

Dec. 26th 1867

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I went to Henderson to day let Kriel have two cows that weighed 1700^{lb} which at $\frac{3}{4}$ ^{ct} gross amounted to \$127

27th I sold G.B. Martin 12 head of Cattle to day for \$155 - and one to B.F. Martin for \$13⁵⁰ - myself and G.B. Martin drove the cattle I sold him and my own to the Bottom also

28th This was squire Turners Magistrate Court day and I was about the Point etc

29th Sunday this was the last Sunday in the year and I spent the day by going to Church in the morning and also at night Rev. Mr. Dempsey the Methodist Presiding Elder preached I liked his sermon at night very much

30th I was at church again to day also at night when Mr. Ditzler preached he was a good speaker but I thought his subject a little overdrawn

31st To day Ends the year 1867 and like the beginning she is closing with a snow storm I went to a sale to day of the property of one Major Cannon. Dec I did not buy enough to pay me for my ride through the snow and cold and I believe I will adopt the stay at home rule during the coming year.

To night I look back over the past 365 days with a feeling of sadness I now see many things that I might have done have been left undone and many things that I have done ought to have been left undone. In my Business transactions I expect I have lost money as Farming has not paid especially with such crops as I have been making my last year tobacco crop which was sold this year did not pay the expense of raising and I am fearful that the crop now on hand will not do much better as the season was a bad one for tobacco and Farming with free negroes is an uphill business and as about all we raise to sell is tobacco my prospects for paying off my debts are rather bad and I expect it will be a close business to get through