906 mentions - Mr. H Tooms, not known for sure

Jan. 22,1906 mentions - Bud, not known for sure

Jan. 25,1906 mentions Larence Boling, Phenie
Larence Boling, could be Mr. Boling husband to Bettie (Tapp) Boling or a son of Mr. Boling and Bettie (Tapp)
Boling
Phenie, - Josephine Tapp, granddaughter of Vincent and Catherine (Dempsey) Tapp of the Widow Tapp Farm.

Jan. 26,1906 Jim Oaks, not sure, could be mentioned as cousin Jimmie

Jan. 28,1906 mentions Mr. Larence Boling

Husband of Bettie (Tapp) Boling.

Feb. 1, 1906 mentions packing up his cannon balls

In a letter from Don L Miller son of Dorothy (Edwards) (Tapp) Miller dau of James Henry Earnest Tapp brother to Willie. Don is talking with our grandfather (James Henry Earnest Tapp) Don sees a cannon ball in the garage, he ask grandpa what it is and grandpa tells him its a cannon ball from the Old Tapp Place in Virginia.

I also remember a cannon ball at the Tapp farm on Logan County Route 20, Logan County Ohio. when we would have family reunions the men would use it as a shot put, mother would be so angry. It soon disappeared. The whereabouts of these cannon balls is not known.

Last page of Willie's diary he mentions different families with the family members

We also must remember that both Baylor and Mary (Turner) Tapps family and Vincent and Catherine (Dempsey) Tapp lived in this same area in 1905 & 6 it is hard to separate two families with children of the same names.

Charles M Tapp Grandson of James Henry Earnest Tapp
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